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Exploring innovation in transactions and financing in the Caribbean
Port of Spain, 1-3 June 2016

Programme

Day 1: Wednesday 1 June 2016

(General awareness: Financial Technology (FinTech) & Digital Financial Services)

This will provide an overall understanding of some of the international trends towards improving efficiency and speed of transactions and the potential impacts towards increased participation in the digital economy via the lowering of transaction costs and increase in ease of doing business. This day will serve as a foundation layer, introducing the audience to concepts such as FinTech, Financial Innovation, Financial Inclusion, Digital Financial Services, electronic payments, mobile money, digital currency and improved capabilities to achieve funding in this evolving landscape.

0800 hrs – 0850 hrs

On-site registration

0850 hrs – 0900 hrs

- Security briefing

0900 hrs – 1015 hrs

Agenda item 1: Opening of the meeting

- National Anthem
- Welcome and introductory remarks: Nigel Cassimire, Acting Secretary General, Caribbean Telecommunications Union
 - International Telecommunication Union: Cleveland Thomas, Area Representative, ITU Area Office for the Caribbean
 - Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean: Dillon Alleyne, Deputy Director
 - Introductory Remarks on behalf of TATT: Cynthia Reddock-Downes, CEO(Ag)
- Feature address: The Honourable Maxie Cuffie, Minister of Public Administration and Communications, Ministry of Public Administration and Communications, Trinidad and Tobago

1015 hrs – 1030 hrs

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1030 hrs – 1100 hrs

Coffee Break

1100 hrs – 1145 hrs

Agenda item 2: Presentation by the Commonwealth Secretariat

Presenter: David Tait, Commonwealth Working Group on Virtual Currencies

Presenter: Emma Thwaite, Commonwealth Secretariat,

United Kingdom

1145 hrs – 1230 hrs

Agenda item 3: Presentation - ITU Focus Group Digital Financial Services

Presenter: Vijay Mauree, ITU FG DFS

1230 hrs – 1345 hrs

Lunch Break

1345 hrs – 1500 hrs

Agenda item 4: Panel discussion - The current status of digital economy participation

Case Studies: Small Medium Enterprise (SMEs)

Case Study 1: Francine Clark, Franci Foods, Trinidad and Tobago

Case Study 2: Nerissa Golden, Golden Media, Montserrat

Panelists

Marlon P. Marie, Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS), Saint Lucia

Tracy Hackshaw, Trinidad and Tobago

Gabriel Abed, CEO, BITT, Barbados

Moderator: Shiva Bissessar, Managing Dir, Pinaka Technology Solutions

1500 hrs – 1515 hrs

Coffee break

1515 hrs – 1600 hrs

Agenda item 5: Presentation – regional initiatives - ECLAC publication on Opportunities and risks associated with the advent of digital currency in the Caribbean

Presenter: Robert Williams, Associate Information Management Officer, ECLAC subregional headquarters for the Caribbean, Trinidad and Tobago

Presenter: Shiva Bissessar, Managing Dir, Pinaka Technology Solutions, Trinidad and Tobago

1645 hrs – 1700 hrs

Agenda item 6: Day 1 Closing remarks

Cleveland Thomas, Area Representative, ITU Area Office for the Caribbean, ITU

Day 2: Thursday 2 June 2016
(Encouraging innovation in transactions & financing)

Regions of both the developed and the developing world have embraced technology to compliment or even replace traditional ways of doing business which has resulted in faster, cheaper and more efficient transactions, payments, remittances, settlements, banking, insurance etc. This has even led lead to inclusion of persons which have been sidelined by traditional finance mechanisms (banking the under banked). This day will expose the audience to the evolving landscape of innovation in this area and show how different economies in different states of development can adopt solutions to their own needs.

0800 hrs – 0830 hrs	On-site registration
0845 hrs – 0900 hrs	Recap
0900 hrs – 1000 hrs	<p>Agenda item 1: Presentation - SuSu / Mobile money exploration</p> <p>TED 2016 Presentation : Shivani Siroya: A smart loan for people with no credit history (yet)</p> <p>Presenter: Cleveland Thomas, Area Representative, ITU Area Office for the Caribbean, ITU</p>
1000 hrs – 1030 hrs	Coffee Break
1030 hrs –1100 hrs	<p>Agenda item 2: Presentation – Regional Initiatives: OECS E-payment initiative</p> <p>Presenter: Marlon P. Marie, Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS)</p>
1100 hrs – 1130 hrs	<p>Agenda item 3: Presentation - Technology trends in digital financial services</p> <p>Presenter: Ian John, Director of Systems Solutions, Massy Technologies InfoCom, Trinidad and Tobago</p>
1130 hrs – 1230 hrs	<p>Agenda item 4: Presentation - Lessons from the Haiti mobile money scenario</p> <p>Presenter: Michel Stéphane Bruno, Société générale haïtienne de Banque, S.A. (SOGEBANK), Haiti.</p>
1230 hrs – 1345 hrs	Lunch Break
1345 hrs – 1500 hrs	Agenda item 5: Presentation and Panel discussion – Digital currency in the Caribbean exploration

