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VERIFYTT AS THE FOUNDATION FOR NEXT GENERATION OF PUBLIC SERVICES

Trinidad and Tobago is strengthening its position as a regional leader in Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI), with VerifyTT set to play a central role in transforming the way citizens access government services. Speaking during the **50-in-5 Hybrid Webinar** hosted by iGovTT under the theme "The Caribbean Catalyst – VerifyTT and the Next Generation of Public Services," Senator the Honourable Dominic Smith, Minister of Public Administration and Artificial Intelligence, said the Government is building trusted digital systems that will make public services more accessible, efficient and citizen-centred.

According to Minister Smith, VerifyTT is a foundational pillar of the country's Digital Public Infrastructure, designed to reduce duplication, improve service delivery and provide citizens and businesses with faster, more secure access to government services. As part of this integrated ecosystem, it is supported by a secure electronic identity (e-ID) programme, a Government Interoperability Platform to enable secure data sharing across public agencies, and the CareTT Mobile Benefits Wallet, simplifying how citizens interact with Government.

He said, "Our success will not be measured by the number of technologies we introduce, but by whether citizens can access government services more easily, businesses can operate with fewer barriers, and public officers are better equipped to serve the people."

He also reaffirmed the Government's commitment to responsible artificial intelligence, open-source innovation and building the institutional capacity needed to sustain digital transformation over the long term. He noted that technology alone will not transform a nation; people will. Through initiatives such as FutureReadyTT, the Government's partnership with OpenAI to expand AI literacy and innovation, and the rollout of Grammarly across the public service and education sector, the Ministry is investing in the skills, confidence and capabilities needed to prepare Trinidad and Tobago's workforce for the future economy.

Minister Smith noted that Trinidad and Tobago's participation in the global 50-in-5 initiative reflects the Government's commitment to adopting internationally recognised best practices for Digital Public Infrastructure. Through partnerships with organisations including the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), the Centre for Digital Public Infrastructure (CDPI) and the 50-in-5 initiative, the country continues to strengthen its position as a regional leader in digital transformation while contributing to global conversations on responsible artificial intelligence and digital government.

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The webinar formed part of this country's participation in the **50-in-5 initiative**, a global campaign that supports countries in developing safe, secure, and inclusive Digital Public Infrastructure. The initiative aims to help at least 50 countries advance key components of digital public infrastructure within five years through international collaboration, knowledge sharing and technical support.

As Government continues to advance its Digital Public Infrastructure agenda, initiatives such as VerifyTT are expected to simplify access to public services, strengthen trust in government systems and support a more connected, inclusive and efficient public sector for every citizen. **This reflects the Ministry's commitment to using technology not simply to digitise services, but to improve people's everyday interactions with Government.**

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