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## **Media Release VerifyTT Launched as Government Accelerates Digital Transformation Agenda**

**Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago – Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2026** – The Government of Trinidad and Tobago has taken a decisive step toward building a modern, citizen-centred digital state with the official launch of VerifyTT, a key component of the country’s digital public infrastructure.

Speaking at the launch, Senator the Honourable Dominic Smith, Minister of Public Administration and Artificial Intelligence, underscored that the initiative reflects a unified and strategic national effort to transform how citizens access government services. He stated, “This Government is aligned in its vision to transform Trinidad and Tobago, and technology will be one of the major ways in which we accomplish this,” the Minister stated. “Alignment does not happen by chance. It is driven by a shared vision, a clear goal, and a commitment to deliver meaningful change for our citizens.”

Minister Smith highlighted that VerifyTT directly addresses long-standing challenges within the public service by responding to the growing demand for faster, more efficient, and more accessible government services. He noted that citizens have consistently experienced friction when interacting with public systems, and solutions like VerifyTT are designed to remove these barriers, “People are at the centre of everything we do,” he said. “We have listened to the demand, understood the pain points, and are now delivering solutions that improve the daily lives of our citizens.”

Developed within the framework of Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI), VerifyTT represents a foundational platform that enables secure, seamless and integrated digital services across government. The Minister described DPI as critical to national development, noting that it provides the backbone for a modern, technology-enabled public sector.

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The initiative has been driven by the Ministry of Public Administration and Artificial Intelligence in collaboration with its key implementing agency iGovTT, whose efforts were recognised for accelerating development and integration of digital solutions across the public service.

Importantly, Minister Smith emphasised that while technology is central to transformation, it must remain grounded in human values, “Technology must not surpass our humanity. At this Ministry, we hold this principle close to every solution we deliver,” he noted.

Looking ahead, the Government signalled immediate expansion of VerifyTT’s functionality through strategic partnerships, including an upcoming collaboration with the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service (TTPS). This will enable citizens to apply for Certificates of Character through the platform in the near future, significantly improving efficiency and accessibility.

Minister Smith also positioned Trinidad and Tobago as a regional leader in digital transformation, noting the country’s early adoption of artificial intelligence at the ministerial level and its active participation in global digital forums. He stressed that the nation is not merely adopting technology, but actively shaping its evolution, “We are not going to be mere purchasers of technology. We will be active participants in the new wave of digital transformation,” he said.

In closing, Minister Smith commended public servants, agencies and stakeholders for their commitment and collaboration in bringing the initiative to life, “This is a Government focused on delivery. Today represents the first step in a much larger journey toward a fully digital Trinidad and Tobago.”

The launch of VerifyTT marks a significant milestone in the country’s Digital Nation agenda, setting the stage for more integrated, efficient and citizen-focused public services. Chairwoman of iGovTT, Ria Karim, underscored that while Digital Public Infrastructure and Digital Credentials drive efficiency, they also architect a resilient future where citizens, especially women, can gain a transformative return on time, safety and mobility, ultimately deepening the foundation of public trust.

Also in attendance were Senator the Honourable John Jeremie, S.C., Attorney General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago; The Honourable Saddam Hosein, Minister of Legal Affairs and Minister in the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries; The Honourable Clyde Elder, M.P, Minister in the Ministry of Public Utilities; The Honourable Dr. Rishad Secharan, M.P, Minister in the Ministry of Health; Senator Professor the Honourable Prakash Persad, Minister of Tertiary Education and Skills Training; Senator the Honourable Leroy Baptiste,

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Minister of Labour; Senator the Honourable Satyakama Maharaj, Minister in the Ministry of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries; Dr. the Honourable Colin N.Gosine, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Trade, Investment and Tourism; Senator the Honourable Natalie Chaitan-Maharaj, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of the People, Social Development and Family Services; among many other dignitaries and specially invited guests.

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Photo excerpt from the VerifyTT Launch held at the Hyatt Regency on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2026

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