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## **THE NIGERIA NATIONAL DEFENCE COLLEGE VISITS THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY AND ENERGY INDUSTRIES**

Mrs. Sandra Fraser Permanent Secretary (Ag.) of the Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries met with a delegation from the Nigeria National Defence College (NDC) led by Air Commodore Olusola Frederick Akinboyewa on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022 at the Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries International Waterfront Complex Office.

The twenty-three (23) person delegation sought a better understanding of Trinidad and Tobago's economy and its hydrocarbon sector under the theme, "Extractive Industry and Economic Development in Trinidad and Tobago: Oil and Gas Industry in Perspective." In keeping with this theme, the Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries facilitated an itinerary of activities between the 5<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> June 2022 to enhance the delegation's knowledge of the domestic extractive industry. Among the activities scheduled are presentations and facility tours at the Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries, The National Gas Company Group of Companies, PROMAN and bpTT Galeota.

In her welcoming remarks Mrs. Sandra Fraser Permanent Secretary (Ag.) of the Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries highlighted the rich history of collaboration between Trinidad and Tobago

and countries from the African continent. Acting Permanent Secretary Fraser emphasized the commitment made at the 8th Ordinary Session of the African Union Conference of Heads of State and Government in January 2007 to share Trinidad and Tobago's wealth of experience in the development of its petroleum industry with member nations of the African Union. The advances made by local Trinidad and Tobago entrepreneurs and private sector companies into Africa including Paramount Transport and Trading Company Limited (Ghana), Professional Petroleum Services Limited (Nigeria), Trinidad Oilfield Services Limited (Ghana), Hull Support Services (Ghana), Trinidad Offshore Fabricators Company Limited (Ghana, Nigeria) and Kenson Group of Companies (Uganda) were also highlighted. The Permanent Secretary (Ag.) paralleled the similarity in background and concerns between the two countries especially relating to the security of energy assets and affirmed Trinidad and Tobago's commitment to collaborate and share best practices on matters of safety and security. It was reiterated that these exchange visits by high-level delegations from African nations to Trinidad and Tobago can be viewed as a commitment to our continued engagement with the African diaspora on matters of mutual interest.

The Nigeria National Defence College (NDC) is the highest military training institution for the Nigerian Armed Forces and a Centre of Excellence for peace support operations training at the strategic level in West Africa. The visiting delegation comprised of colonels and equivalent ranks from the Nigerian land, sea and air defence; senior police and strategic governmental agency personnel as well as military officers from other African and Asian countries. Nigeria and Trinidad and Tobago are members of the Gas Exporting Countries Forum (GECF) an international governmental organization that provides the framework for the exchange of experiences and information on hydrocarbons among the world's hydrocarbon exporting countries. With over one hundred (100) years in the oil and gas business Trinidad and Tobago is known globally for the development of its hydrocarbon sector and its ability to share its deep and wide experiences in the management of production-sharing contracts, exploration and production licences, petroleum taxation, local content policies and programmes, and the creation of a sustainable local services sector.



**Air Commodore Olusola Frederick Akinboyewa receives a warm welcome and token from Mrs. Sandra Fraser Permanent Secretary (Ag.) of the Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries.**

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