

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This MoU is agreed upon by the following organizations:

*The CANTO organization of the Caribbean, which consists of 23 islands in this area. CANTO headquarters is in Trinidad and Tobago as one party

*eCOM-LAC – Latin America and Caribbean Federation of Internet and Digital Technologies, which consists of associations, companies, and educational organizations located in Argentina, Brazil, Mexico, and Uruguay. eCOM-LAC headquarters is located in Montevideo, Uruguay, as one party.

Both entities, acting together as parties agreed on that:

- Are non-profit organizations.
- Are actively working towards a sustainable digital economy.
- Became affiliate from each other, covering full affiliate fees at no cost in order to:
 - Grant access to any party members to participate on parties major events, annual conferences and any other related marketing activities at parties membership cost and conditions.
 - Promote to the media common activities, beginning with a common press release to announce this agreement on September 1st 2024.
 - Promote common presence at main events as CABASE Internet day, IoT day, CANTO Annual Meeting and Conference, and any other event that could be useful to promote common projects.
 - Invite parties members to participate and collaborate in projects related but no limited to e.g.: resilience in connectivity, 5G/6G development and wireless connectivity, climate change effect mitigation, housing for LEO Gateway satellites and services to breach the digital divide, share universal service obligations and licensing issues, spectrum availability and any project or theme that could be useful for parties members strategy and business development.
 - Collaborate in the understanding of the eruption of Chat GPT, at countries and member level, with focus on Artificial Intelligence, which will cause a tremendous impact on a global scale.
 - Collaborate with diverse sectors working separately on their respective focus activity (IoT, Industry 4.0, devices, solutions and products, Digital Twins, drones, etc.) which are now integrating their development strategies in line with the industry leaders.
 - Promote and share information on technology projects being developed in their respective organizations, with an aim to take advantage of the know-how and talents in both entities.
 - Promote joint development opportunities that could be hosted by eCOM-LAC and CANTO in a parties restricted access area, in other words, only members of CANTO and eCOM-LAC will have access to these areas.

There may be opportunities for major projects involving other organizations which could be addressed jointly by both parties. In such cases, both parties will evaluate the situation and agree upon a path forward (for example, widespread technology hub).

This document is legally organized under the laws of Uruguay, has a (1) year of validity period since September 1st 2024 and will be replaced by the definitive parties agreement before September 1st 2025.

CANTO

Date: 3/9/24

eCOM-LAC

Date: 27/08/2024

Signature 

Name: Teresa Wankin

Position: Secretary General



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Name: Oscar Messano

Position: President