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### **New Management Committee to focus on Best Care for Persons with Disabilities**

Port of Spain: Minister of Social Development and Family Service, the Honourable Camille Robinson-Regis, commended the work of the Management Committee established to manage the National Enrichment Centre(NEC) for persons with disabilities; and encouraged the members to “secure a better life for those who are most vulnerable” in our society. The Minister was addressing stakeholders of the community of persons with disabilities at a Stakeholder Consultation which was organized by the Management Committee to disclose their vision and mission for the NEC which took place earlier today.

According to Minister Robinson-Regis: The painstaking efforts of parents of persons with disabilities to ensure that their children receive the best care possible as well as the daily sacrifices that persons who work with persons with disabilities make, provides the Ministry with the impetus to do its part to secure a better life for those who are most vulnerable. The Minister indicated that the NEC would be operationalized soon where therapeutic and related services would be provided. She encouraged robust contributions at the consultation and expressed that her hope was to see outcomes that would have long-term interests for an enhanced quality of life for persons with disabilities.

Following the Minister’s address, members of the Management Committee introduced themselves and the Committee Chairman, Jacqueline Leotaud presented the Committee’s vision, mission and strategies to ensure that their mandate was fulfilled.

The session which was facilitated by Dr. Beverly Beckles at the National Centre for Persons with Disabilities, continued with suggestions and recommendations by the audience, towards consensus on the vision and mission and ultimately, strategies to ensure the full operationalisation of the National Enrichment Centre.



*Minister of Social Development and Family Services, the Honourable Camille Robinson-Regis takes a photo with the Management Committee of the National Enrichment Centre following the Stakeholder Consultation for the Community of Persons with Disabilities. Also in the photo is Deputy Permanent Secretary, Ms June Bell (left).*



*Minister Robinson-Regis shares a light moment with Bhawani Persad, Vice President of the Consortium of Disability Organisations and President of Persons Associated with Visual Impairment (PAVI)*

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