



MONDAY 31ST JANUARY 2022

Theme 1: DEFINITION : The Metaverse – What it is and What it is not

This theme will explain the metaverse from a conceptual and technical perspective. Key terms such as virtual, mixed and augmented reality, blockchain, non-fungible tokens (NFTs), crypto-currencies, and others will be explored in an effort to raise public awareness of the metaverse and its key terminology.

Time	Item	Proposed Speaker
9:00 – 9:05 am	Welcome	Mr. Rodney Taylor Secretary-General, CTU

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9:05 – 10:05 am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New Opportunities in the Metaverse Presentation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moderator: His Excellency Gabriel Abed Ambassador of Barbados to the United Arab Emirates (UAE) Mr. Borget Sebastien Sandbox Metaverse Mr. Hrish Lotlikan Founder & C.E.O - SuperWorld
10:05 – 10:15 am	Q&A	

Theme 2: ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES AND RISKS OF THE METAVERSE

This theme will examine the economic, social and cultural opportunities for different stakeholders including governments and the private sector.

10:15 – 10:30 am	Unbundling Metaverse policy challenges	Mr. Vladimir Radunovic Director, E-diplomacy and Cybersecurity Programmes, Diplo Foundation - Geneva
10:30 – 11:30 am	Panel Discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Building the Metaverse How Governments should Respond to the Metaverse Benefit to Citizens and the Social Impact in Traversing the Metaverse 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moderator: Dr. Annalee Babb, ICT Consultant, Barbados Mr. Lester Garcia Head of Connectivity Policy - LATAM META Professor Avinash Persaud Chairman, CARICOM Commission on the Economy Mr. Alan Emtage Computer Scientist, Barbados
11:30 – 11:45 a.m	Q&A	

Theme 3: DIGITAL SKILLS TO SUPPORT THE METAVERSE

This theme will explore the skills that are needed for the Caribbean to position itself to take advantage of the opportunities identified in theme 2 and how this might impact regional academic institutions in the short to long term.

11:45 a.m - 12:45 p.m	Panel Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting the Metaverse: Rethinking the Caribbean Academic Institution Transferability of Games Development Skillsets for the Growing Opportunities Building the Metaverse Presentation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moderator: Java Sealy Barbados CARICOM Youth Ambassador / Entrepreneur Dr. Kim Mallalieu (UWI) Senior Lecturer, University of the West Indies, St. Augustine Mr. Stuart Butler Course Director, School of Digital, Technologies and Arts Staffordshire University, United Kingdom Kristie Powell Technologist
12:45 – 12:55 p.m.	Interactive open Q&A and End of Webinar	Mr. Nigel Cassimire Deputy Secretary-General, CTU