

Grenada Internet Exchange Point and DNS Root Server Ceremony

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Today marks and celebrate another achievement in ICT and technology advancement in Grenada. The platform and stage for innovation and collaboration has been set, in Grenada having successfully deployed a **true working model** of a local Internet exchange, in Grenada. This local exchange hosts , not only a local traffic path for Service providers like LIME and FLOW but also Domain Name root services and soon ccTLD service for Grenada and possible CDN or Content delivery services in the future

Like with all things great and successful, it was not an easy task to get to this point but the journey of the negotiating and the implementing of this Internet exchange (or IX) was in indeed in itself rewarding.

I speak on behalf of both providers when I say the team effort and collaboration made this reality and today we are more than happy to say there we were part of a success that will go down in ICT history in Grenada.

It was more than a year ago that we came together as one unit, Providers, regulator and other organizations of interest for example the ICT office of the PM and other Service providers and operators of the likes of Digicel, Aislecom, Grencomm and CKLN to discuss and plan this implementation.

Technical discussions on how to implement the IX went on for months and finally we agreed to implement this IX to ensure that the Providers and National ICT agenda items forecasted were met.

Today we have local inter-provider traffic and DNS root services working on what we call the IXP switch fabric. Providers are benefiting from reduction of traffic on transit routes to the US and our customers have a better QoE for content that sits locally. We remember before the IXP implementation that confidential transfers of data and access to other critical local services had to be routed globally to get back to a customer that was only 100 feet away from the person who sent it.

In other words, we use our international Internet connections to exchange domestic traffic.

Today, that's no more, we have a one Gigabit link with very low latency between provider's networks, also a root sever that will answer to website queries much faster, giving an overall better Internet user-experience.

Once again and I say on behalf of Service Providers in Grenada, that we feel honored to be part of this remarkable achievement.