

CANTO

REIMAGINING ICT

The telecommunications industry is an agile one which is in constant transformation. Navigating and understanding it all takes time and patience.

Enter CANTO, formerly known as the Caribbean Association of National Telecommunications Organizations, and its vision of becoming “the leading authority in shaping information, communication, and technology in the Caribbean Region and the Americas.” By forming a trade association that now comprises some 130 different member organizations, CANTO has helped its mem-



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General Secretary of CANTO

bers work together, collectively, for the betterment of all stakeholders and by extension, the region.

“We are a trade association of the ICT (Information and Communication Technology) stakeholders in the Latin American and the Caribbean region,” explains Secretary General Teresa Wankin. “We were founded in 1985, by a small group of telecom operators. Our aim remains the same – forming a trade organization to

address the common concerns of stakeholders; provide a platform for networking; sharing of information; and, generally, for



doing business in the region. Over time, as the industry evolved and developed, so did the membership of CANTO grow from just pure telecom operators, to anyone with an interest in ICT. So now the Association has service providers, regulators, and anyone with an interest in ICT. Our members have evolved and so have we to become a focal point for all of the stakeholders to meet, do business, and network, and, most importantly, drive regional growth and development.”

The policy strategy of CANTO is directed by a Board of Directors appointed by the membership. The full-time staff of eight and the permanent Secretariat are located in Trinidad and Tobago. The Association’s activities are financed through the contributions of the members, as well as other revenue generating projects. This allows CANTO to offer an array of services specially designed with its members and other

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WHAT: A trade association with 130 member organizations

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