

MEDIA STATEMENT

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C/o Vashana Phagoo

The Honourable Dr. Keith Rowley's visit to the Republic of Ghana marks a significant milestone in the relationship between the two nations, promising mutual benefits to strengthen bilateral ties and explore avenues for economic collaboration.

The President of the Trinidad and Tobago Chamber of Industry and Commerce (T&T Chamber), Ms. Kiran Maharaj, expressed optimism regarding the potential outcomes of this visit. She emphasized the importance of leveraging opportunities to stimulate business growth and enhance economic development within Trinidad and Tobago. She highlighted the readiness of the T&T Chamber to engage with the government and other stakeholders to fully understand and maximize the benefits of collaboration with Ghana.

Reflecting on the trade mission earlier this year with the T&T Chamber, Trinidad and Tobago Manufacturers' Association (TTMA) and the Ministry of Trade and Industry (MTI), Ms. Maharaj emphasized the significance of careful due diligence and the necessity for support from both the public and private sectors to navigate potential logistical challenges. She stressed the need to clearly outline benefits and feasibility for all stakeholders involved, highlighting potential unforeseen barriers in such trade relations due to logistics in particular. Ms. Maharaj recommended an examination of the weaknesses to address them early and effectively.

The visit to Ghana presents a unique opportunity for Trinidad and Tobago to explore new avenues of cooperation, particularly in trade, investment, and knowledge exchange. Collaborative efforts from the government and private sector entities hold potential to drive sustainable economic growth for both nations.

We look forward to the outcomes that will pave the way for a new era of collaboration with Ghana.

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