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Dear Dr. Alvarez,

**Re: Invitation to Participate in**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Caribbean Internet Governance Forum**

The Caribbean Telecommunications Union (CTU) cordially invites you to deliver an address at its 4<sup>th</sup> Caribbean Internet Governance Forum (CIGF) which will be held on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> July, 2008 in Curacao Netherlands N.A. This CIGF will be held in conjunction with the LACNIC Caribbean 2008 event which precedes it on 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> July.

The CIGF is a multi-country, multi-stakeholder forum initiated by the CTU and the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Secretariat in 2005 to coordinate a regional approach to Internet governance. The forum has since met annually and the primary product of its work has been the drafting of a Caribbean Internet Governance Policy Framework. This draft issue of the policy document may be viewed at: <http://ctu.int/ctu/Default.aspx?tabid=77>.

A key objective of the 4<sup>th</sup> CIGF is to complete Issue 1.0 of this framework document for the advice and guidance of regional governments and other stakeholders. Other major objectives of the 4<sup>th</sup> CIGF are:

- To present models for IPv4 to IPv6 migration
- To discuss guidelines and best practices for justifying, optimising, securing and expediting growth of national and regional Internet infrastructure and traffic
- To update and review the status of Caribbean local content initiatives
- To identify prioritised actions, primships and indicative schedules for accelerating development of the information society in the Caribbean

We invite you or your representative to make a presentation on the Internet2 evolution and AMPATH - the high performance exchange point in Florida which is facilitating peering and network research between education and research institutions. A presentation on this topic would be of particular interest to the Caribbean Knowledge and Learning Network delegates and serve to sensitize delegates on the value of Internet2.

Additional information on the 4<sup>th</sup> CIGF may be found on the CTU web site at [www.ctu.int](http://www.ctu.int). We look forward to your early, hopefully favourable, response.

Yours sincerely,

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**SECRETARY GENERAL**