



Collectivité Territoriale de Guyane and the
Caribbean Telecommunications Union

CTU ICT

WEEK 2026

/// FRENCH GUIANA ///

20TH – 24TH SEPTEMBER 2026

ADVANCING RESILIENCE, INCLUSION,
INNOVATION AND CYBERSECURITY
IN CARIBBEAN DIGITAL DEVELOPMENT



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ABOUT CTU ICT WEEK 2026

CTU ICT Week is the Caribbean's premier annual ICT and digital transformation event, bringing together government leaders, regulators, international organizations, industry executives, academia, entrepreneurs and youth. The 2026 event is:

- Hosted in partnership with the Collectivité Territoriale de Guyane (French Guiana).
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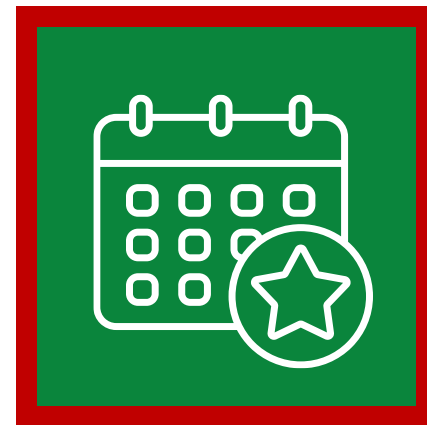
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CTU ICT WEEK 2026: AT A GLANCE



**400+
ATTENDEES**



16+ EVENTS



**70+
SPEAKERS**



**60+ GLOBAL
ORGANISATIONS**

Core Strategic Objectives



- **Manage and oversee the strategic and operational effectiveness of the CTU**



- **Advance regional dialogue and cooperation on digital transformation and ICT policy**



- **Support the development of inclusive, resilient and sustainable digital economies**



- **Promote strategic ICT leadership among Caribbean governments**



- **Provide a platform for sharing insights on emerging technologies and global trends**



- **Strengthen regional coordination and global positioning in preparation for PP-26**



- **Encourage innovation, entrepreneurship and investment in the ICT sector**

PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS

Throughout the week, delegates will have the opportunity to participate in a diverse programme of ministerial meetings, leadership forums, technical workshops and networking events.

SUN 20 & MON 21 SEPTEMBER

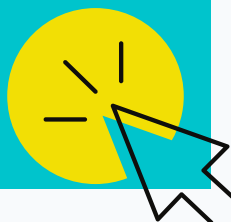
 **18:00 – 22:00 (SUN 20)**
Opening Ceremony & Welcome Reception
Official launch of CTU ICT Week 2026

 **09:00 – 17:00 (MON 21)**
24th Ministerial Strategic ICT Seminar
Strategic framework briefing and policy deployment roadmaps.

 **09:00 – 17:00 (MON 21)**
Universal Postal Union (UPU) Workshop

CTU ICT Week 2026 – Full Agenda:

[VIEW PROGRAMME](#)



TUE 22ND SEPTEMBER

 **09:00 – 14:00**
55th Executive Council Meeting
Statutory closed-door meeting of CTU Executive Council members.

 **09:00 – 14:00**
4th Caribbean ICT Youth Network Meeting
Regional youth engagement and ICT leadership discussions.

 **09:00 – 14:00**
2nd CTU Network of Women Leadership Seminar
Promoting gender equity, capacity building, and digital policy leadership.

 **09:00 – 14:00**
Commonwealth Connectivity Agenda (CCA) Workshop

 **14:00 – 17:00**
Joint Meeting of 55th EC and 32nd GC
Regional policy, governance and strategic initiatives.

WED 23RD SEPTEMBER

 **09:00 – 17:00 CLOSED**
32nd General Conference of Ministers
Highest regional decision-making assembly to formulate policy.

 **09:00 – 17:00**
Digital Futures Forum
Continuation of expert presentations and discussions on the Caribbean's digital future.

 **09:00 – 17:00**
ITU P2C Workshop

THU 24TH SEPTEMBER

 **09:00 – 13:00**
12th Caribbean ICT Regulators Forum
Regional forum on ICT regulation, spectrum management, accessibility, and leadership.

 **08:00 – 13:00**
CTU ICT4PWDs Leadership Workshop
Workshop focused on ICT accessibility, inclusion, and leadership for persons with disabilities.

