

AGENDA

ORGANIZATION OF CARIBBEAN UTILITY REGULATORS (OOCUR) 20TH CONFERENCE

Monday, April 27 to Friday, May 1, 2026

Ocean Coral Spring Convention Centre

Falmouth, Trelawny

*Navigating Caribbean Regulatory Challenges: Opportunities, Innovations
and Collaborations*



Monday, April 27, 2026

Time	Activity	Location	Dress Code
12:00 - 2 p.m.	Meeting of OOCUR ExCo	Ocean Coral Spring Resorts <i>Mediterranean Meeting Room</i>	
3:00 - 6:00 p.m.	Arrival of Conference Participants. Participants will be picked up from the Sangster International Airport and taken to the hotel to check in. Guests must have secured their hotel arrangements prior to arrival.	Sangster International Airport, Montego Bay Ocean Coral Spring Resorts & Ocean Eden Bay	
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.	Registration	The Conference Secretariat <i>Convention Centre Foyer</i>	
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.	Welcome Reception	Ocean Coral Spring Resorts Venue: The Courtyard	Breezy (Casual)

DAY 1**Tuesday, April 28, 2026**

8:00 a.m. – 5 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Registration at the Conference Secretariat – <i>The Mediterranean Meeting Room</i> ▪ Please ensure that you register for a field trip. ▪ The <i>Convention Centre</i> is the venue for all sessions. 			Business Wear
9:00 -10:30 a.m.	<p>Official Opening Ceremony Moderator: Dr. Cedric Wilson Deputy Director-General, OUR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ National Anthem – Nicole Morgan-McKain, Legal Officer, OUR ▪ Prayers: Bishop Conrad Pitkin, Custos of St. James ▪ Welcome Remarks: Chairman of OOCUR, Ansord E. Hewitt ▪ Performance: Wayne McGregor, Senior Legal Officer, OUR ▪ Featured Address: Prime Minister, Hon. Dr. Andrew Holness ▪ Closing Remarks: Prof. Alvin Wint, Former Chairman of the OUR <p><i>Venue: The Convention Centre</i></p>			
10:30 -10:50 a.m.	<p>COFFEE BREAK NETWORKING SESSION – Sponsored by Somos, Inc INTERNET CAFÉ – Sponsored by Isratech</p>			
10:50-12:00 p.m.	<p>SESSION 1</p>			
	<p>Flash Presentation: "The management of subsea infrastructure" – Ramon Muniz, Director Business Development Wholesale, Liberty Networks</p>			
	<p>Keynote Address Hon. Daryl Vaz Minister of Science, Energy, Telecommunications and Transport</p>			
	<p>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</p>			
	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.	<p>ENERGY PANEL DISCUSSION <i>"Energy Innovation and Grid Modernization"</i> Moderator: Cheryl Lewis, Deputy Director-General, OUR</p>			
	<p>Featured Speaker: Mr. Hugh Grant, CEO, JPS: Rolling out JPS's post-Melissa Road to Restoration Plan</p>			
	Speaker 1: Jason-Cole Smith Hazardous Substances	Speaker 2: Stanley Smellie Regulatory Policy Specialist OUR	Speaker 3: Dr. Oswald Smiley Manager – Engineering &	Speaker 4: Sorayadebie Jhagroe, Energy Authority of Suriname

