

AGENDA

ORGANIZATION OF CARIBBEAN UTILITY REGULATORS (OOCUR)
20TH CONFERENCE

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



Sunday, October 26, 2025

Time	Activity	Location	Dress Code
12:00 - 2 p.m.	Meeting of OOCUR ExCo	<i>Ocho Rios Meeting Room</i> Jewel Grande Resort & Spa	
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 their hotel arrangements prior to arrival.	Sangster International Airport, Montego Bay To Jewel Grande Resort & Spa	
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.	Registration	The Conference Secretariat <i>Negril Meeting Room</i>	
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Welcome Reception	Jewel Grande Resort & Spa	

DAY 1

Monday, October 27, 2025

8:00 a.m. – 5 p.m.		- Registration at the Conference Secretariat - Please ensure that you register for a field trip. - The <i>Jewel Grande Ballroom</i> is the venue for all sessions, except for those that run concurrently.		Business Wear
9:00 -10:30 a.m.	Official Opening Ceremony Moderator: Dr. Cedric Wilson Deputy Director-General, OUR			
	- National Anthem – Nicole Morgan-McKain, Legal Officer, OUR - Prayers: Clergy - Welcome Remarks: Chairman of OOCUR, Ansord E. Hewitt - Cultural Performance - Address: Prof. Alvin Wint, Former Chairman of the OUR - Closing Remarks: Marsha Atherley-Ikechi, Ph.D. <i>Venue: The Jewel Grande Ballroom</i>			
10:30 -10:50 a.m.	COFFEE BREAK NETWORKING SESSION – Sponsored by Somos, Inc			
SESSION 1				
10:50 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Keynote Address Hon. Daryl Vaz Minister of Science, Energy, Telecommunications and Transport			
	UTILITY SERVICE PROVIDERS ROUND TABLE <i>“Utility Perspectives on Regulation: Challenges, Opportunities, And Learnings”</i> Moderator: David Morton Chair of the International Confederation of Energy Regulators			
	Speaker 1: Christopher Mapp Chief Executive Officer (Ag) Barbados Water Authority	Speaker 2: Bjorn Spence Director, Legal & Regulatory Digicel Jamaica	Speaker 3: Stephen Price Vice President and General Manager FLOW Jamaica	Speaker 4: Hugh Grant President Jamaica Public Service Co. Ltd.
12:00 – 1:00 p.m.	ENERGY PANEL DISCUSSION <i>“Energy Innovation and Grid Modernization”</i> Moderator: Cheryl Lewis, Deputy Director-General, OUR			
	Speaker 1: Colleen Nattie Inspector, Inspection and Enforcement Hazardous Substances Regulatory Authority	Speaker 2: Stanley Smellie Regulatory Policy Specialist OUR Balancing Access and Stability: Jamaica’s Evolving Power Wheeling Framework	Speaker 3: Dr. Oswald Smiley Manager – Engineering & Construction Projects JPS The Role of Microgrids in Enhancing Energy	Speaker 4: Sorayadebie Jhagroe, Energy Authority of Suriname Regulatory Specialist, Economic Regulation and Supervision Designing Renewable Energy Tariffs for Caribbean Grid Resilience: Insights from

	Exploring the Feasibility of Nuclear Power in Jamaica: Legislative Realities, Regulatory Capacity, and the Path Toward Small Modular Reactors		Access and Reliability: A Caribbean Perspective	Suriname’s Evolving Regulatory Framework	
1:00 – 2:00 p.m.	LUNCH				
SESSION 2					
2.00 – 3:00 pm	SECURING INVESTMENTS IN WATER INFRASTRUCTURE: PANEL DISCUSSION Encouraging private-public partnerships and innovative funding mechanisms. Moderator: Kenva Williams, Director General TCI Telecommunications Commission				
	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 Assistant Vice President - Public-Private Partnership & Project Financing Water Infrastructure National Water Commission Lessons from Regional Case Studies “National Water Commission’s PPP Journey & Lessons Learnt”	Speaker 3: Robert Taylor, Chairman Can–Cara Development Ltd. Public-private partnership and innovative funding mechanisms		
3:00 – 3:30 p.m.	Sponsored Speakers Sessions				
	Isratech Jamaica Limited Patricia Grant, Marketing Manager	ATL	Powering Resilience and Productivity: Lessons for Business and Utility Recovery From Recent Disasters. Jamaica Productivity Centre, Dr. Sarah Buckland		
CONCURRENT SESSION 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.	IDB/OOCUR Dialogue on the Status of Energy Regulation in the Caribbean. (By Invitation Only) Moderator: Dr. Marsha Atherley-Ikechi, Ph.D. Executive Director, (OOCUR) Venue: Ocho Rios Meeting Room				
3:30 – 4:00 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				
4:00 – 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	Speaker 2: Trishann Russell Manager, Legal Affairs Cable & Wireless Jamaica Limited	Speaker 3: Kirk Sookram Deputy Chief Executive Officer Telecommunications Authority of Trinidad and Tobago	Speaker 4: Mavis Johnson-Collie Data Governance and Information Management Advisor URCA The Bahamas	Speaker 5: Apollo Knights National Director Telecommunications Regulatory Commission Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

