

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING** is entered by and between:

THE AMERICAN REGISTRY FOR INTERNET NUMBERS, LTD. (“ARIN”), a nonprofit member--based organization serving over 5,000 member organizations and over 20,000 customers that include Internet service providers, enterprises, universities, content providers, hosting companies and more. ARIN plays a unique and critical role in the operations of the Internet in Canada, the United States, and many Caribbean islands. This includes IP address space allocation, transfer, and record maintenance; registration information (WHOIS); education, discussion-focused mailing lists; community outreach; 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.

AND

THE CARIBBEAN NETWORK OPERATORS GROUP (“CARIBNOG”), a nonprofit volunteer-based community of Network Operators, computer system administrators, cybersecurity practitioners and telecommunications, technology and Internet stakeholders dedicated to exchanging technical information and experiences related to the design, management, security and resilience of IP networks in the Caribbean region. This includes the staging of regional and national meetings, workshops and seminars; facilitating knowledge sharing mailing lists; advising members and organizations; conducting research and hosting the Caribbean Peering and Interconnection Forum.

CaribNOG objectives are:

- To aggregate the region’s network professionals in a functional technical community;
- To harness the knowledge and experiences of the community as a rich resource for Internet development in the Caribbean;
- To provide a robust platform of expertise to support digital transformation in the Caribbean;
- To foster technical research in areas of networking and internet technologies that produces a dense culture of mastery of the subject matter;
- To leverage the technical community in the solving of technical problems arising within the critical internet infrastructure implemented in the Caribbean region.

ARIN and CARIBNOG are referred to in this Agreement each individually as a “Party” and collectively as the “Parties.”

WHEREAS

- I. The Parties recognize the history of mutual respect and partnership that began at the inception of CaribNOG in August 2010 and has continued to the present time.
- II. The Parties wish to continue and strengthen the collaboration and joint initiatives that have defined their longstanding and mutually beneficial relationship.
- III. The Parties recognize the benefits of mutual support between the Parties in the area of Internet number resource policy development.
- IV. The Parties recognize the importance of the Internet to the economic and social development of the Caribbean region.
- V. The Parties recognize the importance of resilient and secure Internet infrastructure to the facilitation of reliable and quality digital services in the Caribbean region.
- VI. The Parties wish to raise public awareness of and build capacity for increased usage of the Internet and Internet Resources in the Caribbean.
- VII. The Parties wish to encourage the proliferation of autonomous networks, IPv6 deployment in the Caribbean region.
- VIII. The Parties wish to encourage and facilitate participation from members of the CaribNOG community in the ARIN number policy development process.
- IX. The Parties anticipate that each Party will benefit from the complementary skills, knowledge and experience of the other Party and realize synergies in various areas of common interest.

AGREEMENT

The Parties hereby agree as follows:

1. To maintain open and collaborative communications for the mutual development and benefit of both organizations particularly in the Caribbean region;
2. To facilitate jointly-hosted events and outreach initiatives within the Caribbean region – such activities may include in-person meetings and conferences, webinars, virtual events, workshops, training sessions, fellowship programs, and Internet number resource policy discussions as well as discussions of registry operations;
3. To cross-promote the other Party's meetings, events, activities, and initiatives; and
4. To share relevant information and periodically engage with the other Party to plan and schedule joint meetings and initiatives.

TERMS

1. This MOU shall be in effect from the date of execution by both parties for a period of five years unless sooner terminated as provided herein.
2. Either party may terminate this MOU for any reason, or no reason, upon thirty (30) days' written notice to the other Party unless otherwise agreed in writing by both Parties.
3. Nothing in this MOU shall be construed to be legally binding and enforceable in any court of law. Nothing in this MOU shall be construed to make or authorize a Party as the agent of the other Party.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this MOU has been duly executed by the Parties.

**CARIBBEAN NETWORK OPERATORS
GROUP**



SIGNATURE

STEPHEN LEE

PRINT NAME

9 November 2020

DATE

**AMERICAN REGISTRY FOR
INTERNET NUMBERS, LTD**



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JOHN CURRAN

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