



PORT OF SPAIN LETTER

On the occasion of the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the foundation of the Inter-American Centre for Knowledge Development in Vocational Training of the International Labour Organization (ILO-CINTERFOR), the representatives of the member agencies and institutions of the network coordinated by this Centre reaffirm their commitment to support the ILO in the strengthening of vocational skills, as a key factor in achieving the objective of decent and productive work, in conditions of freedom, equity, security and human dignity.

We are aware that the ILO's Governing Body has repeatedly expressed its recognition of our contribution to knowledge management, South-South and Triangular Cooperation, knowledge sharing, and technology transfer in the field of vocational training.

We share and support the ILO's strategy of putting into practice its Resolution concerning skills for improved productivity, employment growth and development (ILC, 2008), the effective application of Recommendation 195 concerning Human Resources Development (2004) and the mandates stemming from decisions on the Global Jobs Pact (2009), the recurrent discussion on employment (2010) and the youth employment crisis: A call for action (2012).

In signing this Letter, we reaffirm our wish to strengthen our partnership with the ILO and that the participation of governments, employers and workers organizations, through social dialogue, is crucial for skills and sustainable enterprises development.

We thank the authorities of the Ministry of Tertiary Education and Skills Training, the Ministry of Labour and Small and Micro Enterprise Development and the National Training Agency of Trinidad and Tobago, as well as their officials, who have made this meeting possible and offered us their warm and generous hospitality.