

# Memorandum of Understanding Signing Ceremony Between IEEE CTSoc and CTU

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■ **DR. WAHAB ALMUHTADI**, IEEE Consumer Technology Society (CTSoc) President 2019–2022, and Mr. Gary Kalloo, Caribbean Telecommunications Union (CTU) Business Development & Implementation Support Director, signed an MoU 1 December 2022, on conclusion of the 2022 CTSoc’s Gaming Entertainment and Media Conference held in Bridgetown, Barbados; see Figure 1.

Dr. Almuhtadi stated *“Today is a significant day for signing this MoU between IEEE CTSoc and CTU. It is an important cooperation to start fostering activities mutually beneficial to both organizations.”*

Representing Mr. Rodney Taylor, Secretary-General of the CTU, Mr. Gary Kalloo indicated,

*“The CTU is proud to be associated with the IEEE CTSoc GEM initiative. We believe the CTU can play a substantive role in building awareness and in sensitizing the region as a whole about the opportunities and benefits that can be derived from this relatively new and innovative sector to the region. The partnership forged here today will certainly support our respective mandates and our collective ability to deliver on this commitment.”*

Cooperation between the IEEE, particularly CTSoc, and the CTU, will support each other’s mandates in the areas of standards, technology development, and capacity building for policy, including education outreach.

CTU was established by its member states on 28 April 1989, in recognition of the importance of telecommunications to the social and economic development of the Caribbean.

CTSoc is a global leader, which inspires research, development, and deployment of

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**FIGURE 1.** Left to Right: Curtis Gittens (IEEE CTSoc GEM'22 Conference Executive Chair), Francola John (CTU Stakeholder Engagement and Events Specialist), Gary Kalloo (CTU Business Development & Implementation Support Director), Wahab Almuhtadi (IEEE CTSoc President 2019–2022), Wen-Chung Kao (IEEE CTSoc President-Elect 2022), Mahsa Pourazad (2019–2022 IEEE CTSoc Secretary/ Governance), Raed Abdullah (2019–2022 IEEE CTSoc VP Conferences), Charlotte Kobert (IEEE CTSoc Administrator).

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information on advancements in consumer technologies for the advancement and benefit of humanity.

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