

# Your Chamber at Work for You!

## Forging Links

During the month of June courtesy calls were made & meetings were attended by the following:

- 02<sup>nd</sup> Presentation on Solar Energy **Ms Catherine Kumar, CEO of the Chamber**
- 08<sup>th</sup> Crime meeting with Chambers at Amcham **Mrs Camille Carter Wells, Manager of Business Sector Services Unit**
- 09<sup>th</sup> CAIC Finance sub-committee, **Ms Catherine Kumar**
- 09<sup>th</sup> Ian Fitzwilliam & David Franco re liquor industry **Ms Catherine Kumar**
- 09<sup>th</sup> Carl Francis, PS Ministry of Trade **Ms Catherine Kumar, Mrs Camille Carter Wells, Mr Lawrence Placide, Executive Director ITNU Unit**
- 11<sup>th</sup> Breakfast meeting with H.H. Cecil Bernard, President, Industrial Court on "Stealing Cash, The Inside Job, Court Judgments, A Response" **Ms Catherine Kumar & Mrs Angella Persad, President**
- 11<sup>th</sup> H.E. Tatsuaki Iwata, Japanese Ambassador **Mrs Angella Persad, Mr Ian Collier, former President of the Chamber**
- 15<sup>th</sup> Conference on Risk Crisis & Trust Communication: **Ms Catherine Kumar** presented on 'Strategising Your Way to

the Top'

- 16<sup>th</sup> Mr Lingston Cumberbatch, former Ambassador to T&T. **Ms Catherine Kumar and Mr Lawrence Placide from ITNU**
- 17<sup>th</sup> Dinner with Hon Stephen Cadiz, Minister of Trade. **Board of Directors**
- 18<sup>th</sup> **Dr Anton Cumberbatch, Ms Catherine Kumar and members of Health & Wellness Committee** attended a meeting on the registration process for new drug applications
- 21<sup>st</sup> Interview with Debra Percival of the Courier for European Union – **Ms Catherine Kumar & Mrs Angella Persad**
- 22 & 23 FMMC Conference at Hyatt **Ms Catherine Kumar & Mrs Angella Persad**
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Meeting with Hon Kamla Persad-Bissessar, Prime Minister **Ms Catherine Kumar & Mrs Angella Persad**
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Hon Bharath Jagdeo, President of Guyana to discuss the President addressing members of the business community on opportunities for investment in Guyana – **Ms Catherine Kumar /K. Coombs/D. Driver**
- 23<sup>rd</sup> News Conference on selection of CoP and Deputy CoP at Hilton **Mr Andrew Sabga, Senior Vice of the**

**Chamber/ Mr Andrew Johnson Communications Committee member**

- 25<sup>th</sup> Planning meeting for Conference, "Connecting T&T to Central America" **Ms. Catherine Kumar**
- 25<sup>th</sup> Hon Stephen Cadiz, Minister of Trade **Mrs Angella Persad /Mr Wade George, member of Board /Mr Lawrence Placide**
- 29<sup>th</sup> Crime meeting with Chambers at Amcham, **Mrs Camille Wells**
- 29<sup>th</sup> Guatemala delegation with Ambassador Luis Andrade **Mrs Angella Persad /Mr Andrew Sabga/Ms Catherine Kumar/Ms Vashti Guyadeen, Manager Research Publications & Information**
- 29<sup>th</sup> Brigadier John Sandy, Minister of National Security **Mrs Angella Persad /Mr Andrew Sabga/ Ms Catherine Kumar / Mr Andrew Johnson**
- 30<sup>th</sup> Dr Rupert Griffith, Minister of Tourism **Mrs Angella Persad /B. Aguiton/ Ms Vashti Guyadeen**



## Look out For

- 15<sup>th</sup> July - CSR Xchange Enhancing Governance through Corporate Social Responsibility
- 14<sup>th</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> July – ASYCUDA World Training
- 20<sup>th</sup> July - One on One with the Minister of National Security Senator the Honourable Brigadier John Sandy
- 20<sup>th</sup> July - New Members Welcome Cocktail Reception
- 22<sup>nd</sup> July - How to Attract Funding while Building a Better Business. **NOVA COMMITTEE**
- 26<sup>th</sup> August - 2<sup>nd</sup> Excellence in Printing and Packaging Conference and Showcase

## Round-up of Events at the Chamber

### SME COCKTAIL RECEPTION

The Chamber hosted a networking **Cocktail Reception for Small Medium Enterprises (SM's)** on the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2010 in the Digicel Booth at the Queens Park Oval. The reception gave business owners the opportunity to share ideas and learn about other SME's, strategies and practices which they have adopted to ensure success.

### STEALING CASH: THE INSIDE JOB, COURT JUDGMENTS: A RESPONSE

On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2010, the **Industrial Relations Committee** of the Chamber hosted the **President of the Industrial High Court – His Honour Mr Cecil O Bernard** at a breakfast meeting entitled, **Stealing Cash The Inside Job, Court Judgments: A Response**, at the Leon Agostini Conference Hall at the

Chamber's headquarters.

