

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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## The T&T Chamber launches its Facilities Development and Management Committee

In order to expand its mandate, the Trinidad and Tobago Chamber of Industry and Commerce's Facilities Management and Maintenance (FMM) Committee has been officially rebranded to the Facilities Development and Management (FDM) Committee. The change was announced on Friday May 3, 2019 at an event on the rooftop of Princes Court in Port of Spain.

The FDM Committee was the brainchild of its inaugural chairman, Roger Salloum. With the support of the then T&T Chamber CEO Joan Ferreira and President Ian Collier, the committee, which was created in July 2007, hosted the first ever Caribbean-focused facilities management conference and has hosted five successful conferences to date.

In collaboration with the International Facility Management Association, the committee will host the **7**<sup>th</sup> **Caribbean Facilities Management Conference** on September 18 and 19, 2019. The theme of the conference is "**Natural Disasters – The New Normal?**" and will focus on developing a disaster management culture in Caribbean facilities management.

Under the leadership of Chair Edward Kacal and Vice-Chair Giselle Holder, the FDM Committee intends to create a platform whereby facilities management can be viewed as a sustainable profession that intersects the fields of architecture, real estate, planning and engineering. In charting the way forward, the FDM Committee will focus on the needs of the facility management professional, raise awareness of built environment issues and solutions, and continue to host relevant and impactful Facilities Management conferences.

To register for the upcoming conference, please contact Ms. Cheryl Lyn Kurban at 637-6966 ext. 1228 or <u>ckurban@chamber.org.tt</u>

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