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Subject: Generation Connect: Caribbean Youth ICT Workshop on Innovation - 10 December 2021 0900h-1300h Atlantic Standard Time / 1400h-1800h Central European Time

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), I have the pleasure to cordially invite you to participate in a pertinent youth leader's workshop to share and consider **Caribbean Youth ICT Workshop on Innovation.** This virtual event will take place on 10 December, 2021, at 09:00 AST.

This workshop is an opportunity for participants to consider the status of Innovation and ICT in the Caribbean, present innovations emanating from the region in various focus discussions, discuss barriers affecting youth, share perspectives and ideas, and provide possible solutions to identified challenges.

The principal objectives of the meeting are to present the main findings of the research on youth ICT innovation and barriers in the Caribbean in order to promote discussions on possible recommendations for a more youth participatory environment; promote discussions between countries in order to allow them to identify similar challenges and provide possible solutions for youth empowerment, engagement and participation in the digital society; and create a good practices momentum to share experiences on successful projects and initiatives in order to promote partnership opportunities.

The target audience is inclusive of, inter alia, Generation Connect members, youth leaders, National Youth Council representatives, young innovators, youth and innovation Ministry officials, student leaders, ICT educators and industry experts.

There will be group discussions in breakout rooms and participants will be afforded the occasion to interact and contribute using appropriate software. It is recommended that a laptop be used as the primary device for this event. The recommendations generated from the discussions of the event will be incorporated into the final report which would be a great source of reference for policy makers and regulations for future ICT youth related strategies.

To proceed with registration, participants are encouraged to access <u>ITU Event Registration</u>. For further information, please contact sheron.small@itu.int.

We look forward to your positive response, active participation, and contribution to the success of this important workshop.

Yours sincerely,

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