



Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago
Ministry of Trade, Investment and Tourism

MINISTER OF TRADE WELCOMES STRENGTHENED ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO AND THE UNITED STATES

Minister of Trade, Investment and Tourism, Senator the Honourable Satyakama Maharaj, has welcomed the outcome of discussions between Prime Minister Kamla Persad-Bissessar and senior officials of the United States Government during the recent Shield of the Americas Summit in Miami.

The Prime Minister's engagement with the United States, Trinidad and Tobago's largest trading partner, marks an important step toward strengthening economic cooperation, expanding investment opportunities, and supporting job creation within the national economy.

Minister Maharaj noted that the agreements and understandings emerging from the summit signal a renewed phase of collaboration between the two countries, particularly in areas such as trade facilitation, investment promotion, energy cooperation, and economic development.

"The United States has long been Trinidad and Tobago's most significant trading partner. Strengthening this relationship is critical to expanding market opportunities for our businesses, attracting new investment, and supporting sustainable economic growth," the Minister stated.

The Minister further highlighted that deepening engagement with the United States is especially important at this time, as Trinidad and Tobago continues its efforts to stimulate economic activity and create new employment opportunities after a prolonged period of economic stagnation over the past decade.

According to the Minister, the Prime Minister's participation in the Shield of the Americas Summit and the agreements signed during the visit will help position Trinidad and Tobago as a more attractive destination for foreign direct investment, while also opening pathways for local companies to expand exports into the North American market.

"This strengthened partnership will help facilitate greater investment flows into Trinidad and Tobago, encourage collaboration between our private sectors, and support the development of new industries capable of generating high-quality jobs for our citizens," Minister Maharaj added.

The Ministry of Trade, Investment and Tourism will continue working closely with relevant stakeholders, including the private sector and international partners, to translate the outcomes of the Prime Minister's meetings into tangible economic opportunities for the people of Trinidad and Tobago.

The Government remains committed to leveraging its international partnerships to diversify the economy, expand exports, and drive long-term national development.

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