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# Invest in Trinidad & Tobago

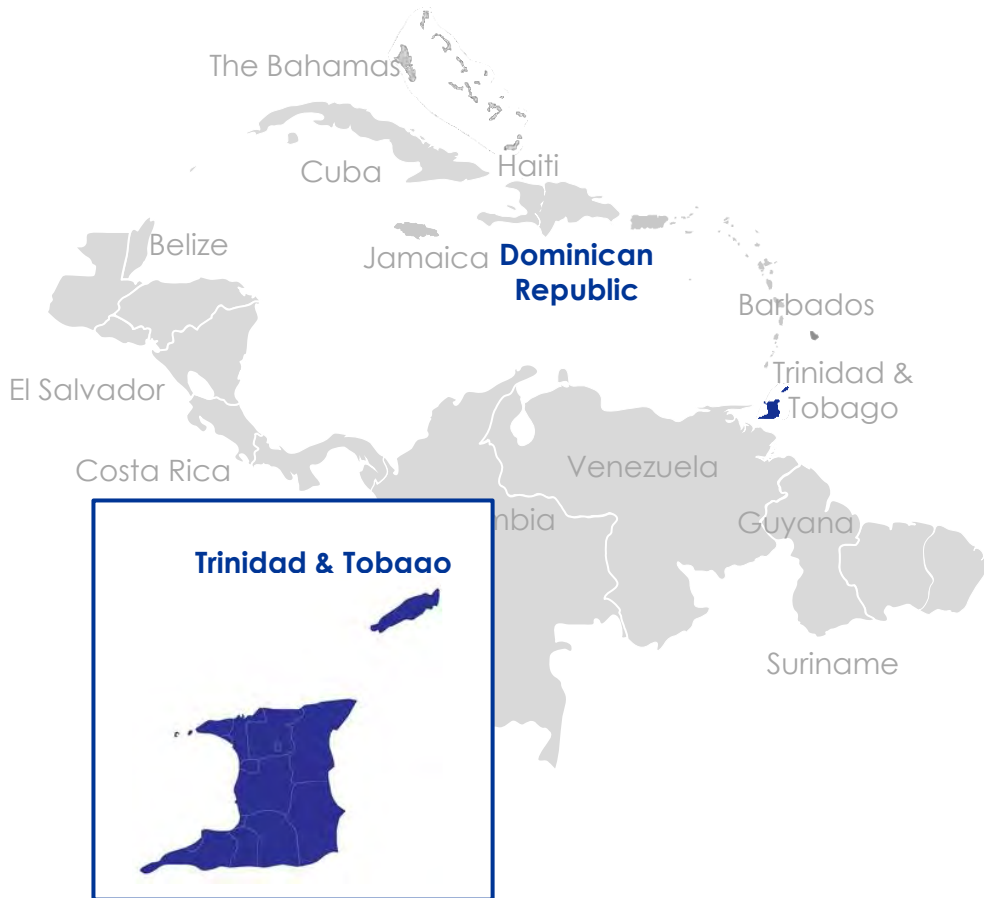
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# Invest in a connected, competitive and growing Caribbean



## Scalable investment potential

The Caribbean attracts **USD 5bn+** in **annual FDI** and offers scalable opportunities supported by **sustained GDP growth of around 3%** across the region.

## Gateway between North and South America

Located on key hemispheric trade routes, the Caribbean connects the US, Canada and Mexico with South American markets, offering **sub-5-hour flight times** and **strong maritime connectivity** across major regional hubs.

## A coordinated regional investment ecosystem

Anchored by **CARICOM's single market** and supported by **CAIPA and 23 national IPAs**, the region offers streamlined investment facilitation, cross-border industry clusters and access to blended and multilateral finance.

Sources: UNCTAD; IMF; World Bank; Inter-American Development Bank (IDB); CARICOM Secretariat; CAIPA.



The Caribbean offers a strategic location, political stability, skilled workforce, competitive incentives, and strong investor protection - backed by investment promotion partners committed to your success

Suzette Hudson, Secretariat, CAIPA

# Why invest in Trinidad & Tobago?

## Pro-investment landscape as a strategic government priority

Trinidad & Tobago offers an open, investor-friendly regulatory environment, with **100% foreign ownership permitted** across most sectors and a stable legal framework based on **English common law**, providing certainty for long-term investment.

