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German Ambassador Dr Christophe Eick

German Ambassador returns to 'warmth of the islands'

Message from German Ambassador Dr Christophe Eick on the Day of German Unity

he German Embassy in Port of Spain and all Germans in TT are happy to celebrate today, with all Trinis, the Day of German Unity, our National Day.

Thirty-three years ago, on October 3, 1990, East and West Germany merged into one single country as a result of a peaceful revolution and bold political decisions. Many nations, including TT, stood by our side when we embarked on this peaceful transformation after the Cold War. For this we are eternally grateful.

Germany is proud to have been amongst the first countries to recognise TT as an independent and sovereign state in 1962. Just two months after gaining independence, Prime Minister Dr Eric Williams visited Germany, and photographs from the German archives show him in lively discussions with German officials.

On August 28 1963, Germany and TT entered into formal diplomatic relations, cementing a lasting friendship between our peoples.

As a junior diplomat, I was privileged to serve my country in this twin-island republic for more than three years, experiencing "the warmth of the islands." To return as German Ambassador to TT and special envoy for climate change issues in the Caribbean is indeed an honour.

Germany and TT face many common challenges. TT, like many other island states, is particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change. Rising sea levels, increased incidence of extreme weather events, flooding, drought and the degradation of coastal ecosystems pose a significant threat to livelihoods and the economy of this nation. However, Germany and Europe are no strangers to the effects of climate change, as extreme weather events on the European continent this year have shown.

There is no doubt that Germany, as an industrialised state, has contributed to climate change and bears a particular responsibility towards those who find themselves in the biggest trouble.

As TT takes charge of its own destiny, it can count on Germany and its ambition to bring about the changes needed to get us back on track to meet the commitments made in Paris in 2015.

Together, I am sure we can make progress on the path to a truly sustainable future for all.

You can follow me on X (formerly Twitter): @GermanAmbTTO





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Start of 60 years of diplomatic relations

r Eric Williams, TT's first prime minister, visited Bonn, Germany, in October 1962. In these photos taken on October 8, 1962, Dr Williams is received by State Secretary Carl Carstens, later Federal President, 1979-1984.

DAY OF GERMAN UNITY 20'

ifty years ago, on September 18, 1973, by New York's East River, two German states joined the UN.

This event was the result of a brief General Assembly resolution but it was anything except routine business in the world of diplomacy.

Almost three decades after the end of World War II, which Germany had begun, and the genocide of Europe's Jews that had brought immeasurable suffering to millions of people, this day marked a return of the "defeated enemy nation" to the international community.

We remain grateful for this return today - and we see it as an obligation

Germany's accession to the UN came 28 years after the organisation was founded. This accession stands for our acknowledgement of German culpability and our commitment to the principles of the UN Charter, to a world that relies on the strength of the law and not the tyranny of the strong. And September 18, 1973, stands for a deeply rooted understanding of German diplomacy.

German foreign policy must never limit itself to the protection of German interests. For 75 years, our Basic Law has imposed the requirement for our policy to "promote world peace in a united Europe."

This task and our 50 years of UN membership are more important now than ever - at a time when fundamental principles of the UN are being eroded. That is why we joined over 140 states in the General Assembly in advocating for the people of Ukraine and for the principles of the charter.

Under this charter every state has the right to live in peace,



Federal Chancellor Olaf Scholz (SPD) and Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock, make a statement after the general debate at the UN General Assembly where Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky was scheduled to speak at the UN headquarters for the first time since the beginning of the war against his country. PHOTO BY picture alliance/dpa_Michael Kappeler

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without having to fear that a stronger neighbour will attack.

It is clear that we are living in a different geopolitical reality than in the days of the Cold War. The opposition of an Eastern and a Western bloc is, fortunately, a thing of the past. Instead, a new multipolar reality is emerging in which we must organise cooperation.

More and more states with differing views seek to help shape the international order, and rightly so. It is past time that their voices were heard more clearly.