Presenter: Gabriel Abed, CEO, Bitt, Barbados

Panelists

Gabriel Abed, CEO, Bitt, Barbados

Jeremy Stephen, Economist, Barbados

Shiva Bissessar, Managing Dir, Pinaka Technology Solutions, Trinidad and Tobago

Moderator: Robert Williams, ECLAC, Trinidad and Tobago

1500 hrs – 1515 hrs

Coffee Break

1515 hrs – 1630 hrs

Agenda item 6: Presentation and Panel discussion – Role of innovation and entrepreneurship in Caribbean in financial services sector (mini presentations)

Presenter: Judith Mark, CME Consulting Limited, Trinidad and Tobago

Panelists

Judith Mark, CME Consulting Limited, Trinidad and Tobago

Tracy Hackshaw, Trinidad and Tobago

Terrance Clarke, CEO, Bidrate Limited, Trinidad and Tobago

Moderator: Sylvester Cadette, Programme Officer, ITU Caribbean Office, Barbados

1630 hrs – 1645 hrs

Agenda item 7: Closing remarks: Day 2 wrap-up

Sherry Mc Millan, Executive Officer Communications, Consumer and Information Services, Telecommunications Authority of Trinidad and Tobago (TATT)

Day 3: Friday 3 June 2016
(Understanding risk, policy and regulation)

The environment to take advantage of these innovations needs to be set in order to reap full benefits. This requires objective analysis of the risks and opportunities towards the formulation of policy, regulatory and legislative responses which may be required to support the innovation while containing the risk. This day will serve to enlighten the audience on developments in this area which can serve to guide towards developing an appropriate response for the region.

0845 hrs – 0900 hrs

Recap

0900 hrs – 0930 hrs

Agenda item 1: Presentation - Risky Business

Presenter: Adam Vaziri, Blockchain Lawyer, DIACLE

0930 hrs – 1045 hrs

Agenda item 2: Presentation and Panel discussion - Implications of mobile money for regulators

Presenter: Michel Stéphane Bruno, Société générale haïtienne de Banque, S.A. (SOGEBANK), Haiti.

Panelists

Michel Stéphane Bruno, Société générale haïtienne de Banque, S.A. (SOGEBANK), Haiti.

Mrs. Cynthia Reddock-Downes, Chief Executive Officer (Ag.), Telecommunications Authority of Trinidad and Tobago (TATT)

Reginald Bourne, Chief Telecommunications Officer, Division of Energy & Telecommunications, The Prime Minister's Office, Barbados

Nigel Cassimire, Caribbean Telecommunications Union (CTU), Trinidad and Tobago

Moderator: Cleveland Thomas, Area Representative, ITU Area Office for the Caribbean, ITU

1045 hrs – 1115 hrs

Coffee Break

1115 hrs – 1230 hrs

Agenda item 3: Presentation and Panel discussion - The evolving policy and regulatory landscape

Presenter: Terrance Clarke, CEO, Bidrate Limited, Trinidad and Tobago

Panelists

Terrance Clarke, CEO, Bidrate Limited, Trinidad and Tobago

Ian Alleyne, Founder, Paywise

Rhea Yaw Ching, Founder, Executive Director, Covela Foundation

Moderator: Mrs. Glynis Alexander-Tam, General Manager, Infolink Systems Limited

1230 hrs – 1345 hrs

Lunch Break

1345 hrs – 1500 hrs

Agenda item 4: Presentation and Panel discussion - Are regulatory requirements stifling innovation?

Presenter: Byron Gibson, CEO, Wi-Connect Mobile Inc.

Panelists

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Mrs. Glynis Alexander-Tam, General Manager, Infolink Systems Limited

E. Jay Saunders, CEO, Domus Semo Sancus,

Moderator: Robert Williams, ECLAC, Trinidad and Tobago

1500 hrs – 1630 hrs

Agenda item 5: Panel discussion - How do we find a balanced solution for the benefit of the Caribbean?

Presenter: E. Jay Saunders, CEO, Domus Semo Sancus

Panelists

E. Jay Saunders, CEO, Domus Semo Sancus

Kentus Eugene, Ministry of Public Service, Information and Broadcasting, Saint Lucia

Dr. Kim Mallalieu, Deputy Chair, TATT, Trinidad and Tobago

Jeremy Stephen, Economist, Barbados

Moderator: Judith Mark, CME Consulting Limited, Trinidad and Tobago

1630 hrs – 1645 hrs

Agenda item 6: Day 3 wrap-up and Closing remarks

Sylvester Cadette, Programme Officer, ITU Area Office for the Caribbean, ITU

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