

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Public Utilities Commission Celebrated World Telecommunication and Information Society Day**

The Public Utilities Commission (PUC) Guyana, joined the rest of the world in celebrating World Telecommunication and Information Society Day (WTISD) as it seeks to assist all Guyanese in achieving access to reliable telecommunication services.

WTISD's theme this year is '*Bridging the Standardization Gap*' and 2019 marks the fiftieth year of this observance which coincides with the anniversary of the signing of the first International Telegraph Convention and the creation of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU).

The purpose of WTISD is to raise awareness to the vast possibilities which the use of the Internet and other information and communication technologies (ICT) can bring to societies and economies, in addition to devising ways to bridge the digital divide.

Telecommunication is important for the realisation of the United Nation's 17 Sustainable Development Goals, to which Guyana is a signatory, and as such the PUC recognises the important role it plays in ensuring that Guyana is on target to achieve the UN mandated goals by 2030.

We, at PUC recognise that this is not a simple task, as President David Granger recently stated 'the PUC is the guardian of the Public Interest' and we are committed to utilizing our resources and legal remit in an effort to ensure that the gap is bridged, and further that competitive and reliable telecommunication services becomes a reality for all Guyanese.

Happy World Telecommunication and Information Society Day!

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