



Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago

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Trade Minister leads delegation as T&T trade mission heads to Dominica

January 19, 2024: Senator the Honourable Paula Gopee-Scoon, Minister of Trade and Industry, will lead Trinidad and Tobago's trade mission to Dominica from January 19 – 22, 2024. Organized by the Trinidad and Tobago Manufacturers' Association (TTMA) and supported by the Ministry of Trade and Industry (MTI), the trade mission aims to create business opportunities for Trinidad and Tobago exporters to conduct business with buyers from Dominica.

The initiative is part of the Government of Trinidad and Tobago's Export Booster Initiative (EBI), a strategic effort designed to increase the value of the country's non-energy exports over the next three years.

The delegation will consist of 29 participants, which includes 19 companies across the food and beverage, construction, printing and packing, chemical and household, construction and services sectors. These companies will participate in organized business to business meetings in their respective markets.

Among the participating companies are Advanced Commercial Equipment Limited, Angostura Limited, Aviaire Body Products, Blue Waters Limited, BriCha Limited, Cargo Consolidators Agency Limited, DSB Marketing Limited, Electrical Industries Group, Half Moon Vegan Ice Cream, Kennedy Agro Processing, New Wave Marketing Limited, Novo Farms, Pepe's Marketing Limited and Premier Label Company Limited.

Trinidad and Tobago currently maintains a positive trade balance with Dominica, presenting a significant opportunity to boost exports. The Trade Mission will create avenues for these companies to further penetrate the Dominican market and provide the opportunity for them to gain useful market intelligence.

Additionally, the MTI will use this opportunity to engage in bilateral discussions with Ministerial counterparts and other key officials in Dominica. These discussions will seek to strengthen trade relations between Trinidad and Tobago and Dominica. The discussions will also aid in advancing the export prospects for local companies.

During the four-day mission, Minister Gopee-Scoon will meet with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Business, Trade and Energy, the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, Blue and Green Economy, the Dominica Association of Industry and Commerce, and the Dominica Manufacturers Association.

Dominica is Trinidad and Tobago's eighth largest export market and 10th largest source of imports in CARICOM. Overall, it is the 35th largest export market and 88th import market amongst all of the country's trading partners.

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