



TT CSOs for Business

Funded by the European Union, the **Capacity Building & Development project for civil society organisations** has been able to make strides in expanding knowledge in key areas of strategic management, policy advocacy, international trade, internationalisation, leadership, mentoring and corporate governance.

Through the collaboration of the Arthur Lok Jack Graduate School of Business (Team Lead) and partners, The Trinidad and Tobago Manufacturers' Association and the Energy Chamber of Trinidad and Tobago they have been able to effectively focus on these key areas via training, focus groups and interactive feedback sessions with the CSOs. Twenty Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) that support business and economic development participated in 3 Capacity Building workshops funded by the European Union (EU) on May 29th, July 4th, July 5th and September 7th, 2018.

Arthur Lok Jack Global School of Business focused on Leadership. The leadership training facilitated the involvement and contribution of CSOs in effective participation in the implementation in the decision making of national and local policies, through improved Leadership, particularly those in the area of business. TTMA was key in focusing on international trade and policy advocacy. These areas examined trade agreements, understanding the world trading system, CARICOM market and other relevant trade issues while policy advocacy focused on policy cycle, policy development, challenges in the current policy environment of Trinidad and Tobago and strengthening the policy 'arm' of their organisations. The Energy Chambers' role focuses on governance training for the Board and Management of these CSOs equipping them with the tools to build a stronger organisation, to foster collaboration within the network and also educate them on the principles of corporate governance that will be the platform for internal decision making.



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