We therefore seek to strengthen our partnerships with all states around the world who value an international order based on rules and the law.

This order is no "Western ideology," as some now assert. On the contrary. It is rooted in the UN Charter and thus in the universal conviction that all states and all human beings have equal rights, regardless of how powerful they are, and that no state must ever again be allowed to attack a neighbour.

For us Germans, these principles are also a lesson learned from World War II and the atrocities that Nazi Germany inflicted on its neighbours.

We Germans therefore have a particular responsibility to strengthen the UN Charter. It is for this reason, too, that we are seeking to gain a seat on the Security Council for the year 2027/28.

Those who are calling into question this order have thus far failed to indicate what principles a better, more just order should be built on.

We want to build on what was created in 1945 and has been continuously developed since then. We know that this order is imperfect and that we must adapt it to our new world.

That means finally organising our international financial institutions, and health agencies, as well as the UN Security Council in such a way that our partners in Africa, Latin America and Asia have a suitable voice

It means putting the Sustainable Development Goals at the heart of the UN.

And it means showing more ambition in efforts to curb the climate crisis, the greatest threat of our time, with a clear road map for phasing out fossil energies And with solidarity for the most vulnerable states, who are particularly hard hit by the effects of the climate crisis.

But honest partnerships also mean critically examining our own actions.

This is why Germany has initiated the return of artefacts looted during the colonial era. Doing so will not heal all of the wounds of the past. But it is an important step in efforts to address our dark colonial history.

With our accession 50 years ago, we Germans made a promise to take on responsibility for the UN. Today, we do not merely stand by this promise. With our partners, we seek to find new ways to fulfil it in a changed world.

With courage and confidence. For a strong UN. For a better, more just future for everyone.



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MIC-IT celebrates a strong and long standing relationship with its German counterparts since 1994. Today, this strategic partnership continues with the Aachen Chamber of Crafts and Trades, the RWTH Aachen University and Bildungszentrum BGE Aachen in Germany.

It is through this alliance that MIC-IT's German-accredited National Skills Development Programme (NSDP) was born. At MIC-IT, our Trainees benefit from the German model of Dual System Training in sustainable programmes such as: Mechatronics, Solar/Photovoltaic Installation and Repairs, Mechanical Engineering Technology, Industrial Maintenance Technology and Electrical/Electronics Technology at the Journeyman and Master Craftsman/Technician Levels (Certificate and Diploma).

These sustainable programmes both at the Journeyman and Master Craftsman/Technician Levels (Certificate and Diploma) are further endorsed by Handwerkskammer Aachen (the Aachen Chamber of Skilled Crafts).



Commemorating the 33rd Anniversary of German Unification



60th-anniversary concert

To mark diamond jubilee of diplomatic relations between Germany, TT



The Karlsruhe Concert Duo, Reinhard Armleder (cello) and Dagmar Hartmann (piano) performed in TT in recognition of 60 years of diplomatic relations between Germany and TT.

n June this year, the German Embassy, in collaboration with the Academy for the Performing Arts, hosted a classical concert by Germany's renowned Karlsruhe Concert Duo at the University of TT.

Reinhard Armleder (cello) and Dagmar Hartmann (piáno) presented a selection of Romantic and 20th-century classical compositions by European musical geniuses such as Ludwig van Beethoven, Robert Schumann and Maurice Ravel, to name

On two occasions they were joined by Simon Browne (violin), assistant professor of music at UTT's Academy

for the Performing Arts, and concert master of the National Philharmonic Orchestra of TT.

Members of the TT Government, the diplomatic corps and invited guests as well as music students enjoyed a chamber-music recital of the highest stage. The audience was very appreciative of the exquisite performance and awarded generous applause.

While in Port of Spain, the Karlsruhe Concert Duo also shared their knowledge of music and musical performance with local music aficionados. Their master classes for cello and piano were well received by UTT students.

