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Local Content and Local Economic Development

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“Kick out Racism”.



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THE TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO LOCAL CONTENT CHAMBER

- ❖ Aims, Objectives, Values
- ❖ Visit us
- ❖ Join us
- ❖ International Expansion

BUILDING CAPACITY, SUSTAINABILITY AND COMPETITIVENESS



BUILDING CAPACITY, SUSTAINABILITY AND COMPETITIVENESS

- Our Motto
- Sustainable Development
- No Fanaticism – Competitive Prices
- Becoming GLOCAL!

EDUCATION



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- Skills Gap or Pay Gap
- Tech/Voc. Education
- Needs and Skills Assessment
- IVETA, UTT, NIHERST
- Planning for Future
- Certification Eg. NESC

NATIONAL LOCAL CONTENT
SUB NATIONAL / LOCALISED CONTENTS



NATIONAL LOCAL CONTENT **SUB NATIONAL / LOCALISED CONTENT**

- Job Creation
Poverty Reduction, Effect on Crime, Domestic Violence
- Corporate Social Responsibility c.f. Khaima Persad Model
- Value to Community e.g. Small Businesses, Removal of State Funding Social Programmes, Alternate use of money

MEASURING LOCAL CONTENT AND PARTICIPATION



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- The Lloyd Best Institute of The West Indies Proposal
- Support of TTMA, Poultry Dealers Association, Artist Coalition, TTLCC.
- Defining a Local Company
- Projects
 - 1) Agriculture/ Food Processing/ Distribution via School's Nutrition
 - 2) Construction
 - 3) Creative
 - 4) Services – School Laptop Programme

LEGISLATION



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- History of Local Content Permanent Local Content Committee (2004)
- Attitude as per Minister
- The Rightness of Local Content Legislation
LOCAL CONTENT IS A **RIGHT!!!**
Nigeria's Model
Ghana's Conference – Oct 21/22
- Elements of Legislation
Monitoring (by NGO's)
Evaluating, Reporting, Amending, Commending & Condemning
The Local Content Company of the Year Award

WORK PERMITS



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➤ Conditions for Work Permits Issuance

>30 days

<30 days

Advertisement, Interview and Report, No National Qualified, Time Based, Understudy and reporting

➤ Migration of Skilled Workers

➤ Figures for 2012 – Rate of Issue

GOVERNANCE AND TRANSPARENCY



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- The future We Want- Ministry of Planning
- Governance – State and State Boards + Corporate
- State Boards – EMBD, EFCL, SPORTT, CDA, NAMDEVCO and CAL among others
- The Member’s Experience
- Mal- listing versus Best Practices

THE STRUGGLE



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- Why call it a Struggle
- Local Content is NOT easy
- Vested interest of Foreigner and Agreed to conditions e.g. BP
- The Unreachable Star?
Impossible is Nothing
- Local Content Conference
- Seeking an Equal Slice of the Cake or a better Slice based on Ratio!

We look forward to joining with you to make today worthy of tomorrow.

We Thank You!