



CARIBBEAN CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF CYBER & INFORMATION SECURITY

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Partnership & Collaboration Brief

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*Prepared for prospective Strategic Partners, Founding Members,
and Regional Development Partners*

AT A GLANCE · THE CARIBBEAN'S CHARTERED AUTHORITY

Digital Trust. Operational Resilience. One Caribbean Voice.

The Caribbean Chartered Institute of Cyber & Information Security (CyCIS) is the region's chartered authority on Digital Trust and Operational Resilience. Across the Caribbean Region and its US\$8B digital economy, CyCIS builds the standards, certification frameworks and ISAC intelligence network that enable Caribbean enterprises to achieve Operational Resilience, demonstrate regulatory equivalence, and compete confidently in global markets.

This brief sets out the business case, the institutional mandate, the flagship programmes, and the structured pathways through which the private sector, members, and regional development partners can engage. It is prepared for prospective Strategic Partners, Founding Members, and Regional Development Partners evaluating collaboration with CyCIS.

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THE BUSINESS CASE

The Corporate Risk Register for Caribbean Enterprises

Four converging pressures make Caribbean digital resilience a board-level priority – each backed by independent evidence, and each addressable through the CyCIS framework.

01

Regulatory Exposure

EU DORA (in force January 2025) requires third-country financial institutions to demonstrate operational resilience equivalence. Every Caribbean bank, insurer and fintech with EU correspondent relationships faces this requirement now – and without a recognised regional standard, compliance is fragmented, costly and commercially disadvantaging.

SOURCE IDB Caribbean Digital Transformation Report (2022) · EU DORA (2025)

02

Business Continuity Risk

Caribbean SIDS face annual climate-related economic losses of 2–9% of GDP. When Hurricane Dorian struck the Bahamas, banking and telecoms systems failed within 48 hours. Operational Resilience is no longer separable from disaster preparedness – a continuity plan is only as strong as its cyber resilience framework.

SOURCE World Bank CCRIF Retrospective (2023)

03

Standards Deficit

The ITU Global Cybersecurity Index 2024 rates 12 of 15 CARICOM member states in the bottom two tiers globally. Without harmonised regional standards, enterprises manage up to 26 fragmented national compliance regimes. One chartered regional framework replaces all of that – with global recognition.

SOURCE ITU Global Cybersecurity Index (2024)

04

Talent Pipeline

The Caribbean loses an estimated 70–80% of its tertiary-educated professionals to emigration, while cybersecurity roles carry a 40–60% international salary premium. Without chartered career pathways and demand-led certifications, every graduating class widens the talent gap. CyCIS changes that calculus.

SOURCE ILO Caribbean Labour Market Report (2022)

CHARTER & MANDATE

The Chartered Authority on Caribbean Cyber Resilience

CyCIS is the authoritative chartered institute for Caribbean cyber policy, education and diplomacy – the regional definitive voice on Digital Trust and Digital Operational Resilience Excellence.

VISION

To be the preeminent chartered institute uniting the Caribbean and global community as the foremost regional authority in cyber and information security – driving market-led excellence in Digital Trust and Operational Resilience, shaping international policy, and fostering digital diplomacy to secure an inclusive, resilient and sovereign digital future for generations.

MISSION

To convene, certify and champion – uniting the private sector, regulators, governments and the global community in setting and advancing the Caribbean’s standards for Digital Trust and Operational Resilience Excellence; cultivating professional achievement; harmonising policy; and ensuring one cohesive Caribbean voice in every forum that shapes the digital future.

STANDARDS & FRAMEWORK ALIGNMENT

Standard / Framework	Role in the CyCIS Architecture
EU DORA (January 2025)	Digital Operational Resilience Act – DORE is the Caribbean’s third-country equivalence pathway for financial institutions with EU relationships.
ISO/IEC 22301:2019	Business Continuity Management – underpins the DORE certification architecture across all four economic sectors.
NIST CSF 2.0 (2024)	Cybersecurity Framework – adopted by US-regulated Caribbean entities and correspondent banking relationships.
ISO/IEC 27001:2022	Information Security Management – required for government and regulated-sector vendor contracts across CARICOM.
CARICOM Cyber Strategy (CTU)	CyCIS is the private sector implementation vehicle for the region’s existing policy mandate.
ABAS 2024 – SIDS Digital Agenda	Antigua & Barbuda Agenda for SIDS positions CyCIS within active development funding streams targeting 2030 outcomes.

STRATEGIC FOCUS

Four Pillars. One Coherent Strategy.

Every initiative, collaboration and partnership is anchored within one integrated framework – designed for measurable regional impact across economy, governance, capacity and innovation.

Pillar 01

Private Sector Excellence & Market-Driven Resilience

Establishing CyCIS as the trusted partner for industry – convening the standards, assurance frameworks and collaborative platforms enterprises need to achieve and demonstrate Operational Resilience to regulators and global counterparts.

OUTCOME Caribbean enterprises achieve EU DORA equivalence – reducing 26 fragmented national frameworks to one.

