

# THE NEXT TECH HUB AGENDA

## THURSDAY, MAY 19

8:30 AM - 9:00 AM

**Summit Virtual Check-in**

9 AM - 9:30 AM

**Opening Plenary**

**Welcome Remarks and Summit Overview** by Executive Director Peter H. Chapman

**Welcome Remarks from:**

- Hon. Albert Bryan Jr., Governor of the U.S. Virgin Islands
- Edward Thomas, UVI RTPark Board Chairman
- Dr. David Hall, President of the University of the Virgin Islands

9:40 AM - 10:50 AM

**Panel Discussion: The RTPark as a Unique Vehicle for Growing the VI Tech Sector**

Learn more about the advantages of becoming a member of the RTPark and its history as an award-winning economic development organization focused on sector-based business attraction and entrepreneurship.

11 AM - 11:50 AM

**Panel Discussion: Building a Tech Hub in the USVI**

Hear directly from companies currently operating in the territory through our business attraction program. They will share their experiences and perspectives about the growing tech ecosystem in the US Virgin Islands.

12 PM - 12:50 PM

**Lunch**

1:00 PM - 2:50 PM

**Keynote Speaker – To Be Announced**

3:00 PM - 3:50 PM

**Panel Discussion: State of the USVI Economy and Overview of the VI Value Proposition**

Hear economic experts, community stakeholders, and RTPark clients discuss the current economic trends and conditions of the territory, the advantages of operating in territory, as well recent development in the USVI across various sectors.

4:00 PM - PM 4:50

**Panel Discussion: Navigating the Tax Incentive and Policy Landscape**

The RTPark's business attraction team is joined by local tax experts to break down our tax incentive program. They will also review relevant changes in federal tax law and their implications for tech firms exploring locating a business in the USVI via the RTPark program.



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## FRIDAY, MAY 20

8:30 – 9:00 AM

**Summit Virtual Check-in**

9:00 AM - 9:50 AM

**Panel Discussion: Planting Roots in the Virgin Islands: Practical Guidance for Life in the Territory**

There's more to the U.S. Virgin Islands than just business; our islands are also wonderful to live and play in. Hear from local real estate agents, school representatives, and current RTPark clients about relocating and living in the USVI.

10:00 AM - 10:50AM

**Panel Discussion: Building a Future-Proof Workforce in the USVI**

The U.S. Virgin Islands is building a strong workforce to support the innovative and sustainable jobs of the future. Hear from workforce development stakeholders in the territory who are actively working to build an ecosystem and "future-proof" the pipeline of USVI talent which our RTPark clients can tap into.

11:00 AM - 11:50 AM

**Panel Discussion: Sustainability through Technology & Innovation in the USVI**

An exciting discussion exploring how the USVI and the Caribbean define sustainable solutions and how we can incorporate technology and innovation into the fabric of regional sustainability practices. Hear local and regional experts from the agriculture, energy, and blue/marine sectors share their perspectives on the advantages of performing research and development for sustainable solutions and innovation in the USVI.

12:00 AM - 12:50 PM

**Lunch**

1:00 PM - 1:50 PM

**Keynote Speaker – To Be Announced**

2:00 PM - 2:50 PM

**Panel Discussion: A More Resilient Future**

As the U.S. Virgin Islands continues its physical, social, and economic recovery from the devastating 2017 hurricane season, as well as the ongoing pandemic, we discuss the exciting opportunities and proactive projects that are creating a more resilient territory for the future. Hear from disaster recovery leaders and experts working on the front lines in the USVI to develop and build best practices that support our economy's and community's ability to adapt to future threats quickly and efficiently.

3:00 PM - 3:30 PM

**Panel Discussion: Next Steps with the RTPark**

Our closing panel, led by Executive Director Peter H. Chapman, will guide you on actions and conversations necessary to take to take the next step in joining the RTPark.

3:30 PM - 4:00 PM

**Farewell Remarks:**

**Executive Director Peter H. Chapman & Hon. Governor Albert Bryan Jr.**



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