



SUMMIT PROGRAMME

19TH OECS CREDIT UNION SUMMIT

22–27
SEPTEMBER
2026

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ROYALTON ANTIGUA • ALL-INCLUSIVE RESORT

ANTIGUA & BARBUDA

ARRIVAL DAY / 22 SEPTEMBER

WELCOME TO ANTIGUA

REGISTRATION ALL DAY



YOUR SUMMIT JOURNEY BEGINS HERE.

ARRIVALS

Delegates arrive at Royalton Antigua All-Inclusive Resort and complete Summit registration.

8:00–9:00

Arrival of Attendees

DAY 1

OPENING CEREMONY

9:00–11:00 A.M. • BUSINESS ATTIRE

9:00–9:05

Arrival & Recognition of Distinguished Guests

9:05–9:15

OECS Anthems & Flag Presentation

9:15–9:20

National Anthem of Antigua & Barbuda

9:20–9:25

Invocation — Kem Tonge, Member of the Board of Directors, Antigua and Barbuda Co-operative League

9:25–9:35

Welcome Remarks — Giffer Guiste-Jones, President of the Board of Directors, Antigua and Barbuda Co-operative League

9:35–9:45

Title Sponsor Remarks — Andre Goindoo, Managing Director & CEO, CUNA Caribbean Insurance

9:45–9:55

Remarks — Hon. Gaston Browne, Prime Minister of Antigua & Barbuda

9:55–10:00

Remarks — Andrea Messam, President of the Board of Directors, Caribbean Confederation of Credit Unions

10:00–10:10

Greetings from the OECS Credit Union Movement — Representatives of participating OECS jurisdictions

10:10–10:20

Cultural Presentation

10:20–10:50

Special Address: Strengthening the ECCU Credit Union Movement to Advance Financial Security, Economic Resilience and Inclusive Growth — Timothy N. J. Antoine, Governor of the Eastern Caribbean Central Bank

10:50–11:00

Vote of Thanks — Dorothea Blackman Brown, Chief Executive Officer, Antigua and Barbuda Co-operative League Ltd*Protocol observed for the departure of the Governor General and ECCB Governor.*

IDEAS INTO ACTION

BUSINESS SESSIONS • WELCOME RECEPTION

11:30–11:35

Housekeeping Matters — Key information on the Summit, venue, breaks, meals and programme logistics.

11:35–12:20

Access Matters: Strengthening Correspondent Banking for Caribbean Credit Unions — Exploring correspondent banking challenges, de-risking, access to international financial services, compliance expectations and potential regional solutions.

Moderator: Giffer Guiste-Jones | Panel: L. Vanessa Connor, Casmie John, Retesha Boyd

12:20–1:00

Leading Through the Storm — Leadership through uncertainty, managing institutional change, building resilient organizations and using collaboration to unlock growth.

Moderator: Paul Maxwell | Panel: Junella Henry, Paula Thomas, Ché Burnette

1:00–2:00

Lunch & Networking

2:00–2:15

Title Sponsor Presentation

2:15–2:45

Beyond Compliance: Navigating Legislative & Regulatory Change — Examining legislative and regulatory reforms, emerging supervisory expectations, compliance vulnerabilities, Board and management responsibilities, risk management, AML/CFT, reporting and institutional preparedness.

Presenter/Speaker: Morvin Williams, Director of International Banks and Non-Banks, Financial Services Regulatory Commission, Antigua and Barbuda

2:45–3:30

Shared Services, Scale & Sustainability — Exploring shared services, operational efficiencies, regional collaboration, economies of scale and practical opportunities for cooperation across the OECS.

Moderator: Shayne Felicien | Panel: Nickeitha Walker, Lilia Mingo, Eronne Evans

3:30–4:00

What We Heard. Where We Go Next. — Key messages from Day 1 and a look ahead to the financial crime, digital transformation, data, payments and AI discussions.

4:00–7:00

Rest and Relaxation

7:00–10:00

Welcome Reception & Cultural Explosion — A resort-lawn reception featuring a welcome cocktail, buffet dinner and networking, followed by a cultural showcase celebrating Antigua & Barbuda. Dress: Island Chic / Smart Casual.

