



Digital Futures Forum – Jamaica

Theme - Powering Connectivity, Fintech and AI for a Smarter Digital Future

The Jamaica Pegasus Hotel, Kingston

Tuesday 30th September 2025

Provisional Agenda

Time	Item	Presenter / Facilitator
9:00	Welcome and Introduction	Ms. Wahkeen Murray Chief Technical Director, Information and Communications Technology, Office of the Prime Minister, Jamaica
9:05	<p>Panel Discussion: Meaningful Connectivity</p> <p>Jamaica has made significant progress in expanding broadband access, yet challenges remain in ensuring that connectivity is not only available, but affordable, reliable, inclusive and empowering. Large gaps still exist between urban and rural communities, and between higher-income and lower-income groups. Additionally, connectivity must be coupled with digital literacy, affordability of devices and relevant content to ensure meaningful use.</p> <p>This panel will explore how Jamaica can advance meaningful connectivity—going beyond access to ensure that citizens can use the internet productively, safely, and inclusively.</p>	<p>Moderator: Mrs. Anika Shuttleworth Chief Information Officer, Information and Communications Technology Authority</p> <p>Panelists: Mr. Felipe Hernandez, Island Networks CTO & Co-Founder</p> <p>Mr. Stephen Price, VP Liberty Caribbean, General Manager, Flow Jamaica</p> <p>Mr. Charlton Mc Farlane, Chief Executive Officer, USF</p> <p>Mrs. Elona Cela, Senior Investment Officer, Transaction Advisor LAC, IFC</p>
9:45	Closing Panel Address: Meaningful connectivity	Senator Dr. The Honourable Dana Morris-Dixon Minister of Education, Skills, Youth and Information, Jamaica
10:00	Signing of MOU	Government of Jamaica and Mr. Rhys Campbell Executive Director, Flow Foundation
10:15	Coffee Break & Group Photo	



10:40	Artificial Intelligence Panel Discussion Artificial Intelligence (AI) is reshaping economies and societies worldwide. For Jamaica, AI presents opportunities to improve public services, education, agriculture, healthcare, tourism and crime prevention , but also raises questions about ethics, data protection and the future of work. Jamaica has a strong ICT talent base and a vibrant innovation ecosystem but must ensure that AI adoption is guided by responsible policy and regulation . This panel will consider how Jamaica can responsibly harness AI to drive inclusive development while mitigating risks.	Moderator: Ms. Michele Marius Consultant Panelists: Mr. Ed Watal Principal and Founder of Intellibus Mr. Stuart Hylton, Director, Assurance & Compliance Symptai Consulting Limited Mr. Marc Frankson, Chief AI Consultant, Tran-Scend AI Company Limited
11:30	Fintech Panel Discussion Jamaica has been at the forefront of fintech innovation in the Caribbean, with initiatives such as the Bank of Jamaica's digital currency (Jam-Dex) and the growing fintech ecosystem supporting payments, remittances and financial inclusion. However, challenges remain in terms of regulation, consumer trust, digital literacy and financial access for underserved communities . This panel will explore how Jamaica can consolidate its gains in fintech, strengthen regulatory frameworks and promote financial inclusion through innovation.	Moderator: Mrs. Mariame McIntosh Robinson Managing Director, Global Triangle Advisors Panelists: Mr. Dane Spencer, Managing Director, Smart Mobile Solutions Mr. Sheldon Powe, CEO and Founder, Innovation 10x Representative (TBC) Bank of Jamaica
12:30	Lunch	
13:30	End of Digital Futures Forum - Jamaica	