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"BRIDGING TECHNOLOGIES FOR A SUSTAINABLE AND INCLUSIVE FUTURE"

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Message from

The Honourable

**KONRIS GREGOR
MENTEN MAYNARD**

*Minister of Public Infrastructure, Energy and
Utilities, Domestic Transport, Information,
Communication and Technology and Posts*



On behalf of the Government and people of St. Kitts and Nevis, I am honoured to welcome you to our beautiful twin-island federation. As the Minister responsible for Information, Communication and Technology, I am indeed privileged to host this year's Caribbean Telecommunications Union's (CTU) ICT Week.

The theme for this year, “Bridging Technologies for a Sustainable and Inclusive Future,” speaks to the shared responsibility we have in ensuring that the benefits of ICT extend to all of our citizens, while driving growth and sustainable development across our region. This theme aligns well with St. Kitts and Nevis’ national sustainable island state agenda.

In today’s rapidly evolving digital landscape, with all its upsides and downsides, the task before us is clear: we must work collaboratively to ensure that technology not only fuels economic development but does so in a manner that leaves no one behind. Whether it is by enhancing connectivity in our rural areas, fostering digital literacy among our youth, or advancing government’s digital transformation initiatives, we must bridge the gaps that still exist to create a truly inclusive digital Caribbean.

St. Kitts and Nevis has long enjoyed a fruitful relationship with the CTU, and this partnership has significantly contributed to our national development. But, as we stand on the cusp of what some refer to as the Fourth Industrial Revolution, we know there is still more work to be done. We must rise to the challenge of developing resilient digital infrastructures, shaping forward-thinking policies, and ensuring that the technologies we adopt align with our sustainable development goals.

As we gather in St. Kitts and Nevis this week, I urge all participants to engage in meaningful dialogue, explore innovative solutions, and foster partnerships that will drive the region forward. Let us leave here with a renewed sense of purpose, committed to leveraging ICT as a bridge to a future that is sustainable, inclusive, and prosperous for all.

I wish you a productive and insightful week.

Message from

Senator The Honourable
HASSEL BACCHUS

*Minister of Digital Transformation of Trinidad
and Tobago and President of the CTU General
Conference of Ministers*



It has been a distinct privilege to serve as President of the CTU General Conference of Ministers over the past two years. During this time we have navigated the challenges and opportunities that characterise the development journey along a rapidly evolving digital landscape.

Thus far in 2024, we have witnessed the promise of innovative technological advancement. Generative AI and breakthroughs in virtual and augmented reality are reshaping human interaction with technology; 5G technology can enhance connectivity and spur economic growth. This was a topic of keen discourse during the 21st Caribbean Ministerial Strategic Seminar held earlier this year in Belize.

Harnessing these advancements for the Region's growth and sustainable development, requires appropriate infrastructure, enabling policies and regulations; collaborative approaches; and partnerships that facilitate adaptation to the requirements of our unique environment. Such approaches must be people-centric, with technology serving the common good, empowering our citizens to participate in and contribute to the digital society and economy, safely and securely. They must also address the hurdles that accompany technological growth including the increasing sophistication of cyber attacks and breaches that can derail progress, as many of our countries have experienced firsthand this year.

The SIDS₄ International Conference held in May in Antigua and Barbuda and the negotiations on the Global Digital Compact are two significant international activities that underscore the catalytic influence of digital technology on development and the importance of inclusion, accessibility and security in bridging the digital, data and innovation divides. They also highlight a single truth: the Caribbean Region cannot be a mere bystander in this digital era. The challenges confronting us are to be viewed as stepping stones towards the successful realisation of a shared vision for a vibrant Caribbean digital ecosystem (SIDS 2.0). An ecosystem that will serve as the foundation for the prosperity of current and future generations.

In closing, I take this opportunity to convey on behalf of the CTU Membership, sincere thanks to the CTU Secretariat, under the astute leadership of the Secretary-General, for its outstanding dedication and sterling support.