	Regulatory Authority Exploring the Feasibility of Nuclear Power in Jamaica: Legislative Realities, Regulatory Capacity, and the Path Toward Small Modular Reactors	Balancing Access and Stability: Jamaica's Evolving Power Wheeling Framework	Construction Projects JPS The Role of Microgrids in Enhancing Energy Access and Reliability: A Caribbean Perspective	Regulatory Specialist, Economic Regulation and Supervision Designing Renewable Energy Tariffs for Caribbean Grid Resilience: Insights from Suriname's Evolving Regulatory Framework			
1:00 – 2:00 p.m.	LUNCH -						
	SESSION 2						
2.00 – 3:00 pm	<p>SECURING INVESTMENTS IN WATER INFRASTRUCTURE: PANEL DISCUSSION <i>Encouraging private-public partnerships and innovative funding mechanisms.</i></p> <p>Moderator: Kenna Williams, Director General TCI Telecommunications Commission</p>						
	<p>Speaker 1: Ted Kury Director of Energy Studies Public Utility Research Centre Opportunities and Challenges for Public-Private Partnerships in the Caribbean</p>	<p>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”</p>	<p>Speaker 3: Robert Taylor, Chairman Can-Cara Development Ltd. Public-private partnership and innovative funding mechanisms</p>				
3:00 – 3:30 p.m.	<i>Sponsored Speakers Sessions</i>						
	<p><i>Bridging the Flow: Regulating the Water-Energy Nexus for a Sustainable Caribbean with Innovative Solutions</i></p> <p>Isratech Jamaica Limited Patricia Grant, Marketing Manager</p>	<p><i>Powering Resilience and Productivity: Lessons for Business and Utility Recovery From Recent Disasters.</i></p> <p>Jamaica Productivity Centre</p>					
CONCURRENT SESSION	<p>IDB/OOCUR Dialogue on the Status of Energy Regulation in the Caribbean. (By Invitation Only)</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Marsha Atherley-Ikechi, Ph.D. Executive Director, (OOCUR) Venue: Convention Centre (Salon Four)</p>						
3:30 - 4:30 p.m.	<p>Presentation of Findings – OUR ICT</p> <p>Assessing the State of Readiness for the deployment of 5G Technology in Jamaica</p> <p>Evona Channer, Deputy Director General, OUR, Jamaica</p>						
4:00 – 5:00 p.m.	<p>TELECOMMUNICATIONS PANEL DISCUSSION</p> <p><i>The Path to Universal Connectivity: Regulation and Innovation in Telecoms</i></p> <p>Moderator: Evona Channer, Deputy Director General, OUR Jamaica</p>						
	<p>Speaker 1: Lasse Nagel Manager Frontier Economics Limited</p>	<p>Speaker 2: Trishann Russell Manager, Legal Affairs</p>	<p>Speaker 3: Kirk Sookram Deputy Chief Executive Officer</p>	<p>Speaker 4: Mavis Johnson-Collie Data Governance and Information</p>	<p>Speaker 5: Apollo Knights National Director Telecommunications Regulatory Commission</p>		

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

DAY 2
Wednesday, April 29, 2026

8:00 a.m. – 5 p.m.	Registration at the Conference Secretariat – Mediterranean Meeting Room			Business Wear
8:30 - 9:30 a.m.	<p style="text-align: center;">Moderator: Elizabeth Bennett-Marsh Public Education Specialist, OUR ❖</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Opening Address: Hon. Matthew Samuda Minister of Water, Environment, and Climate Change, Jamaica ❖</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Featured Address David Morton Chair of the International Confederation of Energy Regulators</p>			
SESSION 3				
9:30 a.m. - 10:40 a.m.	<p style="text-align: center;">REGULATORY ROUND TABLE <i>“Regulatory Innovations: Embracing Change In A Rapidly Transforming Utility Landscape”</i> Moderator: Glenn Khann, Former Executive Director of OOCUR</p>			
	Speaker 1: Kathy-Ann Bell Director Utilities Fair Trading Commission Barbados	Speaker 2: Kenya Williams Director General Telecommunications Commission Turks & Caicos Islands	Speaker 3: Anand Kalpoe Chairman Energy Authority of Suriname (EAS)	Speaker 4: 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.	<p style="text-align: center;">PANEL DISCUSSION: “Cyber Security and Data Privacy” Moderator: Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) Godfrey O Sterling Director, Jamaica Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Division</p>			
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 Telecommunications Future	Speaker 2: Robert (Bob) Grant Director, Product Management iConectiv Bridging the Gap: Data, Trust, and Policy Innovation in Advancing Universal Connectivity in the Caribbean	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 Frameworks Keep Pace