 **14:00 – 17:00**
Tour of ESA's Guiana Space Centre
Site visit to Kourou Space Port highlighting satellite operations.

WHY ATTEND CTU ICT WEEK 2026 – FRENCH GUIANA

Emerging Technology Trends

Opportunity to learn about the latest trends and emerging technologies in the ICT sector, from discussions on 6G advancements to the role of AI and cloud computing in transforming industries.



Contribute to Policy Discussions Shaping the Future of Caribbean ICT

Participate in high-level conversations on data privacy, cybersecurity and climate resilience.

Meet ICT Ministers

The event will bring together in one place ICT and Telecommunications Ministers, and other Ministers of Government from across the region.



Network with Regional and International ICT Industry Experts

The event brings together key stakeholders from across the Caribbean and global ICT industry experts.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND



Government Ministers & Senior Public Officials



Private Sector & Technology Companies



Development Partners & International Organizations



Entrepreneurs & Startups



Telecommunications Regulators



Network Operators & ICT Service Providers

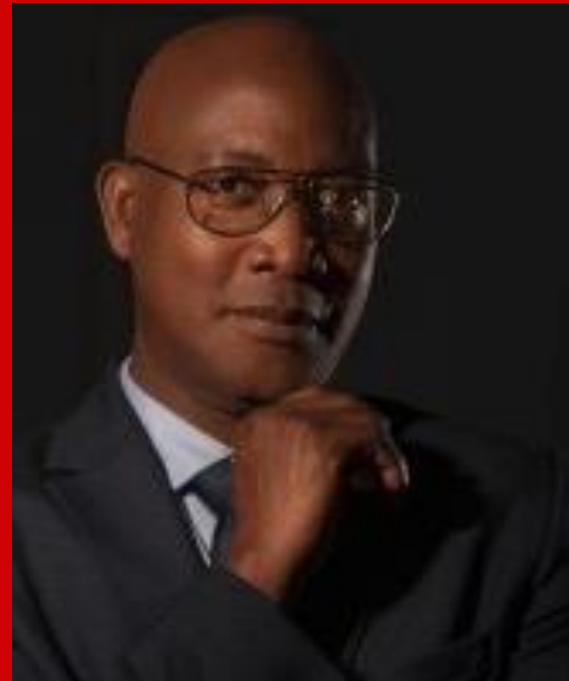


Academia & Research Institutions



Youth & Emerging ICT Professionals

GOVERNMENT AND HIGH-LEVEL ATTENDANCE AT CTU ICT WEEK 2026



**His Excellency Gabriel
Serville,
Président de la
Collectivité Territoriale
de Guyane**



**Senator The Hon.
Dominic Smith,
Minister of Public
Administration
and Artificial
Intelligence,
Government of
Trinidad and
Tobago**



**Hon. Konris Maynard
Minister of Public
Infrastructure,
Energy and Utilities,
Domestic Transport,
Information,
Communications
and Technology and
Posts,
St. Kitts and Nevis**



**Hon. Marie-Lucienne
Rattier, Territorial
Councillor, Collectivité
Territoriale de Guyane
(CTG) with
responsibility for
Digital Transformation**

GOVERNMENT AND HIGH-LEVEL ATTENDANCE AT CTU ICT WEEK



***The Hon. Dickon Mitchell,
Prime Minister of Grenada***



***The Hon. Daryl Vaz, MP
Minister of Transport,
Telecommunications
and Energy, Jamaica***



***Ms. Doreen Bogdan-Martin,
ITU Secretary General***



***Mr. Kurtis Lindqvist,
President and Chief
Executive Officer,
ICANN***

HOW TO REGISTER

SUBMIT YOUR DELEGATION ONLINE

Ensure that all attendee credentials, hotel requests, and transit itineraries are uploaded well in advance to prevent fast-track visa blockades or hotel booking delays.

[REGISTER HERE](#)



SCAN TO ACCESS REGISTRATION FORM



PLANNING YOUR JOURNEY TO FRENCH GUIANA

The CTU Secretariat encourages delegates to begin planning travel early to ensure a smooth journey to CTU ICT Week 2026 in Cayenne, French Guiana (20–24 September 2026).

TRAVEL PLANNING



IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS

-  **Limited Connectivity:** French Guiana has limited options for international direct air connectivity.
-  **Connecting Flights:** Most delegates should anticipate one or more transit connections before reaching Cayenne (CAY).
-  **Early Booking:** Securing routes well in advance is essential due to high demand and limited seat capacity.



