

# The TT MAG Story

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# Internet Governance

as defined by  
the WGIG

“Internet governance is the development and application by Governments, the private sector and civil society, in their respective roles, of shared principles, norms, rules, decision-making procedures, and programmes that shape the evolution and use of the Internet.” –  
WGIG

# **Multistakeholder Model of Internet Governance for a ccTLD**

**The ccTLD  
multistakeholder model is the  
local application of the General  
Principles of Internet  
Governance**

# General Principles of Internet governance (WISIS – Tunis Agenda – Par 29)

- The international management of the Internet should be multilateral, transparent and democratic, with the full involvement of governments, the private sector, civil society and international organizations

# A Brief History of .tt

- Delegated to Patrick Hosein by Jon Postel in 1993.
- .tt subscribed to a multiple stakeholder ethos - including UWI, technical community, and internet users in the ccTLD management generally in an informal way
- Company (TTNIC) created in 1995 to administer the ccTLD
- Government of T&T interested in re-delegation since 1997
- Several Government-initiated multistakeholder consultations to discuss the “way forward” from 1997 to 2010

# A Brief History II

- Government attempts to re-delegate .tt to itself since 1997. Last, most serious attempt in 2009.
- Consultations held with Stakeholders
- Multistakeholder management model preferred by most stakeholders
- Lack of trust from stakeholders in Government-only system.
- Subscribe to the General Principles of Internet Governance

# A Brief History III

- .tt was focused on technical excellence
- Customer and stakeholder requests to update user experience
- MAG considered a fair and legitimate way to develop ccTLD policy

# Our Stakeholders

The .tt ccTLD consultation determined our major stakeholders as:

- Government
- Internet users
- Academia

- Technical community
- Civil society
- Business/SMEs



# The Interim MAG

- TTNIC discussed with many stakeholder organisations, and accepted volunteers to form the Interim MAG
- Interim MAG determined the initial structure and the terms of reference of the MAG, registered the company, and confirmed the stakeholder organisations towards forming the formal TTMAG
- TTNIC invited representatives to form the formal MAG
- The formal MAG was constituted in September 2015

# Member Organisations

Community Represented	Organisation
Academic	UWI UTT
Internet Users	ISOC TTCS
Telecommunications (Technical community)	We work closely with TATT, as well as all the telcomms companies, but as yet there is no consensus representative.
Government	NIHERST
ISPs and IXP	IXTT (represents IXP and ISPs)
Civil Society	Rotary Club
Business and Commercial	Trinidad and Tobago Coalition of Service Industries

# Current Members of the TT MAG



**Patrick Hosein**  
TTMAG Chairman



**George Gobin**  
TTNIC  
representative



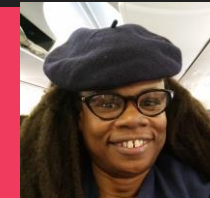
**Cintra Sooknanan**  
TTMAG Secretary



**Sanjay Bahadoorsingh**  
Academic  
Community Rep -  
UWI



**Tracy Hackshaw**  
Internet User  
Community Rep  
from ISOCTT



**Jacqueline Morris**  
Academic  
Community Rep -  
UTT



**Rabindra Jaggernaut**  
Business  
Community Rep  
from TTCSI



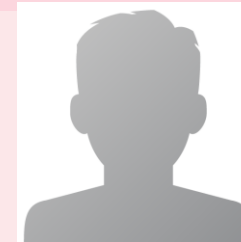
**Dev Anand Teelucksingh**  
Internet User  
Community Rep  
from TTCS



**Ajmal Nazir**  
ISP/IXP  
Community Rep  
from TTIX



**Dev Gosine**  
Civil Society Rep  
from the Rotary  
Club



**Kathy-Ann Joseph-Creese**  
Government Rep  
from NIHERST

# Administrative Structure

- Monthly working meetings – usually 4 hours long
- Online work as well – document repository, email, chat/messaging
- Standard admin roles –
  - Chair – TTNIC Board Member
  - Vice Chair – TTNIC Board Member
  - Corporate Secretary,
  - Treasurer (chosen from MAG members)
- Sub-committees focused on particular areas of interest
- Members share organisation liaison and meeting attendance duties

# TTMAG – Our Mission

- The TTMAG has as its responsibilities:
  - To be an independent entity for the promotion and development of best practice policy standards for the .TT ccTLD and the local Internet ecosystem in the interest of the Internet Community

# Mission II

- to serve the needs of any specific, cohesive community of interest and the local Internet community in the context of Internet evolution particularly in education, Internet infrastructure development, Internet standards and experimentation, public policies and regulatory co-ordination regarding Internet content and services, and contributing to Internet governance;
- promote activities consistent with .TT ccTLD's role and purposes in Trinidad and Tobago;
- to generally encourage the above objectives through projects and initiatives to increase awareness and local participation
- to represent the local Internet Community at conferences and meetings.

# Major Projects to Date

- Policy Development for .tt
  - Education domain policies
  - Religious domain policies
  - Charitable Institution policies
  - NGO/CBO policies
  - Reserved Domain List

# Major Projects to Date

- Business Development for .tt
  - Research and development of marketing strategies and policies
- Internet Governance in Trinidad and Tobago
  - IGFTT 2016
- Regional Support
  - Working with other ccTLDs, both directly and via CaribTLD
  - Participation in CIGF, CIF, CTU events



# Major Projects

- ICT activities in T&T
  - Research, opinion papers on local and regional ICT issues
  - Support for ICT education and ICT in Education
  - Support for local ICT , including sponsorship of events, and particularly student participation in events

# Major Projects

- International IG and ICT participation
  - participation and contribution to ICANN via involvement in committees and working groups, and mentoring.
  - Participation in the IGF
  - Participation in CTO conferences
  - TT MAG is a co-organizer of the SIDS Roundtable (Workshop #3: SIDS Roundtable: Death, Disaster & the Internet) at the 2016 IGF.

# Where do we go from here?

- Expand .tt domain use and sales
- Work to support the creation and growth of:
  - Local content
  - Local e-commerce
  - Local hosting
  - Local ICT development
- Support other regional ccTLDs
- Consultancy services
- TT Internet events - such as TTIGF
- Increased participation in International and regional policy fora