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Inter-Agency Committee formed to promote and monitor the UNCRPD and National Policy on Persons with Disabilities

The Ministry of Social Development and Family Services is continuing to make strides in ensuring that all persons with disabilities are given the opportunity to lead fulfilling lives and reach their fullest potential through the formation of a new *Inter-Agency Committee* established to promote and monitor the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD) and the National Policy on Persons with Disabilities.

Members were presented with their letters of appointment by Permanent Secretary Jacinta Bailey-Sobers, on behalf of the Honourable Camille Robinson Regis, Minister of Social Development and Family Services during a brief ceremony which took place on March 16, 2020 at the Ministry's Head Office, St Vincent Street, Port of Spain.

During her brief remarks, PS Bailey-Sobers thanked the members for their willingness to serve on the committee and assured them that the Ministry stands ready to assist them in achieving their mandate, to further ensure that no one is left behind. Mrs. Bailey-Sobers also urged members to not view their appointments as just another committee to serve on, but rather, to use their knowledge, experience and expertise to achieve the mandate outlined in the committee's terms of reference.

The Inter-Agency Committee, which will serve for a period of two (2) years, will comprise of the following Members:

- Ms Sharon Rogers, Director, Disability Affair Unit, Ministry of Social Development and Family Services (Chairman)
- Ms Rosa-Mae Whittier, Director, International Affairs Unit Ministry of Labour and Small Enterprise Development
- Dr Natalie Dick, Consultant, Department of Paediatrics, Eric Williams Medical Sciences Complex
- Ms Mary Bastien, Guidance & Counselling Coordinator, Ministry of Education

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- Ms Lynette Mansingh, Acting Senior Human Resource Officer, Ministry of Housing and Urban Development
- Mr Rabindranath Jogie, Ag. Chief Technical Officer, Ministry of Works and Transport
- Mr Ian Rampersad, Director, International Law and Human Rights Unit, Ministry of the Attorney General and Legal Affairs
- Ms Natasha Lewis, Technical Vocational Teacher
- Mr Jason Clarke, Social Services Officer
- Mr Kenneth Surratt, Executive Officer, Trinidad And Tobago Blind Welfare Association
- Ms Jacqueline Leotaud, President, Consortium of Disability Organisations
- Ms Dana Smith, Trinidad and Tobago Association for the Hearing Impaired

Representatives of the Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs and Division of Health and Social Services (Tobago House of Assembly) also form part of the Committee.



Permanent Secretary Jacinta Bailey-Sobers presents the letter of appointment to Mr Kenneth Surratt, Chief Executive Officer of the Trinidad and Tobago Blind Welfare Association.

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