

Women in CaribNOG

The Caribbean Network Operators Group (CaribNOG) is a rich community of Network Operators dedicated to exchanging technical information and experiences related to the management of IP networks in the Caribbean region.

CaribNOG objectives are:

- To aggregate the region's network professionals in a functional technical community
- To harness the knowledge and experiences of the community as a rich resource
- To provide a robust platform of expertise necessary in building knowledge based economies in the Caribbean region.
- To foster technical research in areas of networking and internet technologies that produces a dense culture of mastery of the subject matter
- To leverage the technical community in the solving of technical problems arising within the critical internet infrastructure implemented in the Caribbean region.

CaribNOG has been organizing biannual regional meetings since its inception, starting with the inaugural gathering in August 2010 in St. Maarten. These meetings welcome participation from a diverse range of individuals and institutions interested in advancing Internet technologies, including network operators, IT professionals, students, regulators, entrepreneurs, and government representatives.

Our **Women in CaribNOG** Initiative was introduced during the CaribNOG 26 regional meeting, held in St. Kitts and Nevis in September 2023.

The Women in CaribNOG Initiative seeks to discover, nurture, bolster, and champion Caribbean women (and girls) active in network engineering, managing IP networks, internet infrastructure research, and leadership roles.

Our primary objective is to identify and nurture female talent in technology, providing robust networking and support systems to facilitate professional growth. We hope to promote increased female involvement in CaribNOG endeavors by advocating for participation in mailing lists, attendance at meetings, and delivering presentations.

By contributing to the development of knowledge-sharing in the industry, participants play a crucial role in enhancing the resilience of critical internet infrastructure.

Participation in this initiative brings a myriad of benefits, including unparalleled networking opportunities with industry peers and leaders, access to tailored skill enhancement programs, increased visibility through participation in CaribNOG events, and career advancement support through mentorship programs. The initiative also serves as a catalyst for inspiring the next generation of female leaders in technology, fostering a culture of diversity and excellence.

This initiative aligns with CaribNOG's longstanding commitment to fostering diversity and inclusion within the rapidly evolving Caribbean technology sector.

If you are ready to join us shape the future of the Caribbean's digital landscape and cultivating a more inclusive and dynamic technological ecosystem, reach out to Claire at: Claire.Craig@Caribnog.org.