

**OPENING REMARKS: "Partnering with You for a New Economy"**

**Delivered by Kelly Bute, CEO BATT 17.01.11**

The Minister of Finance, the Honourable Winston Dookeran,  
The Governor of the Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago, Mr. Ewart Williams,  
Mr. Dennis Evans, President of the Bankers Association of Trinidad and Tobago,  
Mr. Richard Young, Vice President of the Bankers Association of Trinidad and Tobago,  
Board Members of the Bankers Association of Trinidad and Tobago,  
Colleagues at the Head Table,  
Officials of Government Ministries,  
Members of the Media,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,

Good Morning and welcome to the Breakfast Launch of the Bankers Association of Trinidad and Tobago's first ever Banking Week. I am Kelly Bute-Seaton, Executive Director of the Bankers Association of Trinidad and Tobago and your Master of Ceremonies for today's proceedings. It is with great honour that I address you this morning.

Banking Week is jointly hosted by the members of the Bankers Association of Trinidad and Tobago, commonly referred to as BATT, which includes the RBTT Bank, Republic Bank Limited, Scotiabank Trinidad and Tobago Limited, Bank of Baroda Limited, Intercommercial Bank Limited, First Caribbean International Bank Limited, First Citizens Bank Limited and Citi Bank Trinidad & Tobago Limited.

The major objective, of what we hope, will be the first of many similar initiatives, is to create greater awareness of the Association, provide expert advice on matters related

to the financial sector and impart knowledge on key issues related to the economic development of Trinidad and Tobago. As such we thought the title: "Partnering with you for a new economy" to be most suitable for this year's event, as we believe that it is through collaboration we can achieve good client relations, become more innovative and facilitate in the development of a healthy economy.

Ladies and gentlemen, it is my hope that you will be indeed enlightened by today's presentations and the series of different activities we will be hosting throughout Trinidad and Tobago this week. It is now my pleasure to introduce to the podium to deliver his Welcome Remarks, a well established and recognized business leader in the corporate world, local, regional and international and the President of the Bankers Association of Trinidad and Tobago, Mr. Dennis Evans. Welcome Mr. Evans.