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Panel Discusses Crypto Asset Regulation in Trinidad and Tobago

On September 5, 2023 Trinidad and Tobago's Central Bank (CBTT) and Securities & Exchange Commission (TTSEC) hosted a high-level panel discussion on <u>"Considerations"</u> in <u>Crypto Asset Regulation"</u>. The objectives were to advance public education and gather perspectives on an appropriate domestic regulatory framework for crypto assets.

Dr. Alvin Hilaire (CBTT Governor) made a case for <u>urgent legislative/regulatory reforms</u> to deal with the nascent crypto asset activity in Trinidad and Tobago.

Ms. Lystra Lucillio (TTSEC's Ag. CEO) outlined the reforms needed to allow for investor protection *where crypto assets were considered as securities*.

Mr. Mark Perreira (CEO of ZedLabs, a local fintech company) emphasized the importance of a regulatory environment that was *supportive of fintech innovations* in order to assure Trinidad and Tobago's competitiveness in these areas.

The discussion brought together a wide range of business and public sector professionals at the Central Bank's Auditorium, as well as the general public via *livestream*.