



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

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Local Government Reform Public Consultation in Penal/Debe**

*Kent House, Maraval. April 12th, 2016:* The Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government invites you to attend the series of public consultations on Local Government Reform.

The consultation for the region of Penal/Debe takes place on **Wednesday April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at the Penal Secondary School, Oliverie Drive, Clarke Road, Penal at 6pm.** This is the tenth in a series of fourteen consultations (one for each Municipal Corporation) to be held over the coming weeks.

Input from local stakeholders and the wider public is sought in order to increase productivity, improve quality of governance and optimize service delivery.

Senator the Honourable Franklin Khan, Minister of Rural Development and Local Government, will present the local government structure and the proposed new role of the Municipal Corporations. The new function involves additional responsibilities for the corporations as they move towards greater autonomy.

Stakeholders and the public will be able to gain greater understanding of the nine key areas to be addressed in the transition namely: funding, executive authority, new responsibilities, inclusion of local contractors and infrastructural development, effective municipal policing, development control, disaster management, regional development plans and involvement of civil society.

The media is invited to attend.

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