Pillar 02

Harmonised Governance & Cyber Diplomacy

Uniting policy co-creation, regulatory alignment and international diplomatic engagement – embedding Digital Trust into the legal and normative fabric of the region, with CARICOM, OECS, CTU and global multilateral partners.

OUTCOME A unified Caribbean position tabled at the UN OEWG on ICT Security by 2027.

Pillar 03

Capacity Building & Inclusive Digital Citizenship

Empowering individuals and communities through world-class skills, continuing professional development and equitable digital access – building a culture of Digital Trust from the classroom and micro-enterprise to the boardroom and regulator.

OUTCOME 10,000 Caribbean professionals certified within five years; Child Online Protection law in 10+ states by 2028.

Pillar 04

Innovation, Research & Global Thought Leadership

Positioning the Caribbean at the frontier of cyber resilience for Small Island Developing States – through collaborative research, strategic partnerships and active participation in shaping the cybersecurity norms of the next decade.

OUTCOME The Caribbean SIDS Cyber Resilience Index becomes the authoritative SIDS benchmark by 2028.

FLAGSHIP PROGRAMMES

Where Strategy Meets Action

Programmes with measurable outcomes – designed to protect Caribbean enterprises, build regional intelligence, develop and retain talent, and safeguard children online.

DORE Certification Framework

Digital Operational Resilience Excellence (DORE) – the Caribbean’s definitive certification mark, co-developed with CISOs, CFOs and boards from banks, telcos, insurers and tourism operators. DORE links certification to insurance premium incentives, regulatory recognition and EU DORA third-country equivalence.

FINANCE · TOURISM · ENERGY · DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURE

OUTCOME Enterprises achieve equivalence with EU DORA, UK CBEST and NIST CSF – unlocking cross-border access.

Cyber Resilience Observatory & ISACs

The Caribbean Cyber Resilience Observatory (CCRO) is the region’s authoritative threat-intelligence hub – aggregating anonymised incident data, sector alerts and threat feeds. Four sector ISACs (Finance, Tourism, Energy, Digital Infrastructure) provide trusted communities for intelligence sharing and joint crisis response.

FINANCE · TOURISM · ENERGY · DIGITAL INFRA ISACS

OUTCOME The annual Caribbean State of Cyber Resilience report becomes the SIDS benchmark by 2028.

Commerce, Policy & Talent Ecosystem

Four interconnected programmes build the institutional backbone of resilience: the Caribbean Cyber Commerce Alliance (C3A) private-sector council; the Cyber Policy Lab translating standards into model legislation; the Cyber Fellows earn-while-you-learn network; and demand-led certification pathways co-developed with industry.

C3A · POLICY LAB · FELLOWS · CERTIFICATION

OUTCOME 10,000 Caribbean professionals certified under CyCIS frameworks within five years.

Caribbean Child Online Protection Initiative

The region’s first coordinated, cross-government framework to protect children in digital environments – delivering model legislation, school curriculum integration, a Digital Ambassadors network and a regional reporting mechanism. Aligned with the UNCRC, UNICEF COP guidelines and the WeProtect framework.

MODEL LEGISLATION · CURRICULUM · UNCRC ALIGNED

OUTCOME Child Online Protection law enacted in 10+ CARICOM states by 2028.

THE CASE FOR ENGAGEMENT

Why the Private Sector Chooses CyCIS

A chartered authority delivering concrete business value – regulatory equivalence, sector intelligence, a talent pipeline, and the neutral convening power of the region’s first dedicated cyber diplomacy summit.

Regulatory Equivalence

DORE gives Caribbean financial institutions a credible, certifiable path to EU DORA and NIST CSF equivalence – unlocking EU correspondent banking relationships, improving insurance positioning, and replacing 26 fragmented compliance regimes with one recognised standard.

Intelligence Advantage

ISAC founding members access the CCRO threat-intelligence platform – anonymised sector alerts, incident reports and threat feeds that no single organisation can generate alone. The intelligence advantage of collective Caribbean data, at enterprise scale.

Talent & Pipeline

The Caribbean Cyber Fellows earn-while-you-learn model places certified, job-ready professionals directly into member companies – countering the 70-80% graduate emigration rate and creating a self-sustaining talent ecosystem that stays and invests in the region.

Convening Power

The neutral regional convener where Caribbean cyber decisions are formed. The CyCIS Forum 2027 brings enterprises, regulators, CISOs and global partners to one table – the primary marketplace of ideas and partnerships for the region.

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Digital Trust is the currency of the modern economy. Without it, citizens will not adopt digital services, businesses will not invest, and regional integration will stall. Operational Resilience is the shield that protects that trust — ensuring that when an incident occurs, our banks continue to clear, our hospitals continue to admit, and our governments continue to function.

EDWARD MILLINGTON · CHAIRMAN & FOUNDER, CYCIS

PATHWAYS TO ENGAGE

Four Ways to Build With Us

CyCIS offers structured pathways for private sector organisations, institutions, professionals and development partners. Each is designed to create specific, measurable outcomes – for partners and for the region.

