

MTI Convenes Fashion Industry Development Committee (FIDC)

February 7, 2012 – Ministry of Trade and Industry



The Ministry of Trade and Industry convened the Fashion Industry Development Committee (FIDC) on Tuesday 7th February, 2012 at Nicholas Tower, Independence Square, Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago. Honourable Stephen Cadiz, Minister of Trade and Industry in distributing the instruments of appointment to the Committee members indicated that Cabinet approved the formation of the FIDC to oversee the development of a feasibility study and strategic plan for the Fashion Industry.

The FIDC reports to the Ministry of Trade and Industry and comprise the following organizations; the Fashion Association of Trinidad & Tobago (FATT), Fashion Week Trinidad & Tobago (FWTT), Fashion Entrepreneurs of T&T (FETT), Designers United Stores (Tobago), Caribbean Academy of Fashion & Design (CAFD), Trinidad and Tobago Coalition of Services Industries (TTCSI), Ministry of Labour and Small and Micro Enterprise Development (MLSMED), Ministry of Planning and the Economy, Trinidad and Tobago Manufactures Association (TTMA), Trinidad and Tobago Chamber of Industry and Commerce (TTCIC), Evolving Tecknologies and

Enterprise Development Company Limited (eTeck) and the Ministry of Trade and Industry (MTI).

The purpose and scope of the FIDC would include determining the Terms of Reference for the development of a feasibility study and strategic plan for the Fashion Industry; monitoring the development and implementation of all projects outlined in the strategic plan for the development of the industry; accounting for all funds provided by the Government or otherwise obtained by the FIDC; ensuring that all projects are completed in a timely and cost-efficient manner; exercising due care and acting in a prudent and conscientious manner while ensuring that project activities adhere to standards of best practice, both within Trinidad and Tobago and in the global industry; liaising and coordinating with Government Ministries and other institutions for the execution of projects as identified in the strategic plan and advising the Government on matters related to business development in the Fashion Industry.

According to Minister of Trade and Industry “the fashion industry is seen as a dynamic sub-sector of the Creative Industries with potential for significant contribution to employment, income and exports”.

CAPTION

Present in the photo from left to right:

Mr. Christopher Nathan, Fashion Association of Trinidad and Tobago; Ms. Erica Fortune, Ministry of Planning and the Economy; Ms. Lynette Artherley-Headly, Fashion Entrepreneurs of Trinidad and Tobago; Ms. Claudia Pegus, Trinidad and Tobago Chamber of Industry and Commerce; Chairman, Mr. Jason Lindsay, Evolving TeckNologies and Enterprise Development Company Limited; Honourable Stephen Cadiz, Minister of Trade and Industry; Vice Chairman, Mr. Nirad Tewarie, Trinidad and Tobago Coalition of Services Industry; Ms. Joanne Brooks, Fashion Week Trinidad and Tobago; Ms. Abigail Edwards, Ministry of Trade and Industry and Mr. Ashley Christmas, Designers United Stores (Tobago).

Absent:

Ms. Natasha Mustapha-Scott, Trinidad and Tobago Manufactures' Association; Mr. Michael Gordon, Ministry of Labour and Small and Micro Enterprise Development and the representative from the Caribbean Academy of Fashion and Design at UTT (still to be confirmed).