During their visit to Fatima

College, they met young music lovers who engaged them in a lively discussion about their musical journey.

This event is representative of the 60-year-old alliance between TT and Germany. For over half a century, Germany and TT have co-operated and supported each other, on both the national and the international stage. Our relationship has always been marked by mutual respect and

The German government, represented by the German Embassy in Port of Spain, is confident that this diplomatic journey with TT will continue to grow and to thrive, as it has in the past and for many years in the future.

German influence in TT's rich tapestry

T, a nation celebrated for its rich cultural diversity, has been shaped by the contributions of people from various nationalities.

Among them, Germans have played a significant role, seamlessly integrating and adding value to the nation's fabric.

Dr Axel Kravatzky, founder of Syntegra-360 Ltd, is a shining example of this German influence. His dedication to corporate governance and environmental sustainability has left a lasting

Syntegra-360, under his leadership, advises leaders on leveraging their brand and workforce to make a positive societal and environmental impact, all while ensuring profitability.
Syntegra-360's mission goes

beyond just business. With over 20 years of experience, it has guided corporate leaders and international institutions on their journey to achieving outstanding performance, ethical behaviour and responsible stewardship.

Having contributed to the establishment of the international consensus benchmark of good governance (ISO 37000), Syntegra-360 stands as a testament to how businesses can yield unexpected benefits when they align their purpose with sustainability.

In addition to his work with Syntegra, Dr Kravatzky has taken on a new mantle, serving as the president of the European Business Chamber in TT (EurochamTT) since May of this

EurochamTT is not just a business chamber: it's a platform



Dr Axel Kravatzk, founder of Syntegra-360 Ltd and president of the European Business Chamber in TT (EurochamTT)

that promotes sustainable business practices, fostering European-TT trade, investments, and collaborations that prioritise both profitability and sustainability.

On a personal front, Dr Kravatzky's life story intertwines with Trinidad's diverse narrative. He met his wife of 29 years, Prof Christine Carrington, while they were both studying in London, and their union symbolises the beautiful confluence of cultures and shared dreams

In celebrating the myriad contributions that have shaped TT, it's essential to recognise the roles played by various ethnicities, with Germans like Dr Kravatzky being a testament to the nation's inclusive and collaborative spirit.



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German 'cocoapreneurs' leverage power of partnerships

bergreen Foods Ltd was founded in 2013 and made its mission to source the finest organic and fair-trade cocoa from TT and supply these precious beans to international customers that craft artisan, fine-flavour chocolate products

The German co-founders, Rene Sperber and Tobias Schulze Frenking, take sustainability in the cocoa supply chain seriously and conceptualised a cluster programme, in response to the sector's challenges, that seeks to support local cocoa producers and chocolate-makers.

Its aim is to build capacity in environmentally friendly cocoa production and to capture value of cocoa processing here at origin, the birthplace of Trinitario Cacao. The cluster programme is funded by the IDB Compete Caribbean Partnership Facility, with significant contributions by the cluster members and the local private

For example, House of Angostura supported the construction of three cocoa nurseries which simultaneously serve as youth and farmer training centres. As a result of the project, Übergreen and other cluster members founded



Übergreen is one of the founders of the Original Trinitario Cocoa (OTC) Education Foundation, a registered not-for-profit entity, which offers training and a network to support the development and internationalisation of the local cocoa sector.

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Übergreen now employs seven local staff and seeks to leverage the power of collaboration through the creation of synergies between different cocoa supply chain actors.

A central pillar of the approach is to attract local talent for innovative

product development in the cocoa and chocolate industry and to develop export avenues for TT's chocolate products. Übergreen fills the gap to connect the local cocoa and chocolate sector with global institutions such as the Inter-American Development Bank that can foster international partnerships and commercial

opportunities.

Besides Übergreen's leading role in the OTC Foundation, the company launched an innovative product on the domestic market – Übergreen CBD chocolate, infused with premium CBD oil made from . THC-free industrial hemp from the United States, offering a gourmet chocolate bar with medicinal benefits.

