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## THE TUNAPUNA/PIARCO REGIONAL CORPORATION TALKS GOVERNANCE

The Tunapuna/Piarco Regional Corporation through its Community Outreach Committee led by Councillor Marcia Chan Pak, in collaboration with the University of West- Indies Political Sciences Department hosted the first in a series of panel discussions entitled ‘Let’s Talk Governance’ at the Tunapuna Community Centre on Wednesday March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Distinguished Speakers from the University of the West Indies included Professor Emeritus John La Guerre, Professor Ann Marie Bissessar, and Dr Ronald Marshall. This educational seminar provided a platform for burgesses to discuss issues in governance.

The topic presented at this panel discussion was ‘what influences voting behaviour’. Members of the public were also invited to contribute to the discussions and have their concerns addressed. The Tunapuna/Piarco Regional Corporation recognizes that it is only through education that we can be empowered as a people and make informed decisions. In this way, these series of panel discussions are intended to uplift the lives of burgesses through education.

Chairman of the Tunapuna/Piarco Regional Corporation, Alderman Edwin Gooding stated ‘we see education of our burgesses as an integral part of our social responsibility. Having better informed citizens on far-ranging issues like governance, corruption, terrorism to anti-bullying in schools, will make for more aware and responsible communities. This is what the Tunapuna/Piarco Regional Corporation is about; improving the quality of life of our communities through healthier environments, good infrastructure and knowledge to make the right choices.’