

Minister Dookeran pays Official Visit to Guatemala to sign Partial Scope Trade Agreement



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Caption: Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Honourable Winston Dookeran. (Photo courtesy tt.parliament.org)

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The Honourable Winston Dookeran, Minister of Foreign Affairs departed Trinidad and Tobago on Thursday 5th February, 2015 to pay an Official Visit to the Republic of Guatemala during which he will sign the Partial Scope Trade Agreement between Trinidad and Tobago and Guatemala.

The Agreement will be formally signed today, Friday 6 th February, 2015 by Minister Dookeran and His Excellency Carlos Raúl Morales Moscoso, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Guatemala during a Signing Ceremony, and will be followed by a Press Conference.

Negotiations for a Partial Scope Trade Agreement between the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago and the Republic of Guatemala commenced in Port of Spain during the period 11th to 13th April, 2012, and was finalised on 13th August, 2013 by both parties.

The Agreement was subsequently certified by CARICOM. The Agreement will provide exporters and service providers of Trinidad and Tobago with access to new markets for their goods and services, and will allow for a number of products and services from Trinidad and Tobago to enter the Guatemalan market at either reduced or zero tariffs.

During the absence of Minister Dookeran, Dr. the Honourable Surujrattan Rambachan will perform the duties of Minister of Foreign Affairs.

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