



Bernadette Lewis
Secretary General
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Bernadette Lewis was appointed to the position of Secretary General of the Caribbean Telecommunications Union (CTU) in August 2003. Ms Lewis is the first female appointee to the position and under her stewardship, the CTU has been transformed into a relevant and vibrant information and communication technologies (ICT) organisation. The CTU is now at the forefront of activities to harmonise policies and practices for the development of the Caribbean ICT sector and to coordinate regional ICT Projects. A strong proponent for ICT-enabled Caribbean development, Ms. Lewis has been advocating the effective use of ICTs by all citizens, through an initiative called the Caribbean ICT Roadshow. Designed to raise awareness and educate on the power of ICT to enhance every sphere of endeavor, the Roadshow has been held 24 times in 19 Caribbean countries. Ms. Lewis is passionate about ensuring that all citizens of the region have affordable access to, and are able to benefit from effective use of ICT. Since 2009, the CTU has been conducting ICT workshops for seniors, parents, the deaf and blind, educators, farmers and fisher-folk and most recently, for girls and boys across the region. Ms. Lewis is of the view that awareness, accessibility and affordability of ICT are important enablers for fostering inclusive societies and ICT-enabled development.