Establishing a Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA) for the Caribbean Countries Workshop

Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, 28 – 29 June 2018

Programme

Day 1	
08:00-09:30	**Registration**
08:30–09:30	**Opening Session** • Welcome remarks - Dr. Kim Mallalieu, Deputy Chairman, Board of Directors, TATT (5 minutes) • Opening remarks from Mr. Cleveland Thomas, Area Representative, ITU (5 minutes) • Remarks from Mr. Selby Wilson, Telecommunications Strategist, CTU (5 minutes) • Featured address from Ms. Joan Mendez, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Public Administration and Communication, Trinidad and Tobago
9:30-10:00	**Coffee Break**
10:00-12:00	**SESSION 1: ITU Conformance and Interoperability Programme** *This session will review the ITU C&I programme. An overview of the activities undertaken and the Caribbean region.* S1-1 ITU C&I Programme: Vladimir Daigele ITU/BDT S1-2 C&I Activities in the Caribbean. Overview of history, approach to and findings of the recent study, Proposed model for the Caribbean – Michelle/Cleveland S1-3 Outcomes of the Forum on the Conformance and Interoperability (C&I) in Innovation for Youths – Cathy **Moderator: Vladimir Daigele (ITU)**
12:00-13:45	**Lunch**
13:45-15:30	**SESSION 2: Conformity Assessment and Interoperability – Mutual Recognition Agreements (MRAs)** *This session will consider the conformity assessment best practices and procedures set up by various organizations in establishing Mutual Recognition Agreements. The view of the industry with respect to conformity assessment and certification will also be considered* S2-1 Guidelines for the development, implementation and management of Mutual Recognition Agreements (MRAs): Vladimir Daigele (ITU) S2-2 Mutual Recognition Agreements/Arrangements (MRAs): Procedures for definition, implementation and management of MRAs: Andrew Kwan and CTU

	S2-3 Review of experiences from other regions studied by ITU: Vladimir Daigele (ITU) **Moderator: Andrew Kwan**
15:30-15:45	Coffee Break
15:45-18:00	**SESSION 3 Review - Mutual Recognition Agreements (MRAs) for the Caribbean Region** *Inter-American MRA.* **Andrew Kwan**
Day 2	
09:00–11:00	**SESSION 4 Round Table** *This Round-table will engage stakeholder in an open discussion on the implementation of the proposed MRA for the region* Invitees: Administration/Regulator from the Caribbean (TATT) Administration/Regulator from other Regions (example: Mexico/IFT) Certification Body Operator Laboratory Manufacturer Regional Organization (CTU) Standardization Development Organization (example: CROSQ) International Telecommunication Union **Moderator: Kirk Sookram (TATT)**
11:00-11:15	**Coffee Break**
11:15-12:30	**Session 5: Interactive discussion Way Forward** *Interactive groups will make possible discussions among the participants to find possible solutions to a satisfactorily implementation of C&I solutions tailored to the Caribbean needs.* - *Roadmap* - *Identification of the Focal Points* **Moderator: Cleveland Thomas (ITU)**
12:30-13:30	**Lunch**
13:30-15:00	**Session 6: Draft Final Report** **Panel:** *Draft Final Report. MRA with adjusted Draft. Establishment of further actions. Creation of a C&I Caribbean Group* **Moderator: ITU**
15:00-15:15	**Final Remarks**