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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Government Meets with Bankers Association to Strengthen Economic Dialogue and Collaboration**

The Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago recently met with the Bankers Association of Trinidad and Tobago (BATT). The discussions focused on current market conditions, the state of the economy, and fostering continued collaboration between the Government, the Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago (CBTT) and the banking sector.

The meeting was convened by the Honourable Davendranath Tancoo, Minister of Finance. In addition to the Minister of Finance, in attendance were: Senator Dr. the Honourable Kennedy Swaratsingh, Minister of Planning, Economic Affairs and Development and Minister in the Ministry of Finance, Mr. Larry Howai, Governor of the Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago (CBTT), Mrs. Suzette Taylor-Lee Chee, Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Finance, Technical staff from the Ministry of Finance, Executive of the Bankers Association of Trinidad and Tobago (BATT) and Senior banking officials.

The meeting also considered the Government's general policy direction, including proposed legislative improvements related to the banking and financial sector. The engagement was constructive, with all parties recognising the importance of continued dialogue, practical collaboration, market stability and public confidence.

Minister Tancoo said *"This meeting represents the start of a deeper and more practical working relationship with both the CBTT and the banking sector dedicated to national interest. Our objective is not to operate in silos, but to work together in the national interest, to strengthen confidence, improve stability, support businesses and ensure that the financial system continues to serve the people of Trinidad and Tobago."*

He further underscored that this engagement is part of a broader, ongoing commitment to consult with key stakeholders across the economy. The ultimate goal is to ensure responsible economic management, build stronger institutions, and implement policies that directly support citizens, local businesses, and overall national development, the Minister said.

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