



## MITCHELL WANTS ICT TO FURTHER UNITE REGION

**ST. GEORGE'S, GRENADA, Friday, July 12, 2013 - GIS:** CARICOM Minister responsible for Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Dr. the Hon Keith Mitchell wants to use the new Technological Era to drive the region forward.

He foresees it having a significant impact on the growth and development of the Caribbean.

Dr. Mitchell highlighted the issue during his recent address at the 34th Meeting of CARICOM in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago.

A former Mathematics Teacher at Howard University in the United States, the Grenada leader is pushing for CARICOM to transform itself from 15 Sovereign states to a single ICT state, to compliment the CARICOM Single Market and Economy.

Prime Minister Mitchell wants the more advanced (ICT) states, to help those who are not at their level. He is passionate about bringing the region together through the use of Information Communication Technology. (ICT)

Dr. Mitchell is of the view that there should not be roaming charges among CARICOM States as is the case in the United States of America (USA).

“When you make a call you make a call. It should also be so in the Caribbean. That will help to do precisely this”, he told fellow leaders.

Dr. Mitchell is pushing for a meeting with regional ICT Ministers in St George’s to lay the ground work for the transformation to a single ICT state.

Prime Minister Mitchell says, that the idea has been warmly received by ICT Ministers, and is positive that the meeting in Grenada will chart the way forward for ICT to play a meaningful role in the economic growth and development of the region.

“We will take some of the major issues from the meeting in Grenada to the next Heads of Government meeting, and a number of other decisions that we have all agreed, are going to be crucial for the development of the region as a whole”, Dr Mitchell said.

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