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**AFTER THE US\$200M INJECTION: WHAT NEXT?**

The Trinidad and Tobago Chamber of Industry and Commerce has noted that the Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago has made several injections of foreign exchange into the markets over the past few months – the latest being US\$200MM last week.

We certainly believe that these injections have resulted in some reduction in the current queue for US dollar demand; however, even today we have continued to hear from our Members and the wider business community on how the continued shortage of foreign exchange has affected business operations in Trinidad and Tobago.

Additionally, with a new foreign exchange allocation system introduced by the Central Bank in April, the Chamber would like our business community to be better informed as to what this new system entails, and how the Central Bank expects this system to better meet the demand for US currency. Further, what role does the banking sector play on the distribution of US dollars?

The Chamber therefore invites the business community and all interested members of the public to register to come and discuss these, and other issues surrounding the Foreign Exchange shortage, directly with the Governor of the Central Bank and the President of the Bankers Association on Friday 6 June, from 8:00am at the Chamber building.

**“The T&T Chamber wants to continue to encourage discussions and dialogue to find solutions to the Foreign Exchange issue,”** says Chamber CEO, Catherine Kumar. **“We want to ensure that any system put in place will alleviate what is a growing challenge for our private sector, and, by extension, the wider community.”**

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