



Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago  
Ministry of Justice

## **Minister of Justice Convenes Meeting with Key Stakeholders to Strengthen Liquor Licensing Framework**

### **MEDIA RELEASE**

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The Honourable Devesh Maharaj, Minister of Justice and Minister in the Office of the Attorney General, convened a high-level stakeholder meeting aimed at reviewing and standardising the processes for the granting of Liquor Licences in Trinidad and Tobago.

The consultative meeting brought together representatives of the Supermarket Association of Trinidad and Tobago (SATT), the American Chamber of Commerce of Trinidad and Tobago (AMCHAM T&T), and the Trinidad and Tobago Coalition of Bars and Restaurants, along with senior officials from the Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Lands and Legal Affairs, Ministry of Health, Town and Country Planning Division, Customs and Excise Division, the Judiciary, the Trinidad and Tobago Fire Service, and the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service.

The meeting formed part of the Government's ongoing commitment to enhancing regulatory efficiency and strengthening inter-agency coordination. Discussions focused on identifying operational, administrative, and procedural challenges within the existing Liquor Licence framework and exploring practical solutions to streamline the process while maintaining strict compliance with statutory requirements.

Stakeholders engaged in open and constructive dialogue, sharing insights on areas requiring clarification, improved communication channels, and enhanced process integration. Particular attention was paid to reducing unnecessary delays, improving information flow between agencies, and establishing clearer procedural guidelines for applicants.

Participants expressed appreciation to the Honourable Minister for convening the forum and welcomed the opportunity to engage in meaningful discussions that directly impact businesses, regulatory bodies, and the wider public. There was unanimous agreement that continued collaboration is essential to achieving a more transparent and predictable licensing environment.

The Ministry of Justice remains committed to working closely with all relevant stakeholders to ensure that regulatory systems are modern, efficient, and responsive, while upholding the rule of law and the public interest.

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