



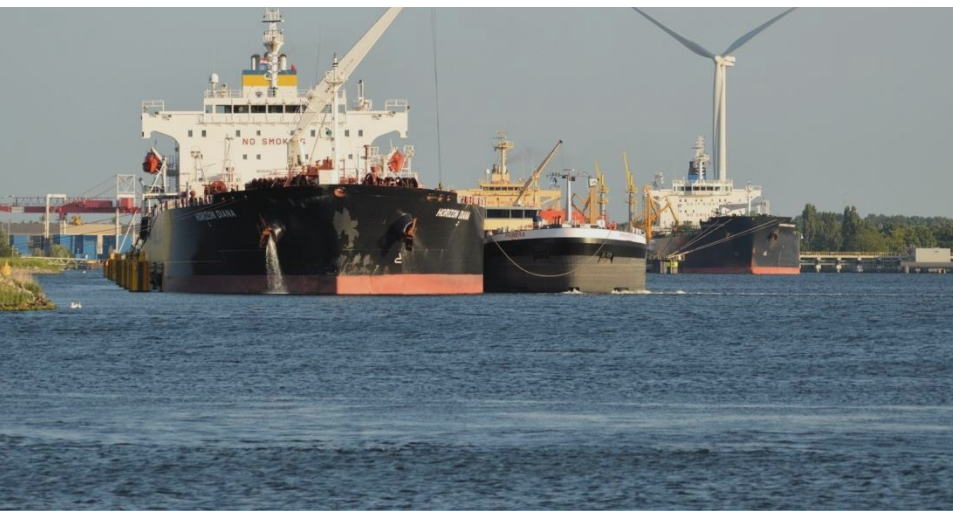
SELECT BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN TRINIDAD & TOBAGO

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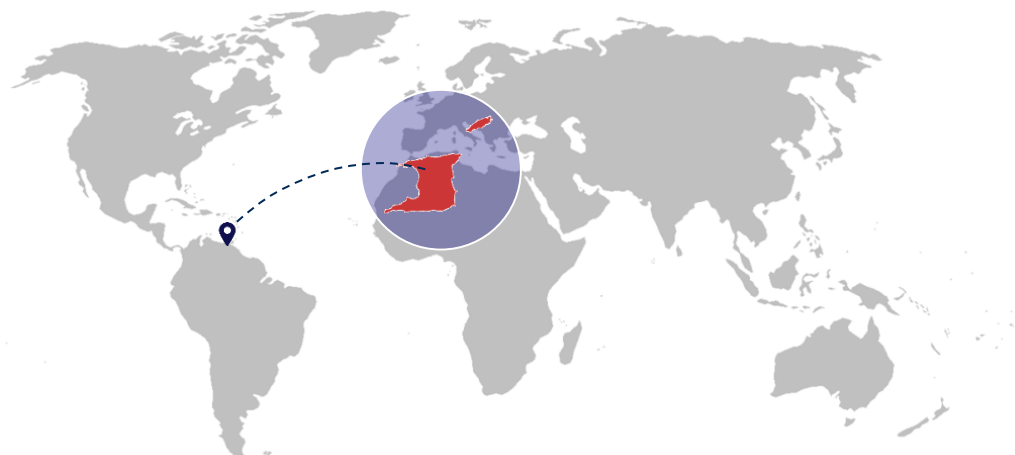
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Create business linkages
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A nighttime aerial photograph of a coastal city in Trinidad and Tobago. On the left, a tall, modern building with a grid of lit windows stands prominently. The city's lights spill out towards the sea, where a busy port area with cranes and shipping containers is visible. In the background, a range of mountains is silhouetted against a dramatic sky with streaks of pink and purple light from the setting or rising sun. The overall scene captures the vibrant urban life and industrial activity of the region.

