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### **The Trinidad and Tobago Chamber of Industry and Commerce and the Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture of Panamá Sign Landmark Trade and Business Development Alliance**

**Panama City, Panama** – In a significant step toward deepening regional economic cooperation, the Trinidad and Tobago Chamber of Industry and Commerce (T&T Chamber) and the Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture of Panama (CCIAP) signed a landmark **Trade and Business Development Alliance Agreement** aimed at boosting bilateral trade, business innovation, and cross-cultural collaboration.

The signing ceremony took place yesterday, July 23rd in **Panama City**, where **President Sonji Pierre-Chase** of the T&T Chamber and **President Juan A. Arias** of the Panama Chamber formally signed the agreement at the office of the Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture of Panama.

This strategic partnership reflects a shared vision between Trinidad and Tobago and Panama to strengthen economic ties across Latin America and the Caribbean. The agreement sets the foundation for structured collaboration on a range of initiatives that include:

- Joint projects that enhance economic and social opportunities for members and communities in both countries
- Sharing and conducting research in high-potential sectors such as logistics, energy, food and beverage, digital services, and tourism
- Facilitating inward and outward trade missions and delegations
- Promoting cultural relations and mutual understanding
- Supporting the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
- Providing technical assistance and knowledge transfer to advance business standards, culture and innovation
- Addressing market access challenges and trade barriers for mutual benefit

**President Sonji Pierre-Chase** remarked:

“This agreement symbolizes more than just economic cooperation; it is a reflection of our nations’ deep historical ties and shared future. Panama is a critical hub in the Latin American trade ecosystem, and this Alliance enables Trinidad and Tobago’s private sector to engage more meaningfully in mutually beneficial partnerships. Together, we are forging pathways to greater collaboration, innovation, and prosperity.”



**President Juan A. Arias** remarked:

“Today marks a milestone in the history of regional commerce. This alliance with the Trinidad and Tobago Chamber fills us with excitement, as it opens a world of opportunities for our businesses, entrepreneurs, and communities. Panama and Trinidad and Tobago not only share a strategic vision — we share an entrepreneurial spirit that drives us to go further, to innovate together, and to grow as a region. The future is built through partnerships, and this one promises great results!”

This agreement builds on Panama’s role as a strategic gateway to Latin American markets and Trinidad and Tobago’s position as a leading services and manufacturing hub in the Caribbean. It is also aligned with both Chambers’ commitment to advancing sustainable development and increasing regional competitiveness.

The Alliance is expected to facilitate technical cooperation, policy dialogue, and practical trade facilitation efforts with a focus on measurable outcomes and impactful collaboration.

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