



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

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### **GOVERNMENT UNVEILS DEVELOPERS' HUB (D'HUB) INITIATIVE** **D'HUB INTENDED TO REVOLUTIONIZE THE LOCAL SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY**

**PORT OF SPAIN: June 21, 2023:**

*"Our Vision is that within the next few years, our country will boast a Software Industry that is internationally acclaimed for its Quality, Creativity, and Reliability, as we build the brand: 'Made in Trinidad and Tobago, for Trinidad and Tobago and the World'"*

*Senator the Honourable Hassel Bacchus, Minister of Digital Transformation*

The Ministry of Digital Transformation unveiled the innovative Developers' Hub Initiative, branded as D'Hub, designed to empower the software development community across Trinidad & Tobago. The new initiative was introduced during a media launch event on Tuesday June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023, which was followed by a special hybrid session of in-person and virtual participants of the local software developer community.

In delivering the feature address at the launch, Minister of Digital Transformation, Senator the Honourable Hassel Bacchus defined Digital Transformation as: "A new way to address the end-to-end delivery of goods and services to Customers, using appropriate Digital Technology." He emphasised that one of the main responsibilities of the Ministry of Digital Transformation is the creation of an enabling digital ecosystem, where end-to-end transactions and services can be conducted and completed online, and with the end result being "No Wrong Door" for customers wishing to access Public Services.

D'Hub, at its core, serves as a digital ecosystem fostering collaborative innovation in the creation of bespoke mobile and web solutions specifically designed for the public sector. Its primary objective is to augment the scope, functionality, and superior quality of both existing and forthcoming e-services dedicated to the needs of citizens and businesses alike.

By pioneering this new era of digital services, D'Hub aims to expedite the delivery of these services nationwide, catalysing the acceleration of digital adoption across the country. This initiative underscores the Ministry's commitment to fuelling digital transformation in the public sector, ensuring citizens and businesses have seamless access to top-notch, innovative digital services.

Through this concerted effort, the Ministry can enhance the quality of life and improve the economic vitality of Trinidad and Tobago by pushing the boundaries of digital service provision, in line with the national strategy. D'Hub is a digital haven where creative minds meet to craft digital solutions that make a meaningful difference in the lives of citizens and the growth of businesses.

The launch event also featured representatives from foreign partners, who have a wealth of experience in developing and deploying digital transformation services internationally, and shared their invaluable insights into the process, while emphasising the power of collaboration in creating transformative digital solutions. Speakers included:

- Mr. Sergio Rios, Chief of Operations, IDB, Trinidad and Tobago
- Ms. Ieva Žilionienė, Lead Consultant, NRD Companies

The government anticipates that D'Hub will attract a considerable cohort of local and aspiring developers over the next three years with the aim of creating a mechanism through which members can develop exportable, technical mobile and e-services expertise and solutions, increasing the contribution of this Sector to GDP, while expanding the reach of local talent on the global stage.

D'Hub represents a pivotal step towards embracing the digital economy, by investing in a future that shines brightly with the promise of digital excellence and enhanced economic prosperity.

For more information on, or to register to participate in, the Developers' Hub Initiative, persons may visit the D'Hub website at <https://dhub.mdt.gov.tt>.

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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.



**Bridging the Gap:** Devindra Ramnarine, Digital Transformation Advisor, Ministry of Digital Transformation addresses members of the local software developer community during a special hybrid D'Hub Q&A session for in-person and virtual attendees.

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**Driving Change:** Sergio Rios, Chief of Operations for the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) in Trinidad and Tobago, shares his insights with the audience at the Developers' Hub launch, underscoring the significance of this milestone in our digital transformation journey.





**Partnership of Experience:** Representatives from the Ministry of Digital Transformation, iGovTT and NRD Companies (Lithuania) embody the spirit of collaboration at the heart of the Developers' Hub.

*Pictured from left to right: Julius Zubé, Deputy Head of the Consultancy Division, NRD Companies; Wendell Mitchell, National Chief Digital Officer, Ministry of Digital Transformation; Inshan Meahjohn, CEO, iGovTT; Ieva Žilionienė, Consulting Business Lead, NRD Companies; Senator the Honourable Hassel Bacchus, Minister of Digital Transformation; Charles A. Carter, Chairman of the Board of Directors, iGovTT; Charles Bobb-Semple, Deputy CEO, iGovTT; Devindra Ramnarine, Digital Transformation Advisor, Ministry of Digital Transformation; Dorian D. Dyer II, ICT Manager, Ministry of Digital Transformation.*

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**Meet the D'Hub Development Team:** (L-R) Daniel Saunders, Front-End Developer; Rajeev Harripaul, Digital Transformation Associate; Jacques Pierre, Web Developer; Jordan Lake, Digital Transformation Associate; Dorian Dyer II, ICT Director; Brandon Joseph, Associate Professional; Derryck Joseph, Front-End Developer; Josh De Freitas, Associate Professional, Janelle Kowlessar, Project Manager

Not pictured: Marcus Rawlins, Business Systems Analyst; Thion Lord, Content Strategist and Jamie Lee Yuen, Project Comms. Specialist



**Future in Focus:** A group of local developers keenly follows the Developers' Hub discussion - the promising potential of the next generation in our digital transformation journey.

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