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**Ministry of Public Administration
and Digital Transformation**

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**ARTISTS TO BENEFIT FROM NEW ARTIST REGISTRY: DIGITAL
TRANSFORMATION MINISTRY OFFERS ICT SOLUTIONS**

The Ministry of Public Administration and Digital Transformation has signed on to re-design the website for the Artist Registry of Trinidad and Tobago, and will commit to other ICT interventions for the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and the Arts in the new year, that will improve service delivery across all its portfolios. This cooperative approach was agreed upon at a meeting between the two Ministries and iGovTT, held on Friday December 4, 2020 at the MPADT head office.

Senator the Honourable Hassel Bacchus, Minister in the Ministry of Public Administration and Digital Transformation, expressed his gratitude for the approach taken by the Minister of Tourism, Culture and the Arts, the Honourable Randall Mitchell, in bringing his ideas for e-solutions to the Ministry of Public Administration, which has responsibility for the national Digital Agenda. In committing to provide resources for the project, he noted the importance of inclusive, secure, user-friendly solutions. "In the same way our staff is experiencing challenges on the back-end, members of the public who want to access our services will also be faced with problems. We have to design solutions that are geared towards our customers, both internal and external, and that is what iGovTT pledges to offer," Minister Bacchus shared.

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Minister of Public Administration and Digital Transformation, Senator Allyson West, also shared her conviction in collaborative approaches to achieve national strategic goals as set out by Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs). She advised that more standardisation is needed in our government digital landscape at all stages, from stakeholder analysis, concept design to look and feel.

The Artist Registry of Trinidad and Tobago (ARTT) currently has almost 800 registered artists on their database, spanning a wide cross-section of different genres and art spheres. Speaking on behalf of ARTT at the meeting, Daniella Carrington, Cultural Officer I (Ag), and Nadya Shah, Cultural Support Specialist, said that the Registry is the first of its kind in the Caribbean, and is poised to be the standard-bearer of artist certification and curation in the region. However, in order to invite more public-private-sector partnerships and investment, a more dynamic web database is needed.

Also in attendance at the meeting was the Senior Technical Officer and Network Specialist at the Ministry of Tourism, who broached other solutions for tourism and culture digital solutions, which were warmly received by Minister West and Kirk Henry, CEO of iGovTT. Further meetings will be scheduled to discuss these solutions and launch dates in 2021.

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Photo 1 – Minister of Tourism, Culture and the Arts shares a light moment with the Minister of Public Administration and Digital Transformation, Sen. the Hon. Allyson West, and Minister in the Ministry of Public Administration and Digital Transformation, Sen. the Hon. Hassel Bacchus, after a meeting to discuss collaborative approach to providing e-services on Friday December 4, 2020 at the offices of the MPADT.

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Photo 2 – Minister of Tourism, Culture and the Arts, the Hon. Randall Mitchell (left), makes a point during a meeting with the Minister of Public Administration and Digital Transformation, Sen. the Hon. Allyson West (right), and Permanent Secretary (Ag) of the Ministry of Public Administration and Digital Transformation, Mr. Claudelle McKellar (centre). The meeting was to discuss collaborative approach to providing e-services and took place on Friday December 4, 2020 at the offices of the MPADT.

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