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***NOTICE OF
CANTO's 37th Annual General Meeting and Mini Expo
8th-9th February, 2021***

Virtual Networking Event

Dear Valued Member,

The Board of Directors of CANTO notes with great pleasure the tremendous support in the work of the association by your esteemed organization. Of the past thirty-six years of CANTO's existence, we are extremely grateful for the continuous support and active participation.

Together, the group of one hundred and twenty-five member organizations represents a significant voice for the Caribbean region's telecommunication market. Your meaningful contributions and continued faith in the direction of the association through the annual renewing of your membership status, has resulted in a rich telecoms environment where healthy competition and collaboration, for the betterment of the entire Caribbean Region, resides in harmony.

It is through this continuous harmonization of our membership that CANTO exists, providing important community-based initiatives; impactful discussions; research papers; regional projects; development of the youth Diaspora; as well as foster development and create a safe haven for Caribbean unity in the midst of vulnerability and combusive global markets.

Other opportunities include taking advantage of post graduate education packages via our partnership with Laureate Online Education, sponsoring an event, increasing the visibility of your CSR projects and increasing brand visibility by advertising to a regional catchment. Your engagement will help develop your business and make valuable connections.

Please visit our website (www.canto.org) and check our Member Section, upcoming events, speaking opportunity, press releases, committee activities and much more for information on CANTO. A few highlighted events and activities to look forward to are:

- 37th Annual General Meeting/ CANTO Connect 2
- Technology/Innovation showcase
- Girls in ICT Day Regional Celebration
- CANTO 2021 – Annual Conference & Trade Exhibition



In keeping with the statutory obligation of the Association, notice is hereby given that the 37th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of CANTO and supporting events will be held from the 8th – 9th February, 2021 as an online virtual networking event. The Theme for 2021 is “*CANTO CONNECT 2*”. The AGM proceedings will take place on Tuesday 9th February, 2021. All members are invited and encouraged to attend the AGM and participate in the supporting activities; however, in accordance with the Bylaws, *Section 6.2* non-financial members are not entitled to vote. Members are therefore urged to ensure that they are in good financial standing in order to exercise the right to vote.

Members are reminded that the objectives of the AGM are to:

- receive and adopt the minutes of the 36th Annual General Meeting
- receive and consider the Annual Report of the Association
- consider and adopt audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended 2019/2020
- appoint auditors for the year 2020/21
- consider and elect directors
- transact further and other business of the Association

This 37th AGM is important to all members as it satisfies the statutory obligation of the Association, allows us to report to members and get views on how we can better serve the membership. The supporting activities include a Mini Exhibition and technology showcase; and conference sessions on the following:

- Preparing for the 5G Revolution
- Cybersecurity in the Caribbean
- Telco Cloud Services

In addition, the working committees of the board will meet to discuss their action plans for 2020/21. Members are encouraged to have representatives participate in these working committees as it enables us to align our work plans to our members’ requests thereby shaping the ICT industry in the region

Meeting of all Committee members, liaisons and coordinators will take place in January and the Committee Chairs presentation to the Board of Directors is scheduled leading up to the AGM.

At CANTO's 37th AGM, the election of officers and directors will take place in the usual format, but with an adjustment for the remote location of member representatives. As we will be 100% virtual for the first time, the conducting of the election will be transmitted on our virtual platform. Actual voting will be done using the voting software - Election Runner (app.electionrunner.com), to allow a smooth and transparent election.

Eligible voters will receive an email with a link to the site. Once connected, they simply follow the steps and select their desired candidates. Note that nominations will be received in the usual format with a proposer and a seconder from among the virtually present membership. All assigned voters and proxy



holders must make themselves known to the CANTO Secretariat by February 1st to allow us to prepare the voting list for the election.

All documents and information for the Annual General Meeting can be found via the link <https://www.canto.org/agm/>

- [Registration Ticket](#)
- [Annual General Meeting Draft Agenda](#)
- [Status of Directors Terms in Office](#)
- [Proxy Form](#)
- [Other AGM Documents](#)

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a successful and prosperous 2021. I also urge you to attend the 37th AGM and support the Secretariat as the decisions made at this event affects our service to you our members.

Best Regards,

Teresa Wankin
Secretary General