Currently, the co-founders are exploring opportunities to export their flagship CBD chocolate to markets in the US and Europe.

In 2020, the Übergreen team identified another opportunity in offering advisory services in the field of sustainability, specifically in environmental, social and governance (ESG) matters, including climate finance, cluster development and digital storytelling, to support the budding sustainability movement in the Caribbean.

Find out more about Übergreen's mission and products at https://www. ubergreen.org and www. ubergreen-consulting.com

In 2022, Übergreen received the EurochamTT Sustainability Champion Award in the small and medium-sized enterprise category, recognising the company's work in TT in terms of positive environmental and social impacts and good governance practices.

> https://eurochamtt.org/ sustainability-championawards-2023/



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Semana Unidas / Unidas Week



La Semana de Unidas, Cali, Colombia, June 2023, featuring Unidas member from TT, Folade Mutota, among other Unidas members from Latin America, the Caribbean and Germany

Unidas

ver the past year we have expanded the Women's Network Connecting Latin America, the Caribbean and Germany Unidas across the English-speaking Caribbean, increasing membership in TT, and welcoming new members from Guyana, Barbados, Antigua and Barbuda, and St Kitts and Nevis.

Our new members bring a wealth of experience to Unidas in the key areas of women in executive leadership; economic empowerment; women and climate change; women in sports; women, peace and security; and women in politics.

In June, La Semana de Unidas 2023 (Unidas Week) was successfully held in Cali, Colombia, enabling members to develop and attain consensus for the annual Unidas work agenda and to participate in panel discussions on peace and security, migration, the climate crisis, access to justice and intersectionality.

Unidas Week reinstated the desire to maintain alliances among Latin America, the Caribbean and Germany and strengthened capacities for members' access to international co-operation.



Unidas advisory board member Asiya Mohammed, welcoming Unidas member from Barbados, Ytannia Wiggins in Barbados



Unidas advisory board member, Asiya Mohammed, welcoming Unidas member from St Kitts and Nevis Hazel Brandy-Williams, in Port-of-Spain.

Let's experience Trinitario cocoa

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ome and celebrate this year's World Cocoa and Chocolate Day with us at the Trinitario Ćocoa and Chocolate Fair, A Story of Trinitario Exhibition on October 7 from 11 am-4 pm at Medulla Art Gallery.

Indulge in the documentation of the Original Trinitario Cocoa Education Foundation (OTC) by Denise Speck, who came as a storytelling consultant from Germany to TT.

You will travel with her through pristine estates, meet the producers, and learn about the processes of chocolate making. Experience Trinitario cocoa with all your senses sample and purchase original fine-flavour Trinitario cocoa and chocolates!

There's no entrance fee, but the team appreciates donations for samples and the organisation of the event.

The art exhibition, A Story of Trinitario is open to the public from October 2-7 from 10 am-5 pm and showcases the narratives of the

The OTC is a not-for-profit organisation that acts as a catalyst for sustainable growth of the cocoa industry in the Caribbean, generating foreign exchange and offering diversified employment

throughout the value chain, including women, who already dominate artisan production locally.

The unique value of this initiative is the production of organic, low-cadmium fine-flavour cocoa with the pedigree of being from the

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home and cradle of original Trinitario cocoa. See you at Medulla Art Gallery, 37 Fitt Street, Woodbrook, Port of Spain.

MORE INFO: https://www.otctt.org https://www.bydenisespeck.com/ exhibition https://www.facebook.com/



Symbol of 60 years of German-TT diplomatic relations

his logo was designed by Tia Johnson In early 2023, then still a student in visual communications design at the University of TT, Ms Johnson won a nationwide competition to design it.

She describes her vision of German-TT relations:

"While I was designing this logo I wanted it to represent growth and unity. The individual numbers are filled with colours from their respective flags in an energetic and spirited manner to show that this dynamic relationship would continue to flourish, just like it did from the beginning.

