

IGF 2016 Workshop Report Template

Session Title	Commonwealth Internet Governance Forum
Date	9 December 2016
Time	09:00-10:00
Session Organizer	Lasantha De Alwis Commonwealth Telecommunications Organisation (CTO)
Chair/Moderator	Shola Taylor, Secretary-General of the CTO
Rapporteur/Notetaker	Mark Carvell and Bernice Kibet
List of Speakers and their institutional affiliations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shola Taylor, Secretary-General of the CTO • Mark Carvell - United Kingdom Govt: Dept for Culture, Media & Sport • Tracy Hackshaw –Trinidad & Tobago Govt: Ministry of Planning and Development
Key Issues raised (1 sentence per issue):	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Implementation of the Commonwealth Cybergovernance Model. ii. Cybersecurity, Cyber standards, data protection, investment in digital infrastructure iii. Youth-related initiatives iv. Promotion of Commonwealth stakeholder participation in multi-stakeholder initiatives (including ICANN relating to domain names). v. Progress with the Commonwealth Cybercrime Initiative (CCI). vi. Capacity building challenges in Small Island Developing States (SIDS).
If there were presentations during the session, please provide a 1-paragraph summary for each Presentation	<p>The presentation on the Commonwealth Cyber-governance Model agreed by the Commonwealth ICT Ministers Forum in March 2014 - http://www.cto.int/media/pr-re/Commonwealth Cybergovernance Model.pdf - reviewed activities within the Commonwealth community to implement each of the Model's principles to guide planning and implementing practical actions in policy development, regulation and legislation, cross-border collaboration, capacity building, technical measures and other operational activities.</p> <p>The presentation on the multi-partner Commonwealth Cybercrime Initiative (CCI) http://thecommonwealth.org/commonwealth-cybercrime-initiative reported on the current country-based projects for capacity building and awareness-raising and covered in particular child online activities, jurisdictional issues, virtual currencies (bitcoins) and blockchain database technologies.</p>
Please describe the Discussions that took place during the workshop session: (3 paragraphs)	<p>The interactive discussions during this open forum revolved primarily around stakeholders in Commonwealth states cooperating to create a safe, affordable and effective cyberspace through open and transparent multi-stakeholder processes and partnerships. The participants were invited to contribute their experience, challenges and opportunities. For example, representatives from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cook Islands commented on the need of encouraging e-governance; • Uganda commented on the need for affordability of internet

	<p>services, Sustainability of the services as grassroots level and access to these services;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nigeria highlighted the need for increased multi-stakeholder participation facilitated by the Commonwealth IGF and by the national IGFs in Commonwealth countries. <p>Other issues discussed included the need for public policy implementation at the regional as well as the national level.</p>
<p>Please describe any Participant suggestions regarding the way forward/potential next steps /key takeaways: (3 paragraphs)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. The UK proposal to establish a Commonwealth IGF working group to contribute to Phase III of the IGF inter-sessional work on access for the next billion(s) was agreed. The CTO will take this forward. ii. It was also agreed that the re-launched Commonwealth IGF - http://www.cto.int/strategic-goals/cybersecurity/commonwealth-internet-governance-forum/ - should engage in the IGF's intersessional coordination of the national and regional IGFs ("NRIs"). The CTO will act as facilitator. iii. The work of the Commonwealth IGF will be reported at the Commonwealth Cybersecurity Forum in London on 22-24 March 2017 - http://www.cto.int/events/upcoming-events/commonwealth-cybersecurity-forum-2017/ and at the Commonwealth Investment Forum in Dubai on 10-12 April http://www.cto.int/events/upcoming-events/ict-invest-forum-2017/