

## **Department of Behavioural Sciences**

## **Memorandum of Understanding**

## From left to right

- Dr. Carol Logie Chairman, Board of Management Children's Authority of Trinidad and Tobago
- Ms. Elizabeth Lewis Deputy Director (Ag. Legal and Regulatory Services, Children's Authority of Trinidad and Tobago
- Prof. Indar Ramnarine Deputy Principal
  The UWI. St Augustine
- Mr. Vijay Gangapersad- Permanent Secretary, Gender and Child Affairs Division Office of the Prime Minster
- The Hon. Ayanna Webster-Roy- Minister of Gender and Child Affairs
- Mr. Sheldon Cyrus- Director/C.E.O-Children's Authority of Trinidad and Tobago
- Dr. Talia Esnard Head, Department of Behavioural Sciences The UWI. St Augustine



## Signing ceremony

On August 7, 2023, the Department of Behavioural Sciences signed two critical documents, namely a memorandum of understanding (MoU) and a service contract, as a partnership with the Children's Authority of Trinidad and Tobago.

The service agreement allows for the training of another 100 child support officers and supervisors at the children's Authority of Trinidad and Tobago. The MoU however sets in principle for the next three years, a collaborative agenda for on-the-job training and volunteer opportunities for our post graduate students in the department. The MoU also allows for collaborative research projects, capacity building training and professional development exchanges with an opportunity to examine and address some of the perennial issues that continue to threaten the wellbeing of our children.

This is a step in the right direction and a significant milestone that cannot be underestimated.

Dr Talia Esnard Head, Department of Behavioural Sciences