

AGENDA

ORGANIZATION OF CARIBBEAN UTILITY REGULATORS (OOCUR)
20TH CONFERENCE

Theme: “Navigating Caribbean Regulatory Challenges: Opportunities, Innovations
and Collaborations”



Sunday, October 26, 2025

Time	Activity	Location	Dress Code
Noon- 2 p.m.	Meeting of OOCUR ExCo	Jewel Grande Resort & Spa	Breezy (Casual)
3:00-6:00 p.m.	Arrival of Conference Participants. Participants will be picked up from the Airport and taken to the hotel to check in. Guests must have secured hotel arrangements before arrival.	Sangster’s International Airport, Montego Bay To Jewel Grande Resort & Spa	
5:00-7:00 p.m.	Registration	The Conference Secretariat	
7:00 -9:00 p.m.	Welcome Reception	Jewel Grande Resort & Spa	

	<div>DAY 1</div> <div>Monday, October 27, 2025</div>			
8:00 a.m. – 5 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Registration at the Conference SecretariatPlease ensure that you register for a field trip.The Jewel Grande Ballroom is the venue for all sessions, except for those that run concurrently.			Business Wear
9:00 a.m. -10:30 a.m.	<div>Official Opening Ceremony</div> <div>Moderator:</div> <div>Dr. Cedric Wilson</div> <div>Deputy Director General, OUR</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none">National Anthem:Prayers: ClergyWelcome Remarks: Chairman of OOCUR, Ansord E. HewittRemarks: Executive Director, OOCUR, Marsha Atherley-Ikechi, Ph.D.Cultural PerformanceOfficial Opening: Hon. Prime Minister, Dr. Andrew Holness <div>Venue: The Jewel Grande Ballroom</div>			
10:30 a.m. -10:50 a.m.	COFFEE BREAK NETWORKING SESSION			
10:50 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.		SESSION 1		
		<div>Keynote Address</div> <div>Minister of Science, Energy, Telecommunications and Transport</div>		
10:50 a.m. – noon		<div>UTILITY SERVICE PROVIDERS ROUND TABLE</div> <div>“Utility Perspectives on Regulation: Challenges, Opportunities, And Learnings”</div> <div>Moderator: David Morton,</div> <div>Chair of the International Confederation of Energy Regulators</div>		
	Speaker 1: Hugh Grant, President, Jamaica Public Service Company Ltd.	Speaker 2: Stephen Murad, CEO, Digicel Ja.	Speaker 3: Dr. Adrian Carter Manager, Regulatory Affairs Barbados Light & Power Co. Ltd	Speaker 4: Mr. Christopher Mapp Chief Executive Officer (Ag) Barbados Water Authority
Noon to 1 p.m.		<div>ENERGY PANEL DISCUSSION</div> <div>“Energy Innovation and Grid Modernization”</div> <div>Moderator: Cheryl Lewis, Deputy Director General, OUR</div>		
	Speaker 1: Colleen Nattie, Inspector, Inspection and Enforcement Hazardous Substances Regulatory Authority Exploring the Feasibility of Nuclear Power in Jamaica: Legislative Realities, Regulatory Capacity, and the Path Toward Small Modular Reactors	Speaker 2: Stanley Smellie, Regulatory Policy Specialist, OUR Balancing Access and Stability: Jamaica’s Evolving	Speaker 3: Dr. Oswald Smiley Manager – Engineering & Construction Projects, JPS The Role of Microgrids in Enhancing Energy Access and Reliability: A Caribbean Perspective	Speaker 4: Sorayadebie Jhagroe, Energy Authority of Suriname Regulatory Specialist Economic Regulation and Supervision Designing Renewable Energy Tariffs for Caribbean Grid Resilience: Insights from Suriname’s

