



Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago
Ministry of Digital Transformation

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MINISTRY OF DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION LAUNCHES D'HUB CHALLENGE

The Ministry of Digital Transformation (MDT) is pleased to announce the launch of its Developers' Hub (D'Hub) Challenge, a contest for local developers registered in D'Hub, to create digital solutions that address critical public sector, social, economic, and environmental needs in Trinidad and Tobago.

In the first series of the challenge, digital solutions are being sought for: the Ministry of Finance - Customs and Excise Division, the Ministry of National Security -Immigration Division, the Ministry of Health, TTPOST, and the Environment Management Authority.

The challenge will offer developers unique opportunities to develop innovative ideas, business models, and digital solutions that address noise pollution management, personal health monitoring, tracking your passport application online and more.

Participating developers can also look forward to monetary awards at two stages of the Developer's Hub Challenge:

1. At the Concept Award Stage, up to three (3) developers or small developer teams (per challenge) can receive an award for their proofs of concept.
2. At the Implementation Stage, one (1) developer or small developer team (per challenge) could potentially receive an award to be disbursed upon achieving agreed-upon milestones over a six-month period.

Interested developers can find the details about each challenge on the D'Hub website here: <https://dhub.mdt.gov.tt/dhub-challenges/>.

In order to register for D'Hub challenges, developers must be Trinidad and Tobago citizens who are residents in the country and registered members of D'Hub.

Deadline for submission of digital solutions for the D'Hub Challenge will close on 21st August, 2023. Local developers are invited to register for D'Hub beyond this date.

About the Developer's Hub

The Developers' Hub (D'Hub), launched in June 2023 is an online ecosystem of resources and opportunities for collaboration and currently has 344 registered members and counting.

The Ministry invites local developers, regardless of their level of expertise, to become members of the Developer's Hub.

As a member, one can enjoy an array of services such as training, access to developer tools, and monetary awards through the Developers' Hub Challenges.

In the near future, members can look forward to additional programs and services, including Innovation Spaces, Incubator and Accelerator programs, Networking Opportunities and a Marketplace.

By fostering an environment of collaboration and innovation among local developers, the Ministry aims to bolster the digital economy and transform Trinidad and Tobago into a leading digital nation.

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About the Ministry of Digital Transformation:

The Ministry of Digital Transformation is committed to propelling Trinidad and Tobago into a technologically advanced era, benefiting citizens, businesses, and the economy as a whole. The Ministry operates under three key pillars: Digital Society, Digital Economy, and Digital Government. These pillars form the foundation of the Ministry's mission to digitize information, streamline processes, and catalyze business and strategic transformation through digital technology. The focus areas include ensuring affordable access to ICTs for all citizens, growing the ICT Sector's GDP contribution through collaborative efforts, and enhancing government services and operational efficiency.

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Charting the Digital Course: Senator the Honourable Hassel Bacchus, Minister of Digital Transformation, engages local developers with a charismatic presentation on the Developers' Hub and its pivotal role in the national digital transformation initiative. A moment of connection, inspiration, and shared vision for our digital future.