



## **SESSION 1: ITU Activities on Conformance and Interoperability:**

- S1-1 [ITU Regional Activities for the development of ICTs](#): Cleveland Thomas, Representative of ITU AMS Regional Office
- S1-2 [ITU C&I Programme Pillars 1 and 2](#): ITU/TSB
- S1-3 [ITU C&I Programme Pillars 3 and 4](#): Vladimir Daigele ITU/BDT

## **SESSION 2: Procedures to establish C&I Regimes:**

- S2-1 [Why assess conformity?](#) The benefits, principles and approaches to conformity assessment: Andrew Kwan (ITU Expert)
- S2-2 [ITU C&I Action Plan and MOUs](#): Vladimir Daigele (ITU)
- S2-3 [ITU Guidelines for Establishing a C&I Regime](#): Vladimir Daigele (ITU)

## **SESSION 2 (cont.): Procedures to establish C&I Regimes:**

- S2-4 [Equipment certification and importation procedures – ensuring quality and combating counterfeiting](#): Keith Mainwaring (UNIS)
- S2-5 [Criteria and characteristics to establish accredited Bodies/Labs in the Regions for Type Approval/Homologation: recommendations and best practices](#) (e.g. ISO/IEC/CASCO toolbox, guides and standards such as ISO/IEC 17011 and 17025); [building Type Approval and Interoperability Test Labs](#): Andrew Kwan (ITU Expert)
- S2-6 [Mutual Recognition Agreements/Arrangements: General introduction, framework and benefits](#): Andrew Kwan (ITU Expert)

## **SESSION 3: Conformity Assessment and Interoperability - Building Test Labs**

- S3-1 [Technical and economical steps to be followed to build Testing Labs according to the identified criteria and characteristics outlined in ISO/IEC 17025 \(Basic Steps to establish an ISO/IEC 17025 compliant testing laboratory\). Criteria for selecting countries for establishing Regional Test Centres](#): Andrew Kwan (ITU Expert)
- S3-2 [Organization and Activities of a Test lab: Environments, procedures and methodologies to be adopted to establish, manage and maintain a testing center covering different kinds of conformance and interoperability testing areas: Regional Labs](#)
- S3-3 [ITU Feasibility Study for Building a Testing lab](#): Vladimir Daigele (ITU)

## **SESSION 4: Conformity Assessment and Interoperability – Mutual Recognition Agreements (MRAs)**

- S4-1 [Guidelines for the development, implementation and management of Mutual Recognition Agreements \(MRAs\)](#): Vladimir Daigele (ITU)
- S4-2 [Mutual Recognition Agreements/Arrangements \(MRAs\): Procedures for definition, implementation and management of MRAs](#): Andrew Kwan (ITU expert)

## **SESSION 5: Conformity and interoperability Assessment on Regional Basis.**

- S5-1 [Assessment Study on Conformance and Interoperability for Caribbean countries. Background, Objective, Methodology Deliverables and Outcomes](#): Vladimir Daigele (ITU)
- S5-2 [Situational Analysis – Status of Conformity and Interoperability and related initiatives in Caribbean region. Awareness and Capacity on C&I in Caribbean, Centres of Excellences, Assistance required and Training capabilities](#): Michele Marius (ITU expert)
- S5-3 [Results and Findings from the Study – General aspects of the Region, Regulatory framework, Accreditation bodies and Institutions](#): Michele Marius (ITU expert)

S5-4 Harmonization and improvement of standards in accordance with policies and regulations applied in Caribbean: Michele Marius (ITU expert)

**SESSION 5 (cont.): Conformity and interoperability Assessment on Regional Basis.**

S5-5 Proposed Roadmap for Conformity and Interoperability Programme, including MRAs, for Caribbean – implementation process, phased approach, expected benefits from a common C&I Programme for Caribbean countries: Michele Marius and Andrew Kwan (ITU experts)

S5-6 Way forward for establishing common Conformity and Interoperability Regime and Mutual recognition Agreements in Caribbean – Short and Medium term approaches, possible scenarios for establishing a Conformity and Interoperability Regime: Michele Marius and Andrew Kwan (ITU experts)

S5-7 Conclusions from the Assessment Study for Caribbean countries: ITU experts

**Session 6: C&I policies, Accreditation, test Labs, Certification, Regulations and needs in the region: the experience in developing countries**

S6-1 Homologation of telecommunication equipment, experience in Caribbean: Bahamas, Haiti, Jamaica, Ectel, Saint Lucia

S6-2 Testing laboratory experience in the AMS Region, case studies and practices, way forward and recommendations: Regional labs

S6-3 Technical specifications for interoperability: international specifications and national standards: Keith Mainwaring (UNIS)