

CANTO Regulation & Emerging Technologies Committee Meeting

Friday 28th February 2014, via conference call

Present:

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| 1. Melesia Sutherland Campbell | LIME Jamaica (Chair) |
| 2. Delreo Newman | ATNI (Vice Chair) |
| 3. Julian Wilkins | Digicel Trinidad |
| 4. Andrew Gorton | Digicel Jamaica |
| 5. Lawrence Mc Naughton | LIME St Lucia |
| 6. Ed Duke | TSTT |
| 7. Opal Neil | Columbus |
| 8. Joseph Samuel | APUA |
| 9. Regenie Fräser | CANTO Secretariat |

Agenda:

1. Status of Markets in which we operate
2. Collaboration with the CARICOM Secretariat to implement incentives for Broadband rollout.
3. Public-Private Sector dialogue on CARICOM Single ICT Space (first face to face meeting on 11 or 12 Aug 2014 at 30th Conference of CANTO in Atlantis Paradise Island, The Bahamas)
4. Work Plan 2014
5. Action Items

1. Status of Markets in which we operate

a. Trinidad :

- (i) RFP for third mobile operator has been issued. Deadline for announcing applicants extended to 1 April 2014.
- (ii) Six (6) bids have been received in response to the RFP for a clearing house provider.
- (iii) Ministry has convened working committee to examine how best to manage spectrum. Work of committee should facilitate third mobile operator.
- (iv) Consultation issued on consumer rights.

b. Guyana:

- (i) select committee has been asked to comment on the Telecoms Bill. Bill is considered contentious. Running concurrently is another Telecoms Bill that amends the section on the Public Utilities Commission (PUC).

c. ECTEL Countries:

- (i) Publication of Draft Electronic Communications Bill by NTRC St. Lucia.
- (ii) Publication of consultation on infrastructure sharing.
- (iii) Publication of consultation on Technical Broadcast Standards

d. Jamaica

(i) Preparatory meeting for implementation of number portability continues.

2. Collaboration with the CARICOM Secretariat to implement incentives for Broadband rollout

The CANTO Secretariat began discussions with the CARICOM Secretariat on the implementation of incentives for broadband rollout in the Caribbean, as agreed upon in the ICT Ministers meeting of 15-17 January 2014. The committee members are asked to prioritize the list of broadband incentives, previously sent, to discuss with CARICOM on 20 March: deadline 11 March.

In responding to the comment of the Chair, Mr. Gorton of Digicel cautioned that at the CANTO Conference in 2012, the Ministers did not seem keen on handset subsidies.

3. Public-Private Sector dialogue on CARICOM Single ICT Space (first face to face meeting on 11 or 12 Aug 2014 at 30th Conference of CANTO in Atlantis Paradise Island, The Bahamas)

In preparation for the first face to face meeting between public and private sector representatives in the development of a CARICOM Single ICT Space, the committee members will review the document on CARICOM Single ICT Space to discuss on 20 March.

The Secretary General of CANTO, Ms. Fraser, asked the Committee to consider how the proposed broadband incentives could be made to fit under the umbrella of the '*Single ICT Space*'.

4. Mr. Gorton, once again, enquired about the status of the paper on transparency and the regulator's budget. Ms. Fraser was requested to provide a written update on the status. The paper is to be re-submitted to the Board.

5. Work Plan 2014

- i. Incentivizing Broadband Rollout
- ii. CARICOM Single ICT Space
- iii. WRC2015 - Spectrum
- iv. Over The Top (OTT) Providers
- v. Spam Issues

6. OTT Providers

A discussion ensued on what services are defined as OTT. It was explained that OTT services would be mostly voice services provided by the likes of Skype and Vonage. Opal Neil from Columbus Communications commented that from the video side, OTT issues manifest in the net neutrality debate, that is, how are customers allowed to use their service. It was mentioned that the issue of treating with OTT operators have been considered by an earlier committee but a solution had not been found. Ultimately any solution arrived at is expected to place OTT providers on the same footing as domestic operators. One view is that it is unlikely that OTT providers will contribute to the network on which they ride but that it could be that they can be made to contribute to the governments' coffers.

7. Spam Issues

The Chair advised that Mr. Shernon Osepa, from Internet Society, will be asked to provide a framework on dealing with spamming.

8. Action Items arising out of this meeting:

1. Send Transparency of Regulators Document to APUA (Regenie)
2. CANTO Board Status: Transparency of Regulators Budget document - by 7 March (Regenie)
3. Committee Members to prioritize items in incentives document by 11 March
4. Committee members to attend 2nd meeting with CARICOM Secretariat on 20 March: Melesia, Delreo, Ed, Andrew and Regenie
5. Committee Members (Opal and Ed) to provide additional comments on Regulations in EU and US document
6. Mr. Shernon Osepa, from Internet Society, will be asked to provide a framework on dealing with spamming (Regenie).
7. Next Committee meeting 28 March 11am, TTtime.

End.