



CANTO CONNECT & 42nd AGM 2026

Elevate the Caribbean: From Connectivity to Global Competitiveness

Hyatt Regency Trinidad | February 1st – 3rd, 2026

Theme Statement

The Caribbean's digital journey is no longer defined by access alone—it's about unlocking full-spectrum transformation. This theme calls on the region to embrace innovative ecosystems, nurture tech entrepreneurship, and scale digital exports, while preparing for next-gen networks and human-centered progress. Together, we move from connected islands to a globally competitive, secure digital archipelago.

Anchoring Concepts:

- Innovation with Identity – Infuse regional culture into tech entrepreneurship and ecosystem design.
- Intelligent Connectivity – Position 5G/6G readiness and infrastructure as strategic enablers.
- Digital Prosperity – Expand digital exports and regional e-commerce for global reach.
- Human Transformation – Prioritize digital inclusion, skills, and well-being.

Friday, January 30, 2026

10:00 am – 2:00 pm	175 th Board of Directors Meeting	
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Saturday, January 31, 2026

11:00 am – 3:00 pm	Registration	
10:00 am – 2:00 pm	Board of Directors Meeting	
12:00 pm – 2:00 pm	Committee Chairs Presentation to the Board <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marketing Committee • Vendors and Suppliers Committee • CSR Committee • Regulatory Committee • Business Continuity Committee • FAC • Tech Trends Committee 	



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women in ICT Committee • HR Committee 	
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Sunday, February 1, 2026

6:30 am – 8:00 am	Wellness Event	
10:00 am – 6:00 pm	Registration	
9:30 am – 11:00 am	GSMA	
2:00 pm – 5:00 pm		
5:15 pm – 6:15 pm	Executive VIP Networking Reception	
6:30 pm – 7:30 pm	Opening Ceremony & Ministerial Award Announcement Master of Ceremonies: Jason Williams/Kristerbella Sookdeo National Anthem <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening Prayer: Director • Salutations & Welcome: • Opening Remarks: Mrs. Teresa Wankin, Secretary General, CANTO • Chairman's Remarks: Dr. Delreo Newman, Chairman, CANTO • Feature Address: • Cultural Event: • Launch of Ministerial Awards • Vote of Thanks: Director 	
7:30 pm – 9:00 pm	Welcome Reception & Exhibition Viewing	

Monday, February 2, 2026

8:00 am – 2:00 pm	Registration	
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8:00 am – 9:00 am	Coffee Kick-Start & Exhibition Viewing – Sponsored by	
9:00 am – 9:15 am	Keynote Address: 'Elevate the Caribbean: From Connectivity to Global Competitiveness' Inge Smidts, CEO, Liberty Caribbean at Liberty Latin America (TBC)	
9:15 am – 9:45 am	Focus on Trinidad and Tobago Roundtable: National Digital Strategies for Global Impact – TSTT/Ministry of Public Administration and AI /Trade	
9:45 am – 10:15 am	Industry Spotlight: Next-Gen Networks and Spectrum Readiness for the Caribbean	
10:15 am – 10:30 am	Networking Break**	
10:30 am – 11:15 am	Panel Discussion: Innovation with Identity – Building a Caribbean Tech DNA	
11:15 am – 12:15 pm	Panel Discussion: Digital Prosperity – Scaling Caribbean Exports Through Technology	
12:15 pm – 1:15 pm	Networking Lunch – Sponsored by	
1:30 pm – 2:00 pm	Fireside Chat: Beyond Connectivity – Building Caribbean Digital Powerhouses	
2:00 pm – 2:30 pm	Tech Talk: AI, Cloud, and Cybersecurity for a Resilient Region	
2:30 pm – 2:45 pm	Deepfake Detector Shiva Bisessar- Pinaka Consulting	
2:45 pm – 3:00 pm	Networking Coffee Break – Sponsored by	



3:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Panel Discussion: Human Transformation – Digital Skills, Jobs, and Empowerment	
6:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Evening Networking Event – Hosted by	

Tuesday, February 3, 2026

8:00 am – 10:00 am	Coffee Kick-Start & Exhibition Viewing – Sponsored by	
9:00 am – 9:15 am	Spotlight Presentation: Intelligent Connectivity – 5G/6G Readiness and Regional Cooperation	
9:15 am – 10:00 am	Panel Discussion Fintech Frontiers: Investing in the Caribbean’s Digital Economy: CAB/IDB Invest/CAIPA	
10:00 am – 10:15 am	Open Network APIs GSMA	
10:15 am – 10:30 am	Innovation Challenge Winners Showcase (Video + Demo)	
10:30 am – 11:15 am	Closing Keynote: Charting the Course – The Caribbean as a Global Digital Hub	
11:15 am – 12:00 pm	Closing Remarks & Conference Wrap-Up	
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Networking Lunch	
1:00 pm – 5:00 pm	42nd CANTO Annual General Meeting Proceedings	