Trinidad and Tobago Overview

Country Facts



Population



1.4 MILLION



GDP
(Nominal)

US\$ 23 BILLION

(Central Bank of Trinidad & Tobago, 2018)



14 National
Holidays

Exclusive of Carnival
Monday & Tuesday



Capital

PORT-OF-SPAIN



Time Zone
GMT -4



Area
5,131 km²



Language
ENGLISH



Government Type

**Unitary Parliamentary
Constitutional Republic**



Prime Minister

**DR. THE HONOURABLE
KEITH ROWLEY**



President

**HER EXCELLENCY
PAULA-MAE WEEKES**



Population
Growth

0.03%



Labour Force
627,600
(Q2 2018)



Literacy Rate
98.8%



Currency

TTD



Exchange
Rate US\$

TT\$ 6.7819



Headline
Inflation

0.9% (Feb 2018)

Major Exports: Crude Oil, Liquefied Natural Gas, Asphalt, Petrochemicals(Methanol, Urea, Ammonia)

TRADE AGREEMENTS

- CARICOM Common Market
- CARICOM/ EU Economic Partnership Agreement
- CARICOM / Cuba
- CARICOM/Venezuela
- CARICOM/Colombia
- CARICOM/Costa Rica
- CARICOM/USA
- CARICOM/Dominican Republic
- Trinidad and Tobago/Panama
(Partial Scope Agreement)

KEY SECTORS





LOCATION



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Two islands located at the southern tip of the Caribbean island chain. Ideal location at Latitude 10° 20' 00" and Longitude 62° 00' 00" W with access to North and South American markets

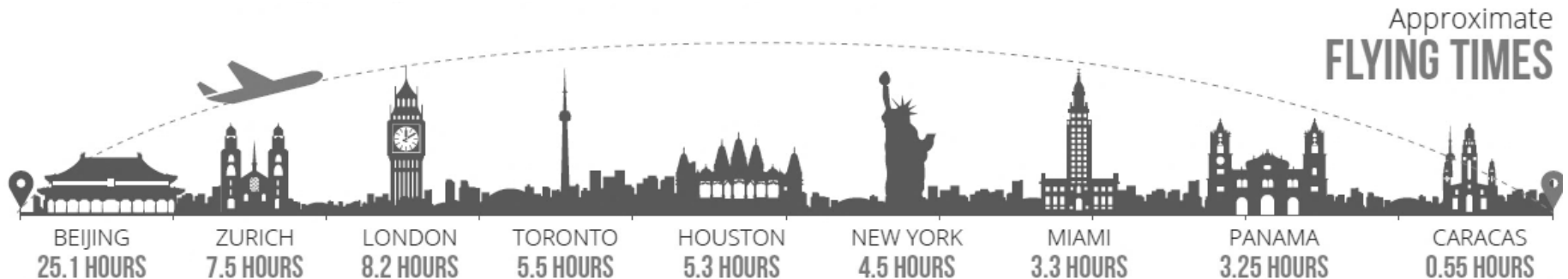


BELOW THE HURRICANE BELT

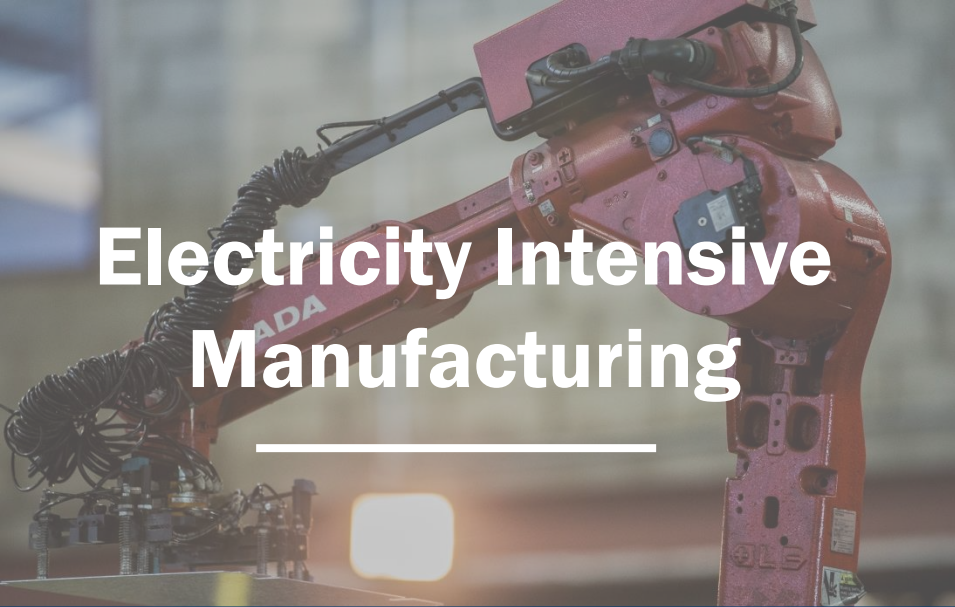
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO: MARKET ACCESS



Trinidad and Tobago has direct flights from Miami, Fort Lauderdale, New York, Newark, Houston, Toronto and Panama.



