



**Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago**  
Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **New Fishing Port project set to modernize Moruga**

***Kent House, Maraval. February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016:*** The Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government will host a Community launch of the Moruga Fishing Port project on **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February at 5pm** next to the current fishing facility on Samuel Laurence Street, Gran Chemin, Moruga.

The expansion and modernisation of the current Moruga Fishing Facility is a major project aimed at boosting socio-economic conditions in the area. It is expected that the new port will become an economic hub for fishing and other spin-off businesses. Minister of Rural Development and Local Government, Senator the Honourable Franklin Khan said, “Rural development is designed to bring equity in the spatial arrangement of Trinidad and Tobago. The people of Moruga will be the first to benefit from this new thrust of the Ministry of Rural Development. We wish to encourage the people of Moruga to make optimal use of this project and the facility when it opens, for the good of the community.”

The fisherfolk of Moruga have long expressed the desire to upgrade their fleet from gas-operated pirogues which only allow them to fish overnight. The new Moruga Fishing Port will enable fisherfolk to upgrade their fleet to include diesel engine, medium-sized fishing vessels which allow them to stay out at sea several days at a time, thereby increasing their catch substantially.

Construction is expected to begin in November 2016 and last for a period of two years inclusive of the reclamation and consolidation period of eight months. The Rural Development Company is overseeing the project and arrangements are currently being implemented to invite tenders for the construction of the facility. Once completed, the facility will be handed over to the Ministry of Agriculture, Lands and Fisheries for long-term operational management.

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