		Power Wheeling Framework		Evolving Regulatory Framework	
1 p.m. – 2 p.m.		LUNCH			
2.00 p.m.– 5 p.m.		SESSION 2			
2.00 p.m.– 3:00 pm		FINANCING PANEL DISCUSSION “Encouraging public-private partnerships and innovative funding mechanisms”. Moderator:			
	Speaker 1: Ted Kury, Director of Energy Studies Public Utility Research Centre Opportunities and Challenges for Public-Private Partnerships in the Caribbean	Speaker 2: Lewis A. Lakeman National Water Commission, Assistant Vice President - Public-Private Partnership & Project Financing Water Infrastructure Lessons from Regional Case Studies “National Water Commission’s PPP Journey & Lessons Learnt”	Speaker 3: Joseph Lincoln Chairman – Can-Cara Development Ltd. Public-private partnership and innovative funding mechanisms		
3:00 pm. – 3:30 p.m.		Sponsored Speakers Sessions			
	Israetech	ATL	Jamaica Productivity Centre		
CONCURRENT SESSION/ (2 p.m.-4:30 p.m.)	IDB/OOCUR Dialogue on the Status of Energy Regulation on the Caribbean. (By Invitation Only) Moderator: Dr. Marsha Atherley-Ikechi, Ph.D. Executive Director, (OOCUR) Venue: TBC				
3:30 – 3:45 p.m.	Presentation of Findings – OUR ICT Assessing the State of Readiness for the deployment of 5G Technology in Jamaica Evona Channer, Deputy Director General, OUR Jamaica				
3:45 – 5:00 p.m.		TELECOMMUNICATIONS PANEL DISCUSSION The Path to Universal Connectivity: Regulation and Innovation in Telecoms			
Moderator : Evona Channer, Deputy Director General, OUR Jamaica	Speaker 1: Lasse Nagel/Manager Frontier Economics Limited From Last Mile to Low Orbit: Satellite Broadband as a means to close the Connectivity Gap? Germany	Speaker 2: Trishann Russell Manager, Legal Affairs Cable & Wireless Jamaica Limited Public Perception vs. Public Benefit: Managing Tower Safety	Speaker 3: Kirk Sookram Deputy Chief Executive Officer Telecommunications Authority of Trinidad and Tobago The Universal Service Fund: a viable path	Speaker 4: Mavis Johnson-Collie Data Governance and Information Management Advisor URCA The Bahamas From Data Silos to Smart Regulation: Data Governance as a Tool for Digital Inclusion	Speaker 5: Apollo Knights National Director, Telecommunications Regulatory Commission Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Universal Connectivity in Action: A Case Study of St Vincent and the Grenadines' Innovative Approach"

		Concerns in the Caribbean’s Universal Access Agenda.	to universal and meaningful connectivity	and Universal Connectivity	
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DAY 2
Tuesday, October 28, 2025

8:00 a.m. – 5 p.m.	Registration at the Conference Secretariat				Business Wear
8:30 a.m. -9:00 a.m.	<p>Moderator: Elizabeth Bennett-Marsh Public Education Specialist, OUR</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Opening Address: Minister of Economic Growth and Job Creation With responsibility for Water, Environment, Climate Change, and the Blue & Green Economies</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Keynote Address David Morton Chair of the International Confederation of Energy Regulators</p>				
9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	SESSION 3				
9 a.m.-10:15 a.m.	<p>REGULATORY ROUND TABLE</p> <p><i>“Regulatory Innovations: Embracing Change In A Rapidly Transforming Utility Landscape”</i></p> <p>Moderator: Glenn Khann, Former Executive Director of OOCUR</p>				
	Speaker 1 Brian A. P. Reece Chief Executive Officer Fair Trading Commission Barbados	Speaker 2 Kenva Williams Director General Telecommunications Commission TCI	Speaker 3 Anand Kalpoe Chairman, Energy Authority of Suriname EAS	Speaker 4 Michelle Salandy (PhD) Executive Director Regulated Industries Commission Trinidad and Tobago	Speaker 5 Ansord E. Hewitt, Director General, Office of Utilities Regulation Jamaica
10:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	COFFEE BREAK NETWORKING SESSION				
10:30 – 11:30 a.m.	<p>PANEL DISCUSSION: “Trust: Cyber Security and Data Privacy”</p> <p>Moderator: Leighton Hamilton, Director, ICT & Risk (OUR)</p>				
	Speaker 1: Robert (Bob) Grant, Director, Product Management, iconectiv Bridging the Gap: Data, Trust, and Policy Innovation in Advancing Universal Connectivity in the Caribbean	Speaker 2: Kevin Green Public Policy Consultant/ Principal Somos, Inc. GAGE, LLC Trust Framework, a proposal for an industry-wide effort to bolster telephone identity verification	Speaker 3: Marlon Cooper Chief Executive Officer Symptai Consulting Limited Jamaica Strengthening Resilience in the Caribbean Telecoms Network	Speaker 4: Naomi Watkins Legal Officer (Actg) OUR Jamaica Cybersecurity And Data Privacy Laws – Ensuring Regulatory Frameworks Keep Pace	Speaker 5: Alrick Livingston & Kalifa Clarke Fair Trading Competition Jamaica Restoring trust in the telecoms network

