



## **SCOTIABANK TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO LIMITED**

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### **106 youth graduate from Construction Technology and Carpentry Training**

On Saturday, 106 youth graduated from Construction Technology and Carpentry Training facilitated by Habitat for Humanity and sponsored by the Scotiabank Foundation.

The Construction Technology Programme provides training sessions from basic in masonry geared towards grass-root builders to an extensive six-week certified course. The certified course is a combination of a theory and practice where all core areas of construction are covered. The Youth Carpentry Training is a hands-on programme, facilitated to engage unemployed youth. It is a hands-on workshop, with the teams encouraged to work together to produce useable pieces of furniture. Participants are trained on how to build home furniture with accessible materials and share their experiences and acquired knowledge with other people in their community.

The Hon. Adrian Leonce – Minister in the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development told the graduates that they have a big role to play in the future of the nation. “Building good character and building good skillsets are what we need to build a good nation... The seeds that have been planted, thanks to Scotiabank and Habitat for Humanity, take those seeds and nurture them and let the fruit of those seeds be a better Trinidad and Tobago

Sieunarine Coosal - Chairman of Capital Campaign Cabinet of Habitat for Humanity Trinidad and Tobago shared “Habitat for Humanity Trinidad and Tobago, through its neighbourhood revitalization initiative, provides support to communities by building the capacities of individuals, to drive social integration and economic development. It is the hope - these initiatives will help open avenues for employment, job security and adequate job training. These programmes equip participants with their preferred skillset for societal resilience.

He also expressed appreciation to the sponsor – Scotiabank. “Scotiabank, we sincerely thank you for partnering with us on this journey. You understand and appreciate the importance of investing in the youth of our twin-island, and you provided unwavering support to positively change the lives of, not only the graduates but, by extension communities” he indicated.

Gayle Pazos - Senior Vice President and Managing Director, Scotiabank highlighted the Bank’s commitment to helping young people succeed. “We are certainly pleased to work with Habitat for Humanity on enhancing the capacity of our young people...by helping young people develop construction and carpentry relevant knowledge, skills and competencies, while receiving mentorship and support from those established in the field, they have greater access to employment opportunities.”



L-R: Charlene Pedro - Director, Habitat for Humanity Trinidad and Tobago; Jennifer Massiah National Director; Habitat for Humanity Trinidad and Tobago; The Honourable Adrian Leonce, MP - Minister in The Ministry of Housing and Urban Development ; Sieunarine Coosal - Chairman of the Capital Campaign Cabinet; Habitat for Humanity Trinidad and Tobago ; Gayle Pazos - Senior Vice President and Managing Director, Scotiabank ; Roxanne De Freitas - Chairperson, Scotiabank Trinidad and Tobago Foundation ; Kimi Rochard - General Manager, Legal, Scotiabank ; Peter Ghany - Director, Scotiabank Trinidad and Tobago Foundation.



Sherry Hosein of the St James Police Youth Club shares her experience having completed the Youth Carpentry Training Programme by Habitat for Humanity and Scotiabank.



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Roxane De Freitas - Chair of the Scotiabank Trinidad and Tobago Foundation presents a young graduate with her certificate



Gayle Pazos - Senior Vice President and Managing Director, Scotiabank congratulates the graduates on investing in themselves and enhancing their skills.