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THEME:
"EMBRACING A DIGITAL CARIBBEAN: OPPORTUNITIES
FOR GROWTH AND INNOVATION"

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Message from

Senator The Honourable
Hassel Bacchus

Minister of Digital Transformation,
Trinidad & Tobago and President of the CTU

It has been a distinct honour and a privilege to have served as President of the CTU over the past year. The last 12 months have been transformational and tumultuous. Unprecedented global events, climate change and the concomitant impact on food and energy prices have had far-reaching consequences. These have been accompanied by an era of even more rapid technological development in which 'digital-by-default' has assumed growing prominence.

At no other time has the old adage, no man is an island, seemed more true. As a region of small island developing states (SIDS), we understand this better than most. Consequently the Caribbean is being buffeted by waves of impactful developments, the responses to which underscore the importance of ICT/digital technology as an enabler of sustainable development on the one hand; and the criticality of partnerships and collaboration on the other.

The CTU and its Secretariat has proven to be a strong tower in this period of ongoing, unpredictable change. Under the stewardship of Secretary General Taylor and his Executive Team, the Secretariat has served its membership well. Its coordination of the Region's participation in the ITU 2022 Plenipotentiary Conference is one such example. At that critical engagement, the Region, with its highest ever number of representatives demonstrated its strength as a grouping and signalled its resolve to be seated at the decision-making table.

The significantly advanced work on the treatment of OTTs, participation in the UN General Assembly and the recently concluded Internet Governance Forum, are all examples of the work being done to advance the Region's interests. Further, these efforts are being carried out collaboratively with development partners, the private sector and other key stakeholders. This is sine qua non if technology is to be leveraged to transform our countries and improve the lives and livelihoods of our citizens.

I therefore take this opportunity to extend our collective thanks to the Secretariat for its excellent efforts and to all those who continue to work tirelessly in advancing the CTU's mandate. I intend to do no less

Senator the Hon. Hassel Bacchus
Minister of Digital Transformation and
President of the CTU

Message from

The Honourable

Davidson Ishmael

Minister of Industry, Innovation Science
and Technology



Warm greetings to all.

I wish to welcome you to beautiful Barbados. As the Minister responsible for Industry, Innovation, Science and Technology, I am delighted, as indeed the Government of Barbados is, to be hosting the Global Government Forum's Caribbean Digital Summit and the Caribbean Telecommunications Union's ICT Week 2023.

This year's theme is "Embracing a Digital Caribbean: Opportunities for Growth and Innovation".

As we come together under this theme, let us work diligently to find solutions to the challenges we are facing in the digital arena, encourage ICT growth and discuss new trends in the industry, all the while seeking to foster effective cooperation between diverse regional and global stakeholders.

The Government of Barbados has had a long and endearing relationship with the CTU, and over time, the region has witnessed many successes; however, we still have much work to be done to harness the full potential of the digital world if it is to redound to the benefit of our people.

I am asking, therefore, that we move forward in faith for a productive week of discussions and reaffirmed partnerships through which we can chart the path for the digital transformation of our region, our economies, and our people. Thank you.

Hon. Davidson Ishmael
Minister Of Industry, Innovation
Science And Technology



Message from

Mr. Rodney Taylor
Secretary-General CTU

We extend a warm Caribbean welcome to all to CTU ICT Week 2023, hosted with the Government of Barbados and the Global Government Forum. We celebrate achievements, address challenges, and reaffirm our commitment to an inclusive, connected, and technologically advanced Caribbean. Our theme, “Embracing a Digital Caribbean: Opportunities for Growth and Innovation,” reflects our vision for a truly digital future.

We gather to chart our post-COVID era and explore technological frontiers for socio-economic development. Priorities include Digital Infrastructure, Cybersecurity, Digital Governance, and ‘Fair Share’ contributions for equitable resource distribution. We’re committed to lowering roaming rates, ensuring full digital Inclusion, and harnessing AI’s potential responsibly.

Creating a Caribbean Single ICT Space remains our vision, promoting regional cooperation on the global stage. CTU ICT Week 2023 in Barbados is a platform for collaboration and innovation, where your active participation and insights are key to shaping a brighter, connected future for the Caribbean.

Thank you for your dedication; let’s make this week a resounding success.

Rodney Taylor
Secretary-General
CTU

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About

The CTU

The Caribbean Telecommunications Union (CTU) was established in 1989 by the Heads of Caribbean Heads of Government to:

- Rationalise the telecommunications policy framework for the region.
- Coordinate and harmonise approaches to telecommunications development.
- Promote awareness of telecommunication technologies in the region.

