

Agenda

Moderator: Ceci Rodríguez Cruz, Director, SMART Cables International Programme Office

Time	Item	Speaker
11:00 AM	High-level Regional partners open the webinar by framing why dual-purpose infrastructure matters for the Caribbean region, what is driving the region's exploration of SMART Cables, and how telecommunications infrastructure, ocean science and disaster resilience now form a single, interconnected agenda.	JTF: Bruce Howe (2 Min) IOCARIBE: Lorna Inniss (2 Min) WMO: Rodney Martinez (2 Min) ITU: Cleveland Thomas (2 Min) CTU: Rodney Taylor (2 Min)
11:10 AM (10 min)	SMART Cables Overview and Global Benefits	Bruce Howe/Mike Constable JTF SMART Cables
11:20 AM	Q&A (5 min)	
11:25 AM (10 min)	Ocean Science Opportunities for the Caribbean: Current Gaps and the Role of SMART Cables advancing Ocean and Climate Monitoring	Patricia Chardón-Maldonado, CARICOOS
11:35 AM	Q&A (5 min)	
11:40 AM (10 min)	Early Warning Systems in the Caribbean: Operational Needs and the role of SMART Cables in strengthening Multi-Hazard Infrastructure and preparedness	Elizabeth Vanacore, UPRM-PRSN
11:50 AM	Q&A (5 min)	
11:55 AM (10 min)	Telecom Infrastructure in the Caribbean: Operations, vulnerabilities, and the role of SMART Cables in enhancing Resilience	Cleveland Thomas, ITU Nigel Cassimire, CTU
1200- 12:25 PM	PANEL – Multi-stakeholder Regional Perspectives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marko Tasic, IOCARIBE • Arlene Laing, Caribbean Meteorological Organization (CMO) • David Farrell Caribbean Institute for Meteorology and Hydrology (CIMH) • Representative, SubOptic Foundation
12:25 PM	Closing Remarks and Next Steps: QR code for feedback form and regional interests	Regional leaders
12:30 PM End of Webinar		