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Government Advances Data-Driven Policymaking Through Data to Policy Workshop

Today marks the first day of the Data to Policy Workshop, as the Government of Trinidad and Tobago continues efforts to strengthen evidence-based policymaking across the public sector. The three-day workshop, taking place from today January 21-23, 2026, brings together senior public sector officials to build practical skills in integrating data and artificial intelligence into policy development and decision-making.

The training, delivered with the support of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), forms part of broader efforts to modernise the public service and improve how policies are designed, implemented, and evaluated to better serve citizens. The sessions are structured as a half-day on January 21 (today), a full-day on January 22, and a half-day on January 23.

As governments face increasing volumes of data and more complex policy challenges, the Data to Policy initiative addresses existing capacity gaps by providing hands-on training, practical tools, and exposure to global best practices. Participants are engaging in interactive exercises focused on using data more effectively to inform policy choices and improve public sector outcomes.

The workshop also includes components on artificial intelligence, highlighting the role of data as the foundation for AI and demonstrating how AI-driven technologies can support policymaking. Through examples such as predictive analytics and natural language processing, participants are exploring how emerging tools can help government respond more efficiently and inclusively to national challenges.

In addition to technical skills, the programme addresses institutional and cultural barriers to data use in policymaking. Using a scenario-driven approach, participants are introduced to the Data to Policy Navigator and benefit from international case studies from countries including Colombia, Mexico, Costa Rica, and Kenya, showcasing successful applications of data-driven policy across sectors.

The workshop targets senior public sector officials, including Deputy Permanent Secretaries and senior managers, to ensure leadership-level engagement and long-term impact across ministries. The knowledge and insights gained over the three days are expected to contribute to stronger coordination, improved public services, and more informed policy decisions that benefit the people of Trinidad and Tobago.

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