Topics addressed at the event included:

- How are principles of good industrial relations determined;
- The Industrial Relations Act;
- The independence of the court.



## 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL CARIBBEAN FACILITIES MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE CONFERENCE

The Second Annual Caribbean Facilities Management and Maintenance Conference was hosted on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2010 at the Hyatt Regency Trinidad. The event has

become a signature one for the Chamber. The feature speaker was Mr Chris Hodges who is an active member of the International Facility Management Association (IFMA). Other presenters included Mr Tyrel Melville – President, IFMA TT Chapter; Mrs Rudylynn De Four; Mr Tim Fisher – President, OSHA Services, LLC; Mr Mark Francois – Thermal Diagnostics Ltd; Mr Keive Wilson – Chartered Quantity Surveyor; Mr Don Barry – IBM Global Services; Ms

Mandilee Newtown – Associate – ACLA works. **Organisations partnering with the Chamber were; Gold Sponsors – Acuitas Caribbean Limited, Magic Mist Services Limited. Silver Sponsors – Tracmac Engineering Limited, Eco Life Solutions, Clamens and Associates 2000 Limited. Bronze Sponsors included Total, Office, R.O.S.E Environmental Limited, IRP Fire & Safety Limited, Kex Limited, Artic Air Limited, Illuminat and IBM.**



## ITNU UNIT

### Council of Trade and Economic Development (COTED)

The 30<sup>th</sup> Meeting of COTED took place in Guyana from the 14<sup>th</sup>- 18<sup>th</sup> June 2010. The main issues discussed at the meeting were as follows:

- Review of COTED's Rules of Procedure
- Proposed Amendment to the CET Update
- Proposal of Haiti for non- preferential access for certain goods for a period of three years

- EPA Implementation
- CARICOM Canada
- Discussions on External Trade Relations (new agreements )
- Standards

### Trade Committee

The Chamber intends to establish a Trade Committee to debate the trade issues of stakeholders. A brainstorming session was held on 8<sup>th</sup> June, 2010 to determine some of the issues which Chamber members would like the Committee to focus on. The areas highlighted were:

- New Market of Development

- CSME/CARICOM
- Innovation
- TBT
- Focus on Capacity Development

### Energy Committee

The Energy Committee is currently creating a proposal on the removal of the petroleum subsidy. The proposal will be presented to the Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries.

**For more information on the above please contact Aisha Stewart, Trade Officer of the International Trade Negotiations Unit (ITNU)**  
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## Research & Publications

### "Developing R&D to enable you to make more informed decisions"

During this period, the following were completed:

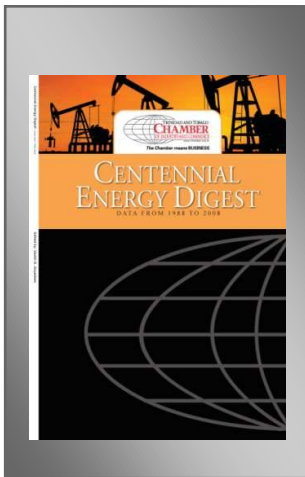
- Ms Vashti Guyadeen, Manager Research, Publications and Information Unit and Ms Catherine Kumar, CEO, appeared on CNMG's First Up programme and CNC3 to discuss the Chamber's Centennial Energy Digest.
- Ms. Vashti Guyadeen was interviewed by the Business Guardian, Newsday and Express on the Centennial Energy Digest. The Business Guardian, article was published on June 24<sup>th</sup>. Lookout for the upcoming articles on the Digest in the Newsday and Express.
- The Chamber's CONTACT magazine, titled the 'ICT Casebook' will be out shortly and planning for the third issue of Contact has begun.
- Ms. Lisa Bholai, Research Economist attended the release of the Financial Stability Report at the Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago on June 15<sup>th</sup>.

- Ms Vashti Guyadeen and Ms Lisa Bholai attended a four day Energy Media Training Programme held by BP Trinidad and Tobago in conjunction with The University of Trinidad and Tobago. The programme aims at giving journalists a better understanding of the energy industry. It focused on geology, the reserves to production model, natural gas and LNG economics, and the fundamentals of energy journalism.
- The Research, Publications and Information Unit is happy to once again welcome Mr. Ibrahim Abdool, who is marketing the Digest. Ibrahim worked with the Unit last year to assist with the publication of the Centennial Energy Digest.
- Energy Digest project.
- The Unit continued offering its services in research and also provided members as well as regional and international business persons with information requested.

### Update CENTENNIAL ENERGY DIGEST:

Take advantage of this Limited Time Offer. The Centennial Energy Digest is now available for sale at a **50% discounted price** of TT \$2,400.00. Students can take advantage of the student's special of TT \$1,800.00. (A valid student's ID **MUST** be presented).

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