



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 Quebec at Montreal
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: Mr. Rodney Taylor, Secretary-General, CTU Dr. Craig Ramlal, Executive Director, AI Innovation Centre, The University of the West Indies, and Chair, CTU Caribbean AI Task Force (CAITF) Sen. the Hon. Dominic Smith Minister of Public Administration and Artificial Intelligence, Government of Trinidad and Tobago and President, CTU Hon. Phillip Jackson Minister of Education, Vocational Training and Innovation, Digital Transformation and Information, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Hon. Marie-Lucienne Rattier Territorial Councillor Collectivité Territoriale de Guyane Hon. Alando Terrylong State Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade. Responsible for Diaspora, Government of Jamaica Ms. Sandra Maynard Pro Vice Chancellor Global Affairs – Jamaica, The University of the West Indies (UWI)
10:15	Coffee Break	
10:45	Presentation: The only Subsea Cable connecting South America to Europe	Mr. Philippe Dumont Chief Executive Officer, ELLALINK
11:00	Panel Discussion: <u>Digital Resilience (Core Track)</u> Resilient infrastructure (submarine cables, IXPs, satellite redundancy)	Moderator: Mr. Tariq Mohammed , Chair of the Caribbean ICT Youth Network, Advisor to the Secretary-General, CTU Panelists:



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	- Climate-resilient ICT for Small Island Developing States (SIDS) - Cyber resilience and national security frameworks - Business continuity and disaster recovery planning Q&A	Dr. Andres Figoli (Remote) Project Manager, Submarine Cable Resilience, International Telecommunication Union (ITU). Mr. Cédric Pradel Executive Director, Caribbean Cybersecurity Agency (ACCYB) Mr. Giovanni King Chairman, Caribbean DataCentre Association (CDA) Mr. Olmo Ramirez Director, Americas Regulatory Affairs and Market Access – VIASAT Mr. Eric Brel Applications Engineer, French Guiana Space Centre (CSG) Mr. Horacio Manfredo Director Business Development Wholesale, Liberty Networks
12:00	Presentation: Closing Connectivity Gaps in the Caribbean – The Impact of Low Earth Orbit Satellites	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: Ms. Nicole Watkins Vice Chair - CTU-NoW and Director, Electronic Communications, The Utilities Regulation and Competition Authority (URCA) Panelist: Ms. Natalia Vicinte Vice President of Public Affairs, GSOA Mr. Zach Blackburn Lead for Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, Amazon Leo Mr. David Fazio Chief Executive Officer, Helix Opportunity Mr Denzil Ali Executive Officer, Technology & Engineering, Telecommunications Authority of Trinidad and Tobago (TATT) Mr. Santiago Garcia-Guillen Satellite Telecommunications Specialist - French National Centre for Space Studies Mr. Stephen Bereaux Special Advisor, Ministry of Innovation and National Development, Bahamas
13:00	Lunch	



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14:00	Presentation: Advancing Resilience in The Caribbean Through Innovative Satellite Technologies	Mr. Olmo Ramirez Director, Americas Regulatory Affairs and Market Access, 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: Mr. Gary Kalloo , Director, Business Development, CTU Panelists: • Mr. Philippe Dumont Chief Executive Officer - ELLALINK • Ms. Mariana Royer Founder & CEO - Biostrategie • Mr. Eric BREL French Space Agency (CNES) • Ms. Julissa Cruz Director of Sustainable Digital Infrastructure. Development Bank of Latin America and the Caribbean, CAF • Mr. Pau Puig Gabarro Sector Senior Specialist, Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)
15:15	Presentation: Digital Implementation Now	Mr. Graeme Thomson Principal - WDG
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 VP – Business Development - Marlink • Mr. Manuel Haces Public Policy Manager, Meta • Mr. Sunil Mohan Chief Technical Officer - Telesur
16:15	Presentation: Issues surrounding Governance, Transparency and the regulation of Economic Life	Hon. Michel Sapin Former French Minister Ministry of Economy and Finance - France
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 • Dr. Florian Lütticken



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		EU Delegation Team Leader Transport, Digital and Health Investments - Barbados • Mr. Charles Bobb-Semple Chief Executive Officer (Ag.) - iGovTT
17:30	Wrap Up	Mr. Rodney Taylor, CTU
17:45	End of 24 th Caribbean Ministerial Strategic ICT Seminar	