



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

**MEDIA RELEASE:**

**National Clean-Up Campaign picks up steam... official launch in Diego Martin this Saturday**

*Kent House, Maraval. January 9<sup>th</sup> 2016:* Senator the Honourable Kazim Hosein, Minister of Rural Development and Local Government in conjunction with key stakeholders and all Municipal Corporations will officially launch the National Clean-Up Campaign on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> January, 2017 at the Foreshore in Diego Martin at 9:00am. Diego Martin will be the first Municipal Corporation to hold its official launch, with others following in the coming weeks. Citizens across Trinidad have already begun clean-up activities in their communities and all are encouraged to join in and continue the effort.

The National Clean-Up Campaign aims to clear open lots, remove derelict vehicles, demolish dilapidated structures, clean drains and watercourses, take down illegal signs and dispose of bulk and white waste. Minister Hosein made this appeal, "Diego Martin, we are coming to your region! We are asking people to come out and clean their communities on a voluntary basis, starting with their own properties and if they need help, we will help them. We also appeal to companies across Trinidad to get involved and volunteer their services and the needed equipment such as tractors, backhoes, skid steer loaders, bucket trucks, excavators, Hiab trucks, and dump trucks."

This is a much needed undertaking for our country. Not only for the purpose of cleaning our surroundings, but also for building the community spirit that comes from volunteerism. Together we will create and encourage cleaner, healthier and safer communities that everyone will feel a vested interest in maintaining because of their participation. "Through volunteerism in the National Clean-Up Campaign, we will promote sustainable habits. And through volunteerism we will build a deeper level of community pride which will burgeon into national pride for what great feats we can achieve when we come together as a nation," explained Minister Hosein

If you would like to get involved in the National Clean-Up Campaign, you may call your Municipal Corporation directly or liaise with Dr. Krystal Ramdathsingh, Personal Assistant to the Minister, at the Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government at 622-1669 ext. 3102 or via email at [cleanupTT2017@gov.tt](mailto:cleanupTT2017@gov.tt) or [cleanupTT2017@gmail.com](mailto:cleanupTT2017@gmail.com).

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