"Each number has the national bird hidden within the negative space of the design, number 6 with Germany's eagle and 0 with TT's scarlet ibis. The two birds are positioned backs facing towards each other to display that they have each other's back for another 60-plus years.

The German Embassy is grateful to Ms Johnson for her magnificent composition.



Oasis by Andrea C Hoffe

German artist Andrea C Hoffer's exhibition

aradiso

y muse, the surrounding tropical landscapes of my adopted homeland

The inspiration for the title

Paradiso came from the epic narrative poem La Divina Commedia, from the Florentine author and philosopher Dante Alighieri, a term that symbolises both paradise and heaven simultaneously.



Having lived in this island for decades, there still exists a continuous feeling of living within a big garden which continues to impress with its natural spectacle of vegetative shapes and structures, the ever-changing kaleidoscope of colours of the sky and the varying blues in the ocean and ponds.

My paintings are an attempt to describe Tobago's beauty, but also its mysteries. I paint parallel to nature without trying to depict it. My work should convey a feeling of the surrounding, the natural phenomena, the transcendental atmosphere, mysterious night moods and complex water reflections.

Generally, my motifs are not searched for; I encounter them as I encounter a surrounding sujet, and often return to the point of interest to ensure what previously interested me always sparks the same interest.

My canvases, all prepared by myself, are never at random, but tailored precisely to each visionary idea; not every subject works on a larger-scale canvas. For example, the paintings Witness of Times and OASIS, currently in the exhibition, only work on largescale canvases, while a small-scale painting like The Veil of Night conveys the fascinating and mysterious romantic evening atmosphere of the Tobago's countryside, despite its relatively small size.

These varying and complex landscapes in the exhibition Paradiso are an attempt to describe the many facets of these natural phenomena Tobago offers, using the vocabulary of a painter.

Paradiso combines 11 landscape paintings, varying in size from extremely large to smaller

This exhibition can be viewed until October 24 at the Soft Box Gallery, 9 Alcazar Street, St Clair.

For more information contact 622-8610 or softboxgallery@gmail.com

As an artist, Andrea C Hoffer has been living and working between TT and Germany since 1998. Her artistic journey began at the Academy of Art, Dusseldorf, where she studied under the guidance of A R Penk, ultimately earning her masters in painting. Throughout her career, Hoffer has been represented by Galerie Frank Schlag & Cie. and Soft Box Gallery, showcasing her artwork in numerous solo and group exhibitions across Germany and Europe since 1994.

Best wishes to

the Government and People of the Federal Republic of Germany as they celebrate and observe this festive day of German Unification. 33rd Anniversary





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ngelos Charalabides (R), a representative of the German Chamber of Crafts and Trades, tours the MIC-IT workshop, during a November 2022 visit to oversee the final Journeyman Qualifying examinations for the Electrical/Electronics Engineering, Mechanical Engineering and Industrial Maintenance under the National Skills Development Programme (NSDP). Speaking to an MIC-IT trainee is Her Excellency Ute König, then-Ambassador of Germany to TT and general manager, Training and Industry Services, Dr Brian James.

German Chamber of Crafts and Trades. Evangelos Charalabides and Her Excellency, Ute König, then-Ambassador of Germany to TT, meet with members of MIC-IT board of directors and executive management during a visit in November 2022 to MIC-IT's head office in Macoya. As part of MIC-IT's Programme accreditation with the Aachen Chamber of Crafts in Germany, every year, the Chamber has been represented on MIC-IT's Examination Board and Audits and annually oversees the NSDP final examination's



MIC-IT Chamber of Crafts, Trades (Aachen) -long partnership in tech-voc training

Enhancing bilateral relations on the occasion of German National Day

commemorates the Day of German Unification, MIC Institute of Technology (MIC-IT) takes this opportunity to highlight the enduring and fruitful partnership between the German Chamber of Crafts and Trades in Aachen and the

This longstanding collaboration in technical and vocational skills training has played a pivotal role in fostering bilateral relations and facilitating knowledge and skills development in TT.