## Diversifying economy with priority sectors opportunities

While energy contributes around **30–35% of GDP**, the economy is actively diversifying into **renewable energy, manufacturing, agribusiness, logistics and services**, supported by established industrial capacity and export infrastructure.

## Cost-effective operations, and market access

A **skilled workforce of ~1.4 million** and competitive operating costs support efficient business operations, while the country's location provides **direct air and maritime links to North America, South America and the wider Caribbean**.

## Highly attractive tax and sector-specific incentives packages

A comprehensive suite of investor incentives is in place to promote diversification and competitiveness across key sectors. This is complemented by **dedicated facilitation from InvestTT** and access to **PPP and public co-investment mechanisms** supporting large-scale projects.



Trinidad and Tobago is where global investors find stability, talent and opportunity, unlocking growth across innovation, manufacturing and trade

Sekou Alleyne, CEO,  
Global Trinidad and Tobago

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# A favourable business environment





1.4m

Population<sup>1</sup>



\$25.6bn

GDP<sup>1</sup>



716k

Labour force<sup>2</sup>



### What makes Trinidad & Tobago attractive

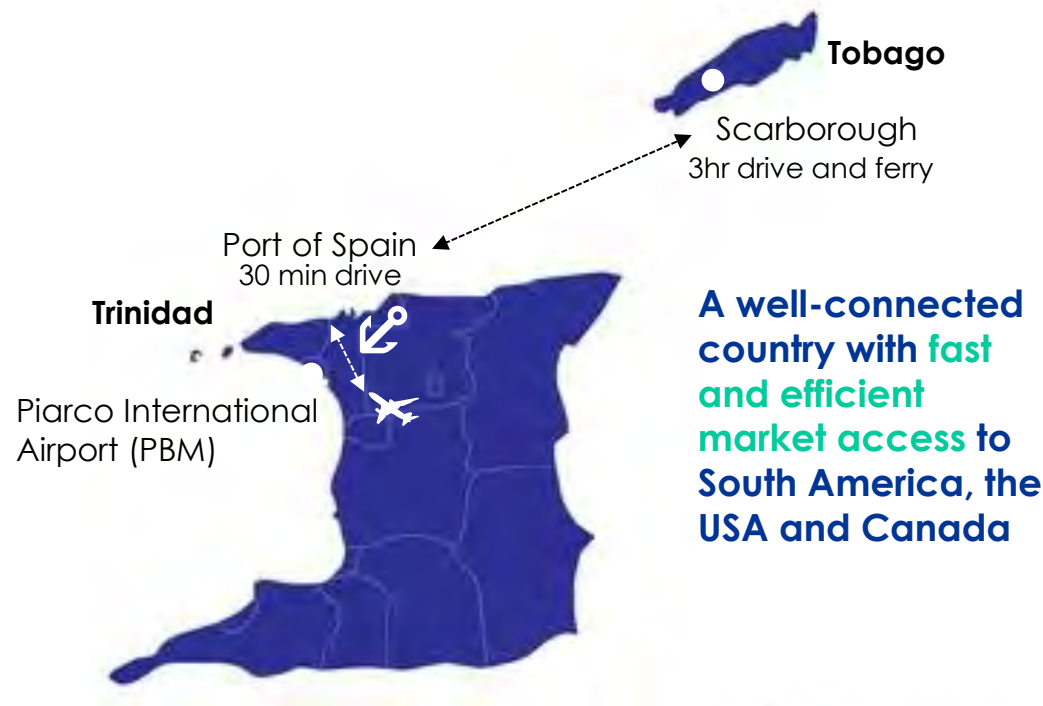
Trinidad & Tobago offers a range of opportunities for foreign direct investment, supported by its reliable and accessible energy infrastructure, strategic geographic location in the southern Caribbean, and diversified economy.

Government-backed incentives and regulatory frameworks support foreign investment across the country's key industries.

## INVEST IN TRINIDAD & TOBAGO

# Access to a well connected and a healthy economy

Trinidad & Tobago is a twin-island Caribbean republic. With a population of around 1.4 million and a land area of roughly 5,130 km<sup>2</sup>. The country's economy is primarily dominated by energy through oil and natural gas although manufacturing, food processing and tourism are diversifying the country's economic opportunities for investment.