PRIMARY GATEWAY HUBS

Fort-de-France, Martinique

The main Caribbean gateway

Paris, France

The primary international gateway

Belém & Fortaleza, Brazil

Limited Regional Access

RECOMMENDED TRAVEL DATES



PLAN YOUR ARRIVAL

Strongly recommended arrival date:

 **Arrive By Sat, 19 Sept 2026**

- ⚠️ **Limited Sunday Flights:** Caribbean routes have strictly limited services on Sundays.
- ⚠️ **Paris Transit Option:** Sunday arrivals are generally only achievable when routing via Paris.



PLAN YOUR DEPARTURE

Strongly recommended departure date:

 **Depart On Fri, 25 Sept 2026**

- ✓ **Reliability:** This aligns with the most dependable outbound scheduling from Cayenne.
- ✓ **Avoid Delays:** Minimizes the risk of overnight transits or missed regional connections.

RECOMMENDED ROUTING OPTIONS



CARIBBEAN ROUTE

Country → Martinique → Cayenne

- ✓ Most practical route for regional Caribbean delegates
- ✓ Typically requires 1–2 connections
- ✓ Perfect for Saturday, 19 Sept arrival



EUROPE ROUTE

Country → Paris → Cayenne

- ✓ Direct long-haul flights into Cayenne
- ✓ Ideal option for Europe & North American departures
- ✓ Allows flexible Sunday arrival



SOUTH AMERICA

Country → Belém/Fortaleza → Cayenne

- ✓ Limited direct services
- ✓ Best suited for South American delegates
- ✓ May require overnight transit

SUGGESTED ROUTES BY COUNTRY/REGION

Country / Region	Recommended Flight Path	Key Details / Alternatives
Trinidad & Tobago	Port of Spain → Martinique → Cayenne	Alt: Barbados/St. Lucia → Martinique
Eastern Caribbean	Origin Country → Martinique → Cayenne	Direct connection via Fort-de-France
Jamaica & Belize	Panama → Martinique → Cayenne	Transit via Copa Airlines & Air France
Guyana & Suriname	Martinique → Cayenne OR Belém → Cayenne	1-2 connections or regional South American flights
Brazil	Belém → Cayenne and Fortaleza → Cayenne	Direct flights available
USA & Canada	Miami/NY → Martinique → Cayenne	Alt: Miami → Panama → Martinique
Europe	Paris → Cayenne	Direct long-haul routes

VISA & ENTRY REQUIREMENTS



SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS

French Guiana is an overseas department of France and adheres strictly to French immigration laws.

MAJOR EVENT VISA

- A specialized fast-track event visa arrangement has been created through French state authorities specifically for CTU ICT Week participants.
- Please note that all participants are to be asked to check in with their French Embassies for passport verification before travel to French Guiana
- Jamaica • Guyana • Suriname • Belize • St Lucia • St Vincent and the Grenadines • Grenada • Dominica • Antigua and Barbuda • Latin America (selected) • Cuba • Dominican Republic • Africa, Asia: Most countries in Africa and Asia



EXEMPTIONS & HEALTH

Visa-Free Access Countries:

European Union Member States, Schengen Area, USA, Canada, UK, and Brazil.



Mandatory Yellow Fever

Proof of Yellow Fever vaccination is compulsory and checked upon arrival at the border.

AIRPORT & ARRIVAL INFORMATION



FÉLIX EBOUÉ AIRPORT (CAY)

- ✓ Located in Matoury district
- ✓ Approximately 15–20 minutes drive to Cayenne city centre



AIRPORT TRANSFERS

Airport transfers will be arranged for delegates upon submission of travel itineraries.



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AIRPORT & ARRIVAL INFORMATION



PRE-TRAVEL CHECKLIST

- ✓ **Book flights early** to guarantee regional connections
- ✓ **Allow sufficient connection time** in transit hubs
- ✓ **Verify transit visa** requirements for gateways
- ✓ **Carry physical Yellow Fever** vaccination certificate
- ✓ **Ensure passport validity** (min. 6 months)
- ✓ **Obtain comprehensive** travel & health insurance



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⚠ Important Notice: The CTU Secretariat cannot be held responsible for travel disruptions, missed flights, or expenses arising from incorrect booking arrangements or failure to satisfy entry and medical regulations. Delegates are therefore urged to carefully follow this advisory when planning their travel.