Message from

DOREEN BOGDAN-MARTIN

Secretary-General,
International Telecommunication Union



I am thrilled to join CTU ICT Week 2024 in St. Kitts and Nevis, where we are “Bridging Technologies for a Sustainable and Inclusive Future.”

This year’s theme resonates deeply with ITU’s strategic objectives of universal connectivity and sustainable digital transformation.

And nowhere is it acutely felt than in the Caribbean, where Small Island Developing States have been champions of digital to support climate action, resilience, and Early Warnings for All.

With 2030 on the horizon and just 17% of the UN Sustainable Development Goals on track, the urgency to come together to address shared challenges has never been greater.

We saw it at the recently concluded UN Summit of the Future, where digital has taken center stage in our collective vision of what this future must be.

I am grateful to CTU and the Minister of Public Infrastructure, Energy and Utilities, Domestic Transport, Information, Communication and Technology and Post of St. Kitts and Nevis for bringing us together at such a pivotal moment for technology, and for the world.

When United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres visited ITU in June, he urged all of us to “work together to build bridges.”

CTU has been a shining example of this kind of collaboration in action.

From infrastructure mapping to cybersecurity capacity building to the implementation of the Smart Seas Initiative, you have helped pool resources, extend knowledge, and facilitate digital cooperation across the region.

CTU ICT Week 2024 is yet another bridge, connecting us to one another and to a brighter digital future where sustainability and inclusion have become lived realities for every community throughout the Caribbean, across the Americas region, and beyond.

You can count on my support — and that of the entire ITU family — to continue building those bridges together.

A portrait of Cheryleann Pemberton, a Black woman with short, curly dark hair, smiling. She is wearing a bright pink blazer over a white top, a gold watch on her left wrist, and a colorful brooch on her lapel. The background is a green wall with a white dot pattern.

Message from

CHERYLEANN PEMBERTON (MRS)
Permanent Secretary

**Dear Esteemed Delegates, Participants,
and Guests,**

Welcome to St Kitts!

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the Caribbean Telecommunications Conference and ICT week here in the vibrant and picturesque St Kitts. This gathering marks a significant milestone in our commitment to advancing telecommunications in the Caribbean region. As we come together to share knowledge, insights, and innovations, we are united by a common goal: to enhance connectivity, foster collaboration, and drive sustainable development across our nations.

The telecommunications sector is a vital pillar of our economies, enabling us to connect not only with each other but with the world. In today's digital age, the importance of robust and reliable communication systems cannot be overstated. It is our collective responsibility to ensure that every individual, business, and community has access to the tools and technologies that empower them.

Over the next few days, we will engage in productive discussions, explore emerging trends, and tackle the challenges that lie ahead. I encourage each of you to actively participate, share your experiences, and forge partnerships that will lead to innovative solutions for our region.

I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to our sponsors, speakers, and organizing committee for their hard work and dedication in making this event possible. Let us seize this opportunity to inspire one another and work towards a brighter, more connected future for all Caribbean nations.

Thank you, and I wish you all a fruitful and inspiring conference here in St Kitts!



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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) and the CTU's membership was opened to non-Caricom States, the private sector and civil society members. Its new mission then became "To create an environment in partnership with members to optimize returns from ICT resources for the benefit of stakeholders"

The CTU, as the specialised CARICOM agency for ICT, continues to play a pivotal role in the development of the Caribbean's ICT industry. It is the preferred source of ICT advice to regional Governments on matters of ICT-enabled development and facilitates the formulation of harmonised ICT policies for the Caribbean ICT Sector. The CTU is the designated advocate for its members at important international fora, where policy decisions affecting the region are made; is a major 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.

MONDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER | 10:00 – 5 PM > 22nd Caribbean Ministerial Strategic ICT Seminar (Open)

MONDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER | 9 AM - 1 PM > CTU 2nd Caribbean ICT Youth Network Forum (Open)

MONDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER | 12 PM - 1 PM > Press Conference

MONDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER | 6:30 PM - 10 PM > Opening Ceremony and Reception (Invitation Only)

TUESDAY 1ST OCTOBER | 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM > 51st Executive Council (EC51) (Invitation Only)

TUESDAY 1ST OCTOBER | 1:30 PM - 5 PM > Joint Meeting of 51st EC and 30th GC (Open)

TUESDAY 1ST OCTOBER | 7 PM - 10 PM > Cocktail Reception - Hosted by Hon. Konris Maynard (Invitation Only)

WEDNESDAY 2ND OCTOBER | 9 AM - 5 PM > 30th General Conference of Ministers (GC30 Invitation Only)

WEDNESDAY 2ND OCTOBER | 1 PM - 4 PM > St. Kitts Scenic Railway Tour

WEDNESDAY 2ND OCTOBER | 5 PM - 10 PM > Cocktail Reception - Hosted by Hon. Mark Brantley,
Premier of Nevis (Invitation Only)

THURSDAY 3RD OCTOBER | 9 AM - 4:30 PM > 9th Caribbean ICT Regulators Forum including a Commonwealth
Connectivity Agenda (CCA) presentation on Designing and
Implementing Regulatory Impact (Invitation Only)

THURSDAY 3RD OCTOBER | 9 AM - 12 PM > CCCA Legal Reform and Digitalisation for Global Trade Working
Group Meeting

THURSDAY 3RD OCTOBER | 8:30 AM - 12 PM > CTU ICT4PWDs Workshops for the Blind, Deaf and Persons with
Mobility Challenges (Invitation Only)

THURSDAY 3RD OCTOBER | 8 AM - 12 PM > Caribbean Network Operators Group (CaribN0G) Special Meeting
(Invitation Only)

THURSDAY 3RD OCTOBER | 3 PM - 6 PM > SKN Secondary School Forum

THURSDAY 3RD OCTOBER | 1 PM - 4:30 PM > Awareness Forum for Cybersecurity Symposium 2025 (Open)

FRIDAY 4TH OCTOBER | 10 AM - 7 PM > ST. KITTS TechFest



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Speakers



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Prime Minister of Grenada

*Chairman CARICOM and Lead
Head for Science and Technology*



**HON. KONRIS GREGOR
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The Commonwealth

Conference Schedule

AND MEETING ROOM INFORMATION

ALL DAYS

ROOM

Conference Secretariat	Saba Room
Bilateral Meeting Room	Montserrat and Grenada Rooms
Exhibit Area	Ballroom Foyer

MONDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER 2024

ROOM

CTU Team Meeting Room	St. Vincent Room
ICT Week Conference Secretariat	Saba Room
Bilateral Meeting Room 1	Montserrat Room
Bilateral Meeting Room 2	Grenada Room
Exhibit Area	Ballroom Foyer
Private ITU/CTU Bilateral meeting with Ministers	Dominica Room
Press Conference	Dominica Room
22nd Ministerial Strategic ICT Seminar	Royal Ballroom
2nd Caribbean ICT Youth Network Regional Meeting	St. Lucia Room
Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) Signing between CTU and Liberty Latin America/CWC	Royal Ballroom
Opening Ceremony	Royal Ballroom
Cocktail Reception	Plaza Terrace

TUESDAY 1ST OCTOBER 2024

ROOM

51st Executive Council Meeting	Nevis/Antigua Room
Joint EC51 and GC30	Nevis/Antigua Room

WEDNESDAY 2ND OCTOBER 2024

ROOM

GSOA Breakfast Meeting (CTU to pay for)	Dominica
General Conference of Ministers (GC30)	Nevis/Antigua Room

THURSDAY 3RD OCTOBER 2024

ROOM

9th Regulators Forum	St. Kitts Room
CaribNOG Special Meeting	Antigua Room
Cybersecurity Awareness Forum	Nevis and Antigua Rooms
Commonwealth Connectivity Agenda (CCA) Meeting	Dominica Room
Secondary School Forum	Saba Room

About ST. KITTS AND NEVIS

The Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis are two islands, one paradise. We are nestled in the Caribbean Sea and the Atlantic Ocean. The Federation is renowned for its scenic beauty, rich history and small but thriving economy. It offers a unique blend of natural allure and cultural heritage. With a population of around 53,000 and a total land area of 104 **square** miles, it is the smallest sovereign state in the Western Hemisphere in both population and size. Our compact nation punches above its weight, offering significant contributions to the region in terms of tourism, environmental sustainability and political leadership.