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DAY 2

NAVIGATING CHANGE

THURSDAY, 24 SEPTEMBER
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8:00–8:15

From Resilience to Results: Navigating the Change — Welcome and framing of Day 2, connecting the day's discussions to the major changes affecting credit unions.

8:15–9:00

Financial Crimes in a Changing Environment: What Credit Unions Need to Know NOW — A regional examination of current and emerging financial crime threats, fraud typologies and the exploitation of digital channels, identity systems, payment systems and member accounts.

Presenter/Speaker: Akeem Shaw, Manager, Financial Compliance Unit, ONDCP, Antigua and Barbuda

9:00–9:30

From Awareness to Action: Practical Strategies for Credit Unions — Practical measures credit unions can strengthen immediately within their institutions.

Moderator: Akeem Shaw | Panel: Yves Ephraim, Lilia Mingo

9:30–10:00

Simplified Due Diligence: A Risk-Based Approach to Proportionate Compliance — A regional discussion on the appropriate application of Simplified Due Diligence within the risk-based AML/CFT framework.

Presenter/Speaker: Akeem Shaw, Manager, Financial Compliance Unit, ONDCP, Antigua and Barbuda

10:00–10:15

Coffee & Connections

10:15–11:00

Building the Future-Ready Credit Union — Moving beyond technology implementation to measurable value through digital maturity, improved member experience, operational efficiency and data-driven decision-making.

Presenter/Speaker: Marlon Cooper, Chief Executive Officer, Symptai – a Digicel Company

11:00–11:45

The Digital Journey: From Implementation to Impact — Practical experiences and lessons from core banking modernization, digital onboarding and mobile banking.

Moderator: Jeremiah Harriette | Panel: Peta-Gay Rodney, Maxine Richards-Johnney, Casmie John

FROM THREAT TO OPPORTUNITY

AI • PAYMENTS • GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE • WHITE PARTY

11:45–12:15

Unlocking the Power of Credit Data: Smarter Decisions, Stronger Credit Unions — Exploring data quality, responsible reporting, smarter lending, portfolio management, risk assessment and member financial wellness.

Presenter/Speaker: Van Reynders, Chief Executive Officer – EveryData ECCU Ltd

2:35–3:15

Building Resilient Credit Unions for the Future: A Global Perspective — Global trends shaping credit unions, including digital transformation, climate resilience, governance, AML/CFT and financial inclusion.

Presenter/Speaker: Erin O'Hern, Senior Director, International Advocacy and Regulatory Counsel, WOCCU

12:15–12:45

Speed, Security & Simplicity: The Future of Payments — ACH modernization, faster payments, operational efficiency, security and the changing member payment experience.

Presenters/Speakers: Shermaine Bodley, Project Manager, ECACH Caribbean Ideas Project; Min Tha Gyaw, Consultant, The World Bank

3:15–3:30

Coffee & Connections

3:30–3:45

Sponsor Presentations

12:45–1:00

Sponsor Presentations

3:45–4:00

From Threat to Opportunity — Key messages from Day 2 and transition to Day 3.

1:00–2:00

Lunch & Networking

4:00–8:30

Rest and Relaxation

2:00–2:35

AI Unfiltered: What Every Credit Union Leader Needs to Know — Practical applications of AI, opportunities, risks and governance considerations.

Presenter/Speaker: Kareem Williams, CEO and Founder, Peepalytics AI

8:30–10:30

Evening Entertainment: White Party — A relaxed evening of music, fellowship and networking in a white-themed setting. Dress: White attire encouraged; smart casual.

DAY 3

FROM CHANGE TO RESULTS

FRIDAY, 25 SEPTEMBER • BUSINESS CASUAL

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DRESS

Business casual or credit union/league attire

8:00–8:15

From Navigating Change to Delivering Results — Reflection on the first two days and introduction to the leadership, governance, cooperation, capital and investment themes of Day 3.

