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Central Bank's National Financial Literacy Programme launches *Money Matters Made Simple* Series

PORT OF SPAIN, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO. January 28, 2026 – The Central Bank's National Financial Literacy Programme (NFLP) kicked off its three-day series on Tuesday, January 27, 2026, welcoming members of the public in-person to an engaging and educational experience. The series themed "**Money Matters Made Simple**" is one of several outreach activities planned for the year, all designed to deepen public engagement and strengthen financial and money management awareness among citizens of all ages.

Speaking at the event, Mrs. Nicole Crooks, Senior Manager, Human Resources, Industrial and External Relations at the Bank, welcomed attendees and noted, "NFLP is not just about teaching financial concepts; it's about empowering human potential. It's about helping families live with less stress, enabling parents to plan for their children's education, and supporting young professionals as they begin their financial journeys. That's the kind of quiet but powerful transformation that makes a lasting difference in people's lives." She added, "For us at the Central Bank, financial literacy is a form of empowerment that contributes directly to economic growth and national development. When citizens have the knowledge to make better financial choices, they are more likely to invest, to build wealth, and to participate fully in our economy."

Since its launch in 2007, the National Financial Literacy Programme has remained one of the Central Bank's most impactful outreach initiatives. The first session of the series, "**Budgeting**", introduced foundational and practical budgeting concepts while addressing two key questions "*Why do budgets fail?*" and "*How can we avoid financial leaks?*"

Rooted in a simple yet powerful vision – to ensure that every citizen of Trinidad and Tobago has the knowledge and confidence to make sound financial decisions, Christine Nanton-Winter, Manager – External Relations who served as the evening's emcee, shared how the programme continues to support individuals and families in building financial resilience. Camille Ramdial-Cumberbatch, who has been a financial educator working alongside the Bank for well over a decade served as the facilitator for the session.

A total of 64 individuals, including students, professionals, entrepreneurs, retirees, all gathered at the Central Bank's Conference Facilities at the Eric Williams Plaza, Independence Square, Port-of-Spain, united by a shared goal: to take control of their money and make it work for them. At the end of the hour-long session, participants expressed gratitude for valuable insights shared, lessons they believe will help them move closer to their personal goals of financial stability, confidence and independence.

The series continues virtually, with 400 registrants expected to participate in the upcoming sessions: **Day Two - Saving and Investing (January 28)**, and **Day Three - Debt Management (January 29)**. The Bank intends to repeat the series in coming months.

Community groups, associations, agencies and organisations interested in arranging in-person or virtual financial education group sessions or to invite the Bank to partner on any upcoming initiatives may submit requests via <https://www.central-bank.org.tt/financial-education/financial-education-session/request-a-session/> or contact the Bank at **621-2288** extensions **2816, 2817 or 2818**.

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Photo 1 – Nicole Crooks, Senior Manager, Human Resources, Industrial and External Relations welcomes participants to the session.

Photo 2 - Group Photo of participants with Nicole Crooks, Senior Manager, Human Resources, Industrial and External Relations (Front Row, left); Christine Nanton-Winter, Manager External Relations (Front Row, second from left) and Camille Ramdial-Cumberbatch, Financial Educator (Centre)

Photo 3 – Facilitator Camille Ramdial-Cumberbatch responds to a question from the audience