

**Regional Consultation on E-Commerce
for the Commonwealth WTO Members of the OECS
31 October – 1 November 2019, Castries, Saint Lucia**

Provisional Agenda

Day 1: Thursday, 31 October 2019

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| 8:30am – 9:00am | REGISTRATION |
| 9:00am – 9:30am | <p>WELCOME SESSION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remarks: Dr. Brendan Vickers, Adviser & Head, International Trade Policy, Commonwealth Secretariat • Remarks: Dr. Didacus Jules, Director-General, OECS Commission • Remarks: Hon. Bradley Felix, Minister of Commerce, Industry, Investment, Enterprise Development and Consumer Affairs, Saint Lucia |
| 9:30am – 11:00am | <p>SESSION 1: BACKGROUND AND STATE OF PLAY: E-COMMERCE FRAMEWORK IN THE OECS; WTO WORK PROGRAMME ON E-COMMERCE AND JOINT STATEMENT INITIATIVE (JSI)</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Dwayne Riley, Antigua and Barbuda</p> <p>Presentations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The foundations of the digital economy in the OECS, including readiness assessment and legislative and regulatory framework - Rhea Yaw-Ching, Advisor to OECS Director General • State-of-play of e-commerce at the WTO - Kim Kampel, Trade Adviser, Commonwealth Small States Office (Geneva) <p>Q&A / Discussion</p> |
| 11:00am – 11:15am | TEA/COFFEE BREAK |
| 11:15am – 12:00pm | <p>SESSION 2: TELECOMMUNICATIONS – UPDATING THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS REFERENCE PAPER</p> <p>Moderator: Ms Jermain Jewel Jean-Pierre, Dominica</p> <p>Presentations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The WTO Updated Telecommunications Reference Paper – Alexandre Mateus, Trade Negotiator, Services, Delegation of the European Union |

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| | Q&A / Discussion |
| 12:00pm – 1:30pm | LUNCH |
| 1:30pm – 3:30pm | <p>SESSION 3: TECHNICAL ISSUES PART 1</p> <p>Moderator: Mr Aaron Samuel Francois, Grenada</p> <p>Presentations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business trust including source code; and consumer protection - Nick Ashton-Hart, International Internet-Related Public Policy Strategist and e-Commerce Expert Lead, TAF2+ Technical Assistance on WTO Issues for CARICOM Project • Privacy and cybersecurity - Anthony Ming, Technology and Cybersecurity Strategist <p>Q&A / Discussion</p> |
| 3:30pm – 4:00pm | TEA/COFFEE BREAK |
| 4:00pm – 5:30pm | <p>SESSION 4: CAPACITY BUILDING AND COOPERATION</p> <p>Moderator: Mrs Jasemin Weekes, St. Kitts and Nevis</p> <p>Presentations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can development be incorporated into a multilateral framework on e-commerce? - Paul Baker, Independent Consultant • Bridging the digital divide – practical solutions to enhance access and connectivity - Kristie Powell, Technical Advisor, Office of the Prime Minister of The Bahamas; Founder, Revel (Technology Services Company); and Former Senior Technical Account Manager at Google • Perspectives from developing states - Joel Richards, OECS Commission (Geneva) <p>Q&A / Discussion</p> |

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| 5:30pm | END OF DAY 1 |
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Day 2: Friday, 1 November 2019

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| 9:00am – 11:00am | <p>SESSION 5: TECHNICAL ISSUES PART 2</p> <p>Moderator: Mr Marlon Narcisse, Saint Lucia</p> <p>Presentations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flow of information including cross-border transfer of information by electronic means and location of computing facilities - R.V. Anuradha, Partner, Clarus Law Associates (New Delhi, India) • Access to internet and data including open government data, access to the internet, and access to online platforms/competition - Anthony Ming, Technology and Cyber Security Strategist, • The legal requirements for cross-border transfers of personal data - Dean Forbes, Data Privacy, Cybersecurity and Compliance Counsel - Sidley Austin LLP <p>Q&A / Discussion</p> |
| 11:00am – 11:15am | TEA/COFFEE BREAK |
| 11:15am – 1:00pm | <p>SESSION 6: POSSIBLE ELEMENTS OF A SUPPORTIVE RULES-BASED FRAMEWORK FOR DIGITAL TRADE</p> <p>Moderator: Mrs. Nakeisha Morris, St. Vincent and the Grenadines</p> <p>Presentations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legal and regulatory issues - Jan Yves Remy, Deputy Director, Sir Shridath Ramphal Centre for International Trade Law, Policy and Services, The UWI Cave Hill Campus • Building capacity in government and the public to use technology and the use of mobile telephony to implement e-commerce systems - Anthony Ming, Technology and Cybersecurity Strategist |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What should a Rules-Based Framework to Support E-Commerce Development Look Like? - Marsha Drakes, CARICOM Secretariat's Office of Trade Negotiations (OTN) <p>Q&A / Discussion</p> |
| 1:00pm – 2:00pm | LUNCH |
| 2:00pm – 3:15pm | <p>SESSION 7: THE WAY FORWARD FOR THE OECS IN THE JSI - RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCERNS</p> <p>Moderator: Joel Richards, OECS Commission</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation 1: Brendan Vickers, Commonwealth Secretariat Presentation 2: Stephen Fevrier, OECS Commission <p>Q&A/ Discussion</p> |
| 3:15pm – 3:30pm | TEA/COFFEE BREAK |
| 3:30pm – 4:30pm | <p>CONCLUSION</p> <p>Moderator: Kim Kampel, Commonwealth Secretariat</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outcome Statement - OECS Commission Concluding Remarks - Representative of Saint Lucia |
| 4:30pm | END OF THE WORKSHOP |