	Broadband as a means to close the Connectivity Gap? Germany	Public Perception vs. Public Benefit: Managing Tower Safety Concerns in the Caribbean’s Universal Access Agenda.	The Universal Service Fund: a viable path to universal and meaningful connectivity	From Data Silos to Smart Regulation: Data Governance as a Tool for Digital Inclusion and Universal Connectivity	Universal Connectivity in Action: A Case Study of St Vincent and the Grenadines' Innovative Approach"
	Networking Roundtables: <i>Ocho Rios Meeting Room</i>				Limited Seating: Pre-register in the Secretariat by noon.
4:30-5:30 p.m.	Energy Networking Roundtable – Hosted by David Morton Chair of the International Confederation of Energy Regulators				<i>Energy Innovation & Global Developments</i>
	Public-Private Partnership Networking Roundtable – Hosted by Ted Kury Director of Energy Studies Public Utility Research Centre				<i>Opportunities and Challenges for Public-Private Partnerships in the Caribbean</i>

DAY 2 Tuesday, October 28, 2025				
8:00 a.m. – 5 p.m.	Registration at the Conference Secretariat – <i>Ocho Rios Meeting Room</i>			Business Wear
8:30 - 9:30 a.m.	Moderator: Elizabeth Bennett-Marsh Public Education Specialist, OUR ❖ Opening Address: Hon. Matthew Samuda Minister of Water, Environment, and Climate Change, Jamaica ❖ Keynote Address David Morton Chair of the International Confederation of Energy Regulators			
SESSION 3				
9:30 a.m. - 10:40 a.m.	REGULATORY ROUND TABLE <i>“Regulatory Innovations: Embracing Change In A Rapidly Transforming Utility Landscape”</i> Moderator: Glenn Khann, Former Executive Director of OOCUR			
	Speaker 1: Brian Reece Chief Executive Officer Fair Trading Commission Barbados	Speaker 2: Kenva Williams Director General Telecommunications Commission Turks & Caicos Islands	Speaker 3: Anand Kalpoe Chairman Energy Authority of Suriname (EAS)	Speaker 5: Ansord E. Hewitt Director General Office of Utilities Regulation Jamaica
10:40 -11:00 a.m.	COFFEE BREAK NETWORKING SESSION - Sponsored by Somos, Inc			
11:00 – 12:00 p.m.	PANEL DISCUSSION: <i>“Cyber Security and Data Privacy”</i> Moderator: Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) Godphey O Sterling Director, Jamaica Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Division			
Speaker 1: Najuequa Barnes Managing Director/ Chief Privacy Officer United Consulting International Limited Beyond the Signal: Reimagining AI, Privacy, and Regulatory Integrity in the Caribbean’s	Speaker 2: Robert (Bob) Grant Director, Product Management iConectiv Bridging the Gap: Data, Trust, and Policy Innovation in Advancing Universal	Speaker 3: Kamala Hamilton Product Management, Manager, Liberty Business Cyber Security and Data Privacy	Speaker 4: Marlon Cooper Chief Executive Officer Symptai Consulting Limited, Jamaica Strengthening Resilience in the Caribbean Telecoms Network	Speaker 5: Naomi Watkins Legal Officer (Actg.) OUR, Jamaica Cybersecurity And Data Privacy Laws – Ensuring Regulatory

Telecommunications Future	Connectivity in the Caribbean			Frameworks Keep Pace
	PANEL DISCUSSION - ENERGY			
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	“Regulating Distributed Energy Resources: Challenges and Opportunities in the Caribbean” Moderator: Courtney Francis, Manager, Engineering and Technical Analysis			
	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: Odian Moore Regulatory Economic Specialist (OUR) Adjusting Medium-Term Electricity Demand Forecast in Response to External Shocks: A Methodological Framework	
1:00 –2:00 p.m.	LUNCH			
CONCURRENT SESSION: 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.	Energy for Growth HUB: PPA Transparency and Guidance – By Invitation Only Moderator: Dr. Marsha Atherley-Ikechi, Ph.D. Venue: Ocho Rios Meeting Room			
2:00 – 3:00 p.m.	Transforming Water Management: Regulatory, Economic, and Cultural Strategies for Sustainable Water Security			
	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
SESSION 4				
3:00 – 4:00 p.m.	PANEL DISCUSSION: “AI & Digital Technology” Moderator: Mavis Johnson-Collie Data Governance and Information Management Advisor Utilities Regulation & Competition Authority			
	Speaker 1: Araceli Castaneda Director of Leadership Studies/ Business Development Public Utility Research Center (PURC) USA	Speaker 2: Akua Fortuné Policy and Research Analyst Telecommunications Authority of Trinidad and Tobago	Speaker 3:	Speaker 4: Professor Sean Thorpe, PhD Dean of the Faculty of Engineering and Computing
			Tricia Chin Senior Associate Lex Caribbean	

