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Minister Cox meets with Minister of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs to speak on exchange opportunities for the social sector

Minister of Social Development and Family Services, Senator the Honourable Donna Cox, today paid a courtesy call on Minister of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs **Senator the Honourable Dr. Amery Browne** at his office today in St Clair Circle, St Clair. The meeting forms part of the Minister's ongoing strategy to form alliances and strategic partnerships with other Government Ministers to facilitate timely interventions which will assist and support individuals and families when necessary.

“It is a great joy and honour to collaborate with my friend and former Parliamentary colleague, Dr. Amery Browne. We share many common interests in foreign affairs, as we both served Trinidad and Tobago abroad” said Minister Cox.

Among items discussed and highlighted were opportunities for exchange programmes and initiatives, as well as issues which may have implications for social development responsibilities in Trinidad and Tobago. According to Minister Cox: “The meeting also provided an opportunity to discuss how closer relationships could be established with foreign counterparts, as we seek to adopt best practices in social services, particularly in the area of digitization”.

Dr Browne in turn, thanked Minister Cox for the opportunity to expand existing relationships between both Ministries. “This morning, Minister Cox and I had very fruitful discussions in which we explored opportunities for technical cooperation and other initiatives that could be established through greater partnership with our Diplomatic Missions abroad. We look forward to advancing these conversations in the months ahead.”

The Ministry of Social Development and Family Services remains committed to proactively exploring opportunities to ensure that *no one is left behind*.

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