EU-ITU ICT Harmonisation Project Planning Meeting

Case Study in Caribbean ICT Harmonisation

CARIBBEAN SPECTRUM MANAGEMENT POLICY REFORM PROJECT
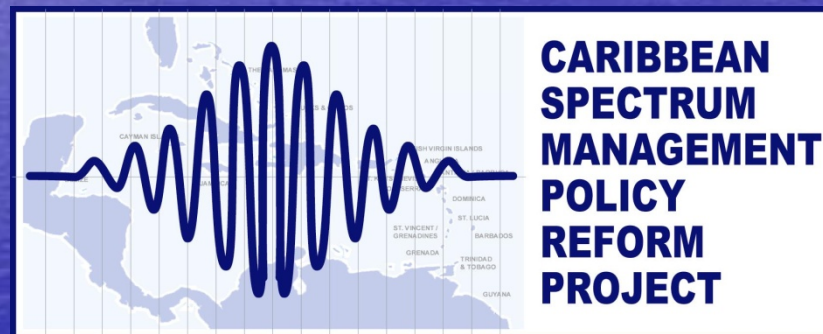
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Caribbean Telecommunications Union**

Mandate

- **September 2004:**
  7th General Conference of Ministers mandated the CTU Secretariat to review the spectrum management policies and make recommendations for spectrum use in the region.

- **April 2005**
  Concept paper for a comprehensive programme for harmonised Caribbean spectrum management policies and procedures was developed. The project would promote a regional environment of regulatory certainty which encourages private sector investment and ensures that spectrum is efficiently utilized

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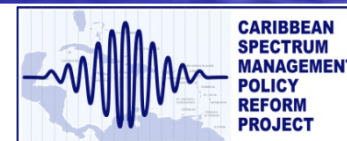CARIBBEAN SPECTRUM MANAGEMENT POLICY REFORM PROJECT

Mission

1. To build spectrum management expertise in the Caribbean

2. To reform spectrum management policies and practices across the CTU member countries

3. To harmonise approaches to spectrum management in the region

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Methodology -1

- **Training**

- **Establishment of a Caribbean Spectrum Management Steering Committee**

- **Establishment of a Caribbean Spectrum Management Task Force**

- **Data collection and analysis**

- **Face to Face Multi-stakeholder Consultations**

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Methodology - 2

- **Policy Development Meetings**

- **Field Audits**

- **Development of an indicative Frequency Allocation Table**

- **Development of a Caribbean Spectrum Management Policy Framework**

- **Regular reporting to Executive Council and General Conference of Ministers**

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Milestones

Spectrum Management Workshop   –   Oct. 2005

Multi-stakeholder policy seminar   –   Oct. 2005

Spectrum Management Workshop   –   Mar. 2006
and Consultation

Task Force and Steering Committee   –   Jul. 2006

Data Collection and Analysis   –   Sep. 2006

Field Audits   –   Sep. to Oct. 2006

On-Line Forum   –   Oct. 2006

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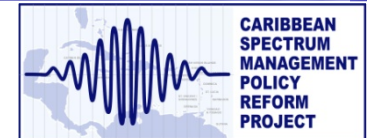
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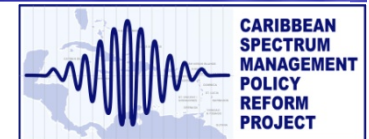Steering Committee Meeting   –   Feb. 2007

Task Force Policy Meetings   –   Mar. 2007

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Steering Committee Meeting   –   Feb. 2008

Task Force Policy Meeting   –   Aug. 2008

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Summary

Training Programmes   -   6   (2005 – 2007)
(281 Spectrum Managers and technicians)

Steering Committee Meetings   -   2   (2007-2008)

Task Force policy meetings   -   6   (2007-2008)
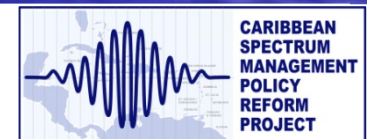
Field Audits   -   7 Sep/Oct 2007

Spectrum Management Policy Framework

Caribbean Radio Frequency Allocation Table

Implementation Work Plan

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Lessons Learned

1. Multi-stakeholder approaches work well – encourage wide participation.

2. Customized Training is essential for laying a common foundation of understanding and building expertise.

3. Engagement of CTU Permanent Secretaries and Ministers at every stage through regular reporting/feedback is a critical success factor.

4. Allow the experts in the field to guide the process facilitate the progress of their work

5. Strong leadership of working groups and committees is essential – choose carefully.

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