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Trade Minister speaks at Post Budget Forum



October 07 2015:- Following her attendance at the TT Chamber Post Budget Forum on Tuesday 06 October, 2015 at the Hyatt Regency, Senator the Honourable Paula Gopee-Scoon, delivered the Feature Address at the American Chamber of Commerce of Trinidad and Tobago Post Budget Forum held at the Hilton Trinidad and Conference Centre on Tuesday 6th October, 2015.

Senator Gopee-Scoon addresses questions posed by a member of the audience during the Forum

During her Address which outlined Government's major projects and programmes for the

next fiscal, Senator Gopee-Scoon reinforced the Government's intention to provide new economic infrastructure through public-private partnerships by creating new economic zones and upgrading all existing industrial estates. She noted that *'we are prepared to offer the appropriate incentives and assistance; however, we expect the private sector to also do its part in driving new investment into the economy'*.

She underscored the Government's commitment to diversify the economy to a modern hydrocarbon economy highlighting key areas of focus such as *'the acceleration of a strategy for the Trinidad and Tobago International Financial Centre; the development of the Maritime sector; the implementation of a nationwide broadband network; and the creation and modernisation of agro-technology for building the agri-business infrastructure'*.

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