Trinidad and Tobago has two international airports. The Piarco International Airport (Trinidad) and the A.N.R. Robinson International Airport (Tobago). There is also a regular air service, or air bridge, between Trinidad and Tobago.

A red industrial robotic arm with black cables and mechanical components, positioned in a factory setting.

**Electricity Intensive
Manufacturing**

A large stack of colorful shipping containers in shades of blue, red, and purple, with some labeled 'HAMBURG' and 'SÜD'.

Investment Opportunities

A large white and black offshore supply ship with a crane, sailing on a body of water with a wind turbine visible in the background.

**Offshore
Transshipment**

A black headset with a flexible boom microphone, set against a solid purple background.

**Voice Contact
Centre**

Definition

- Any industry that makes products using raw materials and/or energy intensive inputs.

Opportunities

- Food, Beverage & Tobacco Product Manufacturing.
- Pulp Manufacturing, Printing, and related support activities.
- Inorganic chemicals, organic chemicals (e.g., ethylene propylene), resins, and agricultural chemicals; includes chemical feedstocks

Why Trinidad & Tobago?

- Our electricity costs are the second cheapest in the western hemisphere (starting at US 0.03 c per KWH).
- With regional and international preferential access to over 1.2 billion people via trade agreements.
- Trinidad and Tobago is strategically located at the “heart” of the Americas and serves as a gateway to Latin America, the United States and Canada.

Comparative Cost of Utilities

Conversion Used: US\$1.00 to TT\$6.785

Comparative Costs of Utilities (US\$)	Electricity (kWh)	Water (Cubic Meter)	Prepaid Mobile (2015 Monthly)	Fixed Broadband (2015 Monthly)
Trinidad and Tobago	0.07	0.56	16.50	12.50
Barbados	0.25	3.89	28.10	38.80
Jamaica	0.23	1.42	8.50	29.00
El Salvador	0.16	4.58	13.80	24.90
Honduras	0.21	4.86	14.10	22.00
Costa Rica	0.15	2.75	3.90	14.70
Mexico	0.07	1.47	8.10	17.30
Panama	0.21	0.34	12.60	16.60
Guatemala	0.12	0.75	27.40	32.50
Colombia	0.14	1.13	13.30	35.20
Brazil	0.15	2.50	11.90	31.20
Dominican Republic	0.21	0.98	14.00	19.00
Guyana	0.29	0.03	13.10	46.80
Honduras	0.21	4.86	27.00	34.40
Source	World Bank Doing Business 2018	fDi Intelligence	2017 The Little Data Book on Information and Communication Technology	2017 The Little Data Book on Information and Communication Technology

Definition

- A logistics hub is a centre or specific area designated to deal with activities related to transportation, organization, separation, coordination and distribution of goods for national and international transit, on a commercial basis by various operators.

Opportunities

- The setup of a third party logistics hub which will provide integrated logistical solutions to a local and regional market.
- Domestic market potential.

Why Trinidad & Tobago?

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- Trinidad and Tobago is strategically located at the “heart” of the Americas and serves as a gateway to Latin America, the United States and Canada.
- Developed Port Infrastructure and 2nd most developed road network in the Caribbean.



