

CARIBBEAN FORUM FOR TELECOM POLICY AND REGULATION

Regulating Telecommunications for the Third Millennium:
Critical Issues for National Policy



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OBJECTIVES

1. to create a forum for the exchange of experiences and practice in developing telecom policy and regulations
2. to provide opportunities to bring together telecom policy – makers, Telecoms Utility Practitioners and Telecom Regulators from the wider Caribbean
3. to develop models and steps to introduce and sustain competition in telecoms
4. to become an umbrella for a Centre of Continuing Learning and Excellence

PROGRAM

Session 1: Overview: Innovations in Telecom Policy and Markets – What Regulators Must Know and How They Must Respond

Professor Hudson Janisch, Faculty of Law, University of Toronto

Session 2: Trends in Caribbean Telecom Policy Reform

Mr. Roderick Sanatan, Secretary General, CTU

Session 3: [Effecting Universal Service: Identifying Goals, Choosing Means, Sizing the Costs, Allocating Funds](#)

Mr. Mark Jamison, Director of Telecommunications Studies, PURC

Session 4: Functions of the Regulator - The Tools that Regulators Need
Ms. Julia Johnson, Florida Public Service Commission

Session 5: Building the Commission's Professional Team and the Independence of the Regulator
Ms. Julia Johnson, Florida Public Service Commission

Session 6: Refining the Decision Making Process
Professor Hudson Janisch, Faculty of Law, University of Toronto

Session 7: [Interconnection – Pricing, Incumbent Obligations, Interconnection Agreements](#)
Mr. Zia Doja, General Manager, Bell Canada

Session 8: [Making Sense of the New Technologies – Policy Perspectives for the Caribbean](#)
Mr. John Bourne, VP Technology Carrier Solutions, Nortel Networks

Session 9: [The Challenge of Spectrum Management Policy](#)
Mr. Charles Jackson, Independent Consultant

Session 10: Cost Accounting, Telecom Finance and Economics
Mr. Paul Hartman, Hartman Associates

[Luncheon Presentation](#)
Mr. Richard Firestone, Arnold & Porter

Session 11: Effective Capture and Management of Information
Mr. Paul Hartman, Hartman Associates

Session 12: The Transformation of Telecom Policy and Its Implication for Labour and Human Resources
Professor Anil Verma, Rotman School of Management, University of Toronto

Session 13: [Tariff Setting Strategies: Rebalancing and the Task of Dealing with Competing Requirements](#)
Mr. Calvin Monson, Strategic Policy Research, Inc

Session 14: [Strategies for Growing Rural Connectivity and Reaching the Urban Unconnected; Relation to Access Charges](#)
Mr. Calvin Monson, Strategic Policy Research, Inc.

Session 15: [New Methods for Assessing Quality of Service](#)
Dr. Donald Walwyn, Senior Lecturer Department of Physics, University of West Indies

Session 16: [How Industry Changes Affect Regulators: The Changing Economics of Telecom Delivery](#)

Professor Mark Jamison, Director of Telecommunications Studies, PURC

Session 17: [Policy for an Effective Regulatory Agency – Jamaica Case Study](#)

Mr. Winston Hay, Director OUR, Jamaica

Session 18: – An Approach to Telecom Competition - Trinidad and Tobago Case Study

Mr. Sherman Baksh, Researcher, PUC, Trinidad and Tobago

Session 19: [Steps Toward a Plan of Action](#)

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