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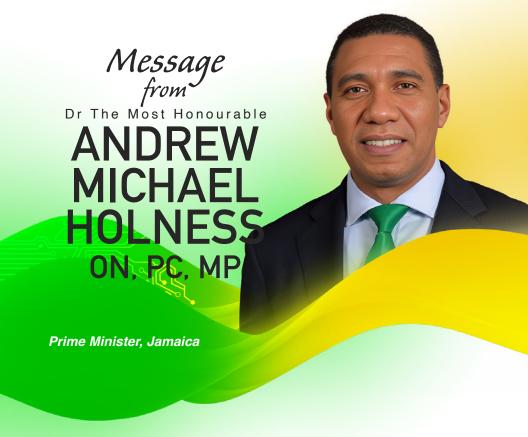


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am pleased to welcome all Ministers, delegates, industry leaders, stakeholders to Jamaica for the Caribbean Telecommunications Information Union (CTU) and Communications Technology (ICT) Week 2025. The Ministry of Transport, Telecommunications and Energy is pleased to host this important gathering in Kingston. For Jamaica, ICT is not only an enabler but a pillar of national development. The Government has pursued deliberate strategies to expand broadband access, safeguard networks through modern cybersecurity frameworks, enhance digital literacy, and encourage innovation in areas such as fintech and e-government services. These initiatives are supported by legislation and regulation that promote transparency, resilience, and inclusivity, ensuring that governance of the sector remains responsive to technological change and socio-economic realities.



The CTU's Statutory Meetings — including the Executive Council and the General Conference of Ministers — provide an important governance framework through which member states can coordinate policy, share experiences, and reinforce regional leadership in ICT development. This year's discussions on Network Resilience, Satellite Regulation, FinTech and Artificial are aligned with Jamaica's own strategic priorities and reflect the pressing global issues shaping our collective digital future.

The Ministry is also encouraged by the diverse participation at this event: Ministers, regulators, private sector executives, youth, and representatives of persons with disabilities. Such broad representation is critical, as inclusive governance ensures that the digital transformation of our societies leaves no group behind.

Equally important are the engagements taking place in partnership with international bodies such as the Universal Postal Union, the International Telecommunication Union, and the Commonwealth Secretariat through the Commonwealth Connectivity Agenda. These partnerships allow the Caribbean to align with global best practices while also ensuring that our regional perspectives inform the international discourse on ICT governance and connectivity.

On behalf of the Government of Jamaica and the Ministry of Transport, Telecommunications and Energy, I wish all participants a productive and successful ICT Week. It is my hope that the deliberations will reinforce our shared vision of a digitally resilient Caribbean, driven by sound governance, innovation, and cooperation.





t is with great pride that I welcome you all to Kingston, Jamaica, for the Caribbean Telecommunications Union's (CTU) Information and Communications Technology (ICT) Week. Our island, "likkle but wi tallawah", and renowned for its natural beauty, vibrant culture, great cuisine, and warm hospitality, is honoured to host this flagship event once again, last held here in 2013.

As Minister of Transport, Telecommunications and Energy I am especially delighted to welcome Mr. Kurt Erik "Kurtis" Lindqvist, Chief Executive Officer of the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN), whose presence underscores the global significance of the deliberations that will take place at this week's Conference.

CTU/ICT Week provides a critical platform for advancing regional dialogue, collaboration, and innovation in the sector. This gathering also provides a timely opportunity for us to strengthen governance, deepen cooperation, and advance shared priorities in the ICT sector.



Over the coming days, CTU will convene its Statutory Meetings of the Executive Council and the General Conference of Ministers, alongside focused discussions on issues that are both timely and vital to our shared digital future. These include Artificial Intelligence, Cybersecurity, Network Resilience, Satellite Regulation (particularly Low and Medium Earth Orbit Stations), FinTech, and Internet Governance — all anchored under this year's theme, Driving Change: Connecting Futures.