For many years, the German Chamber of Crafts and Trades in Aachen has been a beacon of excellence in technical education, renowned for its cutting-edge programmes and emphasis on practical skills development. Thus, recognising the importance of vocational education as a cornerstone of economic growth and social development, MIC-IT has over the years established a strong relationship with the Chamber to harness the expertise and experience of the renowned German institution.

The partnership has been instrumental in enhancing the quality and relevance of vocational education in TT, aligning it with international standards and best practices. Through faculty exchange programmes and staff fellowships, the two institutions have continuously tried to nurture a culture of innovation and knowledge sharing.

One notable achievement of this partnership has been the development of specialised vocational training programmes tailored to the needs of local industries.



MIC-IT Chairman, Professor Emeritus Clément Imbert, greets Her Excellency, Ute König, then-Ambassador of Germany to TT, during a courtesy visit to MIC-IT.

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Leveraging the German Chamber of Crafts and Trades' expertise in advanced manufacturing, mechatronics, renewable energy, electrical technology, electronics, mechanical engineering and construction, MIC-IT has successfully qualified many of its instructional staff at the master craftsman level. Thus, our instructors have been equipping our students/ trainees with the necessary skills to thrive in a rapidly evolving job market.

This has addressed the demand for skilled workers and has contributed to the overall economic growth and competitiveness of TT's industrial sector.

Furthermore, the collaboration has extended beyond the realm of education. Regular visits and exchange programmes between MIC-IT and the German Chamber have fostered cultural understanding and friendship, thereby promoting stronger relations and bonds between

the two institutions and nations.

As we celebrate German Unification Day 2023, we express our heartfelt appreciation to the German Chamber of Crafts and Trades, the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany in TT and by extension the German government, for their unwavering commitment to nurturing talent and strengthening vocational education in TT.

As the world becomes increasingly interconnected, it is imperative to continue investing in vocational skills training, fostering international collaborations and equipping our young workforce with the tools they need to succeed in the global economy.

Looking ahead, both institutions remain committed to expanding and diversifying this partnership.





Wild Fowl Trust president Molly R Gaskin speaks with students and residents at Mc Bean, Couva, Trinidad.



Wild Fowl Trust senior educator Jaleen West discusses climate change with students of Scarborough RC School, Tobago.

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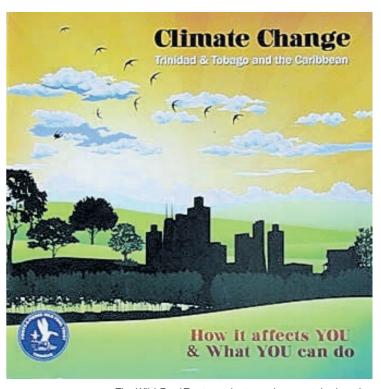
MOLLY GASKIN, PRESIDENT, POINTE-A-PIERRE WILDFOWL TRUST

he Pointe-a-Pierre Wildfowl Trust has been collaborating with the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany for several years.

This eighth collaboration has also seen innovative and captivating outreach programmes through the years, to both primary and secondary schools in TT, educating our students on the issues of climate change and how to mitigate and adapt.

This programme complements the trust's in-house environmental education and public awareness programmes. The trust also has a special programme for the differently abled which is unique and the only one of its kind in our hemisphere.

Also funded by the German Embassy, the trust has produced a booklet, Climate Change: Trinidad and Tobago and the Caribbean, and a supporting poster, which are distributed to the schools and communities to reinforce the information shared



The Wild Fowl Trust conducts environmental education and oublic awareness programmes and has produced a booklet and poster on climate change.









On this occasion we celebrate with the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany in Port of Spain 33 years of unification for Germany, and we honour 60 years of cooperation with Trinidad and Tobago.

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