**A well-connected country with fast and efficient market access to South America, the USA and Canada**

Sources: <sup>1</sup>IMF World Economic Outlook 2025, <sup>2</sup>International Labour Organization, <sup>3</sup>UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD), <sup>4</sup>World Bank



# A stable and growing economic environment



## Sustained growth outlook

Trinidad & Tobago's economy is projected to grow by an average of 2.3% between 2026 and 2030, reflecting a resilient and steadily strengthening economic trajectory<sup>1</sup>.



## Low and predictable inflation

Inflation was 0.5% in 2024 and is expected to remain close to 2% through 2030, indicating a stable and predictable price environment for long-term planning<sup>1</sup>.



## Strong export performance

Exports of goods reached US\$7.9bn in 2024 which represents 40% increase since 2020 and highlights Trinidad & Tobago's position as one of the Caribbean's largest exporters, driven by energy and chemical industries<sup>2</sup>.



## Strong regulatory fundamentals

According to the Index of Economic Freedom, Trinidad & Tobago outperforms global averages in both business and monetary freedom, reinforcing a reliable and investor-friendly regulatory environment<sup>3</sup>.



One of the Caribbean's largest exporters, with goods exports rising 40% since 2020<sup>3</sup>

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**Access talent and utilities at a competitive cost**



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# Access to a growing pool of skilled talent

## Why Trinidad & Tobago?

Access to a labour force of 716,000<sup>1</sup> people with the skills, language advantages and educational support that sustain long-term business growth.

### English speaking talent pool

As an English-speaking economy, Trinidad & Tobago offers a readily accessible talent base that supports seamless integration with global operations.

### Established labour force

Trinidad & Tobago has a labour force of approximately 716,000 people offering companies a reliable and sufficiently scaled talent pool for operational growth<sup>1</sup>.

### Strong higher education ecosystem

With leading institutions such as University of the West Indies, St. Augustine and University of Trinidad & Tobago, the country offers a robust higher education system producing graduates aligned with industry and investor needs.

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## Access talent and utilities at a competitive cost



“ Electricity in Trinidad & Tobago is **65%** cheaper than the US average per kWh

Role	Labour costs (USD)
Engineer	\$32,527
Engineer Technician	\$20,415
Warehouse Manager	\$21,326
Warehouse and Distribution Operative	\$7,829
Agriculture Manager	\$16,883
Agriculture Worker	\$7,317
Production Operative (Highly Skilled)	\$10,138
Production Operative (Skilled)	\$9,265

Utility	Utility costs (USD)
Electricity	\$0.05 kWh
Gas	\$0.16 m <sup>3</sup>
Water	\$0.26 m <sup>3</sup>

Sources: Based on 2025 fDi Benchmark data - salary comparisons include all mandatory social security contributions and employee benefits

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## Investment opportunities



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75%

intraregional exports come from Trinidad & Toabgo



3%

of population is employed in agriculture



1 of 2

Internationally recognised cocoa gene banks



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# Unlocking growth in value-added and sustainable **agribusiness**

Invest in expanding value-added and AgriTech ventures that reduce import dependence and strengthen food security in the Caribbean.

## Key successful investors and business associations



Nestlé

Value-added processing

Nestles' Valsayn operation manufactures food products using indigenous raw materials. The operation focuses on transformation of raw agricultural materials into high quality products and employs over 200 local staff



AgriTech

IFarm TT Ltd. is an indoor container farming company that creates accessible, healthy produce. The company sees the technology for indoor vertical farming as necessary to address the issue of food security.



ASTT

The Agricultural Society of Trinidad and Tobago (ASTT) is the only national organization representing farmers. The ASTT encourages and advances the growth and development of Agriculture in Trinidad & Tobago.

# Unlocking growth in value-added and sustainable **agribusiness**

## Key Investment Opportunities



### High quality cocoa processing

High quality cocoa processing: Trinidad & Tobago has national growth plan targets of US\$100m in revenues by 2030 for the fine flavour cocoa value chain. The Cocoa value chain in Trinidad & Tobago offers significant investment potential through value-added processing, marketing and retail and export opportunities.



### Innovation and Agritech

Agritech is flagged for growth in the country including public-private partnerships in IoT sensors, drones, green housing, and yield monitoring alongside and a range of processing automation investment potential.



### Import substitution and localized processing capabilities

Growing demand for fresh, local produce in Trinidad & Tobago and regionally offer significant potential to process food and beverage products locally to reduce reliance on imports.



