



President visits Minister in the Ministry of Finance

ACCA President Brendan Murtagh paid a courtesy call on Trinidad and Tobago's Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance, Honourable Mariano Browne during a whirlwind visit to Guyana, Trinidad and Tobago and Barbados in June this year. Muir Brown, ACCA Head of Strategic Business Unit – Americas and Caribbean and Brenda Lee Tang, Head of Corporate Development ACCA, Caribbean and Richard Young, member of ACCA Market oversight committee were also present at the meeting.



Photo: Left to right Minister Mariano Brown in discussions with ACCA officials Brendan Murtagh and Muir Brown.

Minister Browne who is himself an FCCA expressed great interest in how ACCA, the global body for professional accountants has worked with the public sector in other regions. He was also very interested to learn about ACCA's position on financial regulation, commitment to the support of SMEs and SMPs and commentary on the recently concluded G20 meeting.

The Minister shared information on a number of initiatives with which his Ministry was engaged and guaranteed his commitment to working closely with the Caribbean office towards improving the accounting profession in Trinidad and Tobago and raising the performance standards of finance professionals within the public sector.

Mr. Murtagh added that he was very encouraged by members' enthusiasm and willingness to contribute to the advancement of the profession in the region. More so, in Trinidad and Tobago, and, that the finance Ministry's apparent commitment to the establishment of good governance and adherence to world class standards could only auger well for the future.

ACCA currently has more than 22000 students and members in 18 English – speaking Caribbean territories.