	Beyond Algorithms: How AI is Transforming Utility Regulation.	Artificial Intelligence (AI): Challenges and Opportunities for Caribbean States	(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	University of Technology, Jamaica
	SESSION 5			
4:00 – 5:00 p.m.	PANEL DISCUSSION: RENEWABLE ENERGY INTEGRATION Moderator: Stanley Smellie, Regulatory Policy Specialist, OUR			
	Speaker 1: Juan Accord Legal Specialist Energy Authority Suriname Regulatory Pathways for Achieving a 100% Renewable Energy Future: Unlocking Suriname’s Renewable Energy Potential: A Legal Perspective.	Speaker 2: Dr. Marsha Atherley-Ikechi, Ph.D. Executive Director, OOCUR Regional Perspective on Renewable Energy Integration	Speaker 3: Shawn Enterline Sr. Associate - US Program Advancing Barbados’ Clean Energy Transition Through Regulatory Reform	
	Networking Roundtables: Ocho Rios Meeting Room			Limited Seating: Pre-register in the Secretariat by noon.
4:30-5:30 p.m.	AI & Digital Technology” Roundtable– Hosted by Professor Sean Thorpe, PhD, Dean of the Faculty of Engineering and Computing University of Technology, Jamaica	Regulatory Challenges and Innovations – Hosted by Ansord E. Hewitt, Director General, OUR		

DAY 3 Wednesday, October 29, 2025				
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Registration at the Conference Secretariat			OOCUR Polos /Tees and jeans
8:30 - 9:30 a.m.	Closing Sessions Moderator: Donn Foggo, Director of Communications and Stakeholder Engagement · Regulatory Authority, Bermuda ❖ Speakers: Marlene Lamonth Programme Manager Delegation of the European Union (EU) to Jamaica, Belize and The Bahamas EU’s Utility Sector Work in the region ❖ Marc Jones, Senior Legal Counsel CARICOM Competition Commission The proposed dual role of the CCC as the regional competition authority and utility regulator Closing Remarks: Ansord E. Hewitt, Chairman, OOCUR			
SESSION 6				
	PANEL DISCUSSION: TELECOMMUNICATIONS			
	Restoring trust in the telecoms network			
9:30 -10:15 a.m.	Moderator: Kevin Rupy, Board Member of the Communications Fraud Control Association			
	Speaker 1: Robert (Bob) Grant iConectiv Director, Product Management Reclaiming Trust in Caribbean Communications: Regional Strategies to Mitigate Robocalls and Messaging Fraud	Speaker 2: Chris Wendt Vice President of Systems Engineering at Somos, Inc. STIR/SHAKEN standards that underpin caller identity authentication.	Speaker 3: Charles Douglas Snr. Manager Government & Regulatory Affairs, Liberty Caribbean	Speaker 4: Alrick Livingston & Kalifa Clarke Fair Trading Competition Jamaica Restoring trust in the telecoms network
10: 15 -10:30 a.m.	COFFEE BREAK NETWORKING SESSION			
10:30 a.m.- 11:30 a.m.	MULTI-SECTOR PRESENTATIONS			
	Moderator: Glenn Khann, Former Executive Director of OOCUR			
	Speaker 1: Antonio B. Fletcher	Speaker 2: Shan M. Greer	Speaker 3:	

	Economist Telecommunications Authority of Trinidad and Tobago Competition and innovation as key elements in addressing the network sustainability and service affordability gaps.	Registrar & CEO BVI International Arbitration Centre Strengthening Regulatory Confidence Through Arbitration: Dispute Resolution Mechanisms in Caribbean Utility Sectors	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.
Concurrent Session 11:30 – 12:30 p.m.	Closed Session on Telecommunications Fraud Moderator: OUR Venue: <i>Ocho Rios Meeting Room</i>		
11:30 – 12:30 p.m.	<i>Shaping Water & Sanitation Regulation for Caribbean Territories</i> Moderator: Marsha Atherley-Ikechi, Ph.D., Executive Director, (OOCUR)		
	WOTA Christa-Joy Burton, Head of Policy & External Relations (Caribbean Region) "Advancing Caribbean Water Security: WOTA's Approach to Decentralized Greywater Reuse"	Rita Amaral Lisbon International Centre for Water (Lis-Water) Water governance, public policies, and regulatory frameworks	
12.30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	LUNCH		
	GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND ELECTIONS <i>Ocho Rios Meeting Room</i> (Members Only)		
2:00 – 6:30 p.m.	FIELD TRIPS Options: (1) Hampden Rum Tour (2) RoseHall Greathouse Tour (3) Rafting on the Martha Brae		
7:30 - 10.00 p.m.	GALA DINNER & OOCUR AWARDS PRESENTATION Master of Ceremonies: Donn Foggo, Director of Communications and Stakeholder Engagement · Regulatory Authority, Bermuda Guest Speaker: Hon. Alexa N. H. Lightbourne, JP, MP, Minister of Home Affairs, Government of Bermuda Vote of Thanks Guy Malone, CEO, Telecommunications Regulatory Commission, BVI		Dress: Semi-formal

<u>DAY 4</u> <u>Thursday, October 30, 2025</u>	
7:00 – 9:00 a.m.	Breakfast and final photo opportunities
11:00 a.m.	Check-out of the Host Hotel
See you next year in the US Virgin Islands!	