**\$2.5bn**

goods exported  
in 2024



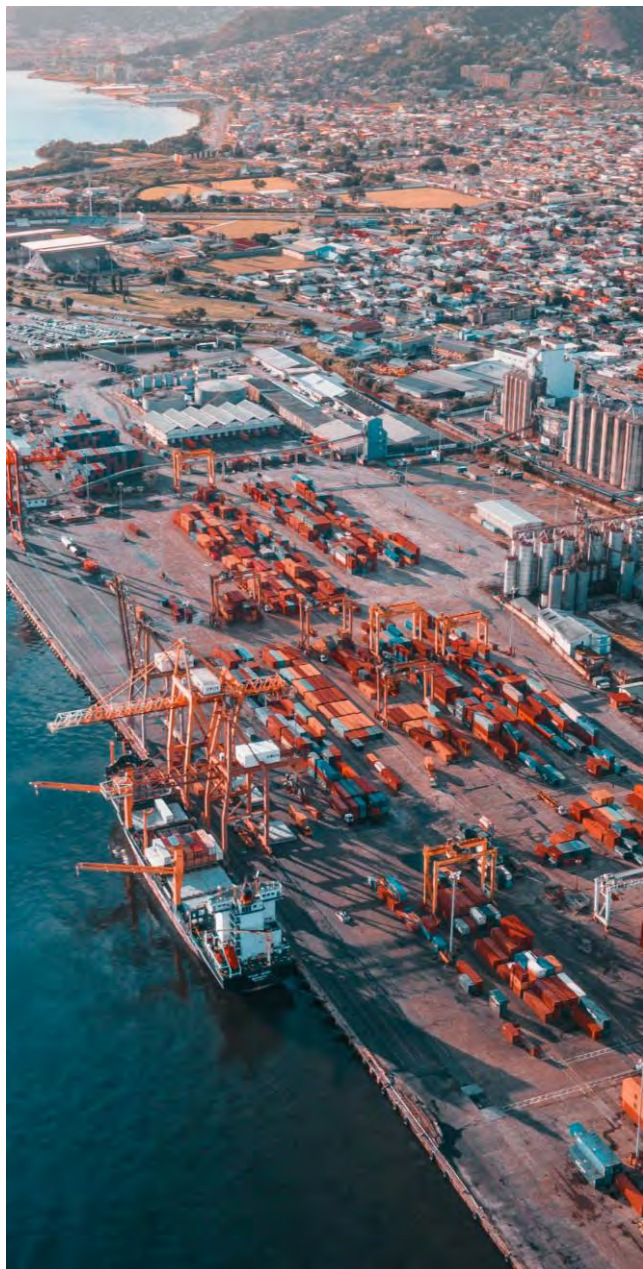
**\$1.7bn**

goods imported  
in 2024



**3rd**

Ranked location  
by port capacity  
in the region



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# Invest in Trinidad & Tobago's global and regional **logistics hub**

Trinidad & Tobago is a gateway to the Caribbean, Central and South America, and beyond offering regional distribution access and international market access.

## Key successful investors and business associations

**OLDENDORFF** 

Offshore bulk  
transshipment

Oldendorff Carriers currently operates an offshore transshipment facility in the Gulf of Paria, Trinidad. The operation transfers ore and bulk cargo originating from South America, into larger vessels destined for North America and China.

**PETERSON** 

Logistics

The Peterson Group of Companies provides integrated logistics services to the world's leading players in the oil and gas industry. Peterson launched its Trinidad operations in 2014 providing logistical support services to many local oil and gas companies.



SATT

The Shipping Association of Trinidad and Tobago (SATT) provides a range of services to its membership contributing to the development of the local maritime industry and by extension national development.

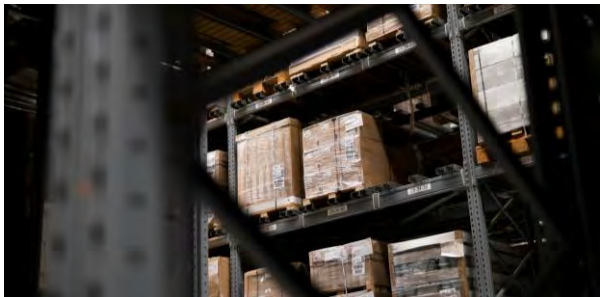
# Invest in Trinidad & Tobago's global and regional **logistics hub**

## Key Investment Opportunities



### **Third party logistics solutions**

Trinidad & Tobago is below the hurricane belt, meaning high uptime for port and logistics operations including two international container ports with around 700k TEU capacity and accessible Air-cargo estate for on-airport warehousing/distribution.



