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PRESS RELEASE

## **OFREG INVITES YOUNG PROFESSIONALS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE IIC 2021 COMPETITION FOR FUTURE LEADERS**

The International Institute of Communication (IIC) is a global policy debating platform for the converged communications industry, offering innovators and regulators a forum to explore, debate, and agree on the best policies and regulatory frameworks for the widest societal benefit.

At OfReg, we are excited to invite all young professionals from Cayman to participate in the IIC's Future Leaders' Competition, a forum to promote the rising stars of our sector. We want to hear from those aged 35 or younger, working within the technology, media and telecom (TMT) sector.

This year, IIC is asking entrants to produce a report on the following subject:

“What principles should guide policy-makers in designing local and international approaches for internet intermediaries in the evolving communications environment?” Internet intermediaries such as digital platforms have been entitled, under national and regional laws, to protection from liability for content posted by others. This level of protection is being challenged – and defended – around the world as governments consider intersecting policy objectives such as freedom of speech and protection from harms. What principles should guide policy-makers in designing local and international approaches for the evolving communications environment?”

### **Awards**

The overall winner will receive:

- An invitation to present their winning entry at the Annual Conference (subject to current travel advice) with all expenses paid and £250 subsistence
- Their winning entry to be promoted in IIC's journal, on social media channels and in email communications to IIC members and supporters.
- The top 10 entries will be published online and the submission from the overall winner will be published in the IIC's journal, InterMedia, which is distributed to all IIC Members and beyond.
- The top 10 entries also receive a year's complimentary Membership to the IIC Future Leaders' Network, which includes access to the IIC's networks and resources.

### **Key Dates**

- 12th April 2021 – Competition opened for submissions
- 3rd July 2021 – Final deadline for submissions by 1600 GMT
- 24th September 2021– Winner announced



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“At OfReg, our commitment is to facilitate avenues to develop Cayman’s Digital Economy further. The Cayman Islands has an enormous potential of becoming a Centre of Innovative Excellence. We want to encourage our youth to take advantage of these opportunities and look for new or more streamlined ways to innovate, particularly in the digital space. This competition provides global exposure to our ambitious young professionals. With so much talent within Cayman, we hope to encourage submissions from across the digital ecosystem. ” – Sonji Myles. (Acting) Executive Director of ICT at OfReg

More information about the competition is available on our website [www.ofreg.ky](http://www.ofreg.ky) and at <https://www.iicom.org/future-leaders-competition-2021/>

We look forward to welcoming entries from the next generation and supporting the leaders of the future. Please submit your entry directly to [e.garbett@iicom.org](mailto:e.garbett@iicom.org)

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### **ABOUT OFREG**

The Utility Regulation and Competition Office ('OfReg' or the 'Office') is the independent regulator established by section 4 of the Utility Regulation and Competition Law (as revised) (the 'URC Law') for the electricity, information, and communications technology, water, wastewater and fuel sectors in the Cayman Islands.

OfReg provides the opportunity for consistency and collaboration in regulation across the ICT, energy, fuel, and water sectors; better utilisation of skills and resources resulting in more efficient and effective regulatory processes; encouraging competition where appropriate and feasible; championing sustainability and innovation across markets, contributing to the economic and social goals of the Cayman Islands.

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