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Reigning Miss World Caribbean pays courtesy call on the Minister of Social Development and Family Services

Port-of-Spain --- Minister of Social Development and Family Services, Senator the Honourable Donna Cox, today, received a courtesy call from reigning Miss World Caribbean, Ms Tya-Janè Ramey. The meeting took place at the Ministry's Head Office on St Vincent Street in Port-of-Spain. Ramey was accompanied by National Pageant Director, Brian Gopaul and Melissa Figueroa.

During the visit, Minister Cox and the Miss World team spoke passionately about the significance of the competition to Ramey, as well as, the overall opportunity for personal and professional development of all women and girls, that the pageant provides. Gopaul highlighted that the pageant was not only invaluable to the participant's empowerment, but also that the *Beauty with a Purpose* segment, provided contestants with an international platform to generate greater awareness and support for community-based initiatives; inclusive of the eradication of social injustices and inequality. To this end, Ramey, who holds a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work and Social Policy, was able to expound on the plans and progress of her project to date, which focuses on, inter alia, relief efforts for Venezuelan migrants in this country.

Also discussed with the Minister, were some of the upcoming *Beauty with a Purpose Projects* to be undertaken by each contestant of the Miss World 2021 in January. The Minister was pleased to endorse the thrust of the Miss World Beauty with a Purpose Initiative, as many of the projects aligned well with the Ministry's core objectives of helping, empowering and transforming the lives of the most vulnerable in Trinidad and Tobago.

Minister Cox commended the Miss World TT team for their dedication and fervour to date, and indicated that she would do her best to accommodate the pageant's efforts in its overall plans for the revitalisation of the national social services sector.



Minister of Social Development and Family Services, Senator the Honourable Donna Cox, meets with reigning Miss World Caribbean, Tya-Janè Ramey.



Minister Cox meets with Miss World Caribbean Ms Tya-Janè Ramey and Miss World Trinidad and Tobago's Brian Gopaul and Melissa Figueroa.

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