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#### FIUTT AND TTSEZA SIGN SOP TO ENHANCE COMPLIANCE IN SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONES



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**Port of Spain, Trinidad – May 27<sup>th</sup> 2025** – The Trinidad and Tobago Special Economic Zones Authority (TTSEZA) and the Financial Intelligence Unit of Trinidad and Tobago (FIUTT) have formalised their commitment to enhanced collaboration through the signing of a new Standard Operating Procedure (SOP). This SOP gives effect to the co-operation framework outlined in the Trinidad and Tobago Special Economic Zones Act.

The SOP establishes clear guidelines for information sharing, joint operations, and coordinated oversight between the two entities, reinforcing their shared mandate to promote transparency, compliance, and economic integrity within the Special Economic Zones (SEZs) of Trinidad and Tobago.

Present at the signing ceremony were:

- **Mr. Stephen de Gannes**, Chief Executive Officer, TTSEZA
- **Mr. Vinda Maharaj**, Manager, Legal Services, TTSEZA
- **Mr. Nigel Stoddard**, Director of the FIUTT
- **Ms Kylene Dowden**, Director of Legal Services, FIUTT

This SOP marks a significant step forward in ensuring that our SEZs operate within a robust regulatory framework. The FIUTT is pleased to partner with TTSEZA in this initiative. This SOP will enhance the ability to detect and prevent illicit financial activity within the SEZs, ensuring that these zones contribute positively to national development.

The TTSEZA and FIUTT reaffirm their commitment to working together to uphold the highest standards of governance, compliance, and economic resilience in Trinidad and Tobago.

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