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Minister of Labour calls on the Private Sector and State Enterprises to collaborate with the Ministry as it prepares to roll out its Job Vacancy Survey

The Ministry of Labour (MOL) is preparing to roll out its Job Vacancy Survey for Private Sector and State Enterprises across Trinidad and Tobago beginning on Thursday, February 9th 2023. This Job Vacancy Survey is being administered through the MOL's Labour Market Information Unit (LMIU) in collaboration with Kairi Consultants Limited and will be used to develop targeted Government Policies to treat with existing Labour Market challenges.

The Ministry of Labour held its Stakeholder Engagement forum at the Trinidad Hilton Hotel and Conference Centre on Wednesday, 1st February, 2023 ahead of the launch of this Survey where close to one Hundred (100) persons attended both virtually and in-person. The attendees included representatives of Employer Organisations, Trade Unions, State Enterprises, Government Ministries and Departments and the Tobago House of Assembly.

Addressing the gathering, Minister of Labour the Honourable Stephen Mc Clashie, stated that the Government of Trinidad and Tobago has recognized that stakeholders, both in the public and private sectors, are demanding regular reviews of the structure and trends in the domestic labour market and are also interested in knowing the sectors and occupations where vacancies exist. He said "Job seekers should know where the jobs are, the future demand for jobs and be guided and supported to join the labour force. Job creators should know where they can get support to attract the supply of labour they need to produce their goods and services. Entrepreneurs and investors should know that they are supported in the local business environment to receive the necessary skills and expertise to start and transform their businesses. The Ministry of Labour's goal is to work fervently to ensure that the labour market information

for Trinidad and Tobago is available to guide the development of policies and programmes to support the labour market eco-system.”

In her remarks, the Permanent Secretary (Ag.) Ms. Natalie Willis noted that the identification of Labour Market issues critically rests on the availability of data, information and its analysis and as such the Ministry through its Labour Market Information Unit (LMIU), is developing and implementing a Labour Market Information System (LMIS). She stated “this LMIS will provide an essential basis for employment and labour policies, and inform the design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of policies that are focused and targeted. The LMIS will promote the development of evidence-based policymaking by using high-quality information to inform decisions concerning the resolution of existing labour market issues.” Ms. Willis stated that it is under the LMIS, that the Private Sector and State Enterprises Job Vacancy Survey is being launched and that some of the policy decisions that can be made from the data of this Survey will include reducing skills imbalances in the Labour Market, improving Workers Resiliency and Labour Migration.

Presentations were made by Mr. Bruce Spencer, Head, Labour Market Information Unit as well as by Dr Ralph Henry of Kairi Consultants Limited; who is the Organization that will be conducting the survey. The Job Vacancy Survey for the Private Sector and State Enterprises will be conducted from February 09, 2023 by Kairi Consultants Ltd in collaboration with the Labour Market Information Unit of the Ministry over a three-month period. Subsequently, surveys will be conducted at more regular intervals, by the Ministry of Labour to continuously update stakeholders on trends in the Labour Market.

The Ministry of Labour continues to hold its responsibility to promote Decent Work and Sustainable Employment in Trinidad and Tobago and implores stakeholders to participate in the Survey.

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Caption: Minister of Labour, the Honourable Stephen Mc Clashie delivers the Feature Address at the Job Vacancy Survey for the Private Sector and State Enterprises Stakeholder Engagement Meeting.



Caption: A wide cross section of representatives from the Private Sector, State Enterprises and Key Stakeholders participated in the Job Vacancy Survey for the Private Sector and State Enterprises Stakeholder Engagement.

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