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## **TT Chamber and St. Kitts and Nevis Chamber Sign Trade and Business Development Alliance Agreement**

Port of Spain, Trinidad – The Trinidad and Tobago Chamber of Industry and Commerce (TT Chamber) and the St. Kitts and Nevis Chamber of Industry and Commerce today formalized a significant step forward in regional economic collaboration with the signing of a **Trade and Business Development Alliance Agreement**.

The signing was conducted virtually, led by Ms. Sonji Pierre-Chase, President of the T&T Chamber, and Mr. Trevor Blake, President of the St. Kitts and Nevis Chamber. Also in attendance were Ms. Vashti Guyadeen, CEO of the T&T Chamber, and Ms. Sanya Alleyne, Executive Director of the St. Kitts and Nevis Chamber.

This agreement reinforces the shared commitment of both Chambers—proud members of the **Caribbean Chambers of Commerce (CARICHAM)** network—to deepen cooperation, promote regional integration, and strengthen the voice of the private sector across the Caribbean.

The Alliance outlines a framework for ongoing collaboration grounded in mutual communication, trust, and strategic action. Through this partnership, the Chambers aim to:

- Collaborate on joint initiatives that expand economic and social opportunities for businesses and communities in both Trinidad and Tobago and St. Kitts and Nevis;
- Share research and technical expertise in sectors of mutual interest, such as tourism, financial services, agriculture, and renewable energy;
- Undertake collaborative research to assess trade feasibility, develop best practices, and promote cultural and commercial exchange between the two countries;
- Facilitate knowledge transfer and capacity-building programs to strengthen institutional and private sector capabilities;
- Build and deepen linkages with government agencies, investment promotion entities, and other key trade and development stakeholders in Trinidad and Tobago and St. Kitts and Nevis;
- Organize and support bilateral trade missions and business delegations that further the objectives of the Alliance;
- Advance the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through aligned private sector actions and policies;

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Identify and address trade barriers, market access constraints, and regulatory challenges in a cooperative and solutions-oriented manner. This milestone agreement represents a deliberate effort to foster a more integrated and resilient regional private sector, capable of navigating today's global challenges through collective action and strategic partnerships.

## **Quote from Ms. Sonji Pierre-Chase, President of the T&T Chamber:**

"This agreement with the St. Kitts and Nevis Chamber is more than symbolic. It is a strategic partnership rooted in mutual respect and shared goals. St. Kitts and Nevis has demonstrated strong leadership in regional tourism, financial services, and entrepreneurship, and we see immense potential for synergies in those areas. Through this Alliance, we aim to foster direct business linkages, catalyze joint ventures, and deepen business relations that deliver tangible value to our members and contribute to the broader economic integration of the CARICOM region. I hope today's signing will signal a continued partnership between both of our chambers and deepen our relationship as it relates to trade and business development."

## **Quote from Mr. Trevor Blake, President of the St. Kitts and Nevis Chamber:**

"As an institution, our ongoing focus has been on how we can add greater value to our membership. The signing of this agreement is a significant step in that direction. Through this business alliance with the Trinidad and Tobago Chamber of Industry and Commerce, we are formalizing a framework that allows us to work together in pursuit of mutual benefits. As membership organizations, everything we do should be for the benefit of our members. This alliance provides a framework for developing a strong relationship that could help our respective membership through engagement in mutual actions, strategic alliances and sharing of best practices, helping to strengthen the functional cooperation between the two chambers. In a developing environment like we are, a small developing country, being able to have a partner in a bigger, more developed Caribbean state, which will help us in terms of providing the support that we need to our membership is wonderful opportunity. I want to thank you the T&T Chamber of Industry and Commerce, for agreeing to work with us in this regard and to signing off on this alliance agreement today which we hope can be used for the benefit of our long-term membership."=

The Chambers are committed to implementing this agreement through practical, measurable actions that benefit their respective members and contribute to the region's broader economic development agenda.

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