



The Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

**CARIBBEAN UNION OF TEACHERS EXECUTIVE MEETING -
OPENING CEREMONY**

(REMARKS)

Message By

Dr the Honourable Nyan Gadsby-Dolly

Thursday 21st July, 2022

SALUTATIONS:

- **Mrs. Antonia Tekah- De Freitas**, President of the Trinidad and Tobago Unified Teachers' Association
- The Executive of the Trinidad and Tobago Unified Teachers' Association
- Executive of the 42nd Annual Conference of Delegates, Caribbean Union of Teachers
- Fellow speakers
- Teachers
- Non-teaching staff
- Specially invited guests

Good day....

Thank you for the opportunity to bring greetings at this the start of your *Caribbean Union of Teachers (CUT) Executive Meeting*. Congratulations to the Trinidad and Tobago Unified Teachers' Association (TTUTA) on the hosting of this meeting. I trust this forum will facilitate invaluable insights and serve as a platform for the exchange of ideas and experiences. Ideas discussed here may well lay the foundation for fundamental changes in educational development across the region.

Looking back on the last two years, we all will agree... we have come a very long way from the heights of the pandemic. The Ministry of Education's (MOE) transformational drive to establish continuous policy upgrades, teacher training, greater stakeholder engagement and a robust digital ecosystem are all vital cogs in the wheel to move us forward. The important lessons we have learnt, coming out of this uncertain time challenges us to be global in our thinking and to be citizens who actively solve the problems of tomorrow; that is our ultimate goal, even as we attend to the needs of today.

We all know – it's common knowledge - that the path to transforming the Education System is filled with many challenges. However, it is not impossible or unattainable. All stakeholders may not agree all the time, but we must work together all the time to achieve the goal. Together, with deliberate planning, continued stakeholder consultations, agile implementations, and prudent financial spending, we can be confident that not only will the education system and our children recover from the effects of this pandemic, but this crisis experience will not be wasted – we will continue to make the effort required to advance this nation's 2030 development agenda.

I once again thank you for the opportunity to bring greetings at the launch of your conference and on behalf of Minister Morris-Julian, the executive, and staff of the Ministry of Education, I wish you engaging and purposeful consultations and declare this meeting open.

Thank you and God Bless.