



EUROCHAMTT

## Historic First Meeting and Courtesy Call



***From left to right: René Sperber, Collier Morrison Belgrave Limited and Ubergreen Foods; Reena Panchorie, Head UK Trade and Investment, British High Commission; H. E. Hédi Picquart, Ambassador of France; H. E. Jules Bijl Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands; Marie Louise Norton-Murray, current President, EUROCHAMTT; Dr. Michael Freudenberg, Counsellor / Deputy Head of Mission, German Embassy; H.E. Arend Biesebroek, Ambassador/Head of Delegation of the European Union Delegation to Trinidad and Tobago; Mr. Oriol Solà Pardell, Deputy Head of Mission / Consul, Embassy of Spain; Jeré K. Andrews, Trinidad and Tobago Shuttle Services Limited; Rebecca Cockburn, RMC Language Consultancy; Ingrid Simon, Interior Harmony Co. Ltd.; Tamara Bujharan, Founding Member, EUROCHAMTT***

New resident European Union Ambassador to Trinidad and Tobago, His Excellency Mr. Arend Biesebroek paid a courtesy call yesterday October 11<sup>th</sup> at 15.00, to the European Business Chamber in Trinidad and Tobago (EUROCHAMTT) at our offices located at the Alliance Française,

Ambassador Biesebroek was accompanied by European Union Member States in the photo above making this truly a historic visit for EUROCHAMTT since while EUROCHAMTT works with each member state mission, all the EU member states missions had not come together before in the interest of EUROCHAMTT business.

After introductions, Ambassador Biesebroek opened the discussions explaining the EU's emphasis on fostering partnerships with Governments and private sector and invited EUROCHAMTT and the other member states to consider how we could move to a more formal and unified approach to addressing the needs of business.

EUROCHAMTT President suggested we could finalise and share our draft strategy paper which would indicate the needs of members and our priorities and programmes for support/ partnership. EUROCHAMTT President also praised the former practice in which the EU Delegation hosted regular meetings of trade attachés and suggested the meeting could be used to share information from EUROCHAMTT.

The Ambassadors were also interested to know the extent of relations with the CARICOM Secretariat and other European Business Organisations in CARIFORUM. EUROCHAMTT President explained that Dominican Republic had the EuroCamara de la República Dominicana and that EUROCHAMTT could work with them for regional initiatives. There are also similar organisations across South and Central America.

The meeting ended with all confirming the interest to work more closely together in the interest of strengthening EU investment and business in Trinidad and Tobago and even the wider Caribbean.

The European Business Chamber in Trinidad and Tobago (EUROCHAMTT) is a non-profit membership driven organisation promoting European business interests in Trinidad and Tobago. EUROCHAMTT was registered on February 21st, 2013 and provides market access support to EU businesses and professionals, facilitates networking and partnerships, provides advocacy and engages in special projects to improve the trade and investment environment. EUROCHAMTT also supports Trinidad and Tobago businesses and professionals seeking to gain access to European partners and opportunities for doing more business with Europe.

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