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National Training Agency

NTA Signs MOU with The BCRC-Caribbean



Third from Left: Steve Arman, CEO, NTA shake hands with Dr. Ahmad Khan, Director, The BCRC-Caribbean.

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The Basel Convention Regional Centre for Training and Technology Transfer for the Caribbean (BCRC-Caribbean) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the National Training Agency (NTA) on Friday 18th August 2017. The MOU represents an alliance and an expression of interest in participating in the cooperation of activities related to the development of workforce initiatives in support of potential new industries based on waste and chemicals management in Trinidad and Tobago and in the Caribbean region.

The BCRC-Caribbean is a regional autonomous corporate body established in Trinidad and Tobago under Act #2 of 2008 and is hosted by the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago through its Ministry of Planning and Development. The BCRC-Caribbean is a member of a global network of twenty-six (26) independent regional and coordinating centres established under the Basel and Stockholm Conventions. Pursuant with Decision VI/3 of the Basel Convention, the BCRC-Caribbean has five (5) core functions: Training, Technology Transfer, Information dissemination, Consulting and Awareness raising. The work of the centre is focused on addressing the priority needs of the countries being served while balancing the priority areas identified and work programme outlined by the Conference of the Parties (COP). Both the BCRC-Caribbean and the NTA have agreed to drive workforce development initiatives for the development of the industry through the establishment and operation of a Sector Advisory Committee (SAC).

The MOU formalizes the collaboration whereby the BCRC-Caribbean will provide the technical expertise to develop the sector map and identify the skills gap and the priority occupational areas where training is required. The BCRC-Caribbean will work with the NTA towards the certification of candidates through Centre approved training providers.

Additionally, persons who are skilled but uncertified may seek certification through Prior Learning Assessment & Recognition (PLAR) through an established Workforce Assessment Centre (WAC). This strategic alliance provides for an industry driven approach to meeting the workforce competency needs within the Waste and Chemicals Management sector. "The development of recycling industries within the waste and chemicals sector provides an ideal opportunity for Trinidad and Tobago to progress and diversify the economy" says Dr. Ahmad Khan, Director of the BCRC-Caribbean. "Civil society groups and small business owners will be able to take advantage of new opportunities to be created in waste conversion and repurposing."

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