

Grenada Internet Exchange Point and DNS Root Server Ceremony

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GRENADA INTERNET EXCHANGE POINT RE-LOCATION CEREMONY

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LIME is delighted to be part of the creation of the Grenada Internet Exchange Point (IXP).

This initiative is an enabler in the Information, Communications and Technology (ICT) journey of our nation. It allows speedy and efficient sharing of information between local internet service providers and ultimately, customers of the providers. This will ultimately improve the consumer experience of our citizens when sharing information locally irrespective of internet service provider (ISP). It is an initiative that underscores the collaborative effort between competing entities for the common good of the ICT agenda of our nation.

However, the benefits of this initiative will be maximized when there is a paradigm shift in internet traffic. At the moment internet users in Grenada typically conduct transaction with sites hosted in the United States and beyond, whether it be for business or pleasure.

There must be focus and further development of local content. I reach out to our IT professionals, web developers, database developers, data hosting experts, entrepreneurs. Let not the size of our island determine the breadth of our abilities. Let us seize and exploit the ICT opportunities that exist.

LIME remains committed to this by our continued commitment to activities such as the first Mobile Applications in April of this year and the World Bank forum this Friday (November 23rd 2012).

LIME applauds the deployment and relocation looks forward to be an integral part of the proper functioning of GREX. All to the benefit of the citizens of Grenada.