



TTCSI MEMBER UPDATE #2

September 2018

Dear TTCSI Members,

Your Board has been hard at work and we are pleased to bring you the 2nd update on TTCSI activities and events. We hope you are registered for our breakfast meeting this Friday 7th September, will join the Services Week Planning Committee and participate in the FITCE 2018 Expo in Florida. We need your engagement to ensure our mutual success.

*Thank you.
Lara Quentrall-Thomas
President*

WHAT YOUR BOARD HAS BEEN UP TO..

10 th August	Call to members for nomination of Treasurer to Board.
20 th August	Planning meeting to identify priorities for short and medium term.
22 nd August	Advertisement to identify candidates for new General Manager.
7 th September	Breakfast Meeting with Chairman of Office of Procurement Regulation at Trinidad Hilton.
18 th September	Board of Directors to meet with key members of the media.
Ongoing	Calls and meetings with members to understand their issues and concerns.
17-18 October	FITCE Expo and Conference in Florida – TTCSI is partnering with ExporTT to put together a package to encourage participation and representation of T&T. Syan will be sending information out soon so save the dates.
November	National Services Week is back ! If you wish to participate in planning this important event, please email your interest to Vice President Dianne Joseph : diannejoseph123@gmail.com
December	A Christmas social is being planned.

NEWS FROM OUR MEMBERS AND PARTNERS



TTCSI Secretary Shirlaine Hendrickson and Member Meagan Sylvester celebrate Emancipation Day with other members of their TUCO family.

TOURISM CARES DEPLOY RECOVERY RESOURCES TO SPUR CARIBBEAN TOURISM

MIAMI (August 3, 2018) - The Caribbean Tourism Recovery Fund, established by the nonprofit organization Tourism Cares and the Caribbean Hotel and Tourism Association (CHTA), collected more than US\$275,000 in charitable donations to build long-term recovery and enhance the ability of hurricane impacted destinations to rebound as quickly as possible.



In a joint statement CHTA President Frank Comito and Paula Vlamings, CEO of Tourism Cares, outlined the success of the collaborative fundraising venture and reported that assistance has gone to Caribbean nations and territories for training and education, restoring destination capacity, the physical restoration of tourism-related infrastructure, social enterprise development, job creation, hotel training, voluntourism, marketing and public relations support, and the environment.

Learn more at <http://www.tourismcares.org/> and <http://www.caribbeanhotelandtourism.com/>

SOCIAL SECURITY CRISIS

Mr. Andy Edwards, Manager of Actuarial Services for the National Insurance Board provided the Feature Address at a T&T Chamber Business Insights session: "Averting A Social Security Crisis" giving a breakdown of the state of the NIS and also possible solutions. The National Insurance Board(NIB) data shows that "National Insurance System funds(NIS) will be completely depleted in 2029-30 if nothing is modified in terms of contributions or benefits of the system". We encourage you to view this event for free via the following link: <https://chamber.org.tt/free/averting-social-crisis/>

LOCAL ANIMATORS WIN HBO CONTRACT



Full Circle Animation Studios, a Trincity-based design studio, is making waves internationally.

Just recently, the company completed work on Season Three of the popular HBO animated series—*Animals*—which features guest appearances by celebrity actors and performers RuPaul Charles, Usher, Aziz Ansari, Wanda Sykes and Raven-Symone.

CONSULTATION ON NATIONAL POLICY ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS

The Ministry of Community Development Culture and the Arts is developing a policy on Culture and the Arts. The document is currently in its draft stage, but when finalised and implemented, it will significantly impact how nationals can make a living as artists, and access opportunities and funding in Trinidad and Tobago. The Ministry has held a number of stakeholder consultation sessions to get feedback and contributions from the persons who this policy will affect the most... practitioners.

The most recent session was held on Monday 13th August 2018 at the Restaurant of the National Academy for the Performing Arts, Port of Spain and focused specifically on the Cultural Industries (Pages 27 - 31) of the draft document: <http://www.cdca.gov.tt/policies-publications/culture-policy/>.

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THESE DATES

ALES 2018

The Latin American Association of Service Exporters is pleased to invite you to participate in the VIII Annual Convention: “How to develop high value-added service exports” to be held on October 25th and 26th in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. The event, co-organized by ALES, CEI-RD and CSRD, is a key opportunity to propel Latin America’s position in the services sector. It will be a unique scenario in which, besides knowing the last trends in the market, there will be the opportunity to identify business and investment opportunities in the sector, and do networking with the main CEOs and leaders of international level.

Learn more at <http://event2018.ales-lac.org/>



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36 HAVANA INTERNATIONAL TRADE FAIR

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ON SEPTEMBER 28, 2018**

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