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### The Ministry of ICTs, Utilities and Energy Trio Reports Successful Outcomes from Digital Transformation for the Caribbean Meeting 2025 in Trinidad



**ST. JOHN'S, Antigua and Barbuda – July 29<sup>th</sup> 2025...** The Ministry of Information Communication Technologies (ICTs), Utilities and Energy participated in the School of Digital Transformation in the Caribbean 2025 meeting in Trinidad, with a strategic emphasis on progressing digital governance and transformation strategies throughout the region.

Delegates Andronette Marshall, Janine Lovell, and Jenika Harris represented MICTUE, undertaking a detailed examination of governance frameworks for seamless integration into ongoing ministry projects. These frameworks will serve as foundational guidelines for artificial intelligence, digital inclusion, and responsible technology implementation, with a clear objective of

bridging the digital divide in Antigua and Barbuda through enhanced connectivity and targeted digital literacy programs.

Discussions were centered on pivotal initiatives, including: actively promoting female participation in ICT through comprehensive community outreach efforts; strengthening collaborative partnerships with Caribbean nations to formulate a cohesive Unified Digital Strategy; advocating for increased financial investment in ICT infrastructure and initiatives; refining internal communication protocols to ensure optimal efficiency; and developing robust assessment frameworks to evaluate the effectiveness of digital initiatives.

Ms. Marshall, Executive Office Administrator, emphasized the considerable potential to accelerate digital education transformation through strategic upgrades to broadband infrastructure, specifically focusing on advancements in fiber optics and 5G technology, coupled with optimized operational practices leveraging Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs). She further highlighted the paramount importance of strategic leadership, accountability, and the cultivation of sustainable digital ecosystems throughout the Caribbean region.

Ms. Lovell, Project Officer in the eGovernment Department, underscored the necessity of resilient infrastructure policies and comprehensive digital inclusion programs to stimulate socioeconomic growth through strategic technology integration, the sharing of best practices, and the harmonization of regulations, data-driven insights, and enhanced transparency. Acknowledging that progress is currently impeded by deficiencies in regional communication, the ICT's Ministry affirmed its unwavering commitment to a united effort aimed at modernizing the ICT infrastructure.

Ms. Harris, Data Entry Clerk in the eGovernment Department, emphasized the critical need to secure dedicated funding streams and align national strategies with prominent global initiatives such as the EU-LAC Digital Alliance, to maximize benefits for Antigua and Barbuda. She also provided insights on gender inclusion in technology and highlighted a renewed focus on local digitization projects in collaboration with the Antigua and Barbuda Royal Police Force and His Majesty's Prison.

The Ministry of ICT's, Utilities and Energy remains steadfast in its commitment to fostering a more connected, inclusive, and technologically advanced society for the benefit of all citizens of Antigua and Barbuda.