



**4th OOCUR Annual Conference
8-10 November 2006
Grenada**

Colleagues,

The Organisation of Caribbean Utility Regulators (OOCUR) and Co-Host the Eastern Caribbean Telecommunications Authority (ECTEL) are pleased to invite you to attend and participate in the 4th OOCUR Annual Conference which will be held at The Grenadian by Rex Resorts on 8-10 November 2006 in Grenada.

Every year OOCUR premier event is its Annual Conference and this year OOCUR Members, Regional Regulators & Utility Providers and International Regulators & Utility Providers would meet in Grenada to exchange ideas, share information and knowledge on the topics and issues discussed and generally to network and to foster greater understanding of issues and problems facing Regulators.

The 4th OOCUR Annual Conference is a three-day programme on Utility Regulatory issues in the Telecommunication, Electricity and Water & Wastewater Sectors. Regional and International Utility Regulatory Commissioners, Staff and Consultants have committed to speak at this Conference.

OOCUR invites your organization to present and/or participate in this Conference and we look forward to seeing you in Grenada on 8-10 November 2006.

Enclosed are Call for Papers, Venue Information, Hotel Reservation Form and OOCUR Registration Form, all of which would assist in planning your participation.


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~ CALL FOR PAPERS ~

The Organisation of Caribbean Utility Regulators (OOCUR) invite submissions of research papers for presentation at the 4th OOCUR Annual Conference on topics listed below:

Telecommunications/ ICT

- Interconnection
- Managing Spectrum
- Competitive Safe Guards
- Universal Service
- Narrow and Broadband Access
- Convergence in Telecommunications Broadcasting & Computing
 - Mobility and Information Technology
 - Wireless Services
- Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP)
- ICT in Disaster Preparedness
- Disaster Recovery Planning from a Regulatory Perspective
 - Issues of ICT Regulation
 - Price/Rate/Tariff
- Any other relevant paper

Water & Wastewater

- Private Sector Participation/Water as a Business
 - Service Levels
 - Social Considerations
- Unaccounted for Water (UFW) Management
 - Watershed Management
 - Water Metering
- Benchmarking/Performance Indicators
- Revenue/Cost Assessments with respect to Opex/Capex in Water Utilities
- Regulation of the Wastewater Sector
 - Price/Rate/Tariff
- Any other relevant paper

Electricity

- Issues of Unbundling/Deregulation
 - Fuel Efficiency in Generation
 - Funding Capital Expenditure
- Renewable/Alternative Energy Sources
 - Systems Losses
 - Funding New Supply Development
- Issues with respect to Quality of Customer Service
 - Price/Rate/Tariff
- Any other relevant paper

Regulatory Challenges

- Challenges to Regulating a Competitive Market
- Challenges to State Owned Monopoly Utility in a Regulatory Environment
 - Challenges to Regulating Natural Monopolies
- Regulatory Independence and Regulating the Regulator
 - Any other relevant paper

Stakeholders Participation & Communications

- Role of the Consumer in Utility Regulation
- Communications in a Utility Regulatory Environment
- Consumer Education and Participation in the Regulatory Process
 - Regulators Guide to Effective Consultation
 - Consumer Advocacy and Representation
 - Any other relevant paper

Legal/Regulatory Framework & Capacity Building

- Regulator's Duty to Act Fairly
- Legal and Institutional Development in Utility Regulation in the Caribbean
 - Effective use of ADR in Utility Regulation
- Utility Regulatory Capacity Building in the Caribbean
 - Any other relevant paper

Submission Guidelines:

Abstracts: one page specifying topic, name of presenter and including short CV

Paper: to be typed on Microsoft Word, font size 12 and sent by email attachment

Presentation: paper presentation time is 20 minutes including optional Power Point

Publication: papers will appear in OOCUR publications

Abstract - Submission Deadline: September 15, 2006

Notification of Abstract Acceptance: September 18, 2006

Paper Submission Deadline: October 25, 2006. No Paper–No Podium will apply

Submit Abstract and Paper to: Rita2247@yahoo.com or persaudkongr@ric.org.tt or secretariat@oocur.org Mailing Address: OOCUR Secretariat c/o RIC, Furness House, Corner Wrightson Road & Independence Square, Port of Spain, Trinidad & Tobago, Tel. (868) 742-1092, (868) 627-7820 or (868) 627-0503 & Fax: (868) 624-2027 website: <http://www.oocur.org>



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4th OOCUR Annual Conference 8-10 November 2006 Grenada

Venue Information

HOTEL:

The Grenadian by Rex Resorts, Tamarind Bay, Grenada

Tel: (473) 444 3333

Fax: (473) 444 1111 or (473) 439-0665

Web: www.rexcaribbean.com/index.html

Please complete and submit the Hotel Reservation Form by 15th October 2006 to The Grenadian by Rex Resorts for the attention of Ms. Tessa Richardson –Fax: (473) 444 1111 or (473) 439-0665 Phone: (473) 444 3333, Email:

grenrex@spiceisle.com

To facilitate coordination of your registration please also fax the Hotel Reservation Form to ECTEL for the attention of Ms. Pearl Lake –Fax: (758) 458 1698, Phone: (758) 458 1701 Email: plake@ectel.int

The deadline for hotel reservation at the OOCUR Conference Rates as indicated in the Hotel Reservation Form is 15th October 2006. Reservation after 15th October 2006 is subject to space and rate availability.

