

Congratulatory Message

United Nations Industrial Development Organization's (UNIDO) **50th Anniversary**

On behalf of the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, I am pleased to extend congratulations to the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) in recognition of their 50th anniversary. This milestone is testament to UNIDO's commitment to promoting and accelerating Inclusive and Sustainable Industrial Development (ISID) in developing countries and economies in transition.

Trinidad and Tobago is aspiring towards a more diversified economy that will be progressive, sustainable and innovation-driven. With this in mind, the partnership between Trinidad and Tobago and UNIDO during the last five (5) decades, has significantly contributed to our economic transformation particularly in the areas of industrial development, energy efficiency and the promotion of environmentally friendly production. Indeed, the basis for our relationship is congruent with the 9th Sustainable Development Goal that seeks to "*Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation.*"

As a member of the Latin American and Caribbean group of countries, we have deposited resources into and withdrawn resources from the Industrial Knowledge Bank which provided multiple instances of technical cooperation through workshops, capacity-building sessions and the provision of industrial best practices for Caribbean manufacturers. Trinidad and Tobago specifically, is on the cusp of launching a new Manufacturing Sector Policy that will lay the foundation to enable the growth of globally competitive businesses as we endeavour to diversify our economy using an inclusive broad-based approach.

We look forward to continued collaboration with UNIDO as we strive towards economic development. Let us work together to create a sustainable future for all mankind.