

## Legislative exercise seeks to strengthen e-laws in Saint Lucia

**Tuesday 22 March 2011** – Saint Lucia's e-laws are being reviewed and strengthened as part of the “Enhancing Competitiveness Through The Harmonization of ICT Policies, Legislation Project” (HIPCAR) phase II.

Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Communication and Works, Allison Jean, explains that Saint Lucia is receiving technical assistance in Interception of Communication, Freedom of Information, Universal Service, Interconnection and Licensing from the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) through HIPCAR

“These areas have been purposely chosen so as to compliment the existing legislative review being undertaken by the e-Government for regional integration project (EGRIP). The finalization of these two projects will produce a complete review of Saint Lucia's current e-laws. As our first area of priority, we have commenced work on the Interception of Communications Act 2006.”

Chief Public Utilities Officer in the Ministry of Communications and Works, Barrymore Felicien, explains that the Interception of Communications Act will place Saint Lucia on a level playing field in the area of information technology.

“Interception of communication affects our daily lives whether we realize it or not. We all own, use or operate networks; we have devices that can scan or lock into networks. So this piece of legislation actually governs what is lawful or unlawful intercept. During the exercise under HIPCAR phase I, we also considered legislative text from other continents and international best practice.

“We are trying to work into our legislation the modern practices taking place so that we in Saint Lucia would be better prepared to face the technological challenges facing us,” said Chief Public utilities Officer at the Ministry of Communications and Works Barrymore Felicien.

[http://www.stlucia.gov.lc/pr2011/march/legislative\\_excercise\\_seeks\\_to\\_strengthen\\_e-laws\\_in\\_saint\\_lucia.htm](http://www.stlucia.gov.lc/pr2011/march/legislative_excercise_seeks_to_strengthen_e-laws_in_saint_lucia.htm)