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Saint Lucia hosts 97th Meeting of ECTEL’s Board of Directors

The Eastern Caribbean Telecommunications Authority held its 97th Board of Directors meeting in Saint Lucia April 17th, 2024. Among the critical matters discussed was the much-anticipated Electronic Communications Bill, also known as the EC Bill.

We get details in this report:

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The 97th meeting of the Board of Directors of the Eastern Caribbean Telecommunications Authority, ECTEL was held in Saint Lucia with some members attending virtually.

The Chairman of the Board Mr. Philip Dalsou notes that the governance arrangement of ECTEL requires the Board of Directors to meet four times a year to be updated on the work of the regional telecommunications regulator.

**AV Clip -Mr. Philip Dalsou – Chairperson, Board of Directors of ECTEL**

The Board of Directors ensures that the electronic communications sector remains properly regulated and that consumers and investors continue to benefit from an industry liberalised over two decades ago.

**AV Clip - Mr. David Cox – Managing Director of ECTEL**

The ECTEL Managing Director David Cox says one of the key items on the agenda was the much-awaited Electronic Communications Bill which is an update to current Telecommunications ACT.

**AV- Clip Mr. David Cox**

The EC Bill when enacted will allow the five National Telecommunications Regulatory Commissions which ECTEL advises, to better serve consumers and allow for more investments in the sector.

It is the hope that the EC Bill will be enacted in the remaining ECTEL Contracting States within the next year or so.

**AV- Clip Mr. David Cox**

The five Contracting States of ECTEL are the Commonwealth of Dominica, Grenada, St. Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, and St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

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