



Report of 3rd DRP Committee Emergency Conference Call to discuss Haiti

MEETING CALLED BY	DRP Committee Chairman - Mr. Howard Mollison
TYPE OF MEETING	Conference Call
PURPOSE OF MEETING	To evaluate and determine what CANTO can do to support Haiti in restoring their telecommunications infrastructure.
CHAIR	Howard Mollison - DRP Committee Chairman
ATTENDEES	<p>Mr. Howard Mollison - LIME Jamaica Mr. Angus Steele - LIME St. Vincent & The Grenadines Mr. Julian Wilkins - Digicel Trinidad Mr. Greg Swan – TeleBermuda Mr. Tim Brown - WireIE Mr. Jose Ayala - Ericsson Mr. Bill Humphrey - The Prometheus Group Mr. Tellis Symonette - The Bahamas Telecommunications Co. Ltd. Ms. Graciella Piedras - OAS/CITEL Mr. Normal Lerner - OAS/CITEL Mr. Dante Ibarra - Haiti Task Force OAS/CITEL and FCC Mr. Eduardo Ramirez-Per Domo - ETECSA, Cuba Ms. Beatriz Pino-Diaz - ETECSA, Cuba Ms. Lucia Cabrera-Jones - Interpreter, Trinidad Ms. Regenie Fräser - CANTO Ms. Teresa Wankin - CANTO Ms. Gloria Manzano - CANTO</p>
DATE	22 nd January 2010

The call started at approximately 11:05 a.m. and ended at 12.15 p.m. with the above attendees.

The items discussed, actions and resource persons are outlined as follows:

Item	Discussion/Action	Status
Overall comments	<p>Ms. Fräser expressed thanks to those in attendance for participating in the meeting on behalf of Mr. Howard Mollison, DRP Committee Chairman. She made the following announcements and gave each participant the opportunity to report on what they are doing and the assistance needed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Secretary General of the ITU calls for “a state-of-the-art broadband infrastructure” for Haiti. He will be contacting CANTO to discuss this. 2. CANTO's link on Haiti is: http://www.canto.org/26agm/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=66:telecom-support-to-haiti&catid=30:the-community 3. A special face to face meeting on Haiti is during the 26th AGM of CANTO on the 1st February 2010 in Georgetown, Guyana, Pegasus Hotel from 8-10 a.m. 	
OAS/CTEL/FCC	<p>Ms. Piedras stated that the OAS/CITEL has set up a small emergency taskforce to deal with the coordination of telecom relief efforts in Haiti, which is being chaired by Ambassador A. Ramdin, Assistant Secretary General OAS. The OAS/CITEL is also in contact with INDOTEL (Telecom Regulator in Haiti) who acts as the coordinating agency for telecommunications in Haiti. She will send the CANTO Secretariat the letter advising that telecommunication restoration efforts be channeled through INDOTEL. She will also forward to the CANTO Secretariat, a list of telecommunications equipment needed in Haiti, from the ITU. The FCC has also compiled a list of equipment needed. Any assessment status compiled</p>	

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	by CANTO will be shared with the OAS/CITEL	
Digicel	Mr. Wilkins reported that they have a team of 30 employees in Haiti. 85% of cell sites are up and running. Digicel had 900 employees in Haiti of which 5 lost their lives, they are still trying to account for a few more employees. At present Digicel has a good crew working in Haiti and will inform CANTO if they need any assistance.	
Prometheus Group	Mr. Humphrey reported that while they do not have anyone on the ground, his disaster recovery planning experience highlights the need for a central clearing house to process the collaborative efforts of CANTO in the restoration of the networks.	
ETECSA	Mr. Ramirez and Ms. Pino indicated that they need specific information on what is required such as: technical, infrastructure, geographical, population etc. in order to develop an Action Plan to assist. The information will be made available by CANTO, as soon as possible.	
BTC	Mr. Symonette reported that they are in contact with Teleco d'Haiti whose network is down. Once the requirements have been identified, they will work with TYCO Electronics to mobilize the equipment and resources to restore service as quickly as they can. Locally, BTC has launched campaigns with the aim of raising US\$1M to be donated to Haiti via the Red Cross.	
WireIE	Mr. Brown stated that WireIE recommends that a WiMax network be put in place and they are willing to do so. CANTO to provide WireIE with a contact from Teleco d' Haiti, to work with.	
TeleBermuda	Mr. Swan expressed his interest to support the recovery efforts in Haiti in terms of manpower, financial etc. He reported that they would coordinate this through CANTO.	
LIME St. Vincent and the Grenadines	Mr. Steele reported that LIME has a text promotion campaign to raise funds and local firms are also doing national campaigns to raise funds for Haiti. LIME St. Vincent and the Grenadines will be further guided by the DRP Chairman on any other relief assistance.	
Ericsson	Mr. Ayala stated that Ericsson has already sent in 2 containers via Panama and 5000 handsets to support aid workers on the ground in Haiti. They will also provide a team of 10 volunteers to stay in Haiti to assist the UN and Red Cross in the restoration efforts. They have also launched a program for employees to donate monies, non-perishable food items, and clothing which will be sent in February.	
Chairman Remarks	Mr. Mollison reported that Philip Cross of ITU and the LIME/CANTO representative were in the Dominican Republic and will be arriving in Haiti today noting that they will be there for an additional 5 days. The equipment they are waiting on is still in the Dominican Republic and it is expected that they will start installation of equipment tomorrow in Haiti.	
Next Meeting	A face to face meeting will be held at the 26 th AGM of CANTO, in Guyana on 1 st February, 2010 from 8 a.m. – 10 a.m.	