	PANEL DISCUSSION - ENERGY			
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	<p><i>"Regulating Distributed Energy Resources: Challenges and Opportunities in the Caribbean"</i></p> <p>Moderator: Courtney Francis, Manager, Engineering and Technical Analysis</p>			
	<p>Speaker 1:</p> <p>Dr. Ricardo (Rick) Case Senior Vice President, Shared Services, (JPS)</p> <p>Regulating Distributed Energy Resources: Navigating Challenges and Unlocking Opportunities in the Caribbean – A Jamaican Perspective</p>	<p>Speaker 2:</p> <p>L. Nigel Burgess Director of Utility Regulation Regulatory Authority of Bermuda</p> <p>Unplugged: Challenges And Opportunities of Distributed Energy Resources in the Caribbean</p>	<p>Speaker 3:</p> <p>Odian Moore Regulatory Economic Specialist (OUR)</p> <p>Adjusting Medium-Term Electricity Demand Forecast in Response to External Shocks: A Methodological Framework</p>	
1:00 – 2:00 p.m.	LUNCH			
CONCURRENT SESSION: 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.	<p>Energy for Growth HUB: PPA Transparency and Guidance – By Invitation Only</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Marsha Atherley-Ikechi, Ph.D.</p> <p>Venue: Salon 4</p>			
2:00 – 3:00 p.m.	<p><i>Transforming Water Management: Regulatory, Economic, and Cultural Strategies for Sustainable Water Security</i></p>			
	<p>Speaker 1:</p> <p>Sashana Miller Senior Regulatory Analyst OUR</p> <p>Shifting the Culture: A Coordinated Approach to Increasing Water Supply</p>	<p>Speaker 2:</p> <p>Shavanne Smith Research Officer Fair Trading Commission, Jamaica</p> <p>Climate Change and the Economic Impact of Wastewater Reuse</p>	<p>Speaker 3:</p> <p>Dr. Richard Meggo Manager, Rose Hall Developments Limited, Jamaica</p> <p>The Case for Strengthening Government Regulation of Wastewater Influent for Sustainable Municipal Treatment Systems</p>	
SESSION 4				
3:00 – 4:00 p.m.	<p>PANEL DISCUSSION: "AI & Digital Technology"</p> <p>Moderator: Mavis Johnson-Collie Data Governance and Information Management Advisor Utilities Regulation & Competition Authority</p>			
	<p>Speaker 1:</p> <p>Araceli Castaneda Director of Leadership Studies/ Business Development Public Utility Research Center (PURC) USA</p> <p>Beyond Algorithms: How AI is Transforming Utility Regulation.</p>	<p>Speaker 2:</p> <p>Akua Fortuné Policy and Research Analyst Telecommunications Authority of Trinidad and Tobago</p> <p>Artificial Intelligence (AI): Challenges and Opportunities for Caribbean States</p>	<p>Speaker 3:</p> <p>Tricia Chin Senior Associate Lex Caribbean (Attorneys-at-law)</p> <p>Trinidad and Tobago</p>	<p>Speaker 4:</p> <p>Professor Sean Thorpe, PhD Dean of the Faculty of Engineering and Computing University of Technology, Jamaica</p>

			Using Digital Technology to Create Cost Efficiencies in the Utilities Sector – the case for AI in detecting bid rigging	
	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: Richard Sedano Former CEO - US Program, Regulatory Assistance Project (RAP) Advancing Barbados' Clean Energy Transition Through Regulatory Reform	
	Networking Roundtables: <i>Salon 4</i>			
4:30-5:30 p.m.	<i>AI & Digital Technology</i> " Roundtable- Hosted by Professor Sean Thorpe, PhD, Dean of the Faculty of Engineering and Computing, University of Technology, Jamaica	<i>Regulatory Challenges and Innovations</i> – Hosted by Ansord E. Hewitt, Director General, OUR		

