



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

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**Oversight Committee appointed to establish the
Ministry of Rural Development**

Kent House, Maraval. April 25, 2016: An Oversight Committee has been established with a mandate to monitor the implementation of activities of the Ministry of Rural Development and its operationalization.

Senator the Honourable Franklin Khan, Minister of Rural Development and Local Government, presented instruments of appointment to the members of the new Committee in a brief ceremony held at Kent House on Monday April 25th.

In his address to the Committee members, Minister Khan reiterated the importance and relevance of the Ministry and highlighted their key role saying, “Your job is to come up with a structure for the new Ministry. You will be creating a prototype for rural development so I challenge you to make your mark in this regard.”

The Oversight Committee comprises representatives of nine Ministries including the Ministry of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries; Planning and Development; Works and Transport; Public Utilities; Public Administration; Tourism; Housing and Urban Development; Community Development, Culture and the Arts; and two external stakeholders namely the Economic Development Advisory Board and the Caribbean Local Economic Development Project (CARILED). It is chaired by Mrs. Stara Ramlogan, Deputy Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government.

Minister Khan further explained, “Our objective is not to urbanise rural Trinidad and Tobago but to bring much needed amenities to those neglected areas so that they can access more opportunities. What we are really doing is planting seeds of economic sustainability.”

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