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Media Release

CELEBRATING UNIVERSAL ACCEPTANCE (UA) DAY

ON TUESDAY 18TH APRIL 2023

The Telecommunications Authority of Trinidad and Tobago (TATT) and the Latin American and Caribbean Islands At-Large Regional Organization (LACRALO) are pleased to announce the inaugural awareness seminar “Celebrating Universal Acceptance Day”.

The virtual seminar will take place on Tuesday, 18th April 2023, from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

Universal Acceptance (UA) is an effort to ensure that all domain names and email addresses, regardless of their script, language or encoding, are treated equally and can be accessed by anyone, anywhere, on any device. The purpose of Universal Acceptance Day is to promote awareness and encourage the adoption of UA across the Internet community.

During the seminar, attendees will learn about the importance of UA and how it can benefit their organisations, businesses and communities. The seminar will feature presentations from industry leaders and experts on UA, such as Dr Ajay Data, Universal Acceptance Steering Group (UASG) Chairman and Mr Albert Daniels, Senior Manager, Stakeholder Engagement – the Caribbean, Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN).

Other distinguished speakers from ICANN include Mr Daniel Fink, Stakeholder Engagement Director, Brazil, ICANN and Mr Mark Datysgeld, Internet Governance and Policies Consultant and Director of Governance Primer. He is also on the Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) Council.

Mr Niran Beharry, Past President of the Internet Society of Trinidad and Tobago (ISOC-TT) and Mr Dev Anand Teelucksingh, Director and Secretary of Trinidad and Tobago Computer Society (TTCS), will add to the fruitful discussions of this interactive and informative seminar. Dr Claire C. Craig, Secretary of LACRALO and the Director of Research Caribbean Network Operators Group (CaribNOG) will moderate this insightful session.

*Directors: Mr. Gilbert Peterson, S.C. (Chairman), Dr. Kim Mallalieu (Deputy Chairman), Mr. Nikolaiski Ali,
Mr. Nigel Cassimire, Ms. Kalana Prince- Wilson.*

“We are excited to host our first-ever Universal Acceptance Day awareness seminar,” said Mrs Cynthia Reddock-Downes, Chief executive Officer of TATT. “As the Internet continues to grow and become more diverse, it is crucial that we ensure that all users have equal access to online resources. By promoting Universal Acceptance, we can create a more inclusive, multilingual and accessible Internet for everyone.”

The seminar is open to anyone interested in learning more about Universal Acceptance, including Internet service providers, domain registries, website owners, and software developers.

Registration is now open, and interested individuals can visit our website [Celebrating Universal Acceptance Day - Registration \(google.com\)](#) to register.

For media inquiries, please contact Ms Sherry McMillan, Executive Officer, TATT at 778-8095, smcmillan@tatt.org.tt or at uaday@tatt.org.tt.

About TATT

The Telecommunications Authority of Trinidad and Tobago (‘the Authority’) was established in July 2004 by the enactment of the Telecommunications Act Chap. 47:31 as the independent regulatory body responsible for the transformation of the telecommunications sector from a virtual monopoly to a competitive environment.

Learn more at <https://tatt.org.tt/>.

About LACRALO

LACRALO (Latin American and Caribbean Islands At-Large Regional Organization) is comprised of the ALSs (At-Large Structures) in Latin America and the Caribbean, accredited by ALAC (At-Large Advisory Committee), as a mechanism to ensure and promote the regional users’ participation in the policy development processes of the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN).

More information is available at <https://community.icann.org/display/LACRALO>

About ICANN

ICANN’s mission is to help ensure a stable, secure, and unified global Internet. To reach another person on the Internet, you need to type an address – a name or a number – into your computer or other devices. That address must be unique, so computers know where to find each other. ICANN helps coordinate and support these unique identifiers across the world. ICANN was formed in 1998 as a non-profit public benefit corporation with a community of participants from all over the world.

Discover more at <https://www.icann.org/>.

About the UASG

The UASG is a community-led initiative that was formed in 2015 and funded by ICANN. It consists of representatives from more than 120 companies, governments, and community groups. The UASG works to raise awareness of the importance of UA globally, provide free resources to organisations to help them become UA-ready and measure the progress of UA adoption.

To learn more, visit <https://uasg.tech/>.

About TTCS

The Trinidad and Tobago Computer Society is a computer user group formed in 1997.

More information can be found at <https://www.ttcs.tt/>.

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