

CEDAW COMMITTEE OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO (CCoTT)

## **MEDIA INVITATION**

17th December 2019

## CEDAW turns 40 on 18<sup>th</sup> December, 2019

You are invited by the CEDAW Committee of Trinidad and Tobago (CCoTT) to cover a breakfast forum to commemorate the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the United Nations General Assembly's adoption of the Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) on 18<sup>th</sup> December, 2019. The event will be held on the 12<sup>th</sup> Floor, Ministry of the Attorney General and Legal Affairs, Corner London and Richmond Streets, Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

## Speakers at this event include:

The CEDAW Committee of Trinidad and Tobago (CCoTT) will commemorate CEDAW 40th anniversary by hosting a breakfast forum to examine four decades of commitments, engagements, discussions, marches, progress and some unfulfilled promises. We aim to bring together a diverse community of stakeholders to transfer knowledge, renew commitments and actionize change.

CEDAW is an international treaty adopted in 1979 by the United Nations General Assembly and is described as an international bill of rights for women, it was instituted on 3 September 1981 and has been ratified by 189 states. The convention defines what constitutes discrimination against women and girls and sets out a comprehensive framework for tackling gender inequality. Trinidad and Tobago ratified CEDAW in 1989.

The convention is made up of 30 articles – 1 through 16 highlight areas of concern, 17 – 24 describe the composition and procedures of the CEDAW Committee, the relationship between CEDAW and national and international legislation and the obligation of States to take all steps necessary to implement CEDAW in full, and 25 – 30 describe the general administrative procedures concerning enforcement. Trinidad and Tobago acceded to and ratified this treaty body in 1985 and 1990 respectively.

## RSVP at 1-868-225-7734 / 489-2185 or tandtcedawcommittee@gmail.com

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The CEDAW Committee of Trinidad and Tobago (CCoTT) is a volunteer non-governmental organisation focused on Advocacy and Public Awareness on and for the Convention for the Elimination of All forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), committed to ensure the convention mandates are upheld, and the recommendations highlighted in the Concluding Observations are implemented. CCoTT is committed to partnering with all stakeholders - state and civil society with transparency and accountability in fulfillment of its mission.

CCoTT adheres to the principles of Transparency, Good Governance, Social Responsibility, Respect, Diversity and Accountability and aims to promote said principles through our work product and interaction with others.

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