This agenda is particularly relevant as the region continues to navigate the challenges and opportunities of an evolving digital landscape. Our collective responsibility is to shape policies and frameworks that safeguard our networks, foster innovation, and ensure inclusivity across all sectors of society.

I also wish to highlight the diversity of participation that will enrich this year's CTU/ICT Week. Alongside Ministers of ICT, Technology, and Telecommunications, we welcome Chief Executive Officers, Chief Operating Officers, and Chief Information Officers from leading technology companies. Equally important are the voices of our youth, represented through the Caribbean ICT Youth Network, engaging some 30–35 young people from across the region, and our citizens living with disabilities, for whom a workshop has been special designed to ensure that regional digital transformation remains inclusive. The Telecommunications regulators will also play an active role, bringing essential perspectives to the table.

In the margins of this Conference, engagements with the Universal Postal Union, the International Telecommunication Union, and the Commonwealth Secretariat through the Commonwealth Connectivity Agenda will further strengthen synergies with global partners while ensuring that the Caribbean's voice is heard in shaping the future of the digital economy.

On behalf of the Government and People of Jamaica, I extend a warm welcome to all delegates. May the discussions be productive, partnerships enduring, and time with us, in Jamaica, both rewarding and enjoyable. Together, let us continue to drive change and connect the futures of our Caribbean nations and people.





Ministers in May 2025, it is both an honour and a privilege to share this message for CTU ICT Week 2025 - the Caribbean's premier event focused on shaping our region's digital future. This year, we proudly gather in Jamaica, the Land of Wood and Water, to continue this important work.

The past decade has witnessed numerous inflection points in the global digital landscape; and 2025 is no exception with rapid global advancements in data, digital public infrastructure, and artificial intelligence (AI). At the same time, geopolitical shifts are redefining multilateralism and reinforcing the urgency for deeper collaboration among the Global South. In this dynamic environment, Caribbean nations must be strategic, assertive, and proactive in the pursuit of individual and shared interests.



International processes such as the upcoming Overall Review of WSIS Outcomes and the 2025 World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC) offer critical platforms for shaping global digital development. It is essential that the Caribbean's voice is present and influential in these forums, ensuring that our unique perspectives and priorities as small island developing states (SIDS) are reflected in the formulation of international norms, policies, and regulatory frameworks.

With AI gaining increased prominence, the launch of the Caribbean AI Task Force is a landmark initiative, signalling the region's strategic intent to participate in shaping the AI agenda. The Task Force will champion regional collaboration, capacity building, and innovation to establish the foundation for sustainable and inclusive development. Its work will be guided by the principles of ethics, equity, and empowerment, and I eagerly anticipate its initial findings.

Trinidad and Tobago is both committed and eager to advance the Caribbean Telecommunications Union's agenda, particularly in key areas such as AI for development, digital public infrastructure, and resilient, inclusive connectivity. Working with regional and international partners, Trinidad and Tobago aims to position the Caribbean as a digitally empowered, agile, and future oriented community where we can all learn from one another in the regional space.

I therefore look forward to working with you to exchange ideas, deepen collaboration, and accelerate meaningful action.



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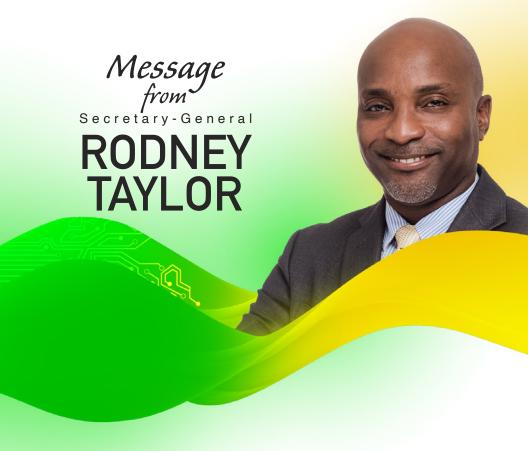
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Jamaica, under the theme "Driving Change: Connecting Futures". This year's event, hosted in partnership with the Government of Jamaica, continues the CTU's proud tradition of bringing together regional and international leaders, innovators, policymakers and stakeholders to chart the course for the Caribbean's digital transformation.