The Port of Port of Spain

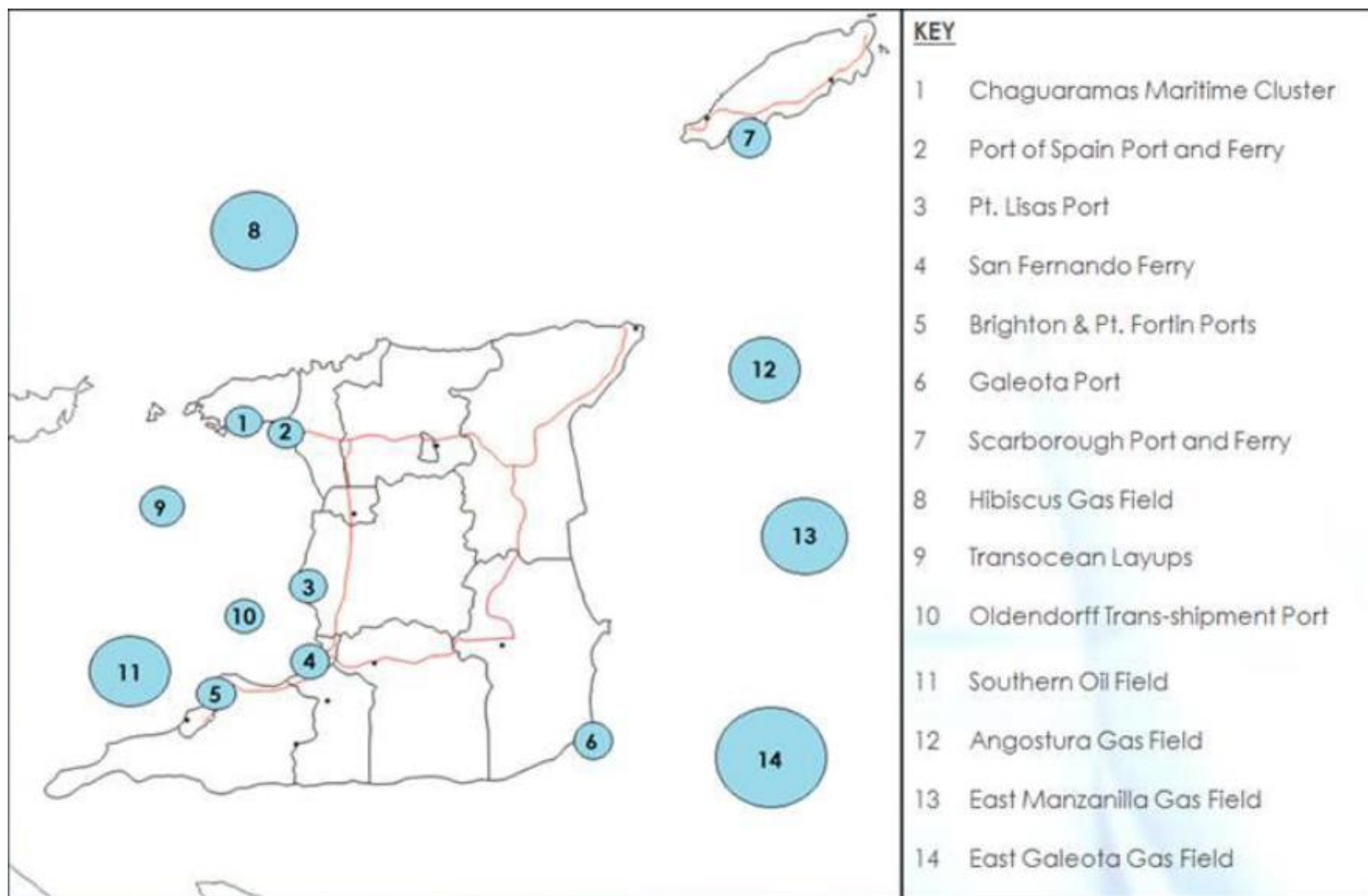
A natural harbour on the sheltered north western coast of Trinidad, the Port of Port of Spain is ideally positioned to service the major sea lanes between the Americas, the islands of the Caribbean and the trading links between the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans via the Panama Canal. The Port of Port of Spain (PPOS) is the cargo handling business unit of the Port Authority of Trinidad and Tobago. PPOS provides berthing for international container vessels, breakbulk, roll-on/ roll-off, dry and liquid/bulk cargo vessels, as well as towage services, container freight services and warehousing, and a one stop barrel shop for clearance and delivery of personal effects.



