Workshop on Effective Legal Frameworks for Building the Digital Economy

Barbados, 13th – 15th February 2023
Accra Beach Hotel, Barbados

PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA

TIME (AST)	Programme
Day 1: Monday 13th February 2023 ***Theme: Overview of Key Legislative Building Blocks in National Frameworks that Support the Digital Economy***	
8:00-9:00am	Registration of Participants
AGENDA ITEM I: OPENING SESSION	
9:00-9:05am	Introduction and Housekeeping Announcements [*Francola John- Stakeholder Engagement and Event Management Specialist- CTU*]
9:05-9:10am	Welcome Remarks by the Secretary General CTU
9:10-9:15am	Welcome Remarks by the Commonwealth Secretariat
9:15-9:30am	Remarks by Hon Attorney General of Barbados
9:30-9:35am	Workshop Group Photo
AGENDA ITEM II: MAIN SESSION	
9:35-10:15 [United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF)]	***Measuring digital economies and creating an enabling regulatory environment for financial innovation.*** This session will feature a Presentation on the Inclusive Digital Economy Scorecard (IDES), a tool to measure the development of digital economy and its

	inclusiveness. Experience from several countries globally using IDES will be shared. Digital finance is a key foundation of digital economies and the IDES tool. Building from key metrics captured by the IDES tool for developing an enabling environment for Digital Finance, this session will also discuss regulatory enablers for digital finance and in particular the enabling of e-money and FinTech and implications on licensing and supervision frameworks. [*Mark Wensley, Digital Advisor to the UN's Capital Development Fund* *Helen Gradstein, Regional Digital Finance Specialist - Caribbean*]
10:15-10:45 [AGLA-Intellectual Property Office Trinidad and Tobago]	***Intellectual Property*** This session will feature a Presentation in relation to the importance of protecting intellectual property within the digital sphere of online business and the essential legislative features which should be put into place based on international best practice standards. This session will also feature a Q&A. [*Regan Asgarali, Controller of Intellectual Property, Intellectual Property Office of Trinidad and Tobago*]

10:45-11:00am   Coffee Break

11:00-11:45 am	***Panel Discussion on Fintech & Regulatory Sandboxing*** This panel will feature representatives from the Private Sector, Banking Industry, as well as the Government/Regulator.
11:45-12:00	***Moderated Q&A Session***

12:00   Lunch

1:00-1:35 [The Commonwealth Secretariat: Commonwealth Connectivity Agenda (CCA)]	***Data Protection & Cross Border Data Flows*** This session will feature a presentation in relation to the importance of establishing resilient data protection and privacy legislative frameworks, as a measure to promoting greater trust and confidence and also facilitating cross-border trade and data flows. [*Vashti Maharaj-Adviser Digital Trade Policy, CCA*]
1:35-2:15 [CARICOM Competition Commission]	***Consumer Protection & Competition/Fair Trading Legislation to Bolster the Digital Economy*** This session will feature a presentation on the importance of establishing a comprehensive framework for consumer protection as well as competition/fair trading within Caribbean jurisdictions. The critical role of the establishment of customer redress and dispute resolution processes as well as the promotion of fair competition as a foundational element in building the digital economy. This session will also feature a brief Q&A segment. [*Nievia Ramsundar-Executive Director/CEO of the CARICOM Competition Commission*]

2:15-2:30pm	*Coffee Break*

2:30-3:15pm [CARICOM Impacs]	***The Role of Cybersecurity in Building Trust & Confidence in the Digital Economy*** *This session will present an outline of the importance of cybercrime/computer crimes/computer misuse legislation in establishing trust and confidence in the integration within the digital economy. Focus will be placed on key regional policy and legislative interventions as well as principal areas of focus of legislators and key policy makers.* *[Anselm Charles, Information and Communications Technology Manager, CARICOM IMPACS]*
3:15-3:45pm [Caribbean Telecommunications Union]	***Bridging the Digital Divide: Telecommunications Legislative Frameworks*** This session will feature a presentation on the importance of building strong foundational telecommunications legal frameworks in bolstering and supporting the digital economy and will place focus on critical issues such as pricing and quality of service, universal service obligations, as well as international standards. This session will also feature a brief Q&A segment *[Nigel Cassimire-Deputy Secretary General & Head of Regional Policy Development, CTU]*
3:45-4:00pm [CTU]	**Wrap Up and Close of Day One Proceedings**

