

KARIM LAUNCHES 10 YEAR POLICY FOR TERTIARY EDUCATION AND SKILLS TRAINING



The Honourable Fazal Karim, Minister of Tertiary Education and Skills Training gives the feature address at the launch.



The unveiling of the "Roadmap to Success" for the Ministry of Tertiary Education and Skills Training.



Permanent Secretary Amroodeen Ali, Ministry of Tertiary Education and Skills Training delivers Welcome Remarks.



Amrita Mahabir, Policy Coordinator makes a brief presentation at the Launch.



Minister Karim presents the policy to Dr. Gillian Paul, President of COSTAATT.



Minister Karim presents the policy to Dr. Clinton A. Valley, President of the University of the Southern Caribbean.



Members of Tertiary Level Institutions with their copies of the policy.



The National Policy Framework team.



Reanti Singh, Senior Planning Officer at the UWI, receives a copy of the policy from Minister Karim.

On Tuesday 1st September 2015, the Honourable Fazal Karim, Minister of Tertiary Education and Skills Training launched a National Policy Framework entitled, "The Future of Tertiary Education and Skills Training 2015 – 2025" held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Port of Spain.

The ten year policy maps the comprehensive development of the sector towards the attainment of a knowledge-based economy, in keeping with national, regional and international policy directives. The Policy Framework also reviews current performance, recapping the evolution, achievements and challenges of the sector. The policy uses the following thematic areas – Governance and Management; Funding; Relevance and Responsiveness; Quality; Access and Research and Innovation.

Speaking at the launch, Minister Karim said the Policy Framework serves as a guide, "It is something that has been given considerable thought that now involves implementation and action. It is important for us to ensure that all the relevant and participating agencies of the Ministry understand what is the main plan from the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago as it relates to tertiary education and skills training. This ensures that all participating agencies must have some alignment to the Ministry's higher aims and objectives."

Permanent Secretary Amroodeen Ali thanked all the stakeholders for their critical input in making the policy a success. He noted, "While we celebrate the approval of the Policy by Cabinet, we must also recognise that we all need to continue the dialogue to now develop the "Action Plan" for successful implementation of the Policy."

During her presentation on the National Policy Framework, Ms. Amrita Mahabir, coordinator in the development of the Policy, highlighted the national and sectoral impacts which the Policy will generate and unveiled the "Roadmap to Success by 2025." She noted, "The Roadmap is the heart of the Policy Framework as it details the priorities and key initiatives/strategies to ensure efficiency, relevance, inclusiveness and continued quality within the sector, as we journey through the next decade, 2015-2025."

In attendance were the various Chairmen and CEO's of MTEST agencies, representatives of private TLI's, staff of MTEST and other Ministries.