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### TTCSI signed historic Memorandum of Agreement with exporTT



T&T's official export facilitation organization, exporTT and the Voice of Services locally, made formal arrangements to advance the "Services" agenda locally and internationally. The two entities signed a historic Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) at TTCSI's office on November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018. TTCSI's President Lara Quentrall – Thomas and exporTT's Chairman, Ashmeer Mohamed's signatures on the agreement accompanied by the witnessing seals of exporTT's CEO, Dietrich Guichard and TTCSI's General Manager, Vashti Guyadeen gave life and momentum to the arrangement. This Agreement is the first of its kind and aims to strengthen collaboration between both parties.

### TTCSI ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

<b>Debe/Penal Flood Victims Clean Up Drive</b>	As part of the clean up drive for the Debe/Penal flood victims, TTCSI and our members pooled its resources in rendering assistance in this initiative. Supplies were delivered to collection points in San Fernando.
<b>TTCSI Christmas Mix 'n Mingle</b>	TTCSI will be hosting its Christmas Mix 'n Mingle for its Members and stakeholders on December 7 <sup>th</sup> , 2018.
<b>Creative and Cultural Industries Workshop 2018</b>	Caribbean Export Development Agency (CEDA) offered four sponsorship opportunities to four members of the TTCSI to attend a creative and cultural workshop held in Barbados on November 19-20 <sup>th</sup> . The four members were Ms. Leah Skeete, Mr. Adan Hagely, Ms. Shandelle Lorengard and Ms. Elizabeth Jeremie. Members will be updated about their learnings.

# **VIII Annual Convention of the Latin American Association of Exporters of Services**

**(ALES)**

Caribbean Export Development Agency (CEDA) offered four sponsorship opportunities to four members of the TTCSI to attend the VIII Annual Convention of the Latin American Association of Exporters of Services (ALES) in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic during the period October 25-26. One member, Mr. Nicholas Maxwell of the T&T Animation Network (TTAN) wrote an article on his experience. Excerpts from his article highlighted:

...."the experience offered a glance at the greater Latin American world, a wonderful opportunity and a great case for showcasing the importance of groups and organizations, utilizing so much linkages. TTCSI, TTAN, Caribbean Export exportTT came together to make it happen".

....."I can now apply my knowledge and experience to the burgeoning Animation Industry in T&T and continue to support its fruition with fresh insight into the future".

----- "I look forward to more opportunities like this in the tech/creative space, as continued support is necessary for the Caribbean to join larger markets in emerging tech services and the creative and entertainment sector. I'm very thankful for the opportunity, a lot was learned and my networks expanded".




# **Masters of Industry Lunch N' Learn**



TTCSI Membership Officer Sherry Hassanali, recently attended the 5th and final edition of this year's Trinidad and Tobago Chamber of Industry and Commerce Masters of Industry Lunch N' Learn Series - with Gervase Warner - President and Group CEO at Massy Holdings Ltd. The discussion covered every aspect of business from Level 5 leadership to branding to corporate social responsibility.



## TTCSI MEMBERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

<b>Tobago House of Assembly Tender Invitations</b>	<p>The Tobago House of Assembly has invited tenders and we encourage our members to visit this website for more information: <a href="http://pco.tha.gov.tt/tender-notice/">http://pco.tha.gov.tt/tender-notice/</a></p>
<b>EdX Free Online Courses</b>	<p>EdX was founded by Harvard University and MIT in 2012 and is an online learning destination and MOOC provider, offering high-quality courses from the world's best universities and institutions to learners everywhere. Its mission is to increase access to high-quality education for everyone, everywhere, enhance teaching and learning on campus and online advance teaching and learning through research.</p> <p>Free online courses are available to members. To access same, please visit website link at <a href="https://www.edx.org/">https://www.edx.org/</a></p>
<b>Opportunities for Investment in Caribbean Infrastructure</b>  	<p>The Caribbean Infrastructure Forum (CARIF 2018), now in its third year, is the largest gathering of the regional infrastructure market on the annual calendar.</p> <p>Caribbean nations face an extraordinary challenge. The Caribbean urgently needs to modernize its power, transportation, telecoms and water and wastewater sectors to position the region for growth and competitiveness. To modernize is, today, not enough: all investment in infrastructure must also now be considered through the lens of increasingly frequent and extreme weather events. The next generation of Caribbean infrastructure must be climate-resilient.</p> <p>Across the region, the need is real and the price tag is significant. With need, however, there is also opportunity: new sources of financing are coming online and international interest in the region is high.</p> <p>Hosted by IJGlobal, the infrastructure arm of Euromoney Institutional Investor and New Energy Events, the organizers of the Caribbean Renewable Energy Forum, alongside title sponsors CIBC FirstCaribbean and KPMG, CARIF 2018 will convene policy-makers, utilities, financiers, multilaterals to map out the region's infrastructure needs, generate vital new relationships, and introduce world-class Caribbean projects to international sources of financing.</p> <p><u><a href="#">View the CARIF Brochure</a></u> to see who's coming, snapshot of the agenda, and key contacts.</p> <p>Join them in December in Nassau, Bahamas for the Caribbean infrastructure event of the year.</p>
<b>Membership Outreach</b>	<p>TTCSI General Manager will continue to meet with members over the next few weeks. If you would like for her to visit your team, please contact her at 687-2499.</p>



## World Economic Survey (WES)

TTCSI General Manager engaged the WES to include questions on the services sector in their quarterly questionnaire. They agreed to do this and has asked the TTCSI to invite our members to become participants of the survey.

### ifo World Economic Survey

#### **Become a Member of the ifo WES Expert Group!**

We invite economic experts to co-operate and to benefit from the fast information WES provides on economic trends worldwide. For more than 30 years the ifo World Economic Survey (WES) has polled economists in managerial or research functions in over 100 countries on recent macro-economic developments. As the quality of the survey entirely depends on the active participation and qualification of our participants, we invite leading economists to co-operate and to benefit from the fast information WES provides on economic trends worldwide. Completing the one-page questionnaire takes only about 10 to 15 minutes quarterly. As a WES Expert you benefit from timely, detailed and exclusive information on current economic developments in about 100 countries!

Members who are interested, can participate via the following link: <https://www.cesifo-group.de/ifoHome/facts/Survey-Results/World-Economic-Survey/WES-Expert-Group.html> or [www.ifo.de/w/GzqHbcHT](http://www.ifo.de/w/GzqHbcHT)





## TTCSI RENTAL OPTIONS Sept 2018

### TTCSI – The Hub for Services

SERVICES	TIER			
	ONE	TWO	THREE	FOUR
Mailing Address	X	X	X	X
Storage of Files – one (1) filing cabinet to be provided by Member		X	X	X
Use of board room for monthly board meeting			X	X
Office space – 1 desk and 2 chairs				X
<b>PRICE PER MONTH</b>	\$100	\$400	\$850	\$1,600

### TERMS

- Prices do not include training space, telephone, internet, parking, catering or membership dues
- Prices do include VAT
- All prices in TT Dollars
- Minimum of one (1) year contract for all services
- All payments shall be made within the first week of each month
- Services are only available to Financial Members
- Use of Board Room only for monthly board meetings shall be \$400 per month
- Rental of training space can be negotiated separately