Port Point Lisas

Port Point Lisas is located in the Gulf of Paria halfway down the west coast of Trinidad, 32 km south of Port of Spain. Trinidad lies about 20 km north of Venezuela. Its location between North and South America allows easy convenient connections to all major shipping routes. With its strategic location, the port is often referred to as the "Gateways to the Americas" catering for containerized cargo from the U.S., Europe, United Kingdom and the Far East. Port Point Lisas is a multipurpose cargo facility operating on a 24/7 basis. With its six commercial berths (Nos. 1, 1A, 2, 3, 4 and 5) the port handles a wide range of traffic including dry and liquid bulks, containers, general cargo and break bulk servicing both the individual and business sectors alike. The port also has expertise in handling project cargo, mainly for new plants on the adjacent industrial estate.

Maritime Landscape



Definition

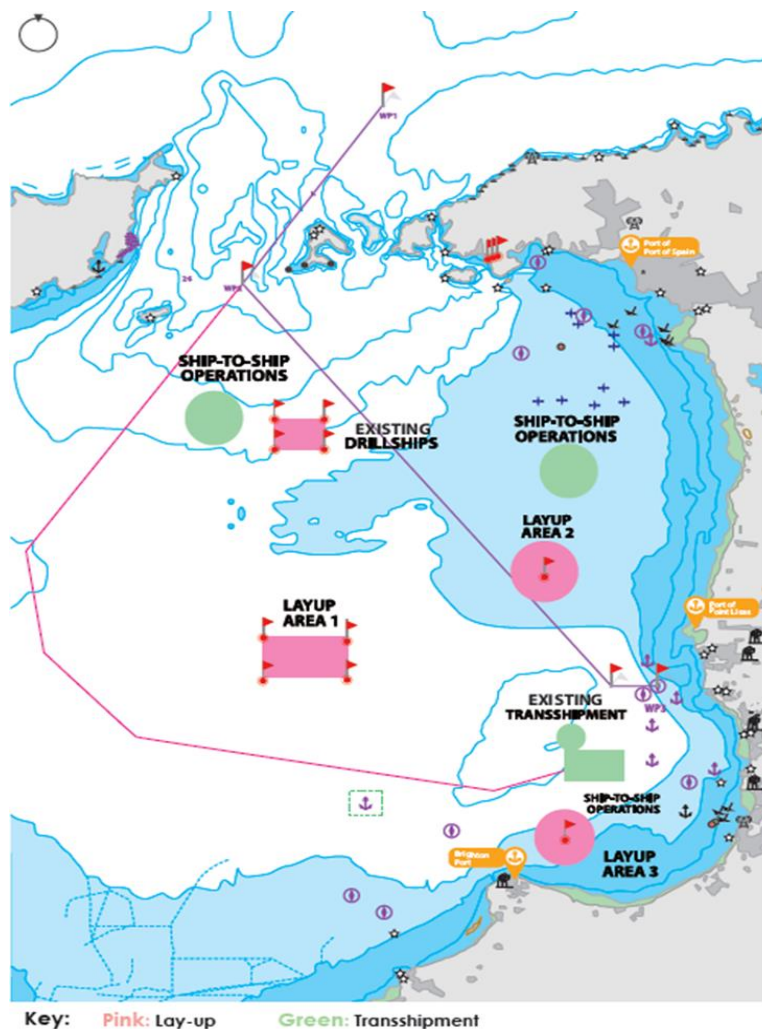
- The set up of a ship to ship transfer operation within a pre-designated location within the Gulf of Paria, Trinidad and Tobago.

Opportunity

- Companies who are engaged in the commodities industry in South America are experiencing significant issues getting ores and other minerals to destination markets.
- This is primarily due to insufficient and aging port infrastructure and fluctuating river drafts that makes it almost impossible to load large vessels in those areas.

Why Trinidad & Tobago?

- Proximity to source markets.
- Large naturally sheltered deep harbour.
- Developed maritime infrastructure as well as industry support mechanisms.



Fee Structure for Transshipment Operations

The discharging ship will be charged a flat fee of US \$500.00 Dollars for each STS operation while a fee of US \$0.10 (US Ten cents) per metric ton will be levied on all outgoing Bills of Lading (associated with the vessel named on the outgoing Bill of Lading).