Opening Cocktail Event [6:00pm-8:00pm]	

Day 2: Tuesday 14th February 2023 *Theme: International Perspectives on Building the Digital Economy*	
9:00-9:35 am [BSI]	***The Role of Standardization in Legal Frameworks for Building the Digital Economy*** This presentation will focus on the role of incorporating international standards into legislative frameworks and its Standards Based Digitalization Toolkit which focuses on various elements which contribute towards building the digital economy. [*Cindy Parokkil - International Policy Manager – BSI*]
9:35- 10:05 am [International Chamber of Commerce]	***Bridging Borders: ICC Standards Toolkit for Cross-Border Paperless Trade*** This presentation will present an outline of the Standards Toolkit for Cross-Border Paperless Trade, which has been developed by the International Chamber of Commerce's Digital Standards Initiative and the World Trade Organization. An overview will also be provided of the work that is being spearheaded by the ICC to promote harmonization of legal frameworks. This session will also facilitate a Q&A segment.

	[*Chris Southworth Secretary General of the International Chamber of Commerce, UK*]

10:05-10:20 am   Coffee Break

10:20- 11:00am [International Telecommunications Union]	***Bringing the Pieces Together, The Importance of Regional Harmonization*** This session focuses on the importance of the regional harmonization of laws that create an enabling environment for the digital economy. An overview of the HIPCAR Project is provided and the outcomes within the Caribbean. [*Sofie Maddens, Head of the Regulatory and Market Environment, ITU*]
11:00-11:45am [CTU: Moderator]	***Panel Discussion: Caribbean Harmonization*** This Panel discussion aims to engage regional providers on the priority areas of focus in fostering Caribbean harmonization of enabling legislation that boosts and support the digital economy. The discussion aims to also identify some of the hurdles and also set out clear recommendations for moving ahead.
11:45-12:00	***Moderated Q&A Session***

12:00-1:00pm   *Lunch*

1:00pm-1:35pm [*United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL)*] *Virtual*	***Role of Legal Harmonization In Bolstering The Digital Economy: The Contribution of the UNCITRAL Model Laws on Electronic Transferable Records and The Use and Cross-border Recognition of Identity Management and Trust Services*** [*Dr. Luca Castellani, Legal Officer, Secretary of Working Group IV (Electronic Commerce), UNCITRAL*]
1:35-2:15pm [The Commonwealth Secretariat: CCA] *Virtual*	***International Perspective: Trade Facilitation Agreements & International Cooperation*** This session presents an overview of Trade Facilitation Agreements which impacts upon the Commonwealth (with particular focus on the Caribbean context). This leads to a discussion of the impact upon legal frameworks that are required to translate such international cooperation initiatives into domestic law. [*Mohammed Owais Khan, Adviser, Regulatory Framework, Commonwealth Connectivity Agenda, The Commonwealth Secretariat*]

2:15-2:30pm   Coffee Break

2:30-4:00pm [[The Commonwealth Secretariat: CCA]	**Group Work Assignment** Participants will be allocated to different working groups and presented with a practical problem statement/scenario in which they are required to analyze the fact pattern and identify workable recommendations. Such recommendations will be in the form of a presentation to the entire group and will be presented to a panel of esteemed judges.
4:00-4:15 pm	*Wrap Up & Close of Day Two Proceedings*

Day 3: Wednesday 15th February 2023 **Theme: Regional Feedback & Way Ahead**	
9:00-9:15 am [The Commonwealth Secretariat: CCA]	**Review of Day 2 Findings and Key Takeaways**
9:15-10:45am	**Group Assignment Discussion** Participants will convene in their groups and complete their presentation, nominate their presenter and prepare for rationalization of their main points and recommendations.
10:45-11:00am	**Coffee Break**
11:00am-12:00	**Presentation by Groups**
12:00-12:30pm	**Q&A by Panel of Judges**
12:30-1:30pm	**Lunch**
1:30-2:15pm	**Partner Presentation/s**
2:15-3:00pm [CTU]	**Key Workshop Takeaways & Next Steps**
3:00pm-3:15pm [CTU& CCA]	**Vote of Thanks & Close of Proceedings** *[Kirk Haywood, Head Commonwealth Connectivity Agenda, Trade Oceans and Natural Resources Directorate, The Commonwealth Secretariat]*
END OF WORKSHOP	