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Central Bank Meets with Tobago Chamber

SCARBOROUGH, TOBAGO. May 27, 2026 – Representatives of the Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago yesterday, May 26, led by Deputy Governor, Dr. Dorian Noel met with representatives of the Tobago Division of the Trinidad and Tobago Chamber of Industry and Commerce, as part of the Bank's ongoing commitment to meaningful consultation with the business community across Trinidad and Tobago. This follows a recent engagement with the Chief Secretary of the Tobago House of Assembly in April 2026.

Deputy Governor and members of Bank management, alongside Chamber Chairman Curtis Williams and members of the Chamber's Executive, met at the Chamber's offices in Tobago. Deputy Governor Noel expressed sincere gratitude to the Chamber for the opportunity to engage directly with Tobago's business representatives, underscoring the Bank's recognition of the island's distinct economic voice and priorities.

Discussions covered several areas, including the domestic macroeconomic context, banking services, foreign exchange and financial literacy, and the Chamber's views on current business conditions in Tobago and its near-term priorities. The Chamber expressed interest in data from the Central Bank that can help Tobago businesses, especially SMEs, better understand Tobago's contribution to the wider economy. They endorsed the Bank's financial literacy thrust as critical to developing the capacity of the Tobago population.

Representatives were updated on the Draft Payment Systems and Services Bill and Accompanying Regulations, for which the Bank is currently conducting a series of public consultations nationally, with May 26 marking the second session held in Tobago, as well as key payment initiatives, including the CARICOM Payments Settlement System (CAPSS) and the domestic Instant Payment System (IPS). The Chamber is pleased that the Bank sees them as a partner in developing the payments space, and they are committed to doing their part to encourage businesses to position themselves to capitalise on the opportunities created by enhancements to the national payments landscape.

The Bank shared that work is ongoing on a new five-year Strategic Plan for 2026–2031 and encouraged the Chamber to share its perspectives on areas it would like the Bank to consider in its planning process. The exchange offered the Bank valuable on-the-ground perspectives that will inform its work in the period ahead.

The Central Bank views its relationship with the Tobago business community as an essential part of fulfilling its mandate in the service of all the people of Trinidad and Tobago. Today's meeting reflects the Bank's commitment to ensuring that Tobago's unique needs are taken into account in shaping the national financial landscape. The Bank will continue its dialogue with all stakeholders as it advances its strategic priorities.

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Photo 1 - (L-R) Representatives of the Central Bank (CBTT) and the Tobago Chamber of Commerce (TCC): Mr. Hyaden Miller (TCC), Mrs. Nicole Crooks (CBTT), Mr. Akeel Taylor (TCC), Ms. Lesa Cruickshank-Simon (TCC), Mr. Curtis Williams (Chamber President), Dr. Dorian Noel (Deputy Governor, CBTT), Ms. Jeanette Joseph (CBTT) and Ms. Jason Arthur (TCC). [Click here.](#)

Photo 2 – Representatives engaged in discussions. [Click here.](#)