



## Trinidad and Tobago IFC and CWEIC Partner for T&T's Financial Sector Development



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The Trinidad and Tobago IFC and the Commonwealth Enterprise and Investment Council (CWEIC) recently agreed to an alliance which will help this country strengthen its position as an international financial centre.

The strategic partnership between the organisations was formalised after a visit to this country, and the offices of the Trinidad and Tobago IFC, by Lord Marland, Chairman of the CWEIC. The London-based membership organisation was established to promote trade and investment by facilitating engagement between governments and private sector organisations throughout the Commonwealth.

Varun Maharaj, Chief Executive Officer of the Trinidad and Tobago IFC, who will join the CWEIC Advisory Board, stated that the partnership is a significant opportunity as it will allow this country the ability to engage the Commonwealth financial community. The Trinidad and Tobago IFC is planning a mission to London from May 3rd to 5th with CWEIC's support.

Commenting on this new collaboration, Lord Marland said "We are delighted to have the Trinidad and Tobago IFC as one of the first strategic partners from the Caribbean region. There are fantastic synergies between our organisations that can be exploited and we look forward to leveraging our global networks to support the ambitious aims of promoting Trinidad and Tobago as an IFC. With a population of 2.3 billion and a number of the world's most important financial centres including London, Lagos, Mumbai, Singapore and Toronto, the Commonwealth is a readymade network for Trinidad and Tobago to utilise."

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