

willistry of Trade, investment and Tourism

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Ministry of Trade, Investment and Tourism welcomes Senator the Honourable Satyakama Maharaj as its New Minister

<u>May 8, 2025:</u> The Ministry of Trade, Investment and Tourism, today welcomed Senator the Honourable Satyakama Maharaj, as he officially began his tenure as the new Minister at the Ministry's Port of Spain headquarters.

A respected leader with over 45 years of business experience, Minister Maharaj brings a forward-looking agenda focused on inclusive growth and national transformation.

Accompanied by Dr. Colin Neil Gosine, Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry; Minister Maharaj met with Mr. Randall Karim, Permanent Secretary (Ag.); Mrs. Ava Mahabir-Dass, Deputy Permanent Secretary (Ag.); other Ministry officials and members of staff.

During his visit, Minister Maharaj expressed that he was both humbled and honoured to serve as Minister, and emphasized his deep sense of responsibility in undertaking the role. He also outlined his focus areas over the next five years which include diversifying the economy beyond oil and gas; expanding trade and exports; strengthening local manufacturing; driving investment; and innovation and positioning tourism as a pillar of economic growth for Trinidad and Tobago.

As an experienced manufacturer, Minister Maharaj is known for creating world class brands and developing inclusive products. His strong business acumen has enabled him to successfully navigate challenges in global exports, commerce and international supply chains. Minister Maharaj plans to bring this expertise to his national service and is committed to leading with integrity, vision and action.

The Ministry extends its full support to Minister Maharaj and Parliamentary Secretary Dr. Gosine, and looks forward to a new chapter of impactful leadership and meaningful change aimed at enhancing the international competitiveness of Trinidad and Tobago.

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