



# **Ministry of Community Development, Culture and the Arts**

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> August, 2017**

**2:00pm**

## **Sod-turning Ceremony** **Techier Community Centre**

### **Remarks Address**

**Presented by:**

**Dr. the Honourable Nyan Gadsby-Dolly,  
Minister of Community Development, Culture and the Arts**

## **SALUTATIONS:**

- Permanent Secretary, Minister of Community Development, Culture and the Arts, Ms Angela Edwards
- Senior Project Team and Other officials of UDECOTT
- Other staff of the Ministry
- President of the Village Council
- Residents of Techier Village
- Members of the Media

A pleasant good afternoon to you all.

It is a pleasure to be here in Techier today as we mark the start of what will be a new centre in Techier. As we look around, we appreciate that your old centre would have served you quite well and we know in the upcoming months the new centre will be much appreciated.

As we count down to the celebration of independence, this year we are celebrating 55 years of Independence, it is fitting that we do the sod-turning because one of the main things that was driving our late and first Prime Minister Dr. Eric Williams was community development, that was important part of what he saw as our national development and community centres are very key to community development.

As it gives the community a place to meet, to gather, it gives generations a place where they can come together and interact with each other and transfer learnings and teachings. I am certain that the residents of Techier and environs will make good use of their centre.

Today as we mark the official sod-turning of the work that will happen in this centre we want to look forward to the couple months that would pass and the work that will take place to bring to you, Techier, a brand new centre, that we hope and know will be used to further the community development efforts for all the members of the community from this area. I know that your Member of Parliament would have regret not being here but he was a very strong advocate for a new centre because he knew what to bring to Techier and environs.

We are very happy to be working with UdeCott to deliver this centre to Techier residents and look forward to coming back here, sometime in the very near future, where we can celebrate with you, the opening of your brand new community centre for Techier. God bless us as we embark on this journey and all the blessings on all the work that will take place here and look forward to the opening of a new community centre in Techier.

Thank you.