



Achieving the Vision

STRATEGIC PLAN OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO 2007 - 2010



FROM THE CHAIRMAN



I am pleased to submit the Environmental Commission's 2007 – 2010 Strategic Plan. The development of this plan began in March 2004 when the Environmental Commission with the assistance of the Government Information Service developed a Communication Strategy to inform the public of Trinidad and Tobago of the role, functions and jurisdiction of the Commission.

The Strategic Plan launches a new mission and vision for the Environmental Commission. The mission statement: The Environmental Commission shall, in a fair, accessible, effective and efficient manner, resolve disputes arising within its jurisdiction, impartially and consistently to protect the rights of citizens while being cognizant of the need for balancing of economic growth with environmentally sound practices. The vision statement: The Environmental Commission, a superior court of record, will be known to all as a court characterised by excellence, which

strives to attain justice for all through the rule of law. The Court will be easily accessible, using effective case management methodology and information technology. The Court will be recognised as a leader in achieving sustainable development through its decisions.

The Strategic Plan builds on what we have learnt over the past six years about how the Court has been functioning and outlines through the goals it has identified how we intend to fulfil our mission and achieve our vision for the Environmental Commission over the next three years.

In order to plan with focus and transparency, we have developed five major goal statements. These broad statements provide a framework for the period 2007 – 2010. With these goals we can organise and maximise our resources to accomplish our objectives. These goals are:

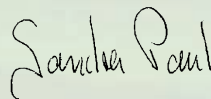
1. Improve Access to Justice in the Environmental Commission.
2. Fully maximise the use of the Environmental Commission by fostering effective relationships with and providing flexible processes for those who will use the Court.
3. Generate public trust and confidence in the Court by fostering and preserving judicial independence.
4. Improve and modernise physical facilities and support infrastructure of the Environmental Commission to meet the expanding workload of the Court.
5. Ensure professional, technical and administrative excellence of the human resource component of the Commission.

The goals as outlined lead to one ultimate outcome, the Environmental Commission's most essential responsibility, achieving sustainable development through its decisions.

It is our intention to implement the Strategic Plan by developing Management Action Plans that will identify specific objectives that each unit of the Court will undertake. An implementation team, the Strategic Planning and Leadership Team, has been established, comprising of Members and staff of the Commission who are tasked with monitoring and ensuring the execution of the Strategic Plan.

This Strategic Plan's success is, in the main, ours to ensure. However, we look forward to ongoing support through open dialogue with our stakeholders.

Sincerely,



Sandra Paul
Chairman





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