

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN



AND

**THE NETWORK OF CARIBBEAN
CHAMBERS OF INDUSTRY AND
COMMERCE (CARICHAM)**

**THE AMERICAN REGISTRY FOR
INTERNET NUMBERS (ARIN)**

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is made and entered into this fifth (5th) day of December 2023, by and between the Network of Caribbean Chambers of Industry and Commerce (CARICHAM) and the American Registry for Internet Numbers (ARIN), collectively referred to as "the Parties."

WHEREAS

- ARIN is a nonprofit member-based organization playing a unique and critical role in the operations of the Internet in Canada, the United States, and many Caribbean islands, that includes IP address space allocation, transfer, and record maintenance; registration information (WHOIS); facilitation of a bottom-up, open Internet resource policy development process; and the development of technical services to support the evolving needs of the Internet community;
- CARICHAM is a regional organization representing the interests of the private sector in the Caribbean, playing a crucial role in fostering economic development and cooperation among businesses and serving as a forum for networking, advocacy, and collaboration to enhance the business environment and promote trade and businesses resilience;
- Desiring to collaborate on the implementation of advocacy and capacity building programs aimed at facilitating digital resilience in the Caribbean;
- Recognizing that digital innovation and capacity building are consistent with the strategic priorities and shared regional development goals of the Parties; and
- Acknowledging that no parts of this Memorandum of Understanding are justiciable or intended to give rise to legal obligations.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Parties hereby agree as follows:

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1 Purpose and Scope of Collaboration:

- (a) The Parties shall collaborate to develop and implement advocacy and capacity building programs aimed at promoting digital resilience in the Caribbean private sector.
- (b) The collaboration shall encompass activities such as joint research, awareness and capacity building workshops, conferences, and campaigns.
- (c) The Parties shall work together to identify areas of mutual interest and prioritize projects that align with their respective mandates.

2 Areas of Collaboration:

- (a) **Advocacy Programs:** The Parties shall jointly promote the benefits of and mechanisms for achieving and maintaining digital resilience within private sector organizations.
- (b) **Capacity Building:** The Parties shall collaborate on the design and delivery of programs, workshops, and seminars aimed at raising awareness and empowering businesses and industry stakeholders with the knowledge and skills to effectively bolster digital resilience, including IPv6 adoption, routing security and local network interconnection and interne traffic exchange.
- (c) **Public Awareness:** The Parties shall collaborate on public awareness campaigns to educate the public and businesses about the benefits of computer network resilience and security; and of participating in global Internet fora.

3 Management and Implementation Arrangements

- (a) The Chair of CARICHAM and the Director of Caribbean Affairs of ARIN will endeavor to meet at least twice per year to advance the relationship between the organizations.
- (b) Prior to any agreed activities being implemented, the Parties will assist with developing the harmonized activity objectives and workplans.
- (c) Routine consultation for the purposes of implementation of agreed activities will take place between officials designated by each party.

4 Commencement and Termination

- (a) This Memorandum will come into effect on the date of its signing.
- (b) This Memorandum may be terminated by any Party by giving written notice to the other Party, and such termination will take effect three calendar months after the date of written notice.
- (c) The termination of this Memorandum will not prejudice the completion, in accordance with their terms, of any ongoing projects or activities under this Memorandum.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, duly authorized representatives of the Parties, have executed this Memorandum of Understanding as of the date first above written.

FOR CARICHAM

FOR ARIN





Petipha Lewis
Chair

Michael Abejuela
General Counsel, ARIN

DATE: 5 December 2023

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