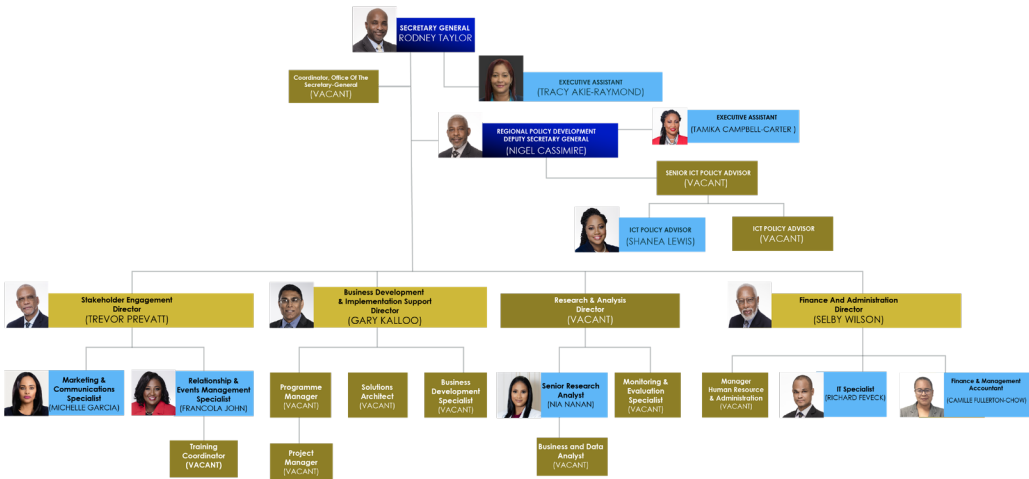
Recognising the regulatory and policy challenges presented by the then emerging convergence of various information and communication technologies and the resulting significant opportunities that would arise for social and economic development, in 2004, the mandate of the CTU was expanded to address information and communication technologies (ICT).

With Members drawn from regional governments and the private sector, the CTU continues to play a pivotal role in the development of the Caribbean's ICT industry. It provides advice to its Members on matters of ICT-enabled development and facilitates the formulation of harmonised ICT policies for the Caribbean ICT Sector.

The CTU is a significant contributor to ICT capacity building and believes in ICT₄ALL. As a result, it is committed to assisting its Members, other stakeholders and the citizens of the Caribbean in realising the full potential of their investments in ICT.

CTU's

Organizational STRUCTURE



Telecommunications Authority of Trinidad and Tobago

Regulating to create a
Connected Nation

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Week AT A GLANCE

Date	Event	Description
Mon. 16th October 2023 12:00 to 13:00	Opening Ceremony – CTU ICT Week 2023 and Caribbean Digital Summit	(Invitation Only)
Mon. 16th October 2023 13:00 to 17:00	Caribbean Digital Summit Hosted by the Government of Barbados and the Global Government Forum	
Mon. 16th October 2023 19:00 to 22:00	Caribbean Digital Summit Dinner and Reception	(Invitation Only)
Tues. 17th October 2023 9:00 to 17:00	Caribbean Digital Summit Hosted by the Government of Barbados and the Global Government Forum	
Tues. 17th October 2023 9:00 to 17:00	CTU 1st Caribbean Youth Net- work Regional Meeting	(Invitation Only)
Wed. 18th October 2023 7:00 to 9:00	C9 Ministerial Breakfast Meeting	(Invitation Only)
Wed. 18th October 2023 9:00 to 13:00	48th Executive Council (EC48)	Closed Meeting: Open only to the CTU, Permanent Secretaries and Technical Officers, the statutory meeting will progress the work of the CTU.
13:00 to 17:00	28th General Conference of Ministers	Closed Meeting: Open only to CTU, ICT Ministers, Permanent Secretaries and Technical Officers, the statutory meeting will progress and discuss the business and operations of the CTU, including receiving resolutions and recommendations from the Executive Council.
		Closed Meeting: Open Only to the above, and Specially Invited Guests: this session will include an address on Accelerating the Regional Digital Agenda.

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Week AT A GLANCE CONT'D

Date	Event	Description
Wed 18th October 2023 19:00 to 21:00	Meta Dinner	(Invitation Only)
Thurs. 19th October 2023 7:00 to 9:00	GC28 (Cont'd.) Breakfast Meeting	Closed Meeting: Open only to CTU, ICT Ministers, Permanent Secretaries and Technical Officers
Thurs. 19th October 2023 9:00 to 16:00	20th Caribbean Ministerial Strategic ICT Seminar	
Thurs. 19th October 2023 17:00 to 21:00	Networking Reception TBC	(By Invitation)
Fri. 20th October 2023 9:00 to 17:00	Ministerial Networking/Bilateral Meetings	(By Invitation)
Fri. 20th October 2023 9:00 to 17:00	7th Caribbean ICT Regulators Forum	Open only to ICT Regulators and specially invited guests.
Fri. 20th October 2023 9:00 – 16:00	CTU ICT ₄ PWDs Workshops for the Blind, the Deaf and Persons with Mobility Challenges	By invitation: these workshops are hands-on sessions for persons with disabilities (PWDs) (who are Blind or Visually Impaired; who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing; or who have Mobility Challenges) to demonstrate in a tangible manner, the impact that ICT can have on their lives, leading to great independence and inclusion.
Fri. 20th October 2023 9:00 – 14:00	Digital Barbados Youth Forum	

