

ACTT AND NCTT STRENGTHEN COLLABORATION THROUGH NEW MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION

The Accreditation Council of Trinidad and Tobago (ACTT) and the Nursing Council of Trinidad and Tobago (NCTT) renewed their partnership on December 02, 2024, at The Brix Autograph Collection, with the signing of a new Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) that expands on areas of cooperation. By renewing this collaboration, which was initiated on July 09, 2014, both organisations will leverage their expertise to align nursing education programmes with national, regional and international quality standards, thereby producing graduates who are not only academically qualified but also professionally competent.

This partnership is expected to foster greater efficiency in the approval and recognition of nursing education programmes, streamline information sharing, and encourage the development of robust quality assurance mechanisms in the nursing profession.



From L-R: Mr Idi Stewart, President, TTRNA; Ms Simone Williams, Permanent Secretary (Ag), MoE and Dr Ruby S. Alleyne, Chairman, ACTT, observe the signing of the Memorandum of Cooperation by Mr Curtis Floyd, Executive Director, ACTT and Mr Corey George, President, NCTT

It will also provide a platform for joint initiatives that address the evolving needs of the healthcare and education sectors, particularly in light of global challenges such as workforce shortages and the increasing demand for well-trained healthcare professionals.

As such, ACTT and NCTT will continue to work collaboratively to enhance the quality and credibility of nursing qualifications, ensure compliance with global accreditation benchmarks, and ultimately contribute to the development of a highly skilled healthcare workforce.

The ceremony featured welcome remarks from Mr Curtis Floyd, Executive Director, ACTT; opening remarks from Dr. Ruby S. Alleyne, Chairman, ACTT; remarks from Mr. Corey George, President, NCTT and the feature address from Ms Simone Williams, Permanent Secretary (Ag), in the Ministry of Education. Also present at the Signing Ceremony, was Mr Idi Stewart, President of the Trinidad and Tobago Registered Nurses Association.

Speaking at the event, which was hosted at The BRIX Autograph Collection, Dr Ruby S. Alleyne highlighted the significance of ACTT and NCTT working together to support the highest quality and standards of training for nurses. She also reiterated actions taken by ACTT, by stating: *“A major step forward was the policy decision by ACTT to ensure that all nursing programmes are accredited by independent and internationally recognised bodies and all 3 major institutions – The UWI, COSTAATT and USC – have started moving in that direction.”*

In her feature address, Ms Simone Williams, Permanent Secretary (Ag), Ministry of Education, recognised this alliance as being vital to advancing tertiary and advanced skills education. Ms Williams stated: *“This partnership exemplifies a true model of synergy; a collaborative effort where expertise is pooled to establish a benchmark for excellence in nursing education and accreditation standards. In so doing, the education and training of our nursing professionals must not only reflect the technical competencies required, but also the adaptive, critical-thinking, and empathetic skills demanded by a modern healthcare system.”*



From L-R: Mr Idi Stewart, President, TTRNA; Ms Cheryl Ann Steele, Corporate Secretary/Legal Officer, ACTT; Mrs Maureen Giddings-Estwick, Former President of NCTT; Dr Ruby S. Alleyne, Chairman, ACTT; Ms Simone Williams, Permanent Secretary (Ag), MoE; Mr Curtis Floyd, Executive Director, ACTT and Mr Corey George, President, NCTT

ACTT looks forward to continuing its collaboration with NCTT to support and advance their respective missions while fostering professional growth and ensuring that the nursing profession continues to make a sterling and vital contribution to the quality of healthcare in Trinidad and Tobago.