Pathway	What It Involves
ISAC Member	Join one of four sector ISACs – Finance, Tourism, Energy or Digital Infrastructure. Founding members co-shape the intelligence framework and gain priority access to the CCRO threat-intelligence platform.
DORE Partner	Become a founding DORE anchor partner – co-developing the Caribbean’s definitive Digital Operational Resilience Excellence certification mark, linked to insurance incentives, regulatory recognition and EU DORA equivalence pathways.
Collaborator	Governments, regional bodies, professional organisations and multilaterals co-creating standards, model legislation and joint research. CyCIS is the neutral regional convener where Caribbean cyber decisions are formed.
Member	Professionals, enterprises and institutions joining the Caribbean’s chartered community of practice – accessing DORE certification, ISAC membership, the Cyber Fellows Programme and priority access to The CyCIS Forum 2027.

CORPORATE PARTNERSHIP, MEMBERSHIP & DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP

PRIVATE SECTOR	MEMBERS	DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS
Banks, insurers, telcos, energy and tourism operators partner through the C3A council, sector ISACs and DORE certification – turning resilience into measurable commercial and regulatory advantage.	Professionals and institutions join a chartered community of practice – gaining certification, intelligence access, the Fellows network and a credible Caribbean career pathway that retains regional talent.	Regional and multilateral partners support capacity building, certification infrastructure and child online protection – outcomes mapped to the SDGs and the SIDS digital agenda for durable, measurable regional impact.

GOVERNING BODY

The Leadership Behind CyCIS

CyCIS is led by its Founder and Chairman, with the Board of Governors currently being constituted from the Caribbean's most senior authorities in cybersecurity, digital policy, financial regulation and international law. Appointments will be announced in Q3 2026.

CHAIRMAN · FOUNDER

Edward Millington

Caribbean Chartered Institute of Cyber & Information Security

Chairman and Founder of CyCIS, and Managing Director of CariSec Global Inc., domiciled in Barbados. A recognised authority on Caribbean cyber and information security policy and governance, with sustained engagement across regional governments, regulators, industry leaders and global multilateral partners – and a published voice in the international professional discourse on Digital Trust and Operational Resilience for Small Island Developing States and world economies.

He is the architect of the Unified Digital Operational Resilience (Unified DOR) Framework and the Caribbean DORE Certification standard – positioning the Caribbean as a global model for resilience in Small Island Developing States. A peer-elected Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Information Security (FCIIS), EU CyberNet Expert, and Commonwealth Caribbean Cyber Fellow and Co-Chair, he is recognised globally as both a practitioner and a statesman of the digital age.

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Managing Director, CariSec Global Inc.

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BOARD OF GOVERNORS – BEING CONSTITUTED · ANNOUNCEMENTS Q3 2026

The calibre of leadership being assembled to govern CyCIS includes senior authorities across cybersecurity, law, finance and regional business:

<p>Dr. Stephen Boyce <i>CEO & President, The Cyber Doctor</i></p>	<p>Federal law enforcement (FBI), cyber diplomacy (U.S. Department of State) and private-sector security leadership (Unit 42 by Palo Alto Networks). DSc in Cybersecurity, Marymount University.</p>
<p>Jerrel Samaroo-Campbell, Esq. <i>Founder, Decipher Data Law</i></p>	<p>Technology law across the Caribbean and United States – AI governance, cybersecurity law and data privacy. Dual LL.M. in Cyberlaw; admitted in Trinidad & Tobago and New York.</p>
<p>Jermaine Deans <i>Independent Director, Clairbridge Advisory Ltd</i></p>	<p>Two decades across financial services, capital markets and treasury; former Managing Director, JN Cayman. Board-level strategy, governance and market expertise. MBA (Finance), Villanova.</p>
<p>Carmel Haynes <i>Executive Director, BIBA</i></p>	<p>Strategic advocacy for Barbados' international business sector; Director of the Caribbean Corporate Governance Institute; member of the national Social Partnership. Corporate governance and private-sector leadership.</p>

Names and credentials reflect prospective appointments; formal confirmation will follow the Q3 2026 announcement.

26+

CARIBBEAN NATIONS

40+

GLOBAL PARTNERS & ALLIES

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ECONOMIC SECTORS

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CARIBBEAN VOICE



PARTNER WITH CYCIS

Building the Foundation for a *Trusted, Resilient* Digital Caribbean

Together, we secure an inclusive and sovereign digital future for generations.

STRATEGIC PARTNER

Co-develop DORE standards and join a sector ISAC as a founding private-sector partner.

FOUNDING MEMBER

Join the Caribbean's chartered community of practice – certification, ISACs and Fellows.

COLLABORATOR

Governments, regional bodies and multilaterals co-creating standards and research.

DEVELOPMENT PARTNER

Support capacity building, certification infrastructure and child online protection.

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