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### **The Equal Opportunity Commission expands its Outreach to Penal/Debe**

The Equal Opportunity Commission (EOC) is pleased to inform the general public of the expansion of its Monthly Office Days to the **Penal/Debe Regional Corporation** located at **#218a SS Erin Road** on every **third (3<sup>rd</sup>) Tuesday of each month** which commenced today, Tuesday 16 June 2015 from **10:00a.m. – 3:00p.m.**

The EOC would facilitate members of the public with the lodging of complaints, as well as the general answering of questions relating to the Equal Opportunity Act and the work of the Commission.

The Commission currently holds Office days in

- **San Fernando** at the San Fernando City Corporation, Harris Promenade, San Fernando on every fourth (4th) Monday of every month.
- **Sangre Grande** at the Conference Room, Technical Building, Sangre Grande Regional Corporation (SGRC), Rahim Street, Sangre Grande on every fourth (4th) Wednesday of every month, and
- **Tobago** at the Office of the Ombudsman, Ground Floor, Caribana Building, Bacolet Street, Scarborough on every fourth (4th) Friday of every month.

The Commission seeks to reach the national community through its outreach services across Trinidad and Tobago in 2015.

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### **About the EOC**

The primary task of the Equal Opportunity Commission (EOC) is to oversee implementation of the Equal Opportunity Act No. 69 of 2000, which prohibits certain kinds of discrimination and seeks to promote equal opportunity among all citizens of Trinidad and Tobago.

### **What are the functions of the Commission?**

The key functions of the Commission are to receive, investigate and as far as possible conciliate allegations of:

- Discrimination on the grounds of status
- Discrimination by victimisation or

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- Offensive behaviour lodged with it by members of the public; to work towards the elimination of discrimination; and promote equality of opportunity and good relations between persons of different status generally.
- Develop, conduct and foster research and education programmes and other programmes for the purpose of eliminating discrimination and promoting equality of opportunity and good relations between persons of different races, ethnicities, religions, geographical origins, marital status, gender or physical disabilities.
- Prepare and publish appropriate guidelines for the avoidance of discrimination.

For more information, please visit [www.equalopportunity.gov.tt](http://www.equalopportunity.gov.tt).

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