

Good morning Ladies and Gentlemen! My name is Twinkle Mathew, and It is my privilege and pleasure on behalf of the ISACA Curacao Chapter board to welcome you today to the ISACA Curacao's annual IT Conference. This is the 6th annual IT conference being organized by ISACA Curacao, and we are proud to say that the conference has grown over the years to become the biggest, best and the most anticipated IT conference in Curacao as acknowledged by our participants, you!

This year 2019 is a special year for ISACA, as ISACA celebrates its 50th anniversary! ISACA, established in 1969 as an EDP auditor's association has grown to a global organization for information governance, control, security and audit with 135,000 members and 222+ chapters spread across 96 countries. Our very own small Curacao chapter contributes with 91 members.

2019 is also special year for the ISACA Curacao chapter as the chapter celebrates its 5th anniversary. Started on 10th March 2014, ISACA Curacao chapter is 5 years, 6 months and 15 days old today.

“Honoring the past, innovating the future “, is the key theme of ISACA's 50th anniversary celebration. Having said this, I would like to acknowledge the contribution of all the past and the present board members of the ISACA Curacao chapter whose tireless efforts enabled the chapter to reach where it is today. A special honor to the first ISACA Curacao Chapter board, the founding members - Cai Walters, Terren Chong, Rajeev Devasia, Marco La Cruz and Donald Van Putten without whose vision I would not be here today as the 3rd President of the chapter.

What is a tech conference opening without a brief talk about technology? The nine major technology trends that is defining 2019 (source: BBVA) a time when digital transformation is at the forefront is Autonomous Devices, AI, Block-Chain, 5G networks, Augmented Analytics, Digital twins, Enhanced edge computing, Immersive experience in smart spaces & digital ethics and privacy. We have tried to bring to you a few from these during these 2- day event while increasing your awareness of the various risks & threats and the ever-evolving challenge for auditors.

We have also seen how much technology has changed our daily lives, and we are unable to even think of living a few hours without it. As seen in an advertisement, “iPad or tablet can replace all paper” well almost all paper, except toilet paper.

Technology is a boon, and we must make best use of it. As IT professionals, our clients and organizations expect us to work with them to optimize businesses, innovate and digitally transform. We are no longer expected to understand only technology terms, rather we need to understand the business and how our technical skillsets can contribute towards transforming the businesses. Let us make use this of the knowledge gained from this conference to contribute towards continued success of our clients or organizations we work for.

Without much further ado, I declare the conference open.

Thank you all for your attendance and I hope you will enjoy this conference.