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MEDIA INVITATION

The Honourable Fitzgerald E. Hinds M.P., Minister in the Ministry of the Attorney General and of Legal Affairs cordially invites members of the media to attend a Public Consultation on the Decriminalization of Marijuana on Wednesday 8th May, 2019 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., San Fernando City Hall, Harris Promenade, San Fernando. For additional information please feel free to contact Ms. Asha Claxton, Communications Manager at 778-1260. All are asked to attend.

The flyer features the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago logo and the slogan 'AGLA... BRINGING THE PIECES TOGETHER'. The main text reads: 'SOUTH TRINIDAD Have Your Say! AT THE 4TH PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON THE DECRIMINALISATION OF MARIJUANA with the Minister in the Ministry of the Attorney General and Legal Affairs, The Honourable Fitzgerald E. Hinds Wednesday, May 8, 2019 • 1pm-4pm San Fernando City Hall, Harris Promenade'. The background shows a large marijuana leaf and a close-up of marijuana plants. At the bottom, there are social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube, and Google+, along with the text 'FIND US ONLINE:' and 'Ministry of the Attorney General and Legal Affairs'.



SOUTH TRINIDAD *Join Us!*

FOR THE 4TH PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON THE

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THE HONOURABLE FITZGERALD E. HINDS
MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF THE
ATTORNEY GENERAL AND LEGAL AFFAIRS



MARCUS RAMKISSOON
RESEARCH SCIENTIST AND
QUALIFIED CANNABIS EXPERT



DR. ANTHONY POTTINGER
GYNECOLOGICAL ONCOLOGIST AND
ADVOCATE FOR MEDICAL CANNABIS



SOUTH TRINIDAD *On the Panel...*

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FITZGERALD ETHELBERG HINDS was first elected to the House of Representatives under the banner of the People's National Movement in 1995, and served for 12 years as the Member of Parliament for the Constituency of Laventille East/Morvant.

Born in 1956, a young Fitzgerald Hinds answered his first call to serve in the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service in 1976. By 1981, he was appointed a training instructor, schooling recruits in the art of weapons and the martial arts. He took his fascination with the law and the dispensation of justice to the Queen Mary and Westfield College, University of London in 1988 where he earned a Bachelor of Laws Degree. In 1992, he obtained a Master of Laws Degree, specialising in Government and Constitution, and the Legal Education Certificate from the Hugh Wooding Law School in 1995.

Mr. Hinds served in Opposition between 1995 and 2001. From 2001-2002, he served as Minister of State in the Ministry of Public Administration and Information and subsequently served as a Government member until 2004. During the 8th Republican

Parliament, he was appointed Minister of State in the Ministry of National Security and also in the Ministry of Trade and Industry.

When the PNM went into opposition in 2010, Mr. Hinds was appointed an Opposition Senator in the 10th Parliament, and up until 2013, was a strong and eloquent champion of the people's interests in the Senate. A deep caring for the disadvantaged drew from his sterling contributions to the Constitution Amendment Bill, the Equal Opportunities Bill, the Immigration Amendment Bill and the Homes for Older Persons Bill.

Following the PNM's victory in the September 2015 elections, Mr. Hinds was re-elected to the House of Representatives as the Member of Parliament for Laventille West in the 11th Parliament. He was then appointed to the position of Minister of Works and Transport. In November of 2016, he assumed the role of Minister of Public Utilities. Thereafter, in July 2017 he was appointed Minister in the Ministry of the Attorney General and Legal Affairs. To date Minister Hinds has debated over 15 Bills that range from the most recent Anti-Gang Bill to the The Appropriation (Financial Year - 2016) Bill, 2015.





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DR. ANTHONY POTTINGER

is a Gynecological Oncologist in Trinidad and Tobago that has done extensive research in the area of Medical Cannabis and has made significant efforts to educate the citizenry on the medicinal use of Cannabis in Trinidad and Tobago.

Dr. Pottinger holds a BSc in Tropical Agriculture, UWI 1982. MBBS UWI 1989, MRCOG UK 1996. FRCOG 2006. Dr.

Pottinger serves as a Member of the International Gynecological Cancer Society (IGCS) 1999, Member of the British Society of Colposcopy & Cervical Pathology (BSCCP) 1999, Member of the European Society of Gynecological Oncologist (ESGO) 2002 and has been practicing Gynecological Oncologist in Trinidad and Tobago since 2000.



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MARCUS RAMKISSOON is a citizen of Trinidad and Tobago. A Research Scientist by profession and degree, he has also done graduate studies in Chiropractic and Acupuncture within the U.S.A.

He is one of the highest qualified cannabis experts within the International industry by holding over 70 accredited cannabis certifications, inclusive of 43 Continuing Medical Education (CME) certifications, that are American Medical Association (AMA) approved and accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), as well as 30 Industry certifications from various Institutions; some of which are offered through his online school - The Caribbean Cannabis Institute.org.

He is a registered Cannabis Consultant and through his Company, CannaGreen Consultancy, has worked for various legitimate dispensary, cultivation and R&D operations internationally, as well as for the Government of Antigua and Barbuda where he recently was responsible for their Cannabis Act and 200 page regulations guiding their newly passed cannabis law.

He is the Director of the registered Research Facility in Trinidad, CannCure Labs., and has served as a Chief Technical Officer (CTO) for an Investment group based in Bermuda that operates in many areas of the industry.

Finally, he is the registered Owner of Ital Seeds Company Limited, a multi award winning cannabis genetics company.



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