



## Foreword to the TTEITI MSG Steering Committee's Work Plan 2018-2019

This work plan outlines the focus of the TTEITI Multi-Stakeholder Group Steering Committee (TTEITI MSGSC) for the period June 2018 - June 2019. Local EITI implementation aligns with the Government's national objective of increasing revenue, which is stated in the Government's manifesto. Cabinet approved the use of this manifesto as official government policy. At the same time, the activities in the work plan allows the TTEITI MSGSC to fulfill its obligations under the EITI Standard 2016.

In preparing this work plan, the views and opinions of all stakeholders were sought and incorporated. Stakeholders also expressed interest in several issues during outreach events (e.g. revenue leakages, engagement with communities affected by mining and conducting targeted research on Production Sharing Contracts). These suggestions were included in the work plan. This reflects the value of tripartite cooperation, which gives each partner a voice in decision-making.

In the past, the TTEITI Steering Committee received funding from the World Bank and the EU to fund EITI implementation in T&T. However, based on direction from Cabinet, the Government agreed to fund all technical and administrative support required by the TTEITI Steering Committee and the Government will provide the majority of funding for this work plan. Importantly, in July 2018, the Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries agreed to fund the EITI as part of its recurrent expenditure as opposed to funding it as a project budget. Further, the TTEITI MSG has always sought partnerships with international donors and has in the past received project-funding from the British High Commission and the Canadian High Commission.

Activities carded for 2018 focus on meeting the EITI Independent Administrator's recommendations, while the activities scheduled for 2019 will focus more on efforts towards mainstreaming the EITI into government systems.