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Dear TTCSI Members,

The Board is pleased to bring you our first update on activities and events, to ensure you are kept aware of all that is happening at the TTCSI. We trust the information will be useful, and look forward to partnering with you to ensure our success.

Lara Quentrall-Thomas
President

MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

SEPTEMBER: Meeting with the Office of Procurement Regulation	A breakfast meeting is being considered, featuring a presentation by the Chairman of the OPR, to update members on the work being done by his Office.
OCTOBER: Florida International Trade and Cultural Expo 2018	We are preparing a proposal to share with members, in consideration of a TTCSI Mission to the Expo.
NOVEMBER: Services Week	We propose bringing back Services Week and are setting up a committee to being the planning.
Natural Standardisation Strategy	The TTCSI was represented by Hollis Charles at a recent meeting on the Natural Standardisation Strategy being worked on by the TTBS. The NSS will be a document identifying priorities for standards development based on an assessment of national needs in terms of the economy, development plans, social and environmental issues and stakeholder issues. http://gottbs.com/presentations-from-the-stakeholder-forum-for-the-national-standardization-strategy-nss/?cat=83 .
Submission of PSIP 2018 Project Status Reports for May and June 2018	The TTCSI completed and submitted reports for the months for May and June to Ms. Sandra Peter-Sarabjit, Senior Project Analyst, Project Management Unit as part of the requirements for disbursements of funds for PSIP 2018. To date, no funds have been received from the Ministry.
Draft Estimates Defence Meeting PSIP 2019-July 6 th 2018	Hollis and Syan attended the Draft Estimates Defence Meeting for PSIP 2019 at the Ministry of Trade and Industry (MTI) on July 6 th 2018. This meeting required us to defend our submission of our project proposal for 2019. Our project submission for PSIP 2019 is entitled, "Feasibility Study of Export Financing Mechanisms for Services Providers and Pilot Programme". At the meeting, we were told that the submission was submitted to the Ministry of Planning and Development for approval for funding for PSIP 2019.

Submission of PSIP 2019 Project Screening Brief to MTI	The Ministry of Planning and Development has issued a new requirement for the PSIP 2019 which is the completion and submission of a project screening brief. As such, the TTCSI submitted the item with respect to our project submission: <i>Feasibility Study of Export Financing Mechanisms for Services Providers and Pilot Programme.</i>
Submission of TTCSI Contribution to the 4 th Trade Policy Review	A request for information was made to the TTCSI for input to the preparation of the Fourth Trade Policy Review of Trinidad and Tobago. This review will be done by the World Trade Organization (WTO) in May 2019. TTCSI submitted copies of our annual report, studies and newsletters.
Request for Comments on the draft Mutual Recognition Agreement of Professional Qualifications for Architects in CARICOM	A request was made by the MTI for submission of comments on the Draft Mutual Recognition Agreement of Professional Qualifications for Architects in CARICOM. Mr. Ronald Ammon, President of the Trinidad and Tobago Institute of Architects (TTIA), was contacted for comments and confirmed that the TTIA was preparing a submission.

- NEWS FROM OUR MEMBERS AND PARTNERS -

APPOINTMENTS : Onika Morris-Allyene and Vijay Parabdeen have been confirmed as the TTCSI representatives on the UWI Reconstitution of Technical Advisory Committee to the St Augustine Campus Grants Committee.



TUCO signs MOU with UWI ROYTEC to help calypsonians become financially independent.

<http://ctvtt.com/ctv/index.php/c-news/news/item/56615-new-mou-to-help-calyptsonians-become-financially-independent>

CDB teams up with cultural industries stakeholders for CATALYST

CATALYST, an ideas lab at UWI St. Augustine, concluded on Friday June 15, with the intended outcome of achieving greater harmony among key players in the region's cultural industries sector. The British Council, in partnership with UWI and the European Union, hosted the workshop from June 13 to 15.

Ministry of Trade and Industry update on the Project Implementation Unit for the Strengthening of the Single Electronic Window for Trade and Business Facilitation Project.



PROJECT ADMINISTRATION

This Project is funded by the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), budgeted at US\$25 Million and is expected to be completed by April 2021. The project has been designed to pave the way for immense opportunities to promote excellence in government service delivery to the trade and business community in Trinidad and Tobago.

The overarching objective of this Project is to improve Trinidad and Tobago's trade performance and enhance its business competitiveness by transforming its current Single Electronic Window (SEW) into a world-class solution.

progress the procurement processes for the following three (3) consultancies:

- ▶ Consultancy to Implement Security Strategy
- ▶ Digitization of Key Records for TCPD to Assist the Construction Permit System
- ▶ Selection of A Cloud Service Provider to Provide Cloud Services

The following consultancies have started in June:

- ▶ Consultancy to Develop and Implement an Automated Construction Permit System Consultant – CrimsonLogic

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If you have articles or information you wish to include in our monthly updates, please send them to Sherry at shassanali@ttcsi.org