### Using Technology & Data to Enrich our Lives

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# Small Smart Safe Nation Requirements

- \* While there is no standard definition for the smart city/nation concept, the general consensus is that smart cities/nations use technology to foster green development, innovation, economic development, and new forms of citizen participation
- \* Smart nations will not be sustainable unless the citizens are equip with the tools needed to add value to their lives.



### Primary Building Blocks

- \* The need for adequate connectivity
- \* The use of technology should be people centric
- \* There is a need for appropriate data governance



### Power Grid vs Telecom Infra

- \* In the liberalized European energy sector the power grid is considered a Natural monopoly.
  - \* Why? Because, policy makers considered that does not make economic, practical, nor environmental sense to have numerous competing infrastructures.
  - There is a variety if independent power generators.
- Access to the power grid is regulated.
- \* Consumers fees are based on the volume of energy consumed by the end user. The measuring unit is watt per hour (Wh, KWh, MWh)
- \* Why can't fixed line telecommunications infrastructures in small markets also be considered natural monopolies?



### Infrastructures







## Who Pays the Bill?







#### Manufacturers & Service Providers







# Service Pricing





### **Broadband Cost**

(All you can eat concept)

- \* Most broadband consumers today purchase access to the Internet on a fixed-cost basis.
  - \* Broadband customer pay a fixed/month fee for access, with no per-byte charge.
  - \* Most ISPs charges are not related to the consumers usage.
  - \* Is this the best pricing scheme?



#### One size does not fit all

- \* Did infrastructure liberalization as executed by most of us benefit our communities?
- \* Can a form of single infrastructure approach as implemented in Singapore work on our islands?
- \* Are we aware of the fact that St. Barth's has implemented a single fixed infrastructure?



### "It's a way to take control of our future"

- \* To give St Barths people the same opportunities than on a connected continent
- \* To give tourists very high quality digital service (UHS Internet access, ...)
- Not to be dependent on ISPs will & promises on a better & connected future



### Thank You

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