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TTSEC Hosts 2nd Investor Education Roadshow in Sangre Grande

Trinidad and Tobago Securities and Exchange Commission (“TTSEC”) in collaboration with the Sangre Grande Regional Corporation and Financial Sector Stakeholders hosted its 2nd **Investor Education (IE) Community Outreach Roadshow** on **Wednesday 19 March, 2025, at the Duranta Community Centre, Sangre Grande**. Under the theme “*Empowering Communities Through Financial Literacy and Investor Education*”, the roadshow aims to equip members of the public with the knowledge and resources necessary for them to make wise financial and investment decisions.

In his opening remarks, Vice Chairman of the Sangre Grande Regional Corporation, Councillor Nassar Hosein, made the point that financial literacy is no longer a luxury but rather a necessity. He told the audience that in today’s fast-paced world, managing money wisely is key to securing our futures. Adding, “*Yet many of us have not been taught how to budget effectively, invest wisely, or avoid financial pitfalls. This lack of knowledge often leads to poor financial decisions, unnecessary debt, and, in some cases, financial hardship*”.

He further emphasised, “*As a regional corporation, we recognise the need to build strong, resilient communities, and financial literacy plays a fundamental role in achieving that goal. A financially educated community is a thriving community-one that can make informed decisions about saving, investing, and wealth creation*”.

Providing an overview of the TTSEC’s Investor Education Programme, Ellen Lewis, Manager of Corporate Communication and Education, underscored to participants that with the right knowledge, our communities can benefit from financial independence, opportunities for wealth accumulation, and a reduction in economic vulnerabilities.

She explained that at the heart of the TTSEC’s mission, is the commitment to not only support individual growth but to build stronger, more resilient communities.

Ms. Lewis urged the public to view the Commission, “*as the umpire for the investment world in Trinidad and Tobago*” with a mandate to make sure that companies and people who sell investments, like stocks and mutual funds, follow the rules and are honest with the public.

As the regulator of the local securities industry, the TTSEC protects investors by:

- *Making sure investment companies tell the truth about their products.*
- *Checking that businesses and people selling investments are playing fair.*
- *Warning the public about scams and bad investment deals.*
- *Reaching people how to invest wisely and safely.*

Participants benefitted from informative presentations on money management, financial planning and investing and learnt how to address complaints about their savings, investments and other financial products.

Presentations were delivered by: Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago; Trinidad and Tobago Stock Exchange, Securities Dealers Association of Trinidad and Tobago and Mutual Funds Association of Trinidad and Tobago.

In addition to the education session, there was an open air exhibition involving:

- Ministry of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries
- Ministry of Sport and Community Development
- Ministry of Youth and National Service
- National Entrepreneurship Development Company Limited
- Trinidad and Tobago Stock Exchange Limited, and the
- Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago - Office of the Financial Services Ombudsman.

Next stop in the TTSEC's Investor Education Community Outreach Roadshow Series, is Tobago and thereafter West Trinidad. The series was launched in the Central district on November 20, 2024, to bring education on financial planning and investing to individuals at the community level.

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About the TTSEC: The TTSEC is governed by the Securities Act Chapter 83:02 and is responsible for overseeing the securities market and ensuring that fairness, equity and transparency remain common values in the marketplace. Our vision is to be an innovative regulator of a thriving securities market, enabling economic development for the benefit of all.

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