



## CTU ICT Week 2026 - French Guiana

### CTU Network of Women (CTU-NoW) Leadership Seminar

THEME: Women Leading Resilient, Inclusive and Innovative Caribbean Digital Development

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2026

#### Provisional Agenda

| TIME  | ITEM                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | SPEAKER                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
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| 09:00 | Welcome & Introduction                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>Ms. Francola John</b><br>Stakeholder Engagement Specialist; and<br>Coordinator, CTU Network of Women                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 09:05 | Opening Remarks                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>Dr. Maria Myers-Hamilton</b><br>Chair of CTU Network of Women and<br>Incoming Vice-President of EU-LAC Network<br>of Women in Digital Policy                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 09:15 | <b>Address:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>Hon. Marie Lucienne Rattier</b><br>Territorial Councillor<br>Collectivité Territoriale de Guyane                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 09:25 | Keynote Address:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>Ms. Sofie Maddens</b><br>Chief – Digital Knowledge Department - ITU                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 09:40 | Feature Address: Women at the Forefront of Caribbean Digital Transformation                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>Her Worship Sandra Trochimara</b><br>Mayor of Cayenne                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 10:00 | Coffee Break and Group Photo                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 10:15 | <b>Panel 1: Women Shaping the Caribbean's Digital Future: Leadership, Policy and Global Influence</b><br><br><b>Key Discussion Areas:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Women at the decision-making table:</b> How do we move beyond participation towards meaningful leadership and influence in ICT policy?</li> <li>• <b>Resilience and digital trust:</b> What role do women and girls play in an era of cybersecurity threats, climate vulnerability and rapid technological change?</li> <li>• <b>Regional and International collaboration:</b> How can networks such as CTU-NoW create stronger partnerships among women policymakers, regulators and industry leaders?</li> </ul> | <b>Moderator: Mrs. Nicole Watkins,</b><br>Vice Chair CTU-NoW<br><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Hon. Marie Lucienne Rattier</b><br/>Territorial Councillor – CTU</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Djamila Delannon</b><br/>Economiste</li> <li>• <b>Mrs. Michelle Grell-Bereaux</b><br/>ITU NoW Advisory Board Member - Caribbean</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Rebecca Siber</b><br/>Regional Director, Orange en Guyane</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                 |
| 11:15 | <b>Panel 2: From Participation to Leadership: Building the Caribbean's Future Digital Workforce</b><br><br><b>Key Discussion Areas</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What skills will women need to compete and lead in an AI-driven economy?</li> <li>• Developing women entrepreneurs and technology founders.</li> <li>• Engaging girls and young women early enough to develop a sustainable ICT/STEM talent pipeline.</li> <li>• Creating opportunities for women from rural, remote and underserved communities.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                             | <b>Moderator: Ms. Vashti Maharaj</b><br>Adviser, Digital Trade Policy –<br>Commonwealth Connectivity Agenda<br><b>Panelists:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ms. Nathaly Carolina</b><br/>Chief Operation Officer - DataAxis</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Catherine Hinkley</b><br/>Principal, Connectivity Policy, Amazon</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Mariana Royer</b><br/>Founder &amp; CEO – Biostrategie</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Natalia Vincente</b><br/>VP – Public Affairs, GSOA</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Allyx Fontaine</b><br/>Principal – University of French Guiana</li> </ul> |



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| 12:15 | WRAP UP AND NEXT STEPS            | Dr. Maria Myers-Hamilton - CTU-NoW |
| 12:30 | END OF CTU-NOW LEADERSHIP SEMINAR |                                    |