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Regional Public Procurement Conference and Training Programme for Public Servants

Port of Spain – Several organisations have come together to enhance the skills of public servants in procurement. The Ministry of Finance and the Economy in collaboration with the Ministry of Planning and Sustainable Development, the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), the Organisation of American States (OAS) and the Inter-American Network on Government Procurement (INGP) is hosting a **Regional Conference on Public Procurement**. Financing for this event is being provided by the Korean Government and the IDB through the Korea Fund for Technology and Innovation and the Caribbean Regional Technical Assistance Centre (CARTAC).

This conference to be held on June 23rd 2014 will provide a forum for local and international speakers to share knowledge and experiences on pertinent aspects of public procurement of particular interest to Trinidad and Tobago and countries of wider Caribbean region which are in various stages of procurement reform. The audience will comprise delegates from across the Caribbean, the local public sector, international donor agencies and local civil society.

Immediately following the conference, from June 24th – 27th the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) will conduct a four-day introductory procurement Level 2 certification course. This course is accredited by the Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply (CIPS) and will result in the award of a certificate to participants based on their successful completion of a final examination.

The training and certification in public procurement is geared towards enhancing the skills and knowledge of public procurement staff in Ministries, municipal corporations and other state entities to better perform procurement functions.

Upon completion of the course participants will have:

- a clear understanding of the principles of effective public procurement, the procurement process and the role of corporate and transactional procurement; and
- the capability to plan, implement and evaluate a sourcing process appropriate to the value/risk of the goods/service being procured.

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