



Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago
Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government

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Local Government Reform Public Consultation in Siparia

Kent House, Maraval. February 16th 2016: The Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government invites you to attend the series of public consultations on Local Government Reform.

The consultation for the region of Siparia takes place on **February 17th 2016 at the Plaza Siparia Conference Hall at 6pm**. This is the fourth in a series of fourteen consultations (one for each municipal corporation) to be held over the coming months.

The Consultation is designed to invite input from local stakeholders and the wider public as an approach to increase productivity, improve quality of governance and deliver services efficiently.

Minister of Rural Development and Local Government, Senator the Honourable Franklin Khan, will present the local government structure and the proposed new role of the Municipal Corporations. The new function involves additional responsibilities for the corporations as they move towards greater autonomy.

Stakeholders and the public will be able to gain greater understanding of the nine key areas to be addressed in the transition namely: funding, executive authority, new responsibilities, inclusion of local contractors and infrastructural development, effective municipal policing, development control, disaster management, regional development plans and involvement of civil society.

The media is invited to give its invaluable input in order to shape this process.

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