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TRC Launches 2019 Video Competition

April 3, 2019 – The Commission is excited to launch this year's World Telecom's Day celebration under the theme: - "Transforming BVI with Broadband throughout the 21st Century and Beyond."

The competition which is hosted by the Telecommunications Regulatory Commission is in observance of World Telecommunication and Information Society Day which is observed globally on May 17.

Chief Executive Officer at the Commission, Mr. Guy L. Malone, said that he is pleased with the responses the Commission have been receiving from persons participating over the years.

Mr. Malone said, "The worldwide theme is "Bridging the gap with innovation and technology" nevertheless I am anticipating and looking forward to the entries to be received under this year's local theme. As the regulator, it will be interesting to see what the general public understands and their ideas about transforming Broadband as it's a portfolio of the Commission"

Administrative Manager and organiser of the event, Mrs. Denise Stoutt-Johnney said the 2019 celebration marks 10 years that the Commission has been celebrating World Telecom's Day locally.

According to Mrs. Stoutt-Johnney the video competition has been reintroduced this year as the 2018 World Telecom's Day celebrations were done a bit differently. Due to the passing of Hurricane Irma, the Commission used the opportunity to assist persons in getting prepared for the Hurricane Season with items such as radios, vehicle assistant kits, First aid kits and many more items. As we return to our signature event, the video competition, we look forward to our past participants and new entries.

The video competition is open to persons under two categories: Juniors: 12 – 19 and Seniors: 20 – 35. Individuals may submit one video 3 to 5 minutes in length and must incorporate the theme. Deadline for submission is May 6, 2019 at midnight. Prizes include all expense paid trips and tablets. For rules and registration, visit the Commission's website at <u>www.trc.vg/WTISD</u> or Facebook at facebook.com/TRCVI. For more information telephone 468-4165.

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