



CANTO Encourages Stakeholders to ‘Reimagine’ ICT in 2017

CANTO members will convene in Curacao, a unique Caribbean destination for the Association’s 33rd Annual General Meeting & Mini Expo. The three day meeting will be held from the 29th -31st January, 2017 at the Renaissance Hotel and Casino and will be co-hosted by United Telecommunication Services –Curacao (UTS) and Bureau Telecommunicatie en Post (BT&P).

At the AGM, top executive telecommunication operators and suppliers from over 34 countries will focus on the theme: “Reimagining ICT as a Tool for National Growth and Development”. Reimagining ICT is high on CANTO’s agenda and focuses on ICT connectivity beyond the modernization of societies as a catalyst for real economic change.

The onus is on all the stakeholders to encourage creators, developers and consumers to take advantage of the dynamism of ICTs and expand their thought process to view all possibilities. This will require a paradigm shift, fostering an environment which stimulates creativity necessary for the development of our national and regional markets. The theme’s objective is to connect more of what our stakeholders do with the goals and ambitions of the markets served.

This ever-changing field of technology has made the world more accessible as information is easily and rapidly exchanged. CANTO is at the vanguard of this movement and will encourage discourse amongst its membership to reimagine ICT in all its different spheres to reap benefits which would promote national growth and development.

CANTO members will also discuss the activities of the Secretariat in 2015/16 and create a working plan for the 2016/17 financial year. The packed agenda features, the Board of Directors’ meeting, eight working committee meetings and the AGM proceedings. There will also be a special Mini Expo with telecom suppliers exhibiting their products and services at the intimate gathering.

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CANTO is recognized as the leading trade association of the ICT sector for shaping information and communication in the Caribbean. Founded in 1985 as a non-profit association of 8 telephone operating companies, CANTO has now grown to over 120 members in more than 34 countries. A Board of Directors appointed by the membership directs policy of the Association. This strategy is executed by the staff of a permanent Secretariat based in Trinidad and Tobago.

CANTO CODE Hackathon seeks to bring together the best

UTS Group

The UTS Group is one of the Caribbean’s premier, integrated and growing providers of proven telecommunication technology. It serves consumers, businesses, governments, and other institutions in the Caribbean area, South America, and Europe. UTS provides advanced, reliable and competitive telecommunication solutions and after-sales care for its customers, wherever and whoever they may be, for personal or professional use.

Backed with over 90 years of experience, UTS is the market leader and trendsetter in its main markets in long distance and mobile telephony services. UTS offers Internet services, advanced data



networks as well as transaction-based services, lease lines, pre-paid cards and pre-paid mobile telephony.

Bureau Telecommunicatie en Post (BT&P)

The Bureau Telecommunicatie en Post is a multi-sectoral independent supervisor and in such capacity it applies itself to the monitoring of service providers and end users of telecommunication services and/or the products originating from same (fixed telephone connections, cellular telephony and long distance telephony); the broadcasting sector (radio and TV), the postal sector, the electricity sector, the water distribution sector and the fuel sector. By the independent status of the Bureau its added value in these markets as supervisor is three-fold, to wit:

With its knowledge and power the BT&P organization also serves as a catalyst for the technological and economic development and growth of the various sectors which have an impact on society and which are governed by its powers. Apart from this, it offers adequate solutions for bottlenecks which impede this development and growth and offers support at the implementation thereof.