



Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago

Ministry of Trade and Industry

## MEDIA RELEASE

### Ghanaian Delegation pays courtesy call to Minister of Trade and Industry

**March 7, 2025:** Minister of Trade and Industry, Senator the Honourable Paula Gopee-Scoon met today with a delegation of Ghanaian officials at the Ministry's headquarters in Nicholas Towers, Port of Spain

The 13-member Ghanaian team on the courtesy call included Trinidad and Tobago Honorary Consul to Ghana, Hilton John Mitchell; Managing Director, Prudential Bank Ghana Limited, Benard Gyebi; Banker, Business Development & Digital Transformation, Frank Afari Ankama; Co-founder, Ghana- Trinidad and Tobago Business Chamber, Victor Owusu; Managing Partner, PhoenixAfrica Capital Management, Michael Darko; Managing Partner, Agbenoto and Associates Mawuena Agbenoto; Country Manager, CAGL Oilfields, Awal Karim; Director of Operations, Consolidated Bank Ghana, Samuel Barketey; Managing Director, Donkor Insurance Agency, Colorado, USA, Yaw Donkor; General Counsel, Oil & Gas/ Energy Regulator, Business Executive Kwame Bona Siriboe; Independent Management Consultant and Advisor Dr. George Addo; CEO, Medpharma Alliance International Limited, Yaw Asamoah; and Superintendent Karim Atulik of the Ghana Police Service, (Head of Operations), Western Region. They were accompanied on their visit to the Ministry by President of the Trinidad and Tobago Manufacturers' Association (TTMA) Mr. Roger Roach.

In her welcome, Minister Gopee-Scoon expressed pleasure in the growing positive relationship between both countries and underscored Trinidad and Tobago's interest in enhancing trade, business, investment, and travel ties with Ghana. The Minister also shared an overview of development opportunities in Trinidad and Tobago, pointing to the energy, non-energy and agricultural sectors.

She stated, "We recognize our shared history, connections, and similarities, and the opportunities for enhancing our relationship are huge. Once we get the connectivity issue addressed, we expect you will be here several times a year. We are an open door and we want to continue doing business with you."

Trinidad and Tobago and Ghana share a positive trading relationship, which has generally progressed over the past decade. Trinidad and Tobago's top exports to Ghana for 2022 included both energy and non-energy products such as liquefied butanes, mechanical appliances, and medium oils, while the country's top exports to Ghana in 2023 included non-energy products such as parts for electrical metres and surveying instruments and other machinery equipment, clothing, and flour and meal products of manioc (cassava).

In 2022, Trinidad and Tobago's top imports from Ghana included mainly non-energy products, including cocoa butter, special garments for professionals and make up preparations mainly non-energy products including cocoa butter, tubes of vulcanized rubber and machine parts. The country's top imports from Ghana for 2023, included male and female garments of cotton, textiles, musical instruments, basketwork/wickerwork/& other products and make up preparations.

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