Conference

SCHEDULE AND MEETING ROOM INFORMATION

Event	Room/Location
Opening Ceremony – CTU ICT Week 2023 and Caribbean Digital Summit	Khairon, Accra Hotel and Spa
Caribbean Digital Summit Hosted by the Government of Barbados and the Global Government Forum	Khairon, Accra Hotel and Spa
Caribbean Digital Summit Dinner and Reception	Deck, Accra Hotel and Spa
Caribbean Digital Summit Hosted by the Government of Barbados and the Global Government Forum	Khairon, Accra Hotel and Spa
CTU Caribbean Youth Network Regional Meeting	Liana, Accra Hotel and Spa
C9 Ministerial Breakfast Meeting	Liana, Accra Hotel and Spa
48th Executive Council (EC48)	Khairon, Accra Hotel and Spa
28th General Conference of Ministers	Christopher, Accra Hotel and Spa
Meta Dinner	Khairon, Accra Hotel and Spa
20th Caribbean Ministerial Strategic ICT Seminar	Khairon, Accra Hotel and Spa
Networking Reception TBC	Barbados Museum
Ministerial Networking/Bilateral Meetings	Liana, Accra Hotel and Spa
7th Caribbean ICT Regulators Forum	Khairon, Accra Hotel
CTU ICT4PWDs Workshops for the Blind, the Deaf and Persons with Mobility Challenges	Main Hall, Darryl Smith School and Vocation Centre
Digital Barbados Youth Forum	3Ws Oval, University of the West Indies, Cave Hill Campus

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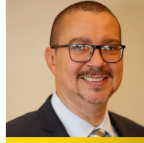
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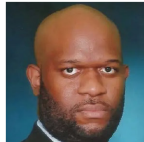
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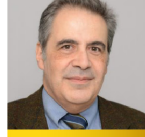
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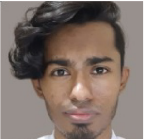
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Summit

About the event

Hosted by the Prime Minister of Barbados and organised by Global Government Forum, this inaugural Caribbean Digital Summit will blend presentations delivered by participants and Knowledge Partners with informal round table discussions. The event allows delegates to speak openly and honestly about their successes, the challenges, and what they have learned along the way.

Sometimes, you learn most from talking to people who do a job like yours. And for many national and departmental digital leaders, that often means your peers working for other governments. For while many of the challenges you face are unique within your country, governments around the Caribbean region must address a similar set of opportunities, risks, obstacles and decisions in their pursuit of digital transformation. The Caribbean digital leaders have a huge amount to learn from one another.

The roundtable event will be co-located with the Caribbean Telecommunications Union regional ICT Week, together creating a highly impactful and innovative event programme for digital leaders in the region. This will allow leaders to travel to Bridgetown for five days of digital discussions and activities that will help accelerate digital transformation and development for the Caribbean region.

Inspired by our Global Government Digital Summits and our Digital Leader's Research, the Caribbean Digital Summit is open to national and federal public servants working as national digital leaders, departmental heads of digital, cyber security, data and IT, and heads of the digital profession from around the Caribbean region.



About BARBADOS

The history and culture of Barbados is unique, and the Bajans (the familiar term for Barbadians) are at ease with their past and proud architects of their future.

The island was colonised by the English early in the 17th century. Before then, Barbados was inhabited by Carib and Arawak Native Americans. Transformed by the plantation system and slavery, the island was the world's number one sugar producer by 1650.

Barbados is the oldest continuing parliamentary democracy outside England. It had achieved universal voting rights in 1943 and opted for full independence from the UK in 1966. Its cultural roots are in the plantation slavery economy, a unique blend of West African and European. English, with a distinct accent, spiced with words in West African-English pidgin called Bajan is spoken there.

Enrich your Barbados experience by visiting some of our amazing historical places, including Gun Hill Signal Station, George Washington House and our Parliament Buildings in historic Bridgetown. Take time to look back in time. To learn more about Barbados visit <https://www.visitbarbados.org>

Top **10** ATTRACTIONS IN BARBADOS

1. Barbados Food and Rum Festival – Happening Now!
2. Black Pearl Bridgetown Walking Tour
3. Andromeda Botanic Gardens
4. Apes Hill Barbados Resort and Community
5. Arlington House Museum
6. Atlantis Submarines
7. Barbados Earthworks Pottery
8. Barbados Wildlife Reserve
9. Caribbean Wax Museum
10. Cricket Legends of Barbados



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