

# PROCUREMENT BUZZ

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## Kids Sustainable Procurement Art & Essay Competitions Winners



On May 28 2022, the OPR honoured and recognized six talented young persons who topped the Office's first Sustainable Procurement Art and Essay Competitions for school-aged kids. These competitions were held in partial fulfilment of the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property Act, 2015 (as amended), to promote sustainable procurement and disposal of public property, and also in recognition of the United Nations' World Environment Day 2022.

Under the Office's Sustainable Procurement Campaign banner "Responsible Actions, Sustainable Results" the competitions ran from April 24 to May 16, 2022 embracing the U.N's theme of #OnlyOneEarth



On hand to deliver the feature remarks was Mr. Moonilal Lalchan, Chairman/Procurement Regulator, who was moved with the level of research conducted and talent of these 8-15 year olds. Also present was Ms. Tracey Rojas, member of the Procurement Board, judges and representatives of the Management team.

We congratulate all the participants on a job well done!



**Photo Caption:** (L-R) Mrs. Delrene Liverpool-Young, Corporate Secretary, OPR; Ms. Tracey Rojas, Member of the Procurement Board of Trinidad and Tobago; Reginald Mohammed - 1st Place Winner - Essay Competition; Ishana Dattadeen - 3rd Place Winner - Essay Competition; Sade-Marie Pierre - 3rd Place Winner - Essay Competition; Kaylee Archibald - 1st Place Winner - Art Competition; Luke Fridie - 2nd Place Winner - Art Competition; Mr. Moonilal Lalchan, Chairman/Procurement Regulator, OPR; Ms. Maurissa De La Rosa, Head, Capacity Development, OPR and Ms. Tamara Roy, Head, Corporate Communications, OPR. **Inset:** Jayda Ramjattan - 3rd Place Winner - Art Competition.

### Upcoming Events: Challenge Proceedings Sensitisation Sessions



In preparation for the full proclamation of the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property Act, 2015 as amended ("the Act"), the Office will host a two-day webinar for Public Bodies and Suppliers and Contractors to sensitise these stakeholders on the Challenge Proceedings, pursuant to Part V of the Act.

All Suppliers and Contractors are encouraged to visit the OPR's website via [www.opr.tt.org](http://www.opr.tt.org) to register for this session no later than Monday 8 August, 2022 by 4:30PM.

### OPR Department Highlight: Corporate Secretary



- Is the primary executive liaison between the Procurement Board and the OPR's Executive Management Team.
- Acts as advisor to the Board in general and to each individual Member, including the Chairman/ Procurement Regulator, on all matters related to ethics, governance and compliance.
- Operates as the voice of reason and governance conscience to ensure the Board and Management operate effectively while upholding OPR's Policies and good governance practices.
- Engages and communicates with institutional stakeholders and plays a pivotal role in objectively considering and assessing whether the functioning of the Board, and the issues placed before it, align with the agreed strategy of the organisation.



### Did You Know..That public procurement is one of the most corruption-prone areas within government activities?

This is because public procurement includes:

- A high volume of transactions
- High financial interests
- Complex processes
- Close interaction between public officials and businesses
- A multitude of stakeholders





**Get to Know the Procurement Board of Trinidad & Tobago:**



**Member: Tracey Rojas**

Tracey Rojas is a member of the Procurement Board of Trinidad and Tobago. She was appointed on August 13th, 2019 for a three year term.

**APPOINTMENT ACCORDING TO ACT:**

She was appointed pursuant to Section 10 (1) (g) of the Act which states "a member with qualifications and experience in any other field relating to procurement."

**TRACEY ROJAS AT A GLANCE:**

- Tracey holds a Bachelor of Laws (Hons) from the University of the West Indies, a Legal Education Certificate (LEC) from the Hugh Wooding Law School and an LLM in International Commercial Law and Practice (Merit) from the University of Edinburgh.
- Tracey is a member of and is actively engaged in charitable service with community and religious based organisations.
- She is also a certified Mediator and Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators.

Click [here](#) to read her full biography on our website.

**OPR Continues Virtual Sensitisation Sessions**



During the period April to June 2022, the Office participated in seventeen (17) Sensitisation Sessions and stakeholder meetings, including Ministry of Health and Regional Health Authorities, UWI & RBL World of Work Programme 2022, Accreditation Council of Trinidad and Tobago Board, Office of the Attorney General and Ministry of Legal Affairs, Children's Life Fund Authority/ Ministry of Health, Pilotage Authority of Trinidad and Tobago.

**Procurement Depository Update**



The OPR continues Phase Two of the Procurement Depository for previously registered Suppliers.

As of June 30th 2022, 1063 Suppliers have commenced the registration process. The OPR received 522 requests relating to the Depository and was able to close off 514 requests thus achieving a 98 % closure rate.

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