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Ministry of Public Administration and Artificial Intelligence

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**MINISTER SMITH INVITED TO ITU DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION BOARD**  
**DURING HIGH-LEVEL ITU MEETING**

Senator the Honourable Dominic Smith, Minister of Public Administration and Artificial Intelligence, led a delegation comprising Permanent Secretary Cory Belfon and Executive Strategic Advisor for AI and Digital Transformation, Nicolas Maloney, in discussions with Director of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Telecommunication Development Bureau, Dr. Cosmas Luckyson Zavazava, during the ITU Regional Development Forum for the Americas (RDF-AMS) and the Regional Workshop on Regulatory Innovation and Sandbox in Cartagena, Colombia, on Wednesday 17 June 2026.

The discussions resulted in an agreement to explore the establishment of ITU Academy Training Centres and Digital Transformation Centres in Trinidad and Tobago. Additional areas of cooperation included expanding connectivity and digital inclusion, and building the skills needed to support Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) initiatives.

Minister Smith highlighted several national priorities, including the development of a single National Unified Mobile Platform (SuperApp) to access multiple e-Government Services offered by GORTT, the implementation of a Digital Identity framework, interoperability initiatives, and the execution of digital transformation projects across the public sector. He also underscored the importance of workforce development, data centres, and learning centres in creating jobs and supporting innovation.

In recognition of Trinidad and Tobago's growing leadership in digital transformation, Dr. Zavazava invited Minister Smith to join the Board of the Alliance for Digital Transformation and Acceleration Centres and

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discussed the potential establishment of an Acceleration Centre in Trinidad and Tobago to support innovation, entrepreneurship and digital skills development.

The Minister shared the Government's efforts to expand the use of AI technologies across the public service, noting that approximately 10 per cent of the country's 90,000 public servants have already received AI-related training through the AI Academy or FutureReadyTT. Discussions also explored opportunities for Trinidad and Tobago to participate in international AI initiatives, including serving as a pilot country for open-source generative AI solutions in the public sector.

"Our discussions with the ITU reinforce Trinidad and Tobago's commitment to becoming a regional leader in digital transformation and artificial intelligence. Through strategic partnerships, we are expanding opportunities for innovation, skills development and inclusive digital growth that will benefit citizens and businesses alike," Minister Smith said.

The ITU also offered technical assistance in areas including ICT development measurement, digital policy and legislative frameworks, and public awareness initiatives to support technology adoption.

Minister Smith reaffirmed the Government's commitment to accelerating Trinidad and Tobago's digital transformation through strategic partnerships, innovation and investment in people. As the first Ministry in the Caribbean dedicated to Artificial Intelligence, MPAAI is driving initiatives including TT Pass, GovLink TT, VerifyTT, FutureReadyTT and the AI Academy, laying the foundation for a modern digital state where technology enhances service delivery, expands opportunity and improves the quality of life for all citizens.

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