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TIME	ACTIVITY	PRESENTER
DAY ONE - TECHNICAL COMMUNITY		
Topic: Internet		
09:00	**Opening Ceremony** Mistress of Ceremony Partners' Welcome Remarks	**Ms. Francola John** Stakeholder Engagement Specialist, CTU **Mr. Demetris Herakleous** Associate Economic Affairs Officer Division of Productivity, Development and Management UN Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (UN ECLAC) **Mr. Bernardo Requena** Director Representative Trinidad and Tobago Development Bank of Latin America and the Caribbean (CAF) **Ms. Ana Laura Martínez** Coordinator of Regional Technical Cooperation Regional Center for Studies on the Development of the Information Society ((Cetic.br) at NIC.br - The Brazilian Network Information Center (Cetic.br) **Dr. Kim Mallalieu** Chair, St. Augustine Campus ICT Steering Committee; and Leader, Communication Systems Group in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, University of the West Indies (UWI)
09:30	**Address**	**Mr. Cory Belfon Permanent Secretary representing** **Sen. the Honourable Dominic Smith** Minister of Public Administration and Artificial Intelligence, Trinidad and Tobago; and President of the Caribbean Telecommunications Union (CTU)
09:45	Group Photo	

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DAY ONE - TECHNICAL COMMUNITY (Continued)		
Topic: Internet		
10:00	How does the Internet work? An overview of standards, technical functions and the organisations responsible for Internet technical coordination.	**Moderator: (TBC)** **Mr. César Díaz** Telecommunications Affairs, LACNIC **Dr. Claire Craig** Internet Exchange Point (IXP) Researcher and Consultant CaribNOG **Mr. Albert Daniels,** ICANN **Mr. Russell Bean**, Internet Society
11:30	Coffee Break	
11:45	New Generic Top-Level Domains (gTLD) Program	**Mr. Albert Daniels**, ICANN
12:30	Internet Exchange Points (IXPs)	**Mr. Russell Bean**, Internet Society
13:15	Lunch	
14:15	Roundtable: The Future of the Internet — Integration or Fragmentation	**Mr. Albert Daniels**, ICANN
16:00	Coffee Break	
16:15	Multistakeholder model	**Mr. Albert Daniels**, ICANN
17:15	WSIS+20 Review	**Ms. Deniz Susar,** UNDESA
17:45	End of Day 1	

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	DAY 2 – UN ECLAC	
	Topic: AI, DPI & Gender	
	AI Governance & Measurement:	**Moderator: Ms. Ana Laura Martínez** (Cetic.br)
08:30	Lessons for AI Strategy-Making from 25 years of Caribbean ICT Policy Making	**Mr. Craig Perue,** UWI
09:00	AI Strategies in the Caribbean/AI Index for Latin America and the Caribbean	**Mr. Demetris Herakleous,** UN ECLAC
09:30	OBIA – Brazilian AI Observatory	**Mr. Luiz Alexandre Costa** Observatório Brasileiro de Inteligência Artificial (OBIA)
10:00	Coffee Break	
	Developing Regulatory and Ethical Frameworks AI:	**Moderator: Dr. Letetia Addison,** UWI
10:30	Emerging Global Trends in AI Governance	**Ms. Sharmista Appaya (Virtual)** World Bank
11:00	Best practices and challenges in developing ethical and regulatory frameworks for AI	**Mr. Alejandro Forero,** Specialist of the Directorate of Digital Transformation, CAF
	AI and Productivity Development:	**Moderator: Ms. Emily Carerra**, CAF
11:30	Impact of AI on Productivity in LAC and Determinants of AI Adoption in Businesses (Brazil case study)	**Mr. Alejandro Patiño** UN ECLAC
12:00	Digital Policy Simulator Presentation	**Mr. Dale Alexander** UN ECLAC Caribbean
12:30	Lunch	
	Gender Gaps in Digital Transformation:	**Moderator: Ms. Francola John** CTU Focal Point for ITU Network of Women
13:30	Gender Gaps in Europe	**Ms. Franziska Seiffarth** German Corporation for International Cooperation (GIZ)
13:40	Gender Gaps in Latin America	**Ms. Ana Laura Martínez,** (Cetic.br)
13:50	Gender Gaps in the Caribbean	**Ms. Simone Joseph-Olliverre** Assistant Director, EGovernment Unit Information Technology Services Division St. Vincent and the Grenadines
14:00	Group Exercise: Case Studies on Gender Gaps	
15:00	Coffee Break	

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DAY 2 – UN ECLAC (Continued)		
Topic: AI, DPI & Gender		
	Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) and Decentralised Digital Identity:	**Moderator: Ms. Lika Doehl Diouf** UN ECLAC Caribbean
15:30	Concepts, Deployment and Challenges	**Ms. Carolina Rossini** University of Massachusetts
16:00	Concepts, Deployment and Challenges	**Mr. Alejandro Forero** Specialist of the Directorate of Digital Transformation, CAF
	Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) and necessary Legal and Regulatory Enablers:	**Moderator: Mr. Demetris Herakleous** UN ECLAC
16:30	DPI, definition and maturity model	**Ms. Saniya Ansar (Virtual)** **Mr. Claudio Machado (Virtual)** The World Bank
17:00	E-signatures, data protection and governance	**Ms. Nay Constantine (Virtual)** **Mr. Prakhar Bhardwaj (Virtual)** The World Bank
17:30	End of Day 2	

