

NTRC to have a Poster Competition for students in May



The National Telecommunications Regulatory Commission (NTRC) will be having a poster competition for students from May 6—30, 2019.

The aim of the poster competition is to provide a platform for the participants in which they can communicate by utilizing their knowledge and their creative ability showcasing changes in this technological era. The students will be required to create a poster based on the theme “Technology through my eyes”.

The poster competition will be conducted amongst the students within the Schools of special needs and all primary schools throughout SVG. The competition will consist of two categories, one category for the Primary Schools and a category for the Special Needs Schools.

All participants will be required to work individually to create a poster

reflecting the theme, “Technology through my eyes”. The poster should have a dimension of (22” x 28”) and can be placed on a bristol board.

To enter, students will be required to submit their poster along with an entry form to NTRC by 4:00 PM on May 17, 2019 at the NTRC’s Office.

All entries will be reviewed by a panel of judges and the results will be announced at a prize giving ceremony on May 30, 2019.

In either Primary or Special Needs categories, participants can win EC\$ 500 if placed first, EC\$ 300 for second place and EC\$ 200 for third place.

Source: [NTRC](#)



Being Smart Online

Check your settings

Use the privacy and security settings on social media sites so that only friends and family can see your pages. Then speak to friends and family and encourage them to tighten their privacy settings too as they could affect you. Even if your account is locked as private, personal information you have shared with others could still be accessed through their pages.

Guard personal information

Don't post any personal information- your address, email address or mobile number - publicly online. Just one piece of personal information could be used by a complete stranger to find out even more. If you want to include your birthday in your profile it's safer not to actually display it publicly - providing your full date of birth makes you more vulnerable to identity fraud.

Anti-virus software

Make sure you have anti-virus software installed on your computer and be careful what you download or install on your computer.

Digital transformation strategy soon to be launched in St. Kitts and Nevis

A digital transformation strategy aimed at making government more efficient when doing business with the public, private sector and the diaspora is expected to be launched in St. Kitts and Nevis shortly.



This was announced by Vincent Byron Jr, Minister with responsibility for Communications, while addressing members of the diplomatic and consular corps at a lecture on

Tuesday, April 9, 2019.

The lecture formed part of the 2019 edition of Diplomatic Week activities in St. Kitts and Nevis. "Securing a Resilient Future through Strategic Diplomacy and Effective Dialogue" is this year's theme.

"It looks at processes, as well as look at the capacity, capabilities of our public servants and so it is being done on the basis of trying to improve and make us more efficient in terms of how we deliver services to people which we hope could also act as a catalyst to inviting

foreign direct investments," Byron said.

He said that in addition to making government more efficient, the idea of upgrading internet speed in the Federation is also being looked at.

"One of the real exciting parts of this strategy we hope, will be to launch high speed internet and upgrade the current network that we have so that we could become one of the first small island states in the region to have such a platform," Byron said. "I think broadband has to be seen as critical infrastructure, as our water and energy and road network. And if we can add that and have an efficient one – fibre to the home – it gives us the platform to make us attractive to people who would want to come and invest and develop," he added.

Byron said that the need for "broader educational possibilities from everyone allows us to be creative, innovative and spawn businesses here that could help us as part of the diversification, as well as help us grow."

The Ministry of Justice, Legal Affairs and Communications is leading the project and it's facilitated by a consulting team from Deloitte, a management consulting company in the United States of America (USA).

Source: [St. Kitts Observer](#) vis [ICT Pulse](#)



Caribbean Countries embrace Get Safe Online Campaign

The Get Safe Online campaign is a commonwealth initiative that was launched by Get Safe Online, a UK based non-profit organization. Get Safe Online is soliciting the support of community groups, government ministries, other non-profit organizations and the media to spread the campaign message of online safety in the respective Commonwealth countries.

Get Safe Online is funded by the UK Government, law enforcement and both public and private sector organisations and now can bring these services to the Caribbean as part of the UK's Commonwealth Cyber Security Programme.

The first campaign headlined "Hello Potential Victim" will target all members of the public, will run over the period April 2019 to March 2020, with a focus on those most likely to be affected; the elderly and children.

Hello Potential Victim campaign, shows examples of what a "Potential Victim" looks like from the victim's point of view, and from the scammer's perspective. "Hello" serves a dual role; a "wake up call" to victims exposed to online predators and scammers as well as a greeting much like how a fraudster would address their target.

The campaign spans nine commonwealth countries, including Antigua & Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Jamaica, Grenada, Guyana, St. Vincent & The Grenadines and St. Lucia and Dominica.

The platform for sharing online safety information in Antigua and Barbuda is getsafeonline.ag.

Source: [Dominica News Online](#)

CaribNOG 17 held in Barbados



Internet History Panel Discussion at CaribNOG 17

Caribbean Network Operators Group held its seventeenth gathering CaribNOG 17 in Bridgetown, Barbados at the Hilton Hotel on April 10 to 12, 2019 immediately following ARIN's public policy meeting ARIN 43.

