



The Grand Bahama Tech Summit & ITU's
Caribbean Workshop on Artificial Intelligence
(AI), Internet of Things (IOT),
Policies and Regulations,
Grand Lucayan Convention Center, Freeport,
Bahamas, 28 to 30 October, 2019



LOCAL INFORMATION

1. Participation

The workshop is intended primarily for:

- Innovators
- Policy makers & Leaders seeking greater participation in digital economy
- Financial and telecommunications/ICT regulators
- Academia and Institutions critical to research and development of innovation sector
- Entrepreneurs seeking to develop and use innovative financial solutions
- Mobile Network Operators, Banks, Financial Service Providers, Mobile Financial Services Platform Providers,
- International Organizations, NGOs involved in financial inclusion programmes and Civil Society

2. Venue

The Workshop will take place at the **Grand Lucayan Convention Center in Freeport, Grand Bahama.**

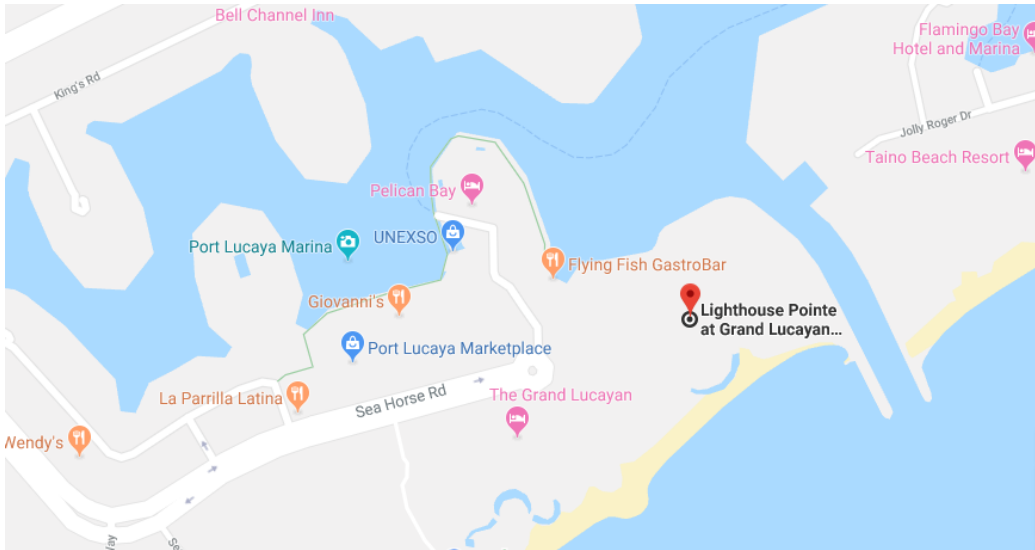
3. Suggested Hotels

NN	Hotel name	Ordinary Rate (US \$)
1	Lighthouse Pointe at Grand Lucayan Resort - All Inclusive 1 Royal Palm Way, Freeport, Bahamas Phone: +1 242-373-1333 Email: Duncombe.Charmayne@grandlucayan.com	<p>ALL INCLUSIVE RATES</p> <p>Island/Marina View (Non-Smoking) Room</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single Rate: \$165.00 • Double Rate: \$149.00 • Triple Rate: \$144.00 • Quad Rate: \$141.00 <p>Ocean View (Non-Smoking) Room</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single Rate: \$189.00 • Double Rate: \$165.00 • Triple Rate: \$154.00 • Quad Rate: \$146.00 <p><i>*The above quoted rates are <u>per person per night</u> and are inclusive of taxes, fees & meals.</i></p>
2	Pelican Bay Hotel Freeport, The Bahamas Phone: +1 242-373-9550 Dominique.Smith@pelicanbayhotel.com	<p>Waterside room - \$175 Waterside state room - \$200</p> <p><i>*The above quoted rates are inclusive of taxes. Rates are available up to 14 days prior to conference date, based on availability</i></p> <p>Booking codes are: ITU and TECH</p>

Please retain a copy of the hotel confirmation for your records and please send a copy to:

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4. Location Map of Lighthouse Pointe at Grand Lucayan Resort



Location Map of Pelican Bay Hotel



5. Registration of delegates

Registration of delegates will be done online starting on via the event web page at <http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Regional-Presence/Americas/Pages/EVENTS/2019/24039.aspx>. Delegates will be informed once registration is open.

6. Working languages

The working language will be English

7. Health

No vaccination certificate is required for entering the country.

8. Visa Requirements

Participants should check the link below for VISA requirements to enter The Bahamas: <https://www.bahamas.com/entry-requirements>

9. Transportation to and from airport

<https://www.airportshuttles.com/nassau.php>

10. Telecommunications in Nassau, Bahamas

BTC (Bahamas Telecommunications Company) is the primary telecommunications provider for the Bahamas, headquartered in Nassau, New Providence. It is partly government owned and offers telephone, internet and wireless services.

11. Local currency, change and payment

The legal tender is the Bahamian dollar (B\$1), which is equivalent in value to the U.S. dollar. Both U.S. and Bahamian dollars are accepted interchangeably throughout the islands. Some Bahamian currency and coins are considered novelties and make good souvenirs such as the square 15¢ coin and the \$3.00 bill. Note: The casinos and most shopkeepers will not exchange currency. If you pay in US dollars, you will usually get US change. If you pay in Bahamian dollars, you will get Bahamian currency in return. If you have a large amount of Bahamian money near the end of your stay it would be wise to exchange it at a local bank, or your hotel.

The Bahamas Currency Exchange

The Central Bank's buying and selling **rates** for **U.S.** dollars from/to commercial banks are **US\$1.00 = B\$1.00** and **US\$1.00 = B\$1.0025**, respectively, and at par for cash transactions. Foreign exchange rates for the quotation of Pound Sterling are obtained each business day from the international market at 9:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. and at other appropriate intervals, depending on the dollar value of transactions and market volatility. For Pound Sterling sales, the Central Bank maintained the policy of adding a commission of 0.5% to the mid-rate.



12. Electrical network

120 volts

Electrical outlets in The Bahamas are 60 cycles / **120 volts**, which is compatible with all American devices. British and European appliances require a two-pin flat adapter and a 220-volt converter.

13. SHOPPING

If you are visiting the Islands of The Bahamas on a vacation or for business you can shop tax-free. Global Blue Tax Free Shopping brings you savings on the purchases you make at over 100 stores in The Bahamas, from Nassau and Paradise Island, to Harbour Island and the beautiful shores of Freeport, Grand Bahama. Just look for stores displaying Global Blue Tax Free Shopping signage in the window. When paying for your purchases ask the shop staff for a VAT OFF form and remember to bring your ID or passport on your shopping trip because it is required.

14. BUSINESS HOURS

The standard work week in The Bahamas is eight hours a day or forty hours a week. Since The Bahamas operates on “island time” the business hours of establishments can sometimes vary, but the general working hours are from 9 AM to 5 PM, Mondays to Fridays and 10 AM to 5 PM on Saturdays.

13. Contacts

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