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Dear ICT Stakeholder:

I am pleased to invite you to the Broadband Infrastructure Inventory and Public Awareness in the Caribbean (BIIPAC) Project's inaugural workshop, which will take place from January 27 to 29, 2015 at the Torarica Hotel, Paramaribo, Suriname. The BIIPAC project is funded by the International Development Bank (IDB) and executed by CANTO. The event will see the staging of three different workshops.

1. The first BIIPAC workshop will be staged on January 27, 2015 and will present the results of BIIPAC's Component 1, entitled "**Broadband Diagnostic and Infrastructure maps**". This workshop will present key factors related to Broadband connectivity in each of the beneficiary countries, namely Trinidad and Tobago, Jamaica, Barbados, Dominican Republic, Belize, Guyana, Suriname and Haiti. The status of the broadband infrastructure maps for each country will also be discussed.
2. The second BIIPAC workshop will be held on January 28, 2015 and will feature BIIPAC's Component 2, entitled "**Review of Legal and Regulatory Frameworks and Current Sector Trends**". This workshop will explore Caribbean broadband opportunities for each beneficiary country, taking a look at policies and regulation for access and services.
3. The final BIIPAC workshop will take place on January 29, 2015 and will focus on BIIPAC's Component 3, entitled "**ICT Awareness and Capacity Building Programs**". This workshop will probe topic areas such as *Legal and Regulatory Frameworks for Broadband in the Context of ICT Network Convergence and Emerging Competition* and *Affordability Issues Impacting Access to Broadband Networks & Services*, again for all eight BIIPAC beneficiary countries.

The workshops for BIIPAC's Components 2 and 3 will also feature expert practitioner guest speakers who will share best practices related to issues at the heart of capitalizing on Caribbean Broadband opportunities. **Regulators and Policy Makers are specifically invited to share in and gain from this 3 day workshop.** We further encourage one and all to please forward this invitation to fellow ICT Stakeholders whom you believe would benefit from the discourse. Thank you. Attendance at this workshop will bring value through:

- the insight which will be shared by your Caribbean colleagues related to how we can make the necessary steps to increase broadband penetration and access for our region's citizenry,
- the networking opportunities and
- the opportunity presented for you to tangibly contribute to the worthwhile goals of the BIIPAC project.

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The cutoff date for hotel reservations is January 13, 2015. Kindly note that all updated meeting documents will be posted online and will not be distributed at the workshop. ***You are encouraged to book your respective flights and hotel accommodations as soon as possible, due to the peak season at the hotel. Please also check whether a visa will be required for your travel to Suriname. We are looking forward to receiving your BIIPAC Workshop Registration Form, accessible at <http://canto.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/02/BIIPAC-Jan-2015-Registration-Form.doc>, by the 13<sup>th</sup> of January, 2015.***

The Board of Directors of CANTO, the BIIPAC Regional Coordinator, Ayanna Samuels, and I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a successful and prosperous year in 2015. We urge you to attend both the CANTO 31st AGM and the BIIPAC Workshop January 27-29, 2015 in order to support our region's quest to exploit broadband and increase the quality of life for all Caribbean people, regardless of their location or social status.

Sincerely Yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Regenie Fräser", written over a horizontal line.

Regenie Fräser  
Secretary General