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**#CANTO2026**

**AUGUST 9 - 12, 2026**

**PUNTA CANA, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC**



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# WHY ATTEND CANTO CONFERENCE 2026?

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## INSIGHTS & CONTENT

In the dynamic tech field, upskilling is vital. CANTO features industry leaders to inspire and empower with insights on trends, innovations, and strategies for staying ahead.



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### COMMUNITY & NETWORKING

CANTO events gather Caribbean telecom stakeholders, including ministers, regulators, operators and vendors, fostering dialogue, connections, and vibrant Caribbean energy for an immersive experience.



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## EXHIBITION & LEAD GENERATION

CANTO events offer a prime exhibition platform for industry professionals, fostering meaningful interactions and lead generation opportunities in the dynamic telecom and tech landscape.



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## ENTERTAINMENT

Experience the Caribbean at CANTO events, offering dynamic discussions on sustainability and digitization alongside vibrant music, cuisine and hospitality. An unforgettable fusion of insight and entertainment awaits.



# CANTO CONFERENCE ATTENDEES: BY INDUSTRY



## 42% OPERATORS

Telecom operators are the backbone of connectivity, managing mobile, landline, and internet services. Beyond mere calls and texts, they're the architects of digital experiences, ensuring seamless streaming, rapid uploads, and even delivering your favorite internet memes.

## 13% ICT PROFESSIONALS

Information Communication Technology professionals are the maestros of the digital landscape, adept at crafting, troubleshooting, and innovating across websites, apps, and networks. They navigate the complexities of the digital realm to shape tomorrow's technological advancements.

## 10% TECHNOLOGY VENDORS, EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURERS & SOLUTION PROVIDERS

These entities are the backbone of telecom hardware, supplying and crafting the equipment essential for seamless communication.

## 12% REGULATORS, GOVERNMENT & CONSULTANTS

This group comprises individuals who steer regulatory frameworks, ensuring compliance and fostering innovation within the telecommunications sector through expert guidance and consultation.

## 5% MEDIA & BROADCASTING

Personnel in media and broadcasting, spanning radio, television, and print, serve as conduits for information dissemination and storytelling, shaping public discourse and cultural narratives.

## 18% OTHER SECTORS

Industries such as Financial, Oil and Gas, electrical, and education recognize the pivotal role of telecommunication infrastructure. Understanding its significance, they integrate and rely upon the telecommunications grid to drive efficiency and innovation within their respective domains.

# CANTO CONFERENCE 2025 STATS



**800+**  
ATTENDEES



**200+**  
COMPANIES



**100+**  
C-LEVEL  
ATTENDEES



**40+**  
REGIONAL  
OPERATORS



**75**  
SPEAKERS



**50**  
SESSIONS



**68**  
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# CONFIRMED MINISTERS CANTO CONFERENCE 2026



**Hon. Jose Vanterpool**  
Minister of Infrastructure,  
Communications, Utilities, Housing,  
Information Technology (IT),  
and E-Government  
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# HIGH LEVEL ENGAGEMENTS



Hon. Philip Davis  
**Prime Minister of the  
Bahamas**

*Government of the Bahamas*

*\*TBC*



Brendan Carr  
**FCC Chairman**

*Federal Communications  
Commission*



Melissa Horwitz  
**Acting Deputy Assistant  
Secretary**

*US Department of State*

*\*TBC*



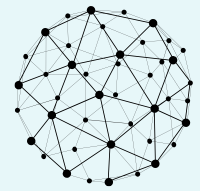
Cosmas Zavazava  
**Director, BDT**

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# TOPICS AT CANTO CONFERENCE 2026



**Digital Transformation & Innovation**



**Connectivity & Infrastructure**



**Security, Sovereignty & Trust**



**Policy, Regulation & Partnerships**



**Emerging Business & Social Issues**



**AI Transformation**

# GSMA TECHNOLOGY SUMMIT AT #CANTO2026

# GSMA<sup>TM</sup>

## Who will be the audience?

Network operators and technology leaders from across the Caribbean who are seeking practical technical guidance, alignment with global standards, and support in addressing regional operational and regulatory challenges  
Operators and vendors wishing to present their own country-specific challenges, initiatives, or lessons learned, and to engage directly with GSMA Working Groups on real-world implementation issues  
Regional stakeholders, including policymakers, sponsors, and ecosystem partners, who play a role in shaping digital transformation, regulation, and the broader mobile and digital ecosystem in the Caribbean.

## What are the expected outcomes?

A clear understanding of the region's most pressing technology priorities and how GSMA working group can support them.  
Strengthened alignment between Caribbean operators and global GSMA Technology Working Groups.  
Actionable next steps, including escalation of regional issues into potential new GSMA workstreams (CANTO Working Group).  
Improved regional capability through training on key technologies and knowledge sharing on key technologies and GSMA specifications  
Progress toward a more connected, inclusive, and sustainable mobile ecosystem, supporting broader socioeconomic growth across the region

## Why a GSMA Technology Summit?

A GSMA Technology Summit at #CANTO2026 provides a structured mechanism to connect Caribbean operators and stakeholders directly with GSMA Technology Working Groups, ensuring that regional priorities are reflected in global standards, guidance, and technical programmes.

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 Managing Partner, Cenerva



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## Five sessions. Three afternoons.

Inside the conference, 2:00 to 5:00 pm daily

DAY 1 MON 10 August	DAY 2 TUE 11 August	DAY 3 WED 12 August
<p>SESSION 1 <b>Digital Economy Challenges in the Caribbean</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Digital economy platforms</li> <li>Cybersecurity and data protection</li> <li>Board level challenges</li> </ul> <p>SESSION 2 <b>Disaster Preparedness &amp; Resilience</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NETP and TERM frameworks</li> <li>3 Capacities Model</li> <li>Critical National Infrastructure</li> </ul>	<p>SESSION 3 <b>Satellite Regulatory Challenges</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Spectrum allocation and frequency bands</li> <li>Local presence requirements</li> </ul> <p>SESSION 4 <b>Non-Terrestrial Networks: Opportunity or Threat?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>National licensing conditions</li> <li>Direct-to-Device implications</li> <li>Competition with ground-based operators</li> </ul>	<p>SESSION 5 <b>AI Challenges in Regulation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Speed and scale of change</li> <li>AI governance and national strategies</li> <li>Risk: hallucination, bias and more</li> <li>Leadership decisions and capability</li> </ul> <p>CLOSER <b>Wrap-up &amp; Conclusions</b></p>
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