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TRADE MINISTRY MEETS WITH EXPORT STAKEHOLDERS TO DEVELOP NATIONAL EXPORT STRATEGY

April 19, 2016:- Officials of the Trade Directorate of the Ministry of Trade and Industry facilitated a National Export Strategy (NES) Stakeholder Validation Session on Tuesday 19 April, 2016 with stakeholders representing the private sector, Government Ministries, Trade-Related Institutions, State Agencies and Academia. The session provided the opportunity for stakeholders to validate the information captured during the on-going consultation process and created a platform for brainstorming, dialogue and idea exchange on issues facing exporters.

Senator the Honourable Paula Gopee-Scoon, Minister of Trade and Industry in addressing the participants stated 'this export strategy session is very important ... because of the heightened importance that Trinidad and Tobago exports now take especially in the face of the economic environment ... we need to redirect our attention to other sectors, including manufacturing, which has the potential to increase revenues ... so we need to ramp up activities in terms of our exports.'

The main objective of the National Export Strategy (NES) is to enhance Trinidad and Tobago's international competitiveness and to develop and grow its services and non-energy export sectors to become more diversified and productive. Consultations towards the development of the national export strategy are on-going, as the Ministry will again engage the private sector within the coming weeks.



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