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NTA SIGNS MOU WITH FIAAC



Presentation of MOU. Front row, from left to right: Mr. Chunilal Roopnarine, President, Federation of Independent Apiculture Associations and Cooperatives (FIAAC); Mr. Mohamed Hallim, Vice President, Agricultural Society of Trinidad and Tobago; Mr. Steve Arman, Chief Executive Officer, National Training Agency and Mrs. Elenor Rampersad David, Projects Manager, National Training Agency.

Back row, from left to right: Mr. Saifuddin Tijani, Director, Trinidad and Tobago Beekeepers Association; Mrs. Annette Daire, President, Trinidad and Tobago Bee Keepers Association; Mr. Sean Carrera, Director, Federation of Independent Apiculture Associations and Cooperatives (FIAAC); Mr. Bede Rajahram, Vice President, All Trinidad & Tobago Apiculture Cooperative Society and Mrs. Marva Lewis, President, All Trinidad & Tobago Apiculture Cooperative Society.

The National Training Agency (NTA) had the pleasure of signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Federation of Independent Apiculture Associations and Cooperatives (FIAAC) on Friday 24th February 2017. The MOU represents an alliance and an expression of interest in participating in the cooperation of activities related to Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) and human resource development of the Beekeeping industry in Trinidad and Tobago.

The signing of the MOU emerged out of the 8th Caribbean Beekeeping Congress which was held in Tobago during the period 12th to 16th September 2016 where a resolution was passed endorsing the Caribbean Vocational Qualification (CVQ) as the qualification to be offered in this industry.

FIAAC comprises the Association of Professional Beekeepers of Trinidad & Tobago (AOPB), the Tobago Apicultural Society (TAS), the Trinidad and Tobago Beekeepers Association (TTBA), and the All Trinidad and Tobago Apiculture Co-operatives Society Limited (ATTAC). Both the NTA and FIAAC have agreed to nominate representatives, primarily comprising senior personnel from industry and training institutions who will drive workforce development initiatives for the sector through the establishment and operation of a Sector Advisory Committee (SAC).

The MOU formalizes the collaboration between FIAAC and the NTA to identify the skill gaps and labour shortages in key occupational areas in the sector. These workforce needs will be addressed through training and certification in order to positively impact the development of the human resources. This will ultimately increase the production, harvesting and processing of honey and other bee products more skillfully and thus improve the quality of production in the sector.

The strategic alliance provides for an industry driven approach to meeting the competency needs of the labour force. This initiative is timely against the background of falling energy revenues and the macroeconomic need to focus on diversification efforts for economic recovery and sustainability.



Workers inspecting a Langstroth's beehive where bees built their honeycomb in frames that can be removed, inspected, and moved about with ease.

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