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## UWI's Hopeton Dunn Nominated to Chair Session of UN's Internet Governance Conference in Egypt

Director of the UWI's Telecommunications Policy and Management Programme at the Mona School of Business, Dr Hopeton Dunn, has been selected to be the moderator of a session of the forthcoming United Nations conference on global democratic governance of the Internet.

The conference, the 4th global Internet Governance Forum (IGF), is scheduled to take place in the city of Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt, from November 15 to 18, 2009. The Internet Governance Forum (IGF) was established by the United Nations Secretary-General in keeping with the mandate from the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS). Delegates will attend the 4th IGF Conference from a large number of developed and developing countries. Jamaica's delegation will include Mr. Cecil McCain, Director, Post and Telecommunications in the Office of the Prime Minister and Dr Dunn.

The objective of the conference is to maximize the opportunity for open and inclusive dialogue and exchange of ideas on the development and use of the Internet. The event will create opportunities to share best practices and experiences and identify key global themes that would, in the future, contribute to a multi-stakeholder approach to Internet governance.

Under the general theme of '**Internet Governance – Creating Opportunities for all'**, the conference will deliberate on a wide range of issues including the following:

- Managing critical Internet resources;
- Security, openness and privacy;
- Access and diversity;
- Internet governance in the light of WSIS principles;
- Emerging issues: Impact of Social Networks.
- Taking stock and the way forward

Dr Dunn, who is also Chairman of the Broadcasting Commission of Jamaica, will chair the session relating to Access. Among topics to be covered in this session are interconnection costs; national and international regulatory issues; regional backbone and infrastructure issues; Internet Exchange Points (IXPs); safety and network redundancy and issues in mobile broadband access.

Following the IGF Conference in Egypt, the Mona School of Business, UWI, will host the 7th Caribbean Internet Forum (CIF) conference in Jamaica from November 25 to 26, 2009. The event, to be held at the Knutsford Court Hotel will involve participation by a wide range of regional and local stakeholders in the telecommunications and ICT industry. Registration for CIF 7, under the theme **Building the Caribbean Broadband Platform for Regional Development**, takes place online at the conference website or interested persons may make contact through email at cif2009@uwimona.edu.jm.

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**CIF Website**: http://ocs.mona.uwi.edu/ocs/index.php/acif/cif2009/schedConf/registration