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**PRIME MINISTER ATTENDS A REPORT LAUNCH FOR WOMEN'S
CONVERSATION CARAVAN: "MAKING OUR VOICE COUNT"**

This morning, Prime Minister Dr. Rowley attended a report launch for REPORT LAUNCH FOR WOMEN'S CONVERSATION CARAVAN: "MAKING OUR VOICE COUNT" that was hosted by Women's Institute For Alternative Development (WINAD) at The Rotunda of First Citizens Bank Head Office, Queen Park East.

WINAD has partnered with the Institute for Gender and Development Studies (IGDS) at U.W.I. to conduct a study that aims to gather first-hand knowledge and deeper understanding into challenges that women face in today's society. Conversations were held with women who reside in various communities throughout Trinidad and Tobago and a summary of the findings were presented at the launch today. A full report will be disseminated subsequently by WINAD.

According to Ms. Folade Mutota, Executive Director And Director For Advocacy, WINAD, the findings of the study are intended to assist Government in designing policies and programmes that are more relevant to people's lives.

In his feature address, the Prime Minister spoke about the importance of the role of women in our society and that women are “the ones holding us together as a nation”. Dr. Rowley also referred to WINAD and their partners as leaders of communities and he reassured the Government’s full support in their initiatives undertaken.

Also in attendance at the launch were Ms. Sharon Christopher, Deputy CEO of First Citizens Bank; Dr. Paula Morgan, Senior Lecturer Faculty of Humanities and Education; U.W.I.; Mrs. Sabrina Mowlah-Baksh, Chairperson And Director For Public Relations And Communications, WINAD; Ms. Deborah McFee, Outreach and Research Officer, IGDS; and some participants of the of study.

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