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**TTSEC partners with Division of Finance, Trade and the Economy
to host Investor Education Forum**

Trinidad and Tobago Securities and Exchange Commission (“TTSEC”) collaborated with the Financial Literacy Secretariat (“FLS”), Division of Finance, Trade and the Economy, and other financial sector stakeholders to host an **Investor Education Forum** on the theme *“Empowering Communities Through Financial Literacy and Investor Education.”*

This event took place on May 28, 2025, at the Victor E. Bruce Financial Complex, Scarborough, and was aimed at promoting informed investment decisions and improving financial literacy among Tobagonians.

Chief Executive Officer, Kester Guy, told participants that the TTSEC’s core mandate was to ensure a fair, transparent, and resilient securities market - where investments are protected and the rights of investors are respected. He noted investor protection does not only come from regulation but also through education.

In terms of equipping the people of Tobago with the knowledge and tools to make informed investment decisions, Mr Guy announced several initiatives targeting the youth, women and the elderly to be executed in consultation with the Division of Finance Trade and the Economy.

FLS Deputy Programme Coordinator, Keshon Morton, focused on the importance of financial literacy as a sustainable pathway to wealth creation and its impacts on growing Tobago’s economy. He highlighted that the core mission of the forum was to make investing accessible and understandable by removing fear, jargon, and myths.

Ellen Lewis, Director - External Affairs and Communication, provided an overview of the TTSEC’s **Investor Education Programme**. She noted that since its launch in 2005, the programme has undergone significant development now offering practical, accessible resources, including gamification tools and tiered online courses.

The forum was attended by a diverse cross-section of the Tobago community including employees of the Tobago House of Assembly and law enforcement. It was also livestreamed via social media.

Participants benefitted from informative presentations from the Financial Services Ombudsman, Securities Dealers Association of Trinidad and Tobago and the TTSEC on the protections provided to investors under the **Securities Act Chapter 83:02**.

The TTSEC investor education team also facilitated a special session for members of the Tobago Regional Chapter of the Credit Union League on May 29, 2025, which was well attended.

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About the TTSEC:

The TTSEC is governed by the Securities Act Chapter 83:02 and is responsible for overseeing the securities market and ensuring that fairness, equity and transparency remain common values in the marketplace. Our vision is to be an innovative regulator of a thriving securities market, enabling economic development for the benefit of all.

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