Press Release

Funding opportunities Latin America and Caribbean ICT projects

RESTON, VA, USA and GENEVA, SWITZERLAND - 10 June 2008 - The Regional Fund for Digital Innovation in Latin America and the Caribbean (FRIDA) has opened its funding round for 2008, calling for regional research organizations to apply for grants for their projects.

FRIDA is a regional initiative supported by Connectivity and Equity in the Americas/International Development Research Center (CEA/IDRC), the Institute for Connectivity in the Americas (ICA), the Internet Society (ISOC), and the Latin American and Caribbean Internet Addresses Registry (LACNIC), which also manages the Program.

Each year, FRIDA funds multiple projects developed by regional research teams, selected on a competitive basis. Eligible projects may receive grants of up to US$12,500 for a single year project or up to US$25,000 for two years.

To be eligible, the projects must focus on research which promotes regional capacity building and development in the fields of Internet, Information and Communication Technology (ICT), digital inclusion, or the Information Society.

"The Internet Society is proud to be a partner in FRIDA," says Lynn St. Amour, President and CEO of the Internet Society. "The many, diverse projects funded by FRIDA contribute greatly to the development of the Internet and ICTs in the region and play an important role in helping to create a more robust, secure, and inclusive online environment."

Organizations interested in applying for FRIDA funding support must submit their proposals by email to <convocatoria2008@programafrida.net> by 15 August 2008. More information in the fund, including application forms, is available on the FRIDA website at:

http://www.programafrida.net/en/convocatoria_2008.html.

About the Internet Society

The Internet Society is a non-profit organization founded in 1992 to provide leadership in Internet related standards, education, and policy. With offices in Washington, DC, and Geneva, Switzerland, it is dedicated to ensuring the open development, evolution, and use of the Internet for the benefit of people throughout the world.