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DAY 3 – Regional Center for Studies on the Development of the Information Society (Cetic.br)		
08:30	Welcome and description of the day's agenda	**Ms. Ana Laura Martínez** Regional Center for Studies on the Development of the Information Society (CETIC) at NIC.br - The Brazilian Network Information Center (etic.br)
08:40	Meaningful Connectivity for the Caribbean	**Moderator: Nia Nanan** Senior Research Analyst, CTU **Panelists:** **Mr. Alejandro Patiño,** UN ECLAC **Ms. Ana Laura Martínez**, Cetic.br **Ms. Annie Baldeo** Executive Officer Policy, Planning and Economics Telecommunications Authority of Trinidad and Tobago (TATT) **Ms. Viviana Umpierrez** Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) ITU **(Virtual)**
10:00	Coffee Break	
10:15	Class: Digital Literacy and Meaningful Connectivity	**Moderator:** **Ms. Ana Laura Martínez** Cetic.br **Ms. Carolina Rossini** University of Massachusetts
11:30	Lunch	
12:30	Educational Tour to Two Submarine Cable Landing Stations	
17:00	Networking Social Gathering and Cocktails	
19:00	End of Day 3	

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DAY 4 – University of the West Indies (UWI)		
08:30	Welcome & Recap of Day 3	**Dr. Kim Mallalieu** Senior Lecturer & Leader of the Communication Systems Group, UWI
08:45	**Cybersecurity for resilience:**	**Moderator: Mr. Kirk Sookram** Deputy CEO, TATT
09:00	Cybersecurity and resilience against threats	**Mr. Shiva Bissessar** CEO, Pinaka Consulting Ltd.
09:40	AI for Cybersecurity	**Dr. Craig Ramlal**, Head of the Control Systems Group & Principal Investigator of the Intelligent Systems Laboratory, UWI
10.10	Q&A and Sharing of Cybersecurity experiences by participants	
10:25	Fellowships for Cybersecurity	**His Excellency Jon Mark Dean** High Commissioner to Trinidad & Tobago United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
10:30	Coffee Break	
11:00	**Fortifying Core Internet Infrastructure – Exploring Regional Data Embassies:**	**Moderator: Mr. Junior McIntyre** Deputy National Chief Digital Officer Ministry of Public Administration & AI Trinidad & Tobago
11:10	Data Centers, DNS and Root Servers	**Mr. Edison Stephen** Subject Matter Expert (ICT) Ministry of Public Administration & AI
11:20	Financing Data Centres for Regional Development	**Mr. Alejandro Forero** Specialist of the Directorate of Digital Transformation, CAF **Ms. Emily Carrera** Digital Transformation Executive, CAF
11:30	Development IXPs, Peering, and Governance	**Dr. Claire Craig** Internet Exchange Point (IXP) Researcher and Consultant, CaribNOG
11:40	Participants Breakout Session	
12:30	Lunch	
13:30	Critical Internet Infrastructure – Submarine and Space	**Moderator: Dr. Kim Mallalieu,** UWI
13:40	Submarine Cable Resilience	**Mr. Nigel Cassimire** Deputy Secretary-General, CTU

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DAY 4 – University of the West Indies (UWI) (Continued)		
14:45	Satellite Resilience	**Mr. Ryan Johnson** Senior Director for Global Regulatory Affairs, Viasat and Chair of the Americas Regional Group Global Satellite Operators Association (GSOA) **(TBC)**
15:00	Coffee Break	
15:15	Regulating for Resilience	Moderator: **Mr. Nigel Cassimire** Deputy Secretary-General, CTU
15:25	The Trinidad and Tobago Case	**Mr. Kurleigh Prescod** CEO, TATT
15:45	Lessons from ECTEL	**Ms. Tira Greene** Independent Caribbean Legal Expert and Legislative Drafter Consultant
16:15	Participants: Discussion and Sharing of Experiences	**Moderator: Dr. Kim Mallalieu**, UWI
17:00	End of Day 4	

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DAY 5 – Caribbean Development Bank of Latin America and the Caribbean (CAF)		
08:30	Presentation of the eLAC Agenda / Digital Development Observatory (DDO)	**Mr. Demetris Herakleous**, UN ECLAC **Ms. Valeria Jordan (Virtual)** UN ECLAC
09:00	Finance for Digital Transformation	**Mr. Alejandro Forero** Specialist of the Directorate of Digital Transformation, CAF **Ms. Emily Carrera**, CAF
10:00	EU-LAC Digital Alliance Initiative: Special Intervention	**Moderator: Mr. Alejandro Patiño** UN ECLAC **His Excellency Peter Cavendish** Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Delegation of the European Union to Trinidad and Tobago
10:45	CARICOM Single ICT Space	**Mr. Nigel Cassimire** Deputy Secretary-General, CTU
11:15	Coffee Break	
11:30	UNDP, SDIs, Other relevant actors	
12:15	Discussion and Experiences from Participants	**Moderator: (TBC),** CAF
12:30	Presentation of Certificates and Closing Ceremony	
13:00	End of Day 5	