	PANEL DISCUSSION - ENERGY			
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	“Regulating Distributed Energy Resources: Challenges and Opportunities in the Caribbean” Moderator: Courtney Francis Manager, Engineering & Technical Analysis, (OUR)			
	Speaker 1: Dr. Ricardo (Rick) Case Senior Vice President, Shared Services, (JPS) Regulating Distributed Energy Resources: Navigating Challenges and Unlocking Opportunities in the Caribbean – A Jamaican Perspective	Speaker 2: L. Nigel Burgess Director of Utility Regulation Regulatory Authority of Bermuda Unplugged: Challenges And Opportunities of Distributed Energy Resources in the Caribbean	Speaker 3: Drs. Brigitte Burnett MSc Energy Authority Suriname Head of Economic Regulation and Supervision Suriname Regulating Distributed Energy Resources: Challenges and Opportunities: Opportunities for low-income households in Suriname Title: DER Opportunities for low-income households in Suriname	
12:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	WATER (Individual Speakers) Moderator:			
	Speaker 1: Sashana Miller Senior Regulatory Analyst – OUR Shifting the Culture: A Coordinated Approach to Increasing Water Supply.	Speaker 2: Shavanne Smith Research Officer Fair Trading Commission, Jamaica Climate Change and the Economic Impact of Wastewater Reuse	Speaker 3: Dr. Richard Meggo Manager, Rose Hall Developments Limited, Jamaica The Case for Strengthening Government Regulation of Wastewater Influent for Sustainable Municipal Treatment Systems	
1:00 p.m. –2:00 p.m.	LUNCH			
2.00 p.m.– 4: 30 pm	SESSION 4			
2:00 – 3 p.m.	PANEL DISCUSSION: RENEWABLE ENERGY INTEGRATION Moderator: Stanley Smellie, Regulatory Policy Specialist OUR			
	Speaker 1: Connel Mottley Regulated Industries Commission (Trinidad &Tobago) Integrating Renewable Energy and Safeguarding Grid Stability	Speaker 2: Juan Accord LLM (EAS) Regulatory Pathways for Achieving a 100% Renewable Energy Future: Unlocking Suriname’s Renewable Energy Potential: A Legal Perspective.	Speaker 3: Nadia J.A. John Legal/Corporate Secretary Regulated Industries Commission Legislative Pathways for Transitioning to	Speaker 4: Shawn Enterline Sr. Associate - US Program Advancing Barbados’ Clean Energy Transition

