



## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **Invitation to Cover the Opening and Closing of the Workshop of Public Accounts Committees of the Caribbean**

Dear media colleague,

The Workshop of Public Accounts Committees of the Caribbean will commence on Monday November 23<sup>rd</sup> and continue to Tuesday November 24, 2015 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Port of Spain. The workshop is being held under the auspices of The World Bank and the Trinidad and Tobago Branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association.

The purpose of the Workshop is to aid regional Parliamentarians who are members of Public Accounts Committees and Clerks who serve these Committees. The Auditor-General of Trinidad and Tobago and staff of that Department have also been invited to participate. Their focus is on the operation of the Public Accounts Committees.

Public Accounts Committees are vital in the oversight of Government expenditure and support efficient and effective use of resources. This Workshop is intended to buttress the Public Accounts Committees within the Caribbean Region and its objectives are threefold:

- i. to share knowledge and practice on financial oversight in the Caribbean Region;
- ii. to define a strategic vision for the proposed Network of Caribbean Public Accounts Committees and the conditions for its success; and
- iii. to explore how Public Accounts Committees, along with development partners, can support key aspects in the advancement of that strategic vision.

The Workshop will conclude with a general plenary at which delegates will discuss strategies for the creation of a Network of Caribbean Public Accounts Committees and will attempt to identify necessary enabling factors, expectations and delivery milestones. In addition to Trinidad and Tobago, representatives from ten territories in the region are expected to attend.

You are invited to cover the official opening of the conference at 9 a.m. on Monday November 23, 2015 in the Ruby/Sapphire Rooms of the Hyatt Regency. The opening features an address by the Honourable Bridgid Annisette-George, MP, Speaker of the House. You are also invited to cover the close of the workshop, scheduled for Tuesday November 24, 2015 at 4 p.m.

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