At CaribNOG 17 network operators, telecommunications regulators, members of academia, ISPs, engineering and computer science students, special interest groups and government representatives both regional and international attended. CaribNOG 17 followed a very successful CaribNOG16 which was held jointly with LACNIC as part of the Internet Week Trinidad & Tobago in Port of Spain from October 2-3, hosted by the Ministry of Public Administration.

The CaribNOG meeting focused on a range of cybersecurity and network resiliency issues that are central to the development of a more open, resilient and secure Internet. Presenters and panellists included several regional and international experts on a range of issues including security, cloud services, Internet exchange point implementation, and the deployment of next-generation Internet Protocol, called IPv6. Among the presenters were Brent McIntosh (Columbus Communications), Owen DeLong, Jon Worley (ARIN), Matthew Wilder (Telus), Steve Feldman (NANOG), Edward Winstead (ISC) and David Huberman (ICANN).

A longtime supporter of CaribNOG, ARIN provided a fellowship program to support persons interested in participating in the ARIN 43 and CaribNOG 17 meetings. The ARIN Fellowship Program offered the opportunity to attend the meetings at no charge, as well as hotel accommodation, round-trip economy class airfare and a stipend.

"ARIN has a long track record of supporting Internet development initiatives in the Caribbean outreach program," said Bevil Wooding, CaribNOG co-founder and Caribbean Outreach Liaison at ARIN.

The Barbados chapter of the Internet Society provided local coordination services. The high-profile meeting was also supported by the Internet Society, the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers, the Caribbean Telecommunications Union, the Latin America and Caribbean Internet Addresses Registry, Arkitechs, Packet Clearing House and RL Mark.

Source: [CaribNOG](#)

CTU 30th anniversary: FutureScape to highlight achievements in Caribbean



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'Digital transformation – Do it' is the theme chosen by the Caribbean Telecommunications Union (CTU) to highlight the achievement of digital transformation within the Caribbean Region, as it celebrates its 30th Anniversary with a technological immersive experience that demonstrates the speed, efficiency, transparency,

resilience, faculty and simplicity of life in a fully integrate digital Caribbean. This was revealed by CTU Secretary General, Bernadette Lewis, at a joint Press Conference held at the Ministry of Public Administration.

In order to bring the theme to life, the Government of Trinidad and Tobago, the CTU Secretariat and its technology partners will be creating a futuristic, digital Caribbean Single ICT Space, called Caribbean FutureScape, in which delegates will experience information and communication technologies (ICT) in real life situations and thereby understand the game changing transformation Caribbean life would undergo when the technologies are properly applied. Caribbean FutureScape, a technology immersion event, is the first ever being staged in the Caribbean, and will take place from 29th April to 1st May 2019, at the Hyatt Regency, Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago.

The Ministry of Public Administration welcomes this approach as it provides the ideal platform to showcase the role that technology will play in its empowering citizens, growing competitive businesses and creating transformational government.



T-Mobile, Comcast launch cross-network anti-robocall feature

T-Mobile and Comcast are teaming up to fight robocalls.

The companies said on Wednesday, April 17, 2019 that they're rolling out a feature that protects consumers from robocalls and spam across their networks. It uses the Stir/Shaken standards recommended by the Federal Communications Commission to spot authentic calls.

The verification feature is already available for T-Mobile customers and will come later this year for Comcast Xfinity Voice home phone service customers. It'll mean T-Mobile customers can be assured calls from Comcast home phones aren't from a scammer spoofing a number, and vice versa, the companies say.

"Robocalls and spam calls are an industry-wide problem, and we've got to join forces to keep consumers protected," T-Mobile CEO John Legere said in a statement. "Today, we're the first to cross industry lines to do just that."

T-Mobile also said Caller Verified, its implementation of Stir/Shaken, is now available on 10 phones, including the LG G8 ThinQ and the Samsung Galaxy S10, S10E and S10 Plus. It'll soon be available on the Samsung Galaxy Fold and Galaxy A6. Customers with the most recent software update will see "Caller Verified" show up on their screen when they get authentic calls from T-Mobile's network and Comcast's Xfinity Voice home phone service.

T-Mobile expects it'll do this with more companies as they begin implementing Stir/Shaken in the coming months, said Grant Castle, vice president of engineering at T-Mobile.

"As the other carriers get on board, we'll be able to use this technology to verify nearly all of your calls," Castle said.

Two years ago, T-Mobile rolled out free scam protection that analyzes calls and alerts customers about likely scams. In January, the carrier became the first wireless company to apply the Stir/Shaken standards after launching Caller Verified on the Samsung Galaxy Note 9.

In November, T-Mobile said it had blocked more than 1 billion spam calls in the last 18 months.

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