Transportation to and from the Point Salines International Airport and the hotel will be provided and is included in the registration cost. Please provide accurate arrival information on the Hotel Reservation Form.

The Grenadian By Rex Resorts:



This waterfront hotel, set on five acres sloping to the beach, has 210 rooms all with balconies or terraces. Rooms are located either directly on the beachfront or on the hillside with sea or hillside views. Please note that this is a non-smoking resort.

GRENADA

Grenada is the three-island state of Grenada, Carriacou and Petit Martinique. The three islands are located in the Eastern Caribbean between the Caribbean Sea and the Atlantic Ocean, north of Trinidad and Tobago. Grenada is the largest of the three, with a width of twelve miles (18km) and length of twenty-one miles (34km) and total area of 133 square miles. Tempered by northeast trade winds, Grenada has mountainous rainforests, waterfalls, lakes, springs, coastlines with bays and stunning beaches. Grenada is known as the “Isle of Spice” because of its production of nutmeg, mace, cinnamon, ginger, cloves and bay leaf. **Saint George's** the capital of Grenada is regarded as the most charming harbor town in the Western Hemisphere.

Currency: Eastern Caribbean Dollar (EC)

Exchange Rate: EC\$2.67 approx. for US\$1.00

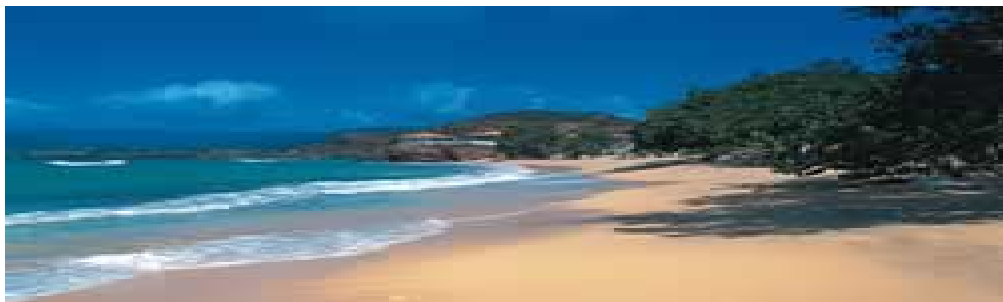
Major Credit Cards: accepted by hotels, restaurants, car rentals and shops

Airport Departure Tax: EC\$50.00 when leaving Grenada

Airport: situated one mile from hotel

Climate: hot tropical climate although evenings are cooler

Locator Map:



Come and Enjoy a Grenadian Experience



HOTEL RESERVATION FORM

For 4th OOCUR Annual Conference

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LAST NAME: _____ **FIRST NAME:** _____
ADDRESS: _____
CITY: _____ **STATE:** _____
COUNTRY: _____
TELEPHONE: _____ **FAX:** _____
E-MAIL: _____

Arrival & Departure Information

Arrival Date _____ Time _____ Flight _____
 Departure Date _____ Time _____ Flight _____

Room Rates

The Grenadian by Rex Resorts agrees to hold the full block of guestrooms until 15th October 2006, subject to review with our Front Office Manager. All blocked rooms remaining unreserved at the cut-off date shall be released for resale and delegate reservations accepted on a first-come first-served basis, at the prevailing rack rate.

Room Type	Superior/Beach Front	Executive	Executive Suite
Single Occupancy	<input type="radio"/> US\$120.00	<input type="radio"/> US\$130.00	<input type="radio"/> US\$140.00
Double Occupancy	<input type="radio"/> US\$130.00	<input type="radio"/> US\$140.00	<input type="radio"/> US\$150.00

Please tick the room type required.

Room Rates include breakfast & lunch. Add Service Charge: 10% & government Tax: 8%

Credit Card

Name: _____ **Type:** _____
Number: _____ **Expiration Date:** _____
Signed: _____ **Date:** _____

Check in time begins at 3.00pm and Check out time is 12 noon



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REGISTRATION FORM

Participant /Presenter/Sponsor *(Print in Capital Letters, will appear as stated in badges etc.)*

Mr./Mrs./Ms:

Organization: **First Name** **Middle Name** **Last Name**

Position/Title:

Mailing Address:

Postal Code:

City/State:

Country:

Tel:

Fax:

E-mail:

Registration Fees:

OOCUR Member Participant US\$300.00 ___ Non-Member Participant US\$500.00 ___

OOCUR Member Presenter US\$100.00 ___ Non-Member Presenter US\$500.00 ___

(This fee includes Welcome Reception, Gala Dinner, Conference Proceedings materials, Bag & T-shirt etc. Participants are responsible for Hotel charges).

Method of Payment: by cash or certified cheque made payable to the Organisation of Caribbean Utility Regulators OOCUR. Payment must be made on day of Registration November 7-10, 2006. OOCUR will not accept liability for any kind of money loss.

Form must be Completed and Faxed by October 20, 2006 to:

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