CTU ICT Week 2025 - Jamaica
Theme: *Driving Change: Connecting Futures*
23rd Caribbean Ministerial Strategic ICT Seminar
Rocksteady Ballroom, AC Hotel, Kingston, Jamaica
Monday 29th September 2025
Provisional Agenda

Time	Item	Presenter
09:00	Welcome and Introductory Remarks	**Mr. Rodney Taylor** Secretary-General, CTU
09:05	**Keynote Address**	**Mr. Ed Watal** Principal and Founder of Intellibus
09:20	**High Level Panel Discussion:** **Artificial Intelligence, Data and Emerging Technologies:** • Responsible and ethical AI adoption in public and private sectors • Open data, big data and data governance for evidence-based decision-making • Innovation sandboxes and public-private collaboration models **Q&A**	**Moderator: Dr. Craig Ramlal** Executive Director, AI Innovation Centre, UWI St. Augustine and and Chair, CTU Caribbean AI Task Force **Sen. The Hon. Dominic Smith** Minister of Public Administration and Artificial Intelligence, Government of Trinidad and Tobago **Sen. The Hon. Amb. Audrey Marks** Minister with responsibility for Efficiency, Innovation and Digital Transformation, Office of the Prime Minister, Government of Jamaica **Mr. Ed Watal** Principal and Founder of Intellibus **Mr. Christopher Reckord** Deputy Chairman, National Identification and Registration Authority; and Chairman National AI Task Force, Government of Jamaica and Vice Chair, CTU Caribbean AI Task Force
10:05	**Group Photo and Coffee Break**	
10:25	**Presentation: Transitioning from a Telco to a Techno** **Q&A**	**Mr. Daniel Hook (Remote)**
10:45	**Presentation: AI Accelerates Carrier Business Transformation**	**Sponsor: Mr. Han Sai** VP Central America and Caribbean, Huawei
11:00	**Panel Discussion:** **Resilient Infrastructure and Inclusive Connectivity:** • Enhancing resilience of submarine cable systems and terrestrial networks	**Moderator: Mr. Ansord Hewitt** Director General Office of Utilities Regulation Jamaica

	• Infrastructure-sharing and regional collaboration for cost-effective deployment • Integrating ICT infrastructure into national disaster risk management plans **Q&A**	**Ms. Melesia Sutherland** Senior Manager, Regulatory & Government Affairs, Liberty Caribbean/Flow **Mr. Pau Puig Gabarró** Senior Telecommunications Specialist Connectivity, Markets and Finance Division Institutions for Development Sector Inter-American Development Bank **Mr. Felipe Hernandez** Island Networks CTO & Co-Founder **Mr. Jose Otero**, GSMA
11:45	**Presentation: Cybersecurity as National Strategy: Ireland's Playbook for Resilience, Growth, and Global Relevance**	**Mr. Pat Larkin** President Ekco Security
12:05	**Panel Discussion:** **Trust, Safety and Cyber Resilience** • Raising cyber awareness and promoting digital hygiene among citizens • The role of trust frameworks in digital identity and e-government services • Public-private collaboration for cyber threat intelligence and response **Q&A**	**Moderator: Mr. Shernon Osepa** CTU Consultant **Mr. Pat Larkin** President, Ekco Security **Mr. Ryan Meeks** Manager DevSecOps and Application Security, Symptai/Digicel **Mr. Garfield Gordon** Systems Engineer, Fortinet **Mr. Aaron Boyd** Managing Partner, Welchman Keen
12:50	**Lunch**	
	Media Conference – By Invitation	
14:00	**Sponsors' Presentations** **Q&A**	**Moderator: Ms. Nia Nanan** Senior Research Analyst, CTU **Mr. Sam Tabbara** CEO, Paradise Mobile Ltd **Mr. Guershon Nahr** C.E.O, DataAxis **Dr. Ronald Walcott** Managing Director Precision Cybertechnologies and Digital Solutions Ltd.

14:45	**Panel Discussion:** **Satellite Connectivity Options for Closing the Digital Divide**	**Moderator: Dr. Maria Myers-Hamilton** Managing Director, Spectrum Management Authority, Jamaica
		Ms. Isabelle Mauro Director General, Global Satellite Operator's Association (GSOA)
		Mr. Gonzalo de Dios Head, Licensing & International Regulatory Affairs for Project Kuiper, Amazon
		Ms. Gabriela Lago Head of Global Licensing, Viasat
	Q&A	
15:30	**Coffee Break**	
15:45	**Sponsors' Lightning Presentations:**	**Moderator: Ms. Gabrielle Johnson** Vice-Chair, Caribbean ICT Youth Network (CIYN)
		Ms. Deborah Galindo (Remote) Manager, WhatsApp Policy for Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean & Public Policy for Central America and the Caribbean, Meta
		Ms. Neda Brown Senior Director, Regulatory & Government Affairs
		Mr. Giovanni King C.E.O, Blue Nap Americas
		Mr. Adriel Irons Sr. Product Manager, Google Cloud
		USF and eLearning Video Presentation
	Q&A	
16:45	**Presentation: Empowering Small Business through e-Commerce and Satellite Connectivity**	**Ms. Arrow Augerot** Director, Public Policy Americas Amazon

17:00	Panel Discussion: Transitioning from a Telco to a Techno	Moderator: Tariq Mohammed Chair, (CIYN)
		Representative (TBC) Digicel Jamaica
		Ms. Susanna O'Sullivan VP, General Manager, North Caribbean, Liberty Caribbean
		Mr. Dane Spencer, Managing Director, Smart Mobile Solutions
	Q&A	
17:40	**Wrap Up**	**Mr. Rodney Taylor**, CTU
17:45	**End of 23rd Caribbean Ministerial Strategic ICT Seminar**	