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TT CHAMBER WELCOMES 2026 NATIONAL BUDGET'S FOCUS ON GROWTH AND PARTNERSHIP

The Trinidad & Tobago Chamber of Industry and Commerce (TT Chamber) recognizes Government's inclusion of several of our recommendations in the 2026 National Budget. This successful inclusion of key recommendations signals strong policy continuity and responsiveness to stakeholder input in the final budget and signifies Government's willingness to partner with the private sector in developing Trinidad and Tobago's economy.

The Chamber welcomes the National Budget and its strong emphasis on food security, economic diversification, digital transformation, and improving the ease of doing business. We commend the focus on these priority areas, alongside measures aimed at supporting private sector development. These commitments closely align with the Chamber's vision for a modern, resilient economy, and we view the Budget as a positive step towards sustainable growth, diversification and competitiveness.

Key measures announced include significant investment in agriculture and food production, support for the creative and marine industries, the establishment of an Export Academy to boost non-energy exports, and planned reforms to tax and customs administration to improve efficiency. The TT Chamber notes that these initiatives align with our longstanding recommendations to drive diversification and enhance the business climate. We are optimistic that, once effectively implemented, these actions will spur innovation, increase exports, and create much-needed jobs across multiple sectors. We look forward to partnering with the Inter American Development Bank and the Government to establish the Export Academy which will go a long way in developing a cadre of globally competitive exporters.

Additionally, the Chamber acknowledges the Budget's initiatives in education, skills training, and healthcare, recognizing that investing in human capital and public health is vital for the country's long-term development. We believe that investments in education and healthcare will nurture a skilled, healthy workforce and improve quality of life, forming a strong foundation for future economic growth. These social-sector measures complement the economic initiatives by ensuring Trinidad and Tobago's people are equipped to participate fully in the nation's progress.

While the Budget sets a positive direction, the TT Chamber emphasizes that effective implementation of these measures will be critical to achieving their intended outcomes.

The Chamber reaffirms its readiness to collaborate with the Government and all stakeholders to ensure the Budget proposals are successfully carried out. We stand prepared to partner in driving sustainable growth and diversification for the betterment of Trinidad and Tobago.

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