Rates as of January, 2019 (Subject to change).

Definition

- Ships, which are temporarily idle due to lack of cargo or which are temporarily phased out of commercial operations.
- Ships are laid-up when freight rates are not sufficient to cover the running costs.
- During times of economical crisis laying-up is often preferred to the sale of the ship.

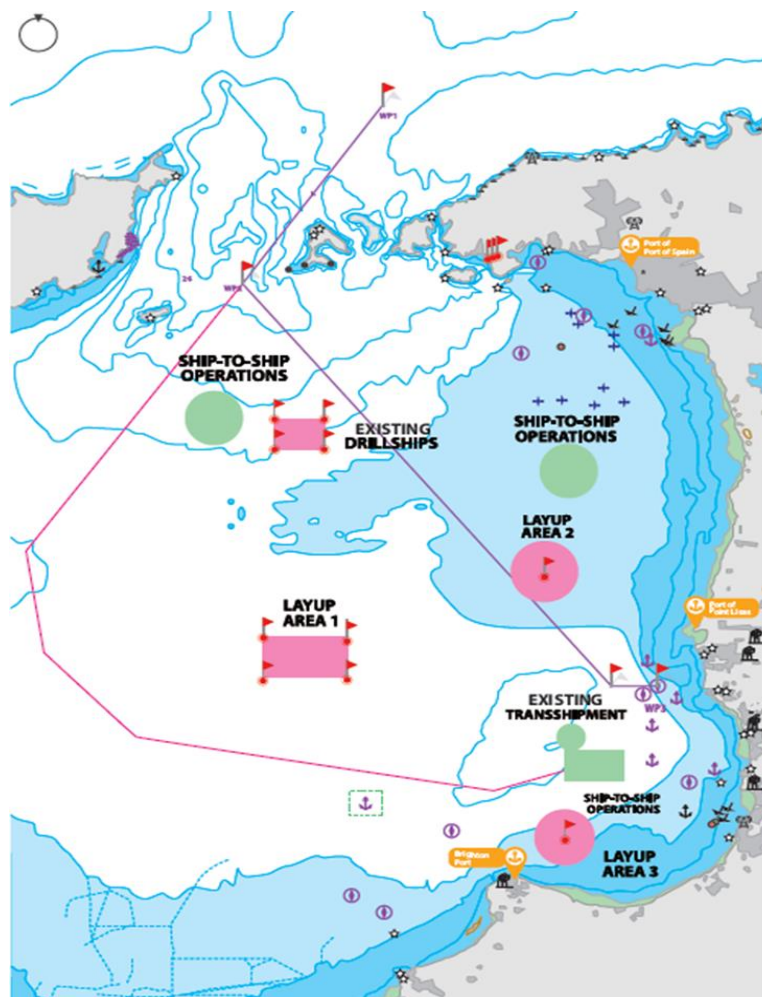
Opportunity

- Cold lay-up: Suitable for vessels up to five (5) years out of service.
- Warm Lay up: Suitable for vessels up to twelve (12) months out of service.

Why Trinidad & Tobago?

- Large naturally sheltered deep harbour
- Hurricane safety record
- Developed maritime infrastructure
- Industry support mechanisms

Approved Zones & Fee Structure



Key: Pink: Lay-up Green: Transshipment

Fee Structure for Layups

Lay-Up fees are calculated based on the gross tonnage of the vessel at a rate of 0.021 US Dollars per Gross Ton per day or a minimum of US \$400.00 dollars per day, whichever is greater.

Rates as of January, 2019 (Subject to change).

Definition

- A contact centre is a central point from which all customer interactions are managed across various channels.
- Its primary purpose is to provide customers with efficient and effective technical support, customer service and sales assistance.

Opportunity

- The setup of a 200-300 seat English Voice customer service and technical support operation to service existing clientele in the North American market.

Why Trinidad & Tobago?

- Unsaturated labour pool readily available for hire and wages are comparable to other nearshore destinations at approximately US\$550 per month.
- Developed telecommunications infrastructure.
- Cultural affinity to the United States.
- Multiple international flights.

InvesTT commissioned an Online Labour Market Study (May 24th, 2018)

This was done in order to refresh data from previous studies completed by Avasant Advisory Services in 2012 and PricewaterhouseCoopers Advisory Services in 2015.