VENUE: MERCURE CAYENNE ROYAL AMAZONIA



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📍 PRIME LOCATION

- Situated in the heart of Cayenne, French Guiana.
- Convenient 15-20 minutes transit from Félix Eboué International Airport.
- Incorporates state-of-the-art conference halls and meeting facilities.
- Offers premium guest rooms, private suites, and business amenities.

✈️ 15-20 Mins from Airport

🏢 Official Conference Hotel

🍴 On-Site Restaurants

🏊 Pool & Spa

📶 High-Speed Wi-Fi

👥 Networking Spaces

WHY FRENCH GUIANA



SPACE & INNOVATION HUB

Home to the Guyane Space Centre (CSG), one of the world's leading spaceports, supporting satellite communications, Earth observation, and advanced space technologies.

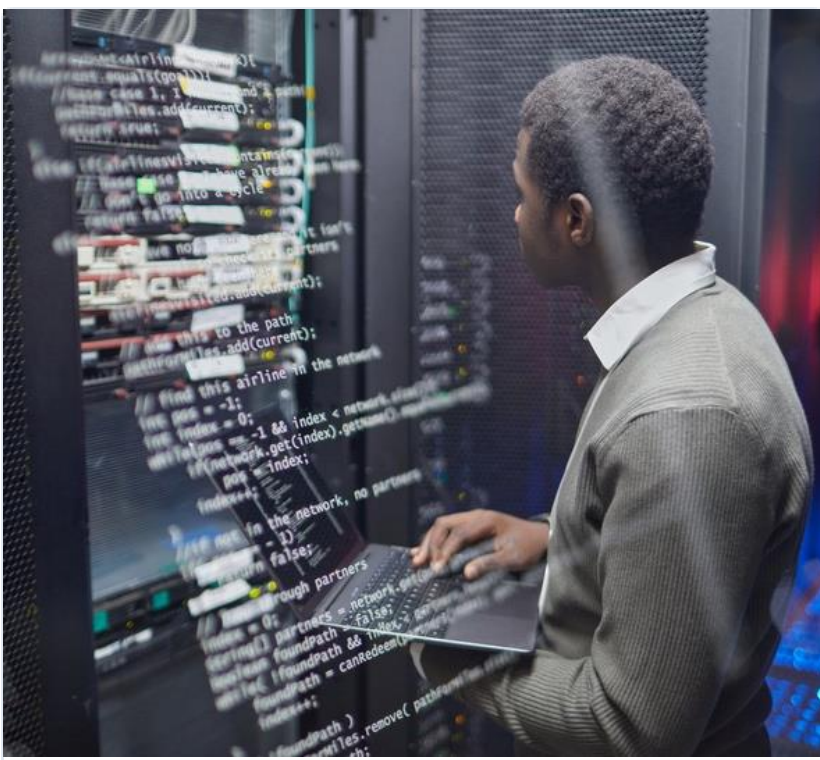
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STRATEGIC GATEWAY

A unique location connecting the Caribbean, South America, and Europe, making it an ideal venue for regional cooperation and international partnerships.

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CONNECTIVITY

As an overseas department of France, French Guiana benefits from modern telecommunications infrastructure, expanding broadband networks, and access to European digital initiatives.



REGIONAL COLLABORATION

Strengthens partnerships between governments, industry, and international organizations to advance regional digital transformation.

DISCOVER CAYENNE



Reyfus Tower, Kourou



Place des Palmistes

Cayenne's historic central square lined with towering giant palms, local cafés, and vibrant craft stalls.



Fort Cépérou

Historic 17th-century hilltop fort, offering beautiful panoramic views of the Cayenne river and city center.



Saint-Sauveur Cathedral

An iconic national landmark showcasing classic colonial French architecture, located in central Cayenne.



Cayenne Central Market

Immersive Creole experience featuring exotic spices, traditional crafts, tropical fruits, and classic Guianese dishes.



Guyane Space Centre (CSG) – Kourou

Located roughly an hour away; France's operational spaceport hosts the planned Thursday VIP technical tour.

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SPONSOR ICT WEEK

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Keynote Opportunities



Exclusive VIP Networking



Digital Banner Ads

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