For over three decades, the CTU has been at the forefront of promoting harmonised policies; advancing regulatory reform; and encouraging the adoption of innovative technologies across our Member States. CTU ICT Week is the annual flagship platform for fostering meaningful dialogue, sharing best practices and forging partnerships that bridge gaps in connectivity, inclusion and opportunity.



Our 2025 programme reflects both the urgency and the promise of our times. As emerging technologies such as Artificial Intelligence, 5G and digital public infrastructure transform economies and societies, we must ensure that the Caribbean is not merely a consumer of technology, but an active creator, innovator and leader. CTU ICT Week will therefore spotlight initiatives that drive digital inclusion; enhance cybersecurity resilience; promote innovation in public and private sectors; and build the skills of Caribbean citizens to thrive in a technology-driven future.

We are particularly proud of the increased participation of youth, women and civil society in shaping the CTU's digital agenda. Their voices are critical as we work to create an ICT ecosystem that is inclusive, sustainable and reflective of Caribbean realities.

On behalf of the CTU, I extend heartfelt thanks to our host, the Government of Jamaica, our Member States, partners, sponsors and all participants for their commitment to advancing our shared vision. Together, let us seize the opportunities before us and connect the Caribbean to a brighter digital future.

Rodney Taylor Secretary-General Caribbean Telecommunications Union



















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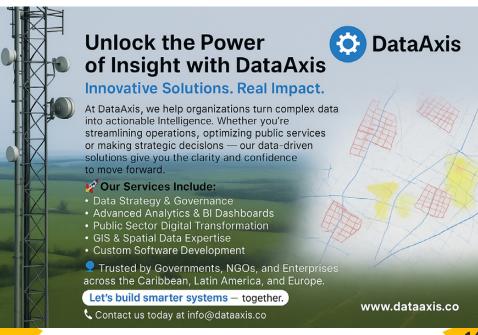
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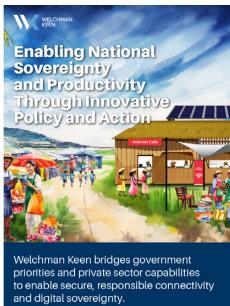


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#### September 29, 2025 - October 3, 2025 Venue: The Jamaica Pegasus Hotel, Kingston CTU ICT Week 2025 - Jamaica Theme: Driving Change: Connecting Futures

Venue: The Jamaica Pegasus Hotel, Kingston, Jamaica
Hosted by: Government of Jamaica
Organised by: Caribbean Telecommunications Union (CTU)
Under the Patronage of: The Honourable Minister of Science, Energy,
Telecommunications and Transport, Government of Jamaica

#### Background

The Caribbean Telecommunications Union (CTU), in collaboration with the Government of Jamaica, is pleased to host CTU ICT Week 2025 – Jamaica from Monday 29th September to Friday 3rd October 2025, at The Jamaica Pegasus Hotel, Kingston. This prestigious event will take place under the distinguished patronage of the Honourable Minister of Science, Energy, Telecommunications and Transport, Government of Jamaica.

As one of the CTU's premier annual events, ICT Week provides a unique platform for regional and international stakeholders to exchange ideas, share best practices, and shape digital policy and development across the Caribbean.

#### Theme

This year's theme, "Driving Change: Connecting Futures," reflects the CTU's commitment to fostering regional collaboration and innovation. It underscores the need for Caribbean governments to harness the full potential of digital technologies to enhance social and economic development while building resilience to emerging global challenges.

#### **Objectives**

CTU ICT Week 2025 aims to:

Advance regional dialogue and cooperation on digital transformation and ICT policy.

Support the development of inclusive and resilient digital economies.

Promote strategic ICT leadership among Caribbean governments.

