

The Ministry of Tertiary Education
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Thinking Global, Acting Local:

The Changing Realities
of Higher Education and Training



“Thinking Global, Acting Local: The Changing Realities of Higher Education and Training” was the theme of The Accreditation Council of Trinidad and Tobago’s (ACTT) 2nd International Conference on Higher Education and Training. The conference provided a forum for forty-one (41) international and one hundred and seventy-six (176) local higher education personnel to share internationally best practices, present research findings and review recent developments impacting on higher education and skills development.

The conference spanned three days and featured an exceptional cadre of local and international speakers who presented on the following topics:

- **Professor Ulrich Rauch**, Professor, The Learning Centre, University of Trinidad and Tobago **“Learning Analytics: From Buzzword to Implementation”**
- **Julio Eduardo Orozco Perez**, Director, of Sustainable Tourism, Association of Caribbean States **“Meeting the Labour Market Demands: Increasing Relevance in Education and Training”**
- **Professor Asha Singh Kanwar**, President and Chief Executive Officer, Commonwealth of Learning **“The Impact of Online and Distance Education on the Development of Higher Education and Training”**
- **Dorothy Wax**, Associate Vice-President for Operations, Council for Adult and Experiential Learning **“Competency Based Education: Promises and Challenges”**
- **Francisco Marmolejo**, Tertiary Education Coordinator, The World Bank **“The Changing Realities of Higher Education: Perspectives from the World Bank”**
- **Nicole Smith**, Research Professor and Head Economist, Center on Education and the Workforce, Georgetown University **“Aligning Programmes with Labour Market Needs”**
- **Stephen Jackson**, Director of Quality Assurance, Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education **“Transnational Education in Trinidad and Tobago”**

At the formal opening on April 15, 2015, Michael Bradshaw, Executive Director, ACTT presented a paper entitled: **“Diversity in Higher Education and Training: The Quality Imperative.”** In addition, Senator the Honourable Fazal Karim, Minister of Tertiary Education and Skills Training (MTEST) delivered the keynote address entitled: **“Beyond participation: Building the Global Citizen.”**

Also, at this ceremony, ACTT signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education (QAA). The QAA is the body charged with the responsibility of monitoring and advising on standards of quality in higher education in the United Kingdom. This MoU allows for the establishment and promotion of international best practices in quality assurance systems governing education and training locally.

The conference concluded with a closing ceremony and dinner on **April 17, 2015** at the Port of Spain Ballroom, HYATT Regency, Trinidad. Rampersad Mootilal, Director, Energy Training Institute of Trinidad and Tobago, UTT delivered the feature address.



Senator the Honourable Fazal Karim, Minister of Tertiary Education and Skills Training, signs a Memoranda of Understanding with Michael Bradshaw, Executive Director, ACTT and Dr Stephen Jackson Director of The Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education (QAA) with Amroodeen Ali, Permanent Secretary of Tertiary Education and Skills Training and Dr Michael R Dowlath, Chairman, ACTT. At Hyatt Regency Trinidad.



Senator the Honourable Fazal Karim, Minister of Tertiary Education and Skills Training presented a commemoration plaque to Dr Stephen Jackson Director of The Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education (QAA) at the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding at ACTT’s 2nd International Conference. Looking on (L to R) Michael Bradshaw, Executive Director, ACTT, with Amroodeen Ali, Permanent Secretary of Tertiary Education and Skills Training and Dr. Michael R Dowlath, Chairman, ACTT.



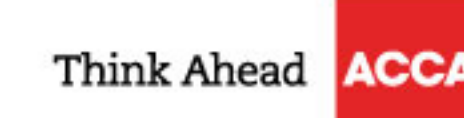
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