**Call for Papers**

**Organization Of Caribbean Utility Regulators
Conference 2024**

"Right-sizing Regulatory Agencies – what is needed?"

**The Organization Of Caribbean Utility Regulators** (OOCUR) is pleased to announce its annual conference in Paramaribo, Suriname from October 29 to 31, 2024, under the theme: Right-sizing Regulatory Agencies – what is needed?

The Conference will explore and examine issues that are of critical importance to the economic and social development of the regional economies and the success of, and challenges being experienced by the electricity, ICT and water and wastewater sectors.

The event is targeted towards regional regulatory agencies, development partners, utility personnel, government officials, academics, and senior managers utility affiliated organizations.

Interested persons are invited to submit abstracts of approximately 100 words with titles, for consideration, by July 31, 2024. Persons whose papers are accepted must submit either the paper or a PowerPoint presentation by September 30, 2024.

The topics listed below are not exhaustive and presenters may choose those concerning any of the sectors (ICT, Electricity, or Water) with a focus on best practices, lessons learned, or successful implementation.

**Topics:**

1. What is the value of Regulation – Can Regional Regulatory Agencies be independent? – Roundtable
2. Cultivating Good Governance in regulatory agencies; What's needed? - Roundtable.
3. Is financial Sustainability for the water and Sewage sector Achievable?
4. Pricing, infrastructure, services: The case for Water and Sewage
5. One Regional ICT Regulator
6. 5G Do we need to go there?
7. The role of regulation and public policy in facilitating energy transition.
8. The Water-Energy Nexus
9. The new digital frontier in communications for regulatory entities
10. Setting Standards for Handling Consumer Complaints
11. Best Practices for managing your regulatory information centre.
12. Conversations in energy: Adding Nuclear to the energy mix.
13. Providing affordable, secure, sustainable and modern energy – How do we achieve that goal?
14. Artificial Intelligence in the regulatory landscape.
15. Moving to a Gigabit society – Are we ready?
16. Have regulatory practices evolved to recognize the new technologies, and the changing consumer expectations being faced by utilities?
17. How are regulators responding to the risk and resilience for water and wastewater systems?

**Presenters Guidelines:**

1. All completed abstracts must be submitted by **July 31, 2024,** to **executivedirector@newoocur.org**
2. Selected presenters will be informed by **August 31, 2024**.
3. Subsequent to notification, a full presentation or PowerPoint must be submitted by September 30, 2024.
4. PowerPoint slides are to be organized for an approximate 15–20-minute presentation.

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