

# School of Digital Transformation and Innovation in the Caribbean (SoDTIC)

12-15 August 2024, Port-of-Spain, Trinidad and Tobago

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# Background

- Conceived as a capacity building program to deliver relevant content to policymakers through lectures, mini-courses, case studies, peer-to-peer learning and debates
- Collaboratively organised by the UN Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), CAF - The Development Bank of Latin America and the Caribbean, Cetic.br (Regional Center of Studies for the Development of the Information Society - a Department of NIC.br)
- Ten editions held within Latin America so far
- Latin American and Caribbean Internet Technical Community has been a consistent co-organiser since 2022

# SoDTIC 2024 Objectives

- **Knowledge Enhancement:** To provide participants with a comprehensive understanding of digital transformation, including its technologies, impact, and potential in the Caribbean context.
- **Improved Policy Development:** To facilitate discussions on policy frameworks that support digital transformation, ensuring alignment with regional and international strategies.
- **Innovative Solutions:** To encourage the development of innovative strategies to tackle digital challenges and leverage opportunities within SIDS.
- **Collaborative Networking:** To facilitate networking and collaboration among policymakers, stakeholders, and technology experts to promote a shared vision and coordinated efforts towards digital advancement.
- **Capacity Building:** To strengthen the skills and capabilities of participants to effectively engage with emerging technologies and adapt to the dynamic digital landscape.





# SoDTIC 2024 Themes

- **Introduction to the Internet Ecosystem and How the Internet works: Actors, Processes and Emerging Trends**
  - Connecting the unconnected and creating a resilient Internet
  - Net neutrality & 'Fairshare' debates
  - Multistakeholder Negotiation Simulation
- **Transitioning to a Data-driven Economy: Governance and Regulatory Implications**
  - Driving the Digital Economy: Effective Data Use and Governance
  - Unleashing the Power of Data with AI and Other Analytics in the Caribbean
  - Understanding and Mitigating Risks in Digital Public Infrastructure
- **Aligning Digitalisation and Productivity Goals: Review of Practical ICT Applications**
  - Dissonance between tech firm capabilities and supportive policies
  - Hacking productivity in the digital era
- **Examining the Global Digital Economy, Financial Inclusion and Sustainable Digital Finance**
  - Digital advancements and supporting MSMEs
  - Sustainably financing the digital sector

**Target Audience:** Mid-to-senior (no less than seven years of experience) policymakers at ICT Ministries across the Caribbean; invitees from other Ministries (Trade, Planning & Economy, and Legal Affairs) will be considered based on capacity at venue





# SoDTIC 2024

- **Date:** 12 to 15 August 2024
- **Time:** 9:00 AM to 5:30 PM (UTC -4)
- **Organisers:** ECLAC, CAF, CETIC.br., LAC Technical Community, UWI
- **Location:** CTU Headquarters, Mary St, St Clair, Port-of-Spain, Trinidad and Tobago
- **Mode:** In-person participation
- **Language:** English [no interpretation service]
- **Certificates:** Certificates will be awarded to those who participate in at least two-thirds of the activities.
- **Registration:** By invitation only (approx. 2 representatives from CTU's 20 Member States; limited fellowships available)



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