### **Warehousing and distribution**

Land and sites available in proximity to major infrastructure for warehousing and distribution centers including close to major ports, air cargo potential and through special economic zones.



### **Offshore bulk transshipment**

Designated maritime zones in the Gulf of Paria; a multi-user, multi-commodity transshipment hub has been in place since 2012 showing strong reliability and scale.



30%

Renewable energy generation by 2030



9.7TWh

Generated in 2024



15%

Reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2030



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# Tap into opportunities in Trinidad & Tobago's renewable energy

Attractive solar radiation levels and coastal and maritime wind conditions create the ideal environment for solar PV and both onshore and offshore energy generation operations.

## Key successful investors and business associations



Solar energy

US-based Lightsource BP is the lead developer for both the Orange Grove and Brechin Castle solar projects in Trinidad & Tobago under the country's flagship national solar programme.



Hydrogen

France-based HDF Energy is a key strategic joint venture partner in the NewGen Green hydrogen project at Point Lisas alongside local partner Kenesjay Green - designed to supply up to ~27,000 tonnes of green hydrogen per year.



National Energy

National Energy is committed to the sustainability of the local and regional energy sector through the industrial and infrastructure development to support enhanced energy generation and distribution services.

# Tap into opportunities in Trinidad & Tobago's **renewable energy**

## Key Investment Opportunities



### **Diversified opportunities for energy generation**

High potential for energy generation opportunity in both photovoltaics and wind (onshore and offshore) and for green hydrogen production, supporting the country achieve clean energy targets and combating greenhouse gas emissions.



### **Renewable energy component manufacturing potential**

A cost-effective location for component manufacturing and assembly – with potential to become a leading manufacturing center in the region.



### **Battery assembly and energy storage**

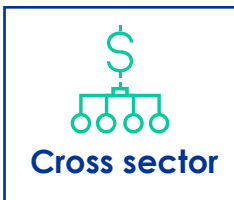
Potential opportunities exist in Trinidad & Tobago for battery and energy storage system component manufacturing and assembly to support energy accessibility across the region.

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## Incentives and support

# Trinidad & Tobago supports your investments

Benefit from competitive incentives: **exemption from sector specific and general financial programmes and tax incentives** designed to reduce costs and de-risk your investment.



**Manufacturing incentives** - granted to large scale manufacturers or processing enterprises and can include import duty concessions, tax exemptions and free trade zone benefits.