			100% Renewable Energy Future	Through Regulatory Reform
CONCURRENT SESSION: 3 p.m.-4 p.m.	Energy for Growth HUB: PPA Transparency and Guidance Venue: TBC			
3 p.m. – 4 p.m.	SESSION 5			
	PANEL DISCUSSION: “AI & Digital Technology” Moderator: Mavis Johnson-Collie Data Governance and Information Management Advisor Utilities Regulation & Competition Authority			
	Speaker 1: Joint presentation Araceli Castaneda, Director of Leadership Studies/ Business Development and Dr. Mark A. Jamison, Director/Professor (PURC)/Director of Telecommunications USA Beyond Algorithms: How AI is Transforming Utility Regulation.”	Speaker 2: Akua Fortuné Policy and Research Analyst II Telecommunications Authority of Trinidad and Tobago Artificial Intelligence (AI): Challenges and Opportunities for Caribbean States	Speaker 3: Tricia Chin Senior Associate Lex Caribbean (Attorneys-at-law) Trinidad and Tobago Using Digital Technology to Create Cost Efficiencies in the Utilities Sector – the case for AI in detecting bid rigging	

DAY 3					
Wednesday, October 29, 2025					
8:00 a.m. – 5 p.m.	Registration at the Conference Secretariat			OOCUR Polos /Tees and jeans	
8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m..	Closing Sessions Moderator: Dr. Marsha Atherley-Ikechi, Ph.D. Executive Director, (OOCUR) Ansord E. Hewitt, Chairman, OOCUR				
9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	SESSION 6				
	TELECOMMUNICATIONS				
9 a.m.- 10:15 a.m.	Fostering Competition in Caribbean Telecommunications Moderator:				
	Antonio B. Fletcher Economist Telecommunications Authority of Trinidad and Tobago Competition and innovation as key elements in addressing the network sustainability and service affordability gaps.		Robert (Bob) Grant Iconectiv Director, Product Management Reclaiming Trust in Caribbean Communications: Regional Strategies to Mitigate Robocalls and Messaging Fraud		
10: 15 a.m. -10:30 a.m.	COFFEE BREAK NETWORKING SESSION				
10:30 a.m. – noon	MULTI-SECTOR PRESENTATIONS Moderator Glenn Khann, Former Executive Director of OOCUR				
	Speaker 1: Opal Neil Position: Independent Consultant Policy, regulations, skills development, and innovations for achieving meaningful digital connectivity	Speaker 2: Najuequa Barnes Managing Director/ Chief Privacy Officer United Consulting International Limited Beyond the Signal: Reimagining AI, Privacy, and Regulatory Integrity in the Caribbean’s Telecommunications Future	Speaker 3: Shan M. Greer Registrar & Chief Executive Officer BVI International Arbitration Centre Strengthening Regulatory Confidence Through Arbitration: Dispute Resolution Mechanisms in Caribbean Utility Sectors	Speaker 4: Odian Moore Regulatory Economic Specialist OUR Adjusting Medium-Term Electricity Demand Forecast in Response to External Shocks: A Methodological Framework	Speaker 5: Shanique Nunes HR Manager OUR Harnessing Emotional Intelligence and Artificial Intelligence for workforce transformation in public utilities commissions/agencies: Aligning People, Technology and Policy for Resilience.
Noon – 1 p.m.	Shaping Water & Sanitation Regulation for the Caribbean Moderator: Dr. Marsha Atherley-Ikechi, Ph.D. Executive Director, (OOCUR)				
	WOTA				

	Development of the small-scale, decentralized water recycling system and an autonomous control system for water treatment	Lisbon International Centre for Water (Lis-Water) Rita Amaral Water governance, public policies, and regulatory frameworks
1.00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	LUNCH	
	GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND ELECTIONS (Members Only)	
2 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	FIELD TRIPS	
7.30 p.m. to 10.00 p.m.	GALA – DINNER Guest Speaker: Hon. Alexa N. H. Lightbourne, JP, MP, Minister of Home Affairs, Government of Bermuda Presentation of Awards	Semi-formal

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<div>DAY 4</div> <div>Thursday, October 30, 2025</div>	
7 a.m. – 9 a.m.	Breakfast and final photo opportunities
11 a.m.	Check-out of Host Hotel
See you next year in BVI!	

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