



National ICT initiatives steered by the Ministry of Transport, Communication and Tourism

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- * Short history
- * UNDP/TCT project
- * Link with current ICT in education projects.



- * Responsibility Ministry of Transport, Communication and Tourism.
- * Focal point for various initiatives for regional and international organizations, like CTU, ITU, Caricom.

* Introduction

- * In 2006 The Road map to ICT development in Suriname
- * 2008: A national commission was installed to formulate a national ICT strategy, with no success;
- * Ministry of Home Affairs: As part of the Public Sector Reform Program an E readiness study was produced in 2010.

* Short history of some national actions

- * Ministry of Labour, Technological Development and the Environment: executed a project to work towards the formulation of a national technology policy in 2008.
- * On a regional level we actively participated in the steering committee of Caricom which has formulated a regional digital development strategy.



- * Essential: To stimulate developments through legislation;
- * and to have a facilitating regulatory environment
- * A national working group is assessing the current Telecom Act of 2004 and will advise the Minister of Transport, Communication and Tourism on the way ahead.

* Current situation with regard to legislation

- * UNDP Suriname contacted the Ministry and proposed a joint venture in implementing a project.
- * Reducing Disparities through the use of ICTs in Suriname.
- * Aim of this project: use ICTs to bring government services to the users in the rural and urban areas.



* Joint project UNDP/TCT

- * Expected results: to have an instrument for exposing the population to the possibilities of ICT tools.
- * Since there is no national ICT strategy, a strategy to implement this intention has been formulated.
- * During his assessment the consultant shared his findings whereby the needs and wants of the various stakeholders was presented.

*** Cont'd project of UNDP-
TCT**

- * First he presented an overview of how ICT are used and which government services are accessible;
- * Those interviewed also indicated for which gov. services there is a need.
- * That is Central Civil Registry , the Health sector, but most of all education sector.

***Wants and needs**

- * It is clear by donating just hardware and software no sustainable solution is served.
- * we must focus on the human element.
- * focus will be on training and educating the population so that once the hard and software is donated the domino effect of continuous use is realized.

* Suggestions and conclusions

- * Important for the development is cooperation between the various initiatives that take place.
- * So the need for a central agency is necessary but it will not deter the implementation of initiatives that take place as you will learn from the next presenters.
- * Coordination is the key word so that duplication of projects by government bodies is avoided.

* **The next step**

- * We hope to get ideas on how develop content for the community access centers that will be used to bring gov services to urban and rural areas.
- * Educators in the interior are key persons next to the health workers
- * The strategy has valuable points which will be incorporated in the national ICT policy.

* **Link with this
conference**

*Thank You