



## American Registry for Internet Numbers (ARIN)

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### **ARIN and CTU Host Major Internet Community Meeting in Nassau, Bahamas**

*Nassau, Bahamas* – Network engineers, regulators, policy makers, and decision-makers in the Caribbean Internet community attended events in Nassau, The Bahamas this week to discuss Internet Protocol (IP) addressing issues and related policy matters. The meetings were hosted by the American Registry for Internet Numbers (ARIN) and the Caribbean Telecommunications Union (CTU).

On Tuesday, 16 September, morning events focused on IPv6 education and discussions, including a hands-on tutorial for attendees to experiment with an IPv6-only network and ask questions about how to implement IPv6 on their own networks.

The CTU held an afternoon workshop on “Regulatory Innovation in the IPv6 World.” Speakers discussed the innovative changes needed for emerging technologies and policy imperatives involved in IPv4 depletion and IPv6 adoption. There were also presentations of regulatory case studies from various Caribbean countries.

“This workshop generated meaningful discussions relating to the relevance of existing regulatory frameworks to the current environment of rapid technological change. These issues are vital to ICT development throughout the Caribbean. We look forward to continuing these discussions with a view to facilitating the development of an appropriate regulatory framework,” said Bernadette Lewis, Secretary General of the Caribbean Telecommunications Union.

On Wednesday, 17 September, participants discussed several pending policy proposals that dictate how organizations obtain IP address space from ARIN, including a proposal to allow special rules for Caribbean organizations. The Internet community in the ARIN region, which includes several Caribbean countries, determines how IP addresses are allocated. Feedback from this meeting goes directly into ARIN’s bottom-up policy development process.

IP addresses are the unique numbers computers and other electronic devices use to identify themselves and pass information over the Internet. With only 15% of the IPv4 address space remaining, the global Internet community is taking urgent action to ensure continued access to essential network services by implementing a newer version of addressing called IPv6. ARIN and the CTU are at the forefront of raising awareness and offering training and information relevant to preparing the Caribbean region to deal with this important issue.

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“It is extremely important for the entire ARIN community to hear the Caribbean perspective on various policy proposals. This meeting has provided valuable input into the policy process and we look forward to continued discussions,” said Raymond A. Plzak, ARIN’s President and CEO.

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### **About the American Registry for Internet Numbers (ARIN)**

ARIN is a nonprofit corporation that provides services related to the provision of Internet number resources – IPv4, IPv6, and Autonomous System numbers – in its service region, which includes Canada, many Caribbean and North Atlantic islands, and the United States.

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