Participants:	1,322
Currently Unemployed:	45.82%
Transport:	61% (Public Transport)
Minimum Education:	57.35% (High School)
Computer Skills:	87.9% rated themselves as good/excellent
Customer Service Rep:	<u>US\$500.00 to US\$750.00</u> (depending on experience)



Investment/ Business Landscape



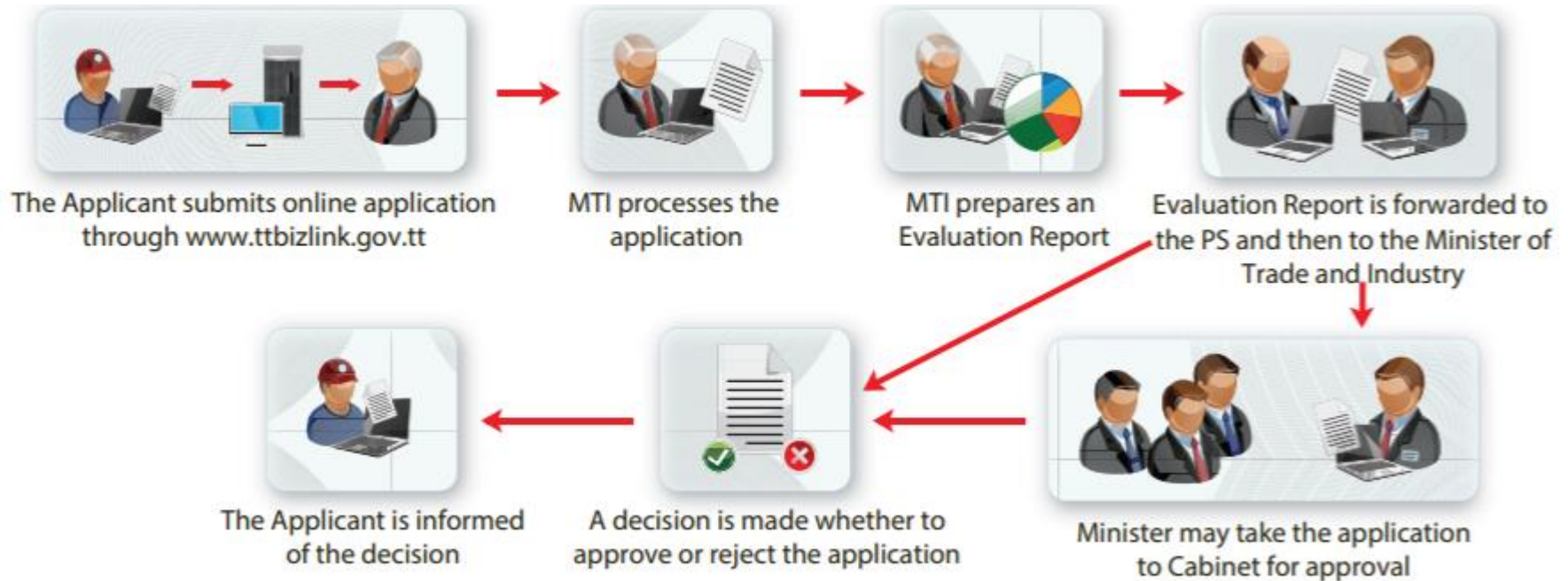
Incentives



Enables companies resident in Trinidad and Tobago to apply to the Minister of Trade and Industry (MTI) for the grant of approved enterprise status for its products and/or services.

- Exemption from Customs duties;
- Exemption from Value Added Tax (VAT);
- Exemption from income tax on dividends or other distribution, other than interest, out of profits or gains derived from the manufacture of the approved product during the tax holiday period.

Fiscal Incentive Application Process





Modernizing the current Free Zone regime into a new Special Economic Zones framework:

- To modernize Trinidad and Tobago's economic/free zone regime
- To increase the economic and social impact of economic zones in Trinidad and Tobago
- To enhance the international appeal of Trinidad and Tobago's economic zone regime
- To improve existing and advance new mechanisms and procedures to effectively develop and manage economic zones



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