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Government Honours its Commitment CPO Commences Wage Negotiations

April 1st 2022, Port of Spain: Acting on instructions given by the **Minister of Finance**, the Honourable Colm Imbert, the Chief Personnel Officer, Commander Dr. Daryl Dindial wishes to advise that wage negotiations with all Public Service Associations/Unions have commenced on **March 28th, 2022** at the Personnel Department's Office, No. 3 Alexandra Street, St. Clair, Port of Spain.

The **Chief Personnel Officer** is expected to meet with some eleven (11) Unions/Associations in the coming weeks, to engage in negotiations for revised terms and conditions for approximately **ninety (90,000) thousand employees** in the Public Service. Discussions began with members of the Protective Services (*Trinidad and Tobago Defence Force, Police, Prison and Fire Services*) on **March 28th 2022**, and the **Public Services Association (PSA)** on **April 1st 2022**. Discussions will continue with the Unions representing the daily paid workers on **April 4th, 2022** and the **Trinidad and Tobago Unified Teachers Association (TTUTA)** on **April 7th, 2022**.

As a precursor to the wage negotiations, the **Chief Personnel Officer** engaged in one-on-one discussions with the **Executive members** of the various **Unions/Associations**, to seek views and cordially discuss matters that will be presented during the planned negotiation period. As part of the inaugural meetings, **Unions/Associations** will be apprised of a review over the last decade and an outlook of Trinidad and Tobago, presented by the **Ministry of Finance**. It will include potential risks/outcomes and challenges being experienced globally due to geopolitical decisions and the existing pandemic.

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