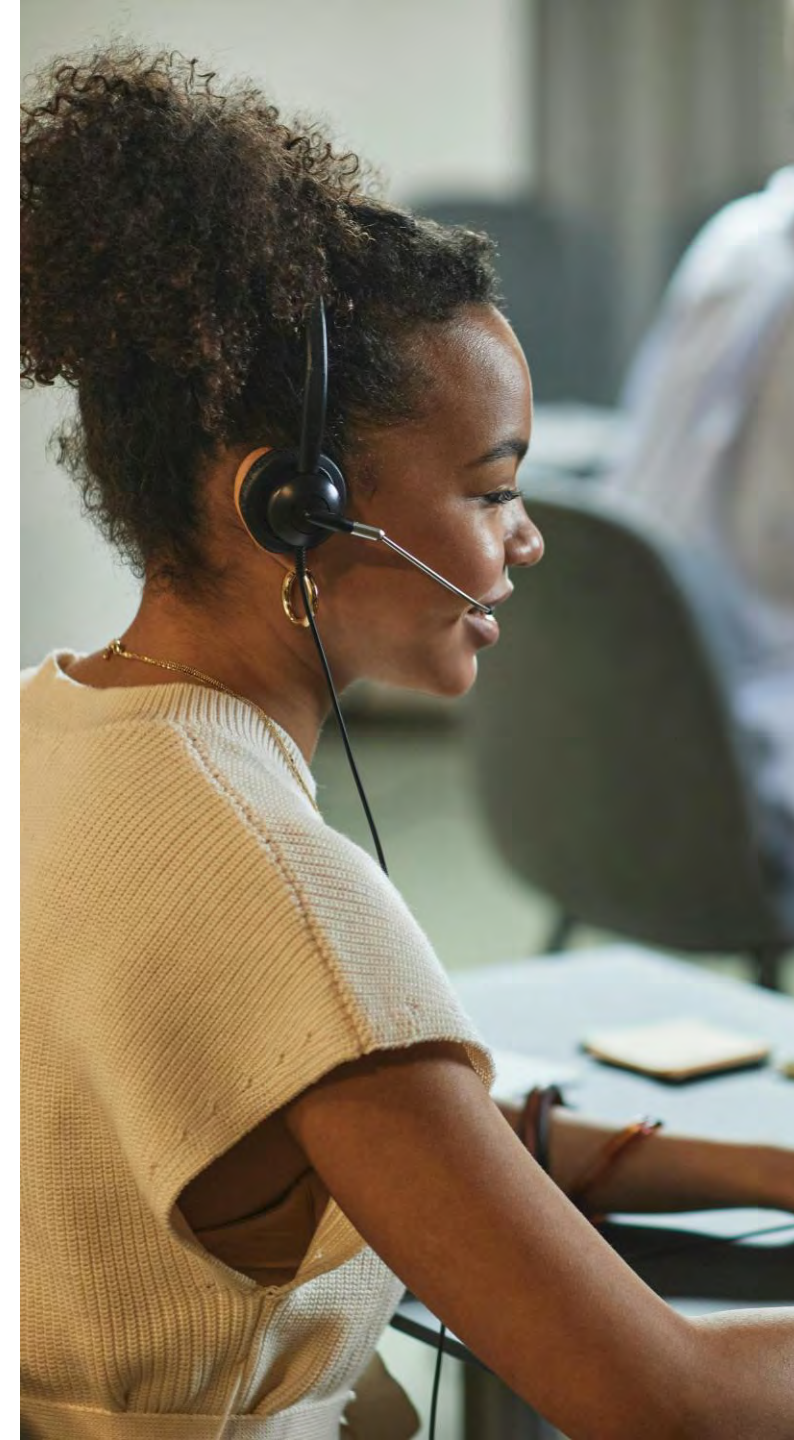
**Maritime logistics incentives** - Locally registered firms engaged in ship building and ship repair are allowed duty free treatment on their machinery, equipment and materials for use.



**Renewable energy incentives** – Renewable energy system components are zero rated for VAT and can receive import duty exemptions, among other sector specific incentives



**Research and development facilities** – Financial support is available to investments into research and development facilities (RDF) ranging from TT\$500,000 – TT\$1m based on the type of venture as well as incentives available for patent registration.

