



# Government Affairs Update

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# Meet the Government Affairs Department

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# Our Areas of Focus

## **Protect the multi-stakeholder approach to Internet technical coordination and the Internet number registry system**

- Improve accuracy and trust in the Internet number registry system
- Engage with governments to support their needs and keep them informed of the perspective of the Internet numbers community

## **Increase our outreach and support to our members in the Caribbean**

- To support the strengthening and resiliency of Internet infrastructure in the Caribbean
- To have strong government relations engagement with all applicable territories
- To have ARIN services well-known to the Caribbean Internet community



## Caribbean Affairs

Strengthening engagement with governments and Internet industry groups, promoting participation in the ARIN policy development process, and supporting the strengthening and resiliency of the Internet infrastructure.

### **Recent engagement has included:**

- **CaribIX**, ongoing project with the Caribbean Telecommunications Union (CTU), CaribNOG, and Interreg Caraibes to develop Internet Exchange Points (IXPs) in Saint Martin, Saint Barthélemy and Guadeloupe.
- **Caribbean Justice Forum**, an ongoing outreach initiative with the CTU, OECS and Caribbean Agency for Justice Solutions targeting judicial and legal officers



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## Upcoming events:

- **CTU Ministerial** – later this week
- **CaribNOG 23** – 11 and 18 May (virtual event)
- **ARIN/LACNIC/CTU** – 17, 19 May 2022 (virtual event)
- **ARIN/Caribbean Agency for Justice Solutions** - Justice Sector Forum (Q3)

**Themes:** Digital Transformation, security and resiliency, capacity building initiatives, Internet number resource and network autonomy.



# Law Enforcement & Public Safety

Improving accuracy and trust in the Internet number registry system

## Recent engagement activities:

- **Canadian Centre for Cybersecurity:** Border Gateway Protocol Security Working Group, Resource Public Key Infrastructure (RPKI) presentation
- **M3AAWG:** RPKI presentation. The Messaging, Malware and Mobile Anti-Abuse Working Group is an international information technology industry forum that works to reduce the threat from bots, malware, spam, viruses, DoS attacks and other online exploitations. Leslie Nobile is Co-Chair of the Names and Numbers Committee.

**Council of Europe's Budapest Convention on Cybercrime.** Provides legal basis for disclosure of domain name registration information and for direct cooperation with service providers for subscriber information. The 20-year old agreement on cybercrime is expected to be updated and signed in May.

**Upcoming:** M3AAWG and ICANN

**Themes:** Data governance (privacy, accuracy, access), critical infrastructure, anti-abuse, cybercrime and cybersecurity.



# International Internet Regulation

Engaging with governments to support their needs and keep them informed of the perspective of the Internet numbers community.

**Engagement with governments at CITEL/ITU on the topics of:**

- IPv6, proposed amendments to existing resolutions
- Internet Resolutions, existing and new (OTTs and AI)

**Monitoring:**

- UN General Assembly – developing a cyber treaty (responsible state behavior in cyberspace)
- UNODC (Office of Drugs and Crime) – developing a cybercrime treaty
- EU's GDPR, NIS1 and forthcoming NIS2 (Network and Information Security directive)
- US: proposed laws for cyber incident reporting; data privacy continues to be left to the states
- Canada: Critical infrastructure, data privacy, copyright, and online harm

**Themes:** Critical infrastructure laws and regulation, data governance (sovereignty, privacy, cross-border flows), digital transformation, cybersecurity.



# Plans for 2022

- ITU's WTSA, WTDC and Plenipotentiary conferences taking place this year
  - SecGen election
  - Russian Federation: desire to transfer Internet management to the ITU (14 April 2021)
  - Russia and China: joint statement on enhancing role of ITU (29 June 2021)
- FCC Request for Comments on Secure Internet Routing (ARIN responded on 8 April 2022)
- The Alliance for the Future of the Internet (AFI)
- IGF 2022 in Addis Ababa (November-December 2022)
- Internet-impacting legislation (e.g. Budapest Convention amendments, NIS2), regulation and policy developments in Canada, the Caribbean, the US, and other regions of the world.



**The GAD team is working to strengthen  
relationships with governments and  
Internet industry organizations to make sure  
ARIN community interests are understood  
and taken into consideration.**



Thank you!