“ICT Association Suriname has the potential to become the core of the digital economy,” declared newly elected Chairman of the ICT Association, Anuskha Varsha Sonai.

The General Assembly of the members of the ICT Association, the branch association for IT companies, unanimously elected an enthusiastic and committed team for its new board.

Anuskha Sonai (CEO of Spang Makandra) has been elected as the new chairman by the members of the ICT Association. Raj Paltantewari (Supervisor of Itee N.V.) as secretary and Isabelle Caldeira (Operations Manager of BNETS N.V.) as treasurer. In the role of commissioner, the following persons were elected; Anvit Ramlakhan (CEO of Datasur ), Gerard den Dekker (Manager of UCC), Rajiv Hieralal (CEO of APPTASTIC) and John Culbard (Network Operations Manager of Telesur).

Regarding the new board, Anuskha Sonai says: “I am happy that I have a team of professionals who bring innovative insights to the table. They are driven and entrepreneurial people who want to help the association grow and (where necessary) renew so that the added value of the association remains relevant and up-to-date.”

Regarding her appointment as chairman, Anuskha says: “In the past years, the ICT Association has worked hard to raise awareness about the potential of the IT sector, the importance of a national IT policy plan and the need to collaborate. This is a continuous and necessary process, which we will continue in the coming years. In our association program, the emphasis is on the themes that are directly relevant to the commercial success of our members. We want to involve our members directly in the development of our association program, with which we increase the member participation. As an association, we are working on our ambition to become "the core of the digital economy."

One of the strengths of the new board is that it represents a broad spectrum of IT topics. This will lead to a significant increase in efficiency when determining the policy and communication with other stakeholders. Represented aspects are Creative Technology (Digital Design, New Media, Animation, Game Development), Hardware, Software, Network Operations, Infrastructure, Data Management, Finance Networking, Service Management, and Application Solutions. The supporting IT topics that are represented are Innovation, Development, Support, Education, Security, and Awareness.
Anuskha Sonai continues: “As a new board, we are very grateful to the previous boards for what they have already achieved. They have worked hard and made the necessary investments to develop the ICT Association into a recognized (inter)national focal point. They have also laid a good foundation for the organization and professionalization of the ICT Sector in Suriname. "The ICT Association was established in 2011 and has had the following boards: George Blufpand/ Eddy Dwarkasing (2011 - 2013), Robert Hahn/ Vincent Kenswil (2013 - 2018) and Djina Sanchit/ Eline Verhek (2018 - 2020).

"In addition to the previous boards, I thank everyone who works with us and constructively invests in our association, in particular, all our members." Anuskha Sonai ends.

**About ICT Association Suriname**

The ICT Association is the IT industry's leading voice, providing industry expertise, networking opportunities and a platform for collaboration to member companies, policymakers, and the general public.