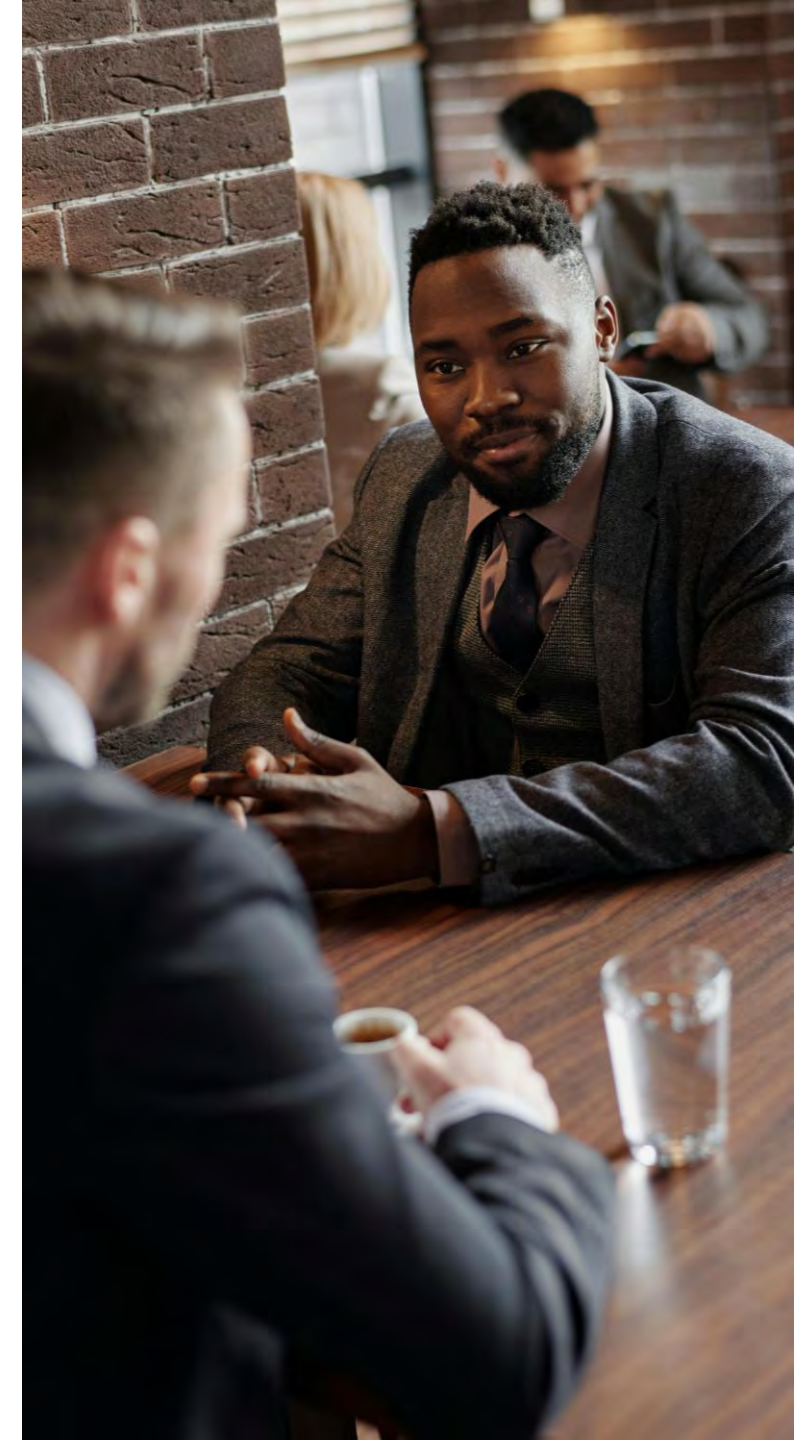


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**Leverage institutional support** from key in-market institutions supporting economic development and business success in Trinidad & Tobago.

## Key Institutions

<u>Ministry of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries</u>	Responsible for championing the conservation of biodiversity and sustainable development of food and non-food systems, supported by sound public policy including agribusiness incentives.
<u>Ministry of Trade, Investment and Tourism</u>	The Ministry's core responsibility is to grow trade, business and investment. The Ministry manages and coordinates the trade process to ensure access to international markets for companies located here.
<u>Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries</u>	The Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries (MEEI) is responsible for the overall management of the oil, gas and minerals sectors in Trinidad & Tobago.
<u>Trinidad &amp; Tobago Special Economic Zones Authority</u>	The Trinidad & Tobago Special Economic Zones Authority provides the necessary supervision and regulation whose functions include reviewing, assessing, and determining applications.



# Free of charge services available from Global Trinidad & Tobago



## Single point of contact for investment

Global Trinidad & Tobago are your first point of contact for information on investing in Trinidad & Tobago. Our teams provide a dedicated range of support to help you explore Trinidad & Tobago as a potential investment destination.



## Sector expertise and data provision

Dedicated sector expertise in renewable energy, logistics/manufacturing, and agribusiness amongst other key priority sectors—Global Trinidad & Tobago can support you by providing direct data and market information to support your investment process.



## Tailored investor facilitation support

By providing reliable and timely facilitation and strategic interventions Global Trinidad & Tobago aim to reduce the time it takes for you to implement an investment project. Services include issue resolution, business linkages, regulatory and registry support and more.



## Land and site identification

Global Trinidad & Tobago can support you in identifying available real estate options and assisting clients in their search for real estate. This is facilitated through liaising with e Teck, the Commissioner of State Lands (COSL) and any other relevant agencies.



## Incentive access and support

Global Trinidad & Tobago offer direct support to investors to navigate the sector specific and general incentive program landscape.



## Supply chain links and local partner development

Global Trinidad & Tobago supports the creation of links between clients and local goods and services providers. we not only create more efficient supply chains, but allow local firms to grow, enhance their competitiveness and create jobs.

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