



# Call for Papers

*The Executive Director of the Organization of Caribbean Utilities Regulators (OOCUR), Marsha Atherley-Ikechi, Ph.D. invites academia, regulators, other stakeholders, and participants in the utilities sector to submit proposals or abstracts for presentation papers for the 2025 Annual Conference of OOCUR to be held October 26-29, 2025, at the Hyatt Ziva/Zilara Resort, Montego Bay, Jamaica.*

*The theme of this premier conference for utility regulators is: “Navigating Caribbean Regulatory Challenges: Opportunities, Innovations and Collaborations” and submissions should, as far as possible, reflect the sectoral (water, sewerage, electricity and telecommunications) focus of the theme.*

*All pre-conference abstracts or proposals must be at least 250 words. They must be submitted via e-mail by midnight July 31, 2025 to [ooeur25ja@our.org.jm](mailto:ooeur25ja@our.org.jm) with the subject line: OOCUR 20<sup>th</sup> Presentation Proposal. Selected speakers will be notified of their acceptance by August 15, 2025.*

*Deadline: To avoid technical problems, early submission is strongly encouraged. Visit OOCUR’s website ([www.newooeur.org](http://www.newooeur.org)) for any additional information.*

**Dates to remember:**

- *Submission of Abstracts July 31, 2025.*
- *Notification of Acceptance August 15, 2025.*

*Final document delivery on September 30, 2025.*



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## RECOMMENDED TOPICS FOR INDIVIDUAL PAPERS BY SECTOR

### **Electricity**

- *Regulating Distributed Energy Resources: Challenges and Opportunities in the Caribbean*
- *Role of Microgrids in Enhancing Energy Access and Reliability*
- *Tariff Design for Renewable Energy Integration in Caribbean Power Grids*
- *Regulatory Pathways for Achieving a 100% Renewable Energy Future*
- *Energy Storage and Grid Modernization: The Role of Regulation*
- *The Impact of Decentralized Energy Systems on Traditional Utility Models*
- *Competitive Procurement Battery Storage Case Studies*

### **Water & Wastewater**

- *Innovative Policy Solutions for Managing Droughts and Water Scarcity in the Caribbean*
- *Reducing Non-Revenue Water through Smart Metering and Advanced Leak Detection*
- *Innovative Water Tariff Structures for Sustainable Resource Management*
- *Leveraging Technology for Smart Water Regulation in the Caribbean*
- *Public-Private Partnerships in Water Infrastructure: Lessons from Regional Case Studies*
- *Regulatory Frameworks for Wastewater Reuse: Exploring Global and Local Policies*
- *Governing Wastewater Treatment and Reuse*
- *Climate Change and the Economic Impact of Wastewater Reuse*



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### **Telecommunications**

- *The Path to Universal Connectivity: Regulation and Innovation in Telecoms – Expanding access to affordable, high-speed internet across the region*
- *Regulating the Digital Revolution: Cybersecurity, Privacy, and Emerging Tech – Managing the regulatory challenges posed by evolving digital landscapes*
- *Fostering Competition in Caribbean Telecommunications Markets – Encouraging fair competition for innovation and consumer benefit*
- *Cybersecurity and Data Privacy Regulations: Strengthening Resilience in the Caribbean Telecom Networks - Ensuring regulatory frameworks keep pace with evolving digital threats while balancing consumer rights and national security considerations*



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## CALL FOR PAPERS: GUIDELINES

*The proposal abstract must be presented in the English language. Each paper presentation will be given fifteen (15) minutes maximum. It is recommended that presenters highlight key points and not read their paper.*

- *A limited time will be allowed for questions and answers.*
- *All presenters must prepare a full paper (original work/research) that will be peer-reviewed for inclusion in the conference proceedings. See the guidelines below on how to submit a paper presentation proposal.*

### **Topic proposals should include:**

- *Title of paper*
- *Abstract (200-500 words)*
- *Name of the presenter(s)*
- *Biodata of the presenter(s) (150 words)*
- *Presenter's Photo*
- *Position/title of the presenter(s)*
- *Employer/Institutional affiliation(s)*
- *E-mail address(es)*
- *Telephone numbers*
- *Necessary IT equipment*

## GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSION OF FINAL PAPER

*For the final work, each presenter must provide one (1) written document in electronic format of the presentation. The written document must be submitted as a Microsoft Word (.doc) file along with the presentation slides and/or videos. The format requirements for the written document are:*

- *Title heading – Times New Roman 12pt, Bold, centered all caps.*
- *Sub-headings – Times New Roman 11pt, centered.*
- *Name and title, institutional affiliation, e-mail – Times New Roman 11pt, centered.*
- *The summary of the final work*