



CTU ICT Week 2026 - French Guiana

24th Caribbean Ministerial Strategic ICT Seminar

Theme: Advancing Resilience, Inclusion, Innovation and Cybersecurity in

Caribbean Digital Development

Mercure Cayenne Royal Amazonia Hotel

Monday 21st September 2026

Provisional Agenda

Time	Item	Presenter
09:00	Welcome and Introductory Remarks	Mr. Rodney Taylor Secretary-General, CTU
09:05	Presentation: AI for Caribbean Transformation – Digital Health	Dr. Alexandre Saint Vincent Villeneuve PhD researcher in AI for breast cancer detection - University of Canada
09:20	High-Level Roundtable <u>AI, Data Governance and Digital Policy Leadership</u> • AI governance frameworks for small states • Data sovereignty and cross-border data flows • Ethical AI and regulatory readiness Q&A	Moderator: Dr. Craig Ramlal Executive Director, Artificial Intelligence Innovation Centre, University of the West Indies, St. Augustine Campus • Sen. the Hon. Dominic Smith Minister of Public Administration and Artificial Intelligence, Government of Trinidad and Tobago; President - CTU • Hon. Konris Maynard Minister of ICT & Post, St. Kitts and Nevis; Vice-President – CTU • Hon. Jonathan Reid Minister of Innovation, Industry, Science and Technology, Barbados • Hon. Marie-Lucienne Rattier Territorial Councillor Collectivité Territoriale de Guyane • Mr. Ed Watal Founder - Intellibus
10:15	Coffee Break	
10:45	Presentation:	Mr. Philippe Dumont Chief Executive Officer ELLALINK
11:00 (1hr)	Panel Discussion: <u>Digital Resilience (Core Track)</u> • Resilient infrastructure (submarine cables, IXPs, satellite redundancy) • Climate-resilient ICT for Small Island Developing States (SIDS) • Cyber resilience and national security frameworks • Business continuity and disaster recovery planning Q&A	Moderator: Mr. Rodney Taylor Secretary-General, CTU Panelists: • Mr. Andres Figoli - ITU • Digicel/Liberty/Orange • Mr. Cédric Pradel - ACCYB • Mr. Giovanni King - CDA • Mr. Ryan Johnson – VIASAT • Mr. Santiago Garcia-Guillen Satellite Telecommunications Specialist - French National Centre for Space Studies



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12:00	Presentation: Closing Connectivity Gaps in the Caribbean	Ms. Catherine Hinkley Principal, Connectivity Policy, Amazon
12:15	Panel Discussion: <u>Universal Meaningful Connectivity & Digital Inclusion</u> - Affordable access and last-mile connectivity - Rural and remote connectivity solutions - Accessibility for vulnerable groups Q&A	Moderator: Dr. Maria Myers-Hamilton , Managing Director – Spectrum Management Authority, Jamaica; Chair CTU-NoW Panelist: Ms. Isabelle Mauro Director General, GSOA Mr. Zach Blackburn Lead for Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, Amazon Leo Mr. David Fazio Chief Executive Officer, Helix Opportunity Mr. Kirk Sookram Deputy CEO - Telecommunications Authority of Trinidad and Tobago (TATT)
13:00	Lunch	
14:00	Presentation:	Mr. Ryan Johnson VIASAT
14:15	Panel Discussion: <u>Digital Economy, Innovation and Investment</u> - ICT as a driver of economic diversification - Startup ecosystems and innovation hubs - Public-private partnerships - Digital trade and cross-border services Q&A	Moderator: Ms. Vashti Maharaj Adviser, Digital Trade Policy Commonwealth Connectivity Agenda Panelists: Mr. Philippe Dumont Chief Executive Officer ELLALINK CAF IDB Representative Ms. Mariana Royer Founder & CEO Biostrategie Mr. Frédéric Adragna Head and Program Manager - Connect by CNES - French Space Agency (CNES)
15:15	Coffee Break	
15:30	Sponsors' Lightning Presentations: Topics to be aligned with the speakers Q&A	Moderator: Ms. Nia Nanan Senior Research Specialist – CTU Mr. Vincent Robert Director General Strategic Scout Mr. Alban Gibassier Marlink - Chief Executive Officer - Telesur Sponsor 4



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16:30	Panel Discussion: <u>Digital Government and Public Service Transformation</u> • Citizen-centric digital services • Digital public infrastructure (DPI) • Interoperability and e-government platforms • Trust, identity and digital ID systems	Moderator: Dr. Maurice McNaughton , Director of the Centre of Excellence and Innovation at Mona School of Business and Management, The University of the West Indies • Mr. Philippe Dumont Chief Executive Officer ELLALINK • iGovTT • Ms. Francesca Dona - EU LAC Digital Alliance • Fujitsu
17:30	Wrap Up	Mr. Rodney Taylor , CTU
17:45	End of 24th Caribbean Ministerial Strategic ICT Seminar	