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## **TELECOMMUNICATIONS VIDEO COMPETITION A SUCCESS**

**Monday, July 11** –This year's World Telecommunication and Information Society Day (WTISD) Video Competition held in the Territory was hailed a success by the Telecommunications Regulatory Commission (TRC).

For the first time, the TRC catered for an adult category, ages 19 and above, along with the usual children category, ages 12 – 18, with a good response from both groups.

Chief Executive Officer at the Telecommunications Regulatory Commission, Mr. Guy L. Malone, said "The TRC is extremely honoured to be hosting these events annually where we can expose our people by raising awareness in relation to the technological possibilities that exist while participating in various activities." He added that the participation this year was extremely overwhelming and next year the competition is expected to be bigger and better.

First place winner in the adult category, Mr. Earl Hazel, Jr. said that it was an interesting experience and he encourages more persons to join the competition next year.

He said, "The topic that we had, 'Broadband: The Future of Innovation' was quite an interesting one and the research opened my eyes to the possibilities and opportunities that we have in the BVI when it comes to broadband.'

Twin brothers, Kem and Kemrond Williams also entered the competition and both placed in the children's category. The two said that they helped each other and shared ideas throughout the process. Kem Williams is a repeat entrant.

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The winner of last year's competition, Hakeem Gravesande, also entered this year's competition and placed in the adult category.

Entrants for the competition were expected to create video no more than three minutes about this year's theme "Broadband: The Future of Innovation".

The six successful winners are:

- | <u>Children</u>                | <u>Adult</u>                    |
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| • 1st Prize - Kemrond Williams | • 1st Prize - Earl Hazel, Jr.   |
| • 2nd Prize - Jordan Lewis     | • 2nd Prize - Hakeem Gravesande |
| • 3rd Prize - Kem Williams     | • 3rd Prize –Naudia Turnbull    |

Prizes included an iPad Pro, iPad Air 2 and iPad Mini 4.

The TRC is appreciative of the support shown by the community and extends best wishes to all the participants.

WTISD has been celebrated in the Territory since 2009 and helps bring awareness to the possibilities that the use of the Internet and other information and communication technologies (ICT) can bring to societies and economies, as well as ways to bridge the digital divide.

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NOTES TO EDITOR(S):

- Group Photo Caption Left to right: TRC Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Guy Malone, first place winner in the Adult Category Mr. Earl Hazel, Jr.; First place winner in the Children's Category, Kemrond Williams; Third place winner in the Children's category, Kem Williams; Third place winner in the Adult Category, Ms. Nekita Turnbull on behalf of Ms. Naudia Turnbull; Chairman of the TRC Board of Directors, Mr. Michael Thomas, and TRC Commissioner, Mr. Delroy Williams
- Award photo first place winner in the Adult Category, Mr. Earl Hazel, Jr. accepts his award from TRC Commissioner, Mr. Delroy Williams.