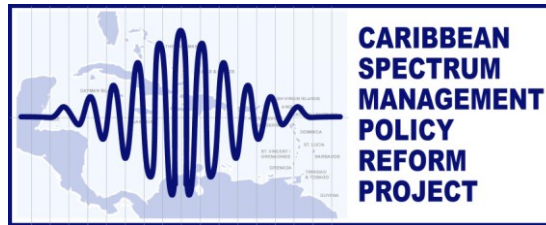




Caribbean Telecommunications Union



7th Spectrum Management Policy Development Meeting

6th to 8th April, 2009
Trinidad and Tobago

Background

The first five spectrum management policy development (SMPD) meetings held over the period March 2006 to September 2007 succeeded in completing the drafting of a Caribbean Spectrum Management Policy Framework <<http://ctu.int/ctu/Default.aspx?tabid=78>>. This work was driven and accomplished by the multi-country, multi-stakeholder Spectrum Management Task Force with oversight from the Spectrum Management Steering Committee. The Policy Framework was presented to and adopted by the CTU's 10th General Conference of Ministers in the Bahamas in October 2007. The 6th SMPD meeting in Dominica in August 2008 initiated, but did not complete, a master plan for timely implementation of the Policy Framework recommendations and the various actions enumerated therein as "Next Steps". Work therefore needs to be continued towards these ends, particularly to address urgent short-term items, and also for undertaking the official administrative arrangements attendant to the ongoing functioning of the Task Force.

Meeting Objectives

The overall objectives of this meeting are to:

- Reconfirm membership and leadership of the Spectrum Management Task Force
- Complete the Master Plan for implementation of the Caribbean Spectrum Management Policy Framework (CSMPF) as requested by the Spectrum Management Steering Committee, while also considering implications of the concurrent ITU HIPCAR Project
- Plan and initiate the work of the Spectrum Management Task Force for the period 2009 – 2010 particularly as related to broadband wireless access and digital broadcasting.
- Review the progress and develop a methodology for completing the proposed Caribbean Table of Frequency Allocations and to advance its development in light of the current Radio Regulations (following WRC-07)

- To decide on the need and scope for:
 - Caribbean standardisation of spectrum management systems and practices
 - Functional cooperation among regional spectrum management agencies
 - Centralisation of spectrum management information or functions for the region
 - Utilising the SMS4DC for the benefit of regional spectrum management agencies.

Format

This structure of this three-day working meeting will be built on a series of interactive presentations by specialists in relevant subject areas, group work and plenary sessions.

Fellowship Support

Fellowship support will be provided to representatives of governments and regulatory institutions on the Task Force. Fellowships will cover the cost of airfare and accommodation only.

Please indicate your availability to attend this session by **Friday 11th March, 2009** so that necessary Arrangements may be finalised.

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