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OOCUR is pleased to announce the hosting of its Annual Conference in Paramaribo Suriname from October 28 to 30, 2024, under the Theme: Right-sizing Regulatory Agencies – what is needed?

The conference will explore and examine critical issues related to the economic and social development of regional economies and the success of and challenges experienced by the electricity, ICT, and water and wastewater sectors.

The event targets regional regulatory agencies, development partners, utility personnel, government officials, academics, and senior managers from utility-affiliated organizations. For further information, check OOCUR's website (<https://newoocur.org/>) or communicate with the Executive Director at executivedirector@newoocur.org.

All interested persons are invited to submit abstracts of approximately 100 words with titles, for consideration, by August 15, 2024. Persons whose papers are accepted will be required to submit either the paper or a PowerPoint presentation by September 30, 2024.

The topics listed below are not exhaustive but are suggestions. Presenters may choose to write any topic concerning any of the sectors (ICT, Energy or Water) with a focus on best practices, lessons learned or successful implementation.

Presentation Topics:

1. What is the Value of Regulation – Can Regional Regulatory Agencies Be Independent?
2. Cultivating Good Governance in Regulatory Agencies: What's Needed?
3. Is Financial Sustainability for the Water and Sewage Sector Achievable?
4. Pricing, Infrastructure, Services: The Case for the Water and Sewage Sector
5. One Regional ICT Regulator.
6. 5G Do We Need to Go There?
7. The Role of Regulation and Public Policy in Facilitating the Energy Transition.



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8. The Water Energy Nexus.
9. The New Digital Frontier in Communications for Regulatory Entities
10. Setting Standards for Handling Consumer Complaints
11. Best Practices for Managing Your Regulatory Information Centre.
12. Conversations in Energy: Adding Nuclear to the Energy Mix.
13. Providing Affordable, Secure, Sustainable and Modern Energy – How Do We Achieve that Goal?
14. Artificial Intelligence in the Regulatory Landscape.
15. Moving to a Gigabit Society – Are We Ready?
16. Has Regulatory Practice Evolved to Recognise the New Technologies, and the Changing Consumer Expectations Being Faced by Utilities?
17. How are Regulators Responding to the Risk and Resilience for Water and Wastewater Systems?

Presenters Guidelines:

1. All completed Abstract Submissions must be submitted by August 15, 2024.
2. Selected presenters will be informed by August 31, 2024.
3. Subsequent to notification, a full paper or PowerPoint presentation must be submitted by September 30, 2024.
4. PowerPoint slides should be for an approximate 15 to 20 - minute presentation.