8:15–9:00

Governance That Drives Performance — Governance, accountability, Board performance, strategic oversight, decision-making and the connection between effective governance and institutional results.
Presenter/Speaker: Rushaine Cunningham, Esq, Managing Attorney at Cunningham Law Caribbean

9:00–9:45

Leadership Under Pressure: The Story Behind the Decisions — A real-world leadership perspective examining difficult decisions, setbacks, people management, institutional change, risk and resilience.
Presenter/Speaker: J. Valerie Hodge

9:45–10:00

Coffee & Connections

10:00–10:45

Leadership, Legacy & the Power of Belief — Excellence, discipline, resilience, leadership under pressure, overcoming obstacles and building a lasting legacy.
Speaker: Special Speaker

10:45–11:30

Passing the Baton: The Real Story of Succession — Practical perspectives on succession planning, preparation, ownership, leadership transition and continuity.
Presenter/Speaker: Karl Spencer, Chief Executive Officer, Community First Co-operative Credit Union

11:30–12:15

Signature Session: Stronger Together — Turning Cooperation into Collective Results — Formal launch of the Partner Program, focusing on mentorship, peer support, capacity building and collaboration among credit unions.

COLLECTIVE CAPITAL

INVESTMENT STRATEGY • BONFIRE CELEBRATION

DRESS

**BUSINESS CASUAL OR
CREDIT UNION/LEAGUE
ATTIRE**

12:15–1:15

Lunch & Networking

1:15–2:00

Unlocking the Power of Collective Capital — Exploring surplus capital, liquidity, scale, pooled investment vehicles, treasury collaboration and cooperative investment models.
Presenter/Speaker: Professor Justin Robinson, Pro Vice-Chancellor & Campus Principal, The University of the West Indies Five Islands Campus

2:00–3:00

From Surplus to Investment Strategy: Putting Capital to Work — Investment opportunities, diversification, risk and return, liquidity, regulation, capital preservation and the role of investment institutions and market participants.
Moderator: Ava Beckles | Panel: Stewart Haynes, Fernillia Felix-Frederick, Shaiiede Kallicharan, Omar Burke-Smith, Renee Charles

3:00–3:30

Coffee & Connections

3:30–3:50

Sponsor Presentations

3:50–4:00

From Resilience to Results — Final reflection on the Summit journey and conclusion of the formal business programme.

4:00–8:30

Rest and Relaxation

8:30–10:30

Bonfire Party — A relaxed evening of fellowship and networking after the final day of business sessions. Dress: Casual, comfortable, relaxed wear.

04

ISLAND ELEGANCE

SATURDAY, 26 SEPTEMBER • FAREWELL DINNER

DAYTIME / TIME TO LIME

Explore Antigua. No formal business sessions; delegates are free to relax, explore the island, enjoy the resort or make their own arrangements.

7:00–10:00 P.M. / CLOSING CEREMONY & FAREWELL DINNER

Theme: Island Elegance. Join us for an unforgettable evening where elegance meets the spirit of the islands. Celebrate the connections, conversations and achievements that shaped the Summit journey through rich hues, sunset shades, luxurious fabrics and graceful silhouettes.

LIVE: BURNING FLAMES

After dinner, the celebration continues with Antigua's legendary soca band. Expect infectious rhythms, unmistakable Antiguan spirit and a high-energy finale.

PROGRAMME NOTE

This general programme gives delegates an overview of the Summit schedule. Programme content, speakers, session sequencing and timings may be adjusted based on final confirmations and operational requirements.

SUNDAY, 27 SEPTEMBER / DEPARTURES ALL DAY

Delegates check out and depart from Antigua & Barbuda. Safe travels.

DISTINGUISHED SPEAKERS

REGIONAL VOICES • STRATEGIC INSIGHT • SHARED LEADERSHIP



Rt. Hon. Gaston Browne
Prime Minister
Antigua and Barbuda



Timothy N. J. Antoine
Governor
Eastern Caribbean Central Bank



Erin O'Hern
Senior Director, International Advocacy
World Council of Credit Unions



Professor Justin Robinson
Pro Vice-Chancellor & Campus Principal
The UWI Five Islands Campus



Kareem Williams
CEO and Founder
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Shermaine Bodley
Speaker
Caribbean Confederation of Credit Unions



Marlon Cooper
Chief Executive Officer
Symptai Consulting Limited

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