Los Telecentros (CACTs) un puente para el desarrollo agricola rural del Caribe

Telecentres, bridges to agricultural and rural development in the Caribbean

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Workshop - Contest Prize-giving Ceremony

Draft Agenda

	Day 1 – 28 April

9:00 am 10:00 am	**Opening ceremony**:
	 • Welcome words of organizers and partners:
	     o Yacine Khelladi, Executive Director, Fundación Taïguey
	     o Neil Checo, Managing director of the Telecommunications Fund of the Instituto Dominicano de las Telecomunicaciones (INDOTEL)
	     o Ken Lohento, ICT4D programme coordinator CTA
	 • Welcome words: Ing. Cesar Guerrero, Vice-Minister of Agriculture, Dominican Republic.
	 • Keynote Speaker: Mr. *Jaime Moreno*, Senior Facilitator of the Dominican National Competitiveness Council for clusters, and Vice *President* of Helados Bon,

10:00 am 11:00 am	**Information and Communication needs of agriculture and rural development stakeholders in the Caribbean**
	 • Information and communication needs of agriculture and rural stakeholders in the Caribbean:
	     o Opal Morris, Lecturer, Caribbean Agricultural Research and Development Institute (CARDI)
	 • Perspectives of the Caribbean Farmers Network (CAFAN):
	     o Keeley Holder, CaFAN Technical Officer
	 • Information needs and access to relevant content in rural areas.
	     o Federico Sancho, Head of the Inter American Information Center for Agriculture. Inter American Institute for Cooperation in Agriculture (IICA)
	
	 Moderator: Noesterling Diaz, Director of Information, Ministry of Agriculture (Dom Rep)

11:00 am 11:15 am	**Coffee break**

11:15 am
12:45 am
	ICT access in rural areas in the Caribbean: situation, public policies, issues and perspectives
	• Case of the Dominican Republic
	   o Edwin San Roman, ICT consultant and coordinator of the rural high bandwidth project of INDOTEL
	• Case of Jamaica
	   o Ayanna Samuels, Independent ICT4D Consultant and Technology Policy Specialist", ICT4D Jamaica
	• Public private partnerships for ICT access and expansion:
	   o Bernadette Lewis, Secretary General of the Caribbean telecommunication Union CTU
	
	Moderator : Ken Lohento, ICT4D programme coordinator CTA

12:45 am 2:00 pm	**Lunch**

2:00 pm
3:00 pm
	State of the Art of Caribbean telecentres and opportunities
	• Telecentres in the English speaking Caribbean: relevance, sustainability and services
	   o Valerie Gordon, Consultant
	• The situation of Telecentres in the Dominican Republic:
	   o Mirna González INDOTEL and Vicky Apolinario, Fundación Taigüey,
	• Innovative Service Opportunities for Development; the Role for Telecentres in CARIFORUM:
	   o Telly Onu, Consultant, member of International Association of Agricultural Information Specialists (IAALD) and the CTA ICT Observatory
	
	Moderator: Moderator: Roderick Sanatan, Consultant

3:00 pm
4:30 pm
	Content and service development for agriculture in telecentres
	• Case study 1: Coffee Traceability initiative/Cap Rouge
	   o Kurt Jean-Charles, Solutions S.A, Haïti
	• Case Study 2: Jeffrey Town Farmers Association
	   o Ivy Gordon, Jamaica
	• Case study 3 : Some experiences of Community Technology Centers
	   o Joyner Darío, Office of the First Lady of the Dominican Republic
	• Case study 4: The roles of the " Joven Club Computación y Electrónica" in rural communites
	   o Santiago Mesa Camacho, Director JCCE Regional Office of Pinar del Rio, Cuba
	Moderator : Amparo Arango, CNSIC / INDOTEL

4:30 pm 4:45 pm	**Cultural interlude**

4:45 pm
6:00 pm
	Prize giving ceremony of the Telecentre Contest
	• Presentation of the contest,
	   o Ken Lohento, CTA
	• Contest results' presentation
	   o Mrs Amparo Arango, Jury Member
	• Handing out of Prizes

6:00 pm 6:30 pm	**Cultural show with the " Teatro Popular Danzante" and Cocktail**

	Day 2 – 29 April
9:00 am 11:00 am	**Group discussions** **Theme 1: Towards more relevant telecentre services to agriculture and rural development stakeholders** ▪ Introduction the working groups and methodology ▪ Issues to discuss 　▪ Examples of relevant services to be developed in relevant cases 　▪ With which stakeholder to establish strategic partnerships for adequate service development and how to favour effective collaboration? 　▪ How to ensure appropriation and impact? 　▪ What are needed capacities/skills? • Presentation in plenary and discussions Facilitation: Yacine Khelladi and Valerie Gordon
11:00 am 11:15 am	**Coffee break**
11:15 am 1:00 pm	**Group discussions** **Theme 2 - Community telecentres networking and partnerships** ▪ Introduction the working groups and methodology ▪ Issues to discuss: 　▪ Current situation 　▪ How to strengthen community telecentre networks? 　▪ `How to set up effective strategic partnerships including PPP? 　▪ how to strengthen network exchange: virtual/inter-institutional operators / support institutions / multistakeholder, local/national/regional 　▪ Partnership and mutual support to address connectivity and technical challenges ▪ Presentation in plenary and discussions Facilitation: Yacine Khelladi and Valerie Gordon
1:00 pm 1:30 pm	**Closing remarks:** 　o Yacine Khelladi, Executive Director, Fundación Taïguey 　o Amparo Arango, Representative of CNSIC/Indotel (Dom Rep) 　o Ken Lohento, ICT4D Programme Coordinator, CTA
1:30 pm 2:30 pm	**Lunch**
2:30 pm 4:00 pm	**Side Meeting of the Dominican Telecentre network (CACT-Dom)** ▪ Inter-Institutional roundtable ▪ Operators virtual community