DAY 3

Thursday, April 30, 2026

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Registration at the Conference Secretariat		OOCUR Polos /Tees and jeans	
	<p style="text-align: center;">Closing Sessions</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Moderator: Donn Foggo, Director of Communications and Stakeholder Engagement · Regulatory Authority, Bermuda</p> <p style="text-align: center;">❖</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Speakers:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Marlene Lamonth Programme Manager</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Delegation of the European Union (EU) to Jamaica, Belize and The Bahamas</p> <p style="text-align: center;">EU's Utility Sector Work in the region</p> <p style="text-align: center;">❖</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Marc Jones, Senior Legal Counsel CARICOM Competition Commission</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The proposed dual role of the CCC as the regional competition authority and utility regulator</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Closing Remarks:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ansord E. Hewitt, Chairman, OOCUR</p>			
	SESSION 6			
	<p style="text-align: center;">PANEL DISCUSSION: TELECOMMUNICATIONS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Restoring trust in the telecoms network</p>			
9:30 -10:15 a.m.	<p style="text-align: center;">Moderator: Kevin Rupy, Board Member of the Communications Fraud Control Association</p>			
	Speaker 1: Jim Tyrrell VP of Product Management iConectiv 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.	<p style="text-align: center;">MULTI-SECTOR PRESENTATIONS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Moderator: Glenn Khann, Former Executive Director of OOCUR</p>			
	Speaker 1: Antonio B. Fletcher Economist Telecommunications Authority of Trinidad and Tobago	Speaker 2: Shan M. Greer Registrar & CEO BVI International Arbitration Centre	Speaker 3: Shanique Nunes HR Manager OUR Harnessing Emotional Intelligence and Artificial Intelligence for	

	Competition and innovation as key elements in addressing the network sustainability and service affordability gaps.	Strengthening Regulatory Confidence Through Arbitration: Dispute Resolution Mechanisms in Caribbean Utility Sectors	workforce transformation in public utilities commissions/agencies: Aligning People, Technology, and Policy for Resilience.
Concurrent Session 11:30 – 12:30 p.m.	<p>Closed Session on Telecommunications Fraud Moderator: OUR Venue: Salon 4</p>		
11:30 – 12:30 p.m.	<p><i>PANEL DISCUSSION: Shaping Water & Sanitation Regulation for Caribbean Territories</i> Moderator: Sashana Miller Senior Regulatory Analyst OUR</p>		
	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	Dr. Marsha Atherley-Ikechi, Ph.D. Executive Director, OOCUR The Caribbean Perspective on Water & Sanitation Regulation
12.30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	<p>LUNCH GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND ELECTIONS <i>Mediterranean Meeting Room</i> (Members Only)</p>		
2:00 – 6:30 p.m.	<p>FIELD TRIPS Options: (1) Hampden Rum Tour (2) RoseHall Greathouse Tour (3) Rafting on the Martha Brae</p>		
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 <i>Convention Centre</i>

DAY 4

Friday May 1, 2025

	<p>If there are 20 interested participants, we would like to plan a tour of the western parishes on May 1. While the storm brought significant challenges, it also sparked a wave of creativity, resilience, and community-driven innovation that deserves to be seen, celebrated, and shared. This visit is designed to be an inspiring and uplifting experience—an opportunity to witness firsthand how communities have transformed adversity into progress. You will have the chance to explore:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Innovative rebuilding approaches, including climate-smart construction and resilient infrastructure. ▪ Community-led recovery projects that showcase ingenuity, partnership, and the power of collective action. ▪ Emerging agricultural, technological, and environmental solutions that reflect a bold new vision for sustainable development.
7:00 – 9:00 a.m.	Breakfast and final photo opportunities
11:00 a.m.	Check-out of the Host Hotel (If there is no tour)
See you next year!	