

Webinar: Strengthening Submarine Fibre Optic Cable Resilience in the Caribbean

Thursday 22nd May 2025
Provisional Agenda

TIME	EVENT	SPEAKER
10:00	Welcome & Overview	Mr. Rodney Taylor Secretary-General, CTU
10:05	Session 1: International Advisory Body on Submarine Cable Resilience: Setting the Context This session will delve into the crucial role of the International Advisory Body on Submarine Cable Resilience in bolstering the security and reliability of global subsea communication networks. Discussions will cover the body's ongoing initiatives to mitigate risks from natural disasters and human activities, improve repair and deployment strategies, and foster greater international collaboration in protecting this vital infrastructure.	Presenters: Dr. Tomas Lamanauskas Deputy Secretary-General ITU Mr. Kent Bressie Partner and Head of International Practice at HWG LLP
10:30	Session 2: State of Play: Submarine Cables and Data Centres in the Caribbean: This session will provide a concise overview of the current landscape of submarine cable networks and data center facilities across the Caribbean region. Attendees will gain insights into recent developments, key players, and the interconnectedness of this vital digital infrastructure.	Moderator: Mr. Giovanni King, Chief Executive Officer Blue NAP Americas; and Chairman, Caribbean Datacenter Association (CDA) Panellists: Mr. Gonzalo Luis Jimenez Villamor Senior Consultant Consulting - Business Operations – EIT - Deloitte Ms. Nicole Starosielski Co-Principal Investigator Professor, University of California – Berkeley
11:15	Session 3: Open Discussion	Moderator: Ms. Teresa Wankin Secretary-General, CANTO
11:45	Session 4: Actionable Recommendations & Next Steps Session Description: Concluding the technical discussions, this session will outline concrete steps to strengthen infrastructure, policies and investment frameworks. Topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Infrastructure & Policy Improvements • Funding Mechanisms & Investment Opportunities 	Moderator: Mr. Nigel Cassimire, Deputy Secretary-General, CTU

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Roadmap for Ongoing Collaboration	
11:55	Wrap up and closing remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">Summary of key takeaways	Mr. Rodney Taylor, CTU
12:00	End of Webinar	