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Minister Bossano attends Commonwealth ICT Ministers Forum 2016

Minister for Telecommunications Joe Bossano is currently in London having been invited to participate in the Commonwealth ICT Ministers Forum 2016.

The inaugural meeting of Commonwealth ICT Ministers, which took place in March 2014, decided there should be a biennial forum for the Commonwealth ICT Ministers to meet and discuss matters of common interest, paving the way for building Commonwealth consensus. Based on that decision, the CTO is convening this second Commonwealth ICT Ministers Forum.

The Commonwealth represents a unique sub-set of the world's countries, both well-endowed and less-endowed. Gaining consensus on key issues relating to ICTs among Commonwealth countries can play a critically important role in fostering wider international agreement. In order to achieve this objective, the Commonwealth ICT Ministers mandated the CTO to coordinate the engagement of Commonwealth countries in international ICT fora, and the meeting this year will receive a briefing by the CTO on the delivery of this mandate.

In addition this year's Forum will consider ICT regulation, Broadband, Cybersecurity and ICT Applications.

The Minister will be one of the speakers in the discussion panel dealing with Data Privacy.