Culturally, the Federation is vibrant, with its Afro-Caribbean heritage at the forefront of daily life. Festivals such as the annual St. Kitts Music Festival, Carnival and Nevis Culturama showcase the rich traditions of music, dance, and cuisine. Calypso, soca or string band rhythms fill the air while the islands' culinary offerings blend indigenous, African and European favors. The most enchanting quality of St. Kitts and Nevis is undeniable the people

Tourism is the backbone of the economy, attracting visitors to its pristine beaches, lush rainforests, and historical sites like Brimstone Hill Fortress, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Though small in size, St. Kitts and Nevis stands out as a nation of rich history, natural beauty and growing economic potential. Its balance of tourism, cultural vibrancy, and environmental consciousness makes it a model for sustainable development in the Caribbean region.

As we continue embracing both our heritage and future possibilities, make the federation of St. Kitts and Nevis your popular vacation destination. Visit our websites www.visitstkitts.com and www.nevisisland.com to learn more about the beautiful twin islands of St. Kitts and Nevis.



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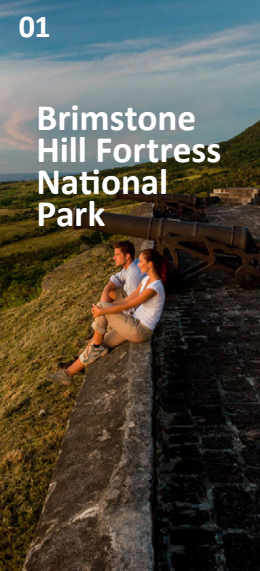
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Brimstone Hill Fortress National Park



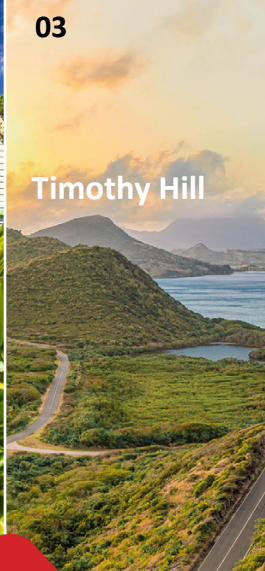
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Wingfield Estate and Romney Manor



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Timothy Hill



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Black Rocks



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Top Ten Attractions

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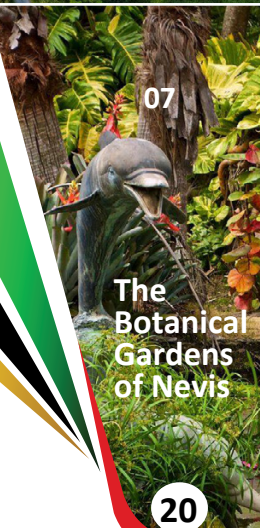
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Historic-Downtown Basseterre



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The Botanical Gardens of Nevis



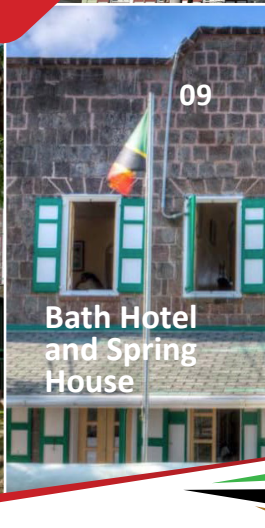
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Nevis Aartisan Village 10



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