Provide a platform for sharing insights on cutting-edge technologies and trends.



Encourage innovation, entrepreneurship, and investment in the ICT sector.

#### **Key Highlights**

Statutory CTU Meetings – Including the convening of Ministers responsible for ICT to guide the strategic direction of the Union.

23rd Strategic ICT Ministerial Seminar – A high-level forum where ministers will deliberate on regional ICT priorities and policy strategies.

Expert Presentations and Panel Discussions – Featuring global thought leaders and technical experts on critical topics such as:

Expansion of 5G networks
Applications of artificial intelligence
Promoting digital inclusion
Strengthening cybersecurity
Leveraging ICT for climate action

Innovation and Networking Spaces – Showcasing the creative potential of Caribbean innovators and entrepreneurs. Public Engagement and Youth Participation – Activities designed to engage young people, civil society, and other stakeholders in the digital development agenda.

#### **Target Audience**

Government ministers and policymakers ICT regulators and public sector technocrats Private sector representatives and investors Regional and international development partners Academia and research institutions Civil society and youth networks

#### Significance

CTU ICT Week 2025 is positioned to serve as a catalyst for regional digital transformation, reinforcing the critical role of ICT in shaping a prosperous and connected Caribbean. The event will contribute to shaping forward-looking policies that increase the region's competitiveness and resilience in an evolving global digital landscape.

By driving change and connecting futures, the CTU, alongside its member states and partners, aims to unlock the full potential of ICTs for innovation, economic growth, and sustainable development throughout the Caribbean.



# CONFERENCE SCHEDULE AND MEETING ROOM INFORMATION

#### CTU ICT Week 2025 - Jamaica

Theme: Driving Change: Connecting Futures

Agendas

Date	Time	Meeting	Meeting Room & Hotel
Monday 29th September	9:00-17:00	23rd Ministerial Strategic ICT Seminar (Download)	Rocksteady Ballroom, AC Hotel
	9:00 - 17:00	Universal Postal Union (UPU) Workshop	
Tuesday 30th September	18:00-22:00	Opening Ceremony	AC Hotel
	09:00-12:00	53rd Executive Council Meeting (EC53 Closed)	Pegasus Hotel
	09:00-12:00	CTU 3rd Caribbean ICT Youth Network Meeting (Download)	Pegasus Hotel
	09:00-12:00	CCA Workshop	Pegasus Hotel
	09:00-12:00	Digital Futures Forum (Jamaica)	Pegasus Hotel
	14:00-17:00	Joint Meeting of 53rd EC and 31st GC (Open)	Pegasus Hotel
	09:00-17:00	31st General Conference of Ministers (GC31 Closed)	Pegasus Hotel
	09:00-17:00	CTU Network of Women Leadership Seminar	Pegasus Hotel
Wednesday 1st October	09:00-17:00	ITU/IADB P2C	Pegasus Hotel
	09:00-17:00	11th Caribbean ICT Regulators Forum	Pegasus Hotel
Thursday 2nd October	09:00-17:00	CTU ICT4PWDs Workshops for the Blind, Deaf and Persons with Mobility Challenges	





# **SPEAKERS**



Audrey P. Marks



Daryl Vaz, MP Minister of Transport, Telecommunications and Energy, Jamaica



President and Chief Executive Officer, ICANN



Secretary-General, African Telecommunications
Union

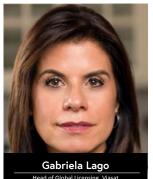










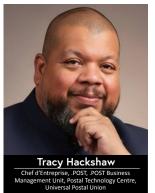


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# ABOUT JAMAICA

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More than a tourist paradise, Jamaica is a hub of innovation and growth. Although visitors flock to Dunn's River Falls, the Blue and John Crow Mountains, Devon House, and the Bob Marley Museum, the island also leads in digital transformation, entrepreneurship, and sustainable development. Small in size but mighty in influence, Jamaica is a nation of heritage, innovation, and excellence—truly *BIG in impact* 







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