

Youth and ICT

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Outline

- What is ICT
- The need for ICT
- The opportunities in ICT
- The Challenges in ICT

What is ICT

- ICT stands for Information Communication Technology
- It is formally defined as:
 - “a term used to encompass all forms of computing systems, telecommunications and networks”
- In our application:
 - Use of current and growing technology to provide solutions
 - The networking and collaboration of people, organizations and countries
 - An system of inter-related field of computer and information related services

The Need For ICT

- Production Possibility Frontier
 - Tried and Test Economic Principle
 - Extending the productive capacity of businesses and countries
- Make informed Decisions
 - Evidence Based
 - Timely

The Need For ICT

- Global Competitiveness
 - Providing services to a world market
 - Innovation in global community

The Opportunities in ICT

- “Digital Natives”
- Room For Growth
 - Applicable Technology
 - Under-utilized
 - Innovative
- Vast Entrepreneurial Potential
 - So Many Areas in ICT

The Challenges in ICT

- Myopic view of ICT
- Cost of using international ICT Solutions
- High use of Illegal Software affects security
- Availability of resources for taking business risk
- Demand for new ICT services versus Traditional methods

Conclusion

- ICT is the platform through growth, competitiveness and innovation can be achieved in a number of industries in our CARICOM region
- Youth (partly due to their aptitude) stand to be the major instrument for this proposed change
- However lack of vision and resources threaten the realization of such potential