

A CALL TO PORT

Australia, America, Canada, Singapore, Egypt, Saudi Arabia and Columbia are just a few of the countries which have taken the decision to invest in their port infrastructure. The realization that a modern, efficient and logistically sound facility is necessary to keep up with the times and to remain competitive has caught many an Authority on the backfoot and caused them to scramble into action.

Trinidad, it seems, requires more of a push. The Downtown Owners and Merchants Association (DOMA) is the latest to call for action. Via a press release on Wednesday 27 June 2012, the Association proposed that \$40 million, (a fraction of what countries worldwide are spending), could alleviate the current problems at the PPOS and save thousands of directly related jobs.

According to DOMA, the country has lost the confidence and business of major shipping lines and as such tarnished the international reputation of the island. Taking advantage of the familiarization period of the new Minister of Trade, Industry & Investment, Mr. Vasant Bharath, the Merchants' Association hopes to plead their case in an effort to end the period of economic loss due to port inefficiency.

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CUSTOMS REFORM SUB-COMMITTEE ON BOARD



Our Customs Reform sub-committee is on stream!

In the works is the finalization of the anticipated SATT Customs Reform Document.

Once completed, it will be circulated to the Membership for feedback. Upon finalization, the document will be presented to the Comptroller of Customs & Excise Division.

We hope to affect change to benefit you, our members and the industry at large.



SATT MEMBERS ENGAGE IN Q&A SESSION



On Friday 22 June 2012, our members gathered to discuss legislation pending before Parliament.

In a forum designed to facilitate change; SATT members along with the Maritime Services Division, Senior Legal Advisor Mr. Brent Williams, discussed pending shipping legislation and ways to possibly make the laws more relevant to today's ever evolving shipping industry.

Participants were able to get an appreciation of the legislative and drafting processes and constraints. Members were urged to communicate their concerns to the Secretariat to allow for greater lobby and advocacy.

We look forward to your invaluable input!

