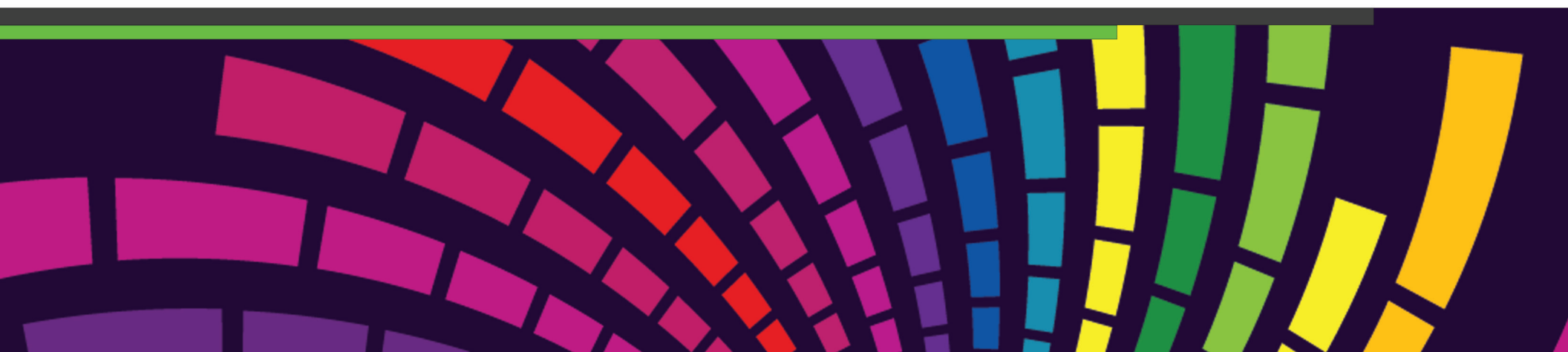




**Government of the
Republic of Trinidad and Tobago**

National Cultural Policy ADDENDUM 1 LEGISLATIVE PROFILE [With respect to Culture]



LEGISLATIVE PROFILE WITH RESPECT TO CULTURE

This list represents legislation that impacts on the Cultural Sector. It is comprised as follows:

NATIONAL: Legislation approved by the Parliament of Trinidad and Tobago inclusive of the Constitution and other legislation that sets standards for agencies and operations that impact on the sector. A section gathering Omitted Acts is also appended for perusal.

REGIONAL: Regional accords that we have signed.

INTERNATIONAL: Conventions, Declarations and Recommendations that we have signed.

NATIONAL

1. The Constitution of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago
2. Acts of Parliament
 - a. General
 - i. Burial Grounds Act [Chap. 30: 50) 1953-1987; 1980 Rev.]
 - ii. Caribbean Community Development Loans & Guarantee Act [No.38 of 1979, Chap. 70:04]
 - iii. Cinematography and Video Entertainment Act [1980, Chap. 20:10, Rev.1985]
 - iv. Collaboration for Economic Planning and Action in the Caribbean Network (Incorporation) Act [No.15 of 1990]
 - v. Community /mediation Act [No. 13 of 1998, w.e.f. 24.8.1998, By L.N.186/2000]
 - vi. Community Service Orders Act [No. 19 of 1997, w.e.f. 1998]
 - vii. Cooperative Societies Act [No. 24 of 1981, (1974) w.e.f. 1980]
 - viii. Copyright Act [Act No.5 of 2008, Chap. 82:80, 1980 Rev.]
 - ix. Equal Opportunity Act [No. 69 of 2000, Amendment 2001]
 - x. Geneva Conventions (Supplementary Provs.) Act [1960, CAP.8, F.A.]
 - xi. Hindu Marriage Act [Chap. 45:03, Amendment 1992]
 - xii. Intellectual Property Act [No. 18 of 2000, Miscellaneous Amendments, 18/2000]
 - xiii. Order of Caribbean Community Act [No.10 of 1992]
 - xiv. Public Holidays and Festivals Act [No. 10 of 1872]
 - xv. Public Library Act [No. 18 of 1998, Chap 40:02,Sec. 13: Library Regulations (1935)]
 - xvi. Sport and Culture Fund Act [No. 31 of 1988, Amendment 1993]
 - xvii. Telecommunications Authority Act [No.40 of 1991]
 - xviii. The Corporation Tax Act [as amended by Act No. 91 of 2000, Act No. 2 of 2002 & Act No. 5 of 2004,]
 - xix. The Orisha Marriage Act [No. 22 of 1999]
 - xx. The Telecommunications Act [No. 4 of 2001]
 - xxi. Theatres and Dance Halls Act [No. 169 of 1993, Chap. 21:03, Sec 8: Theatres & Dance Hall Regulations (1935)]
 - xxii. Tourism Development Act [No.9 of 2000, w.e.f. 16.10.2000]
 - b. Established Bodies
 - i. State:
 1. College of Science, Technology and Applied Arts of Trinidad and Tobago Act [Act No. 77 of 2000, w.e.f.6.11.2000, By L.N.263/2000]
 2. Naparima Bowl Act [Act No. 19 of 1969]
 3. National Carnival Commission of Trinidad and

Tobago Act [Act No. 9 of 1991]

4. National Library and Information System Act [Act No.18 of 1998, w.e.f. 10.9.1998]
5. Queen's Hall Act [Act No. 20 of 1969]
6. Royal Victoria Institute Act (Chap 40:52) (1980 Rev)
7. San Francique Sports, Educational and Cultural Council of Trinidad and Tobago (Inc.) Act [Act No.18 of 1995]
8. The National Museum and Art Gallery Act [Act No. 5 of 2000]
9. The National Trust of Trinidad and Tobago Act [Act No. 11 of 1991]
10. Trinidad and Tobago National Steel Orchestra Act [Act No. 19 of 1999]

ii. Civil Society:

1. Chutney Foundation of Trinidad and Tobago (Incorporation) Act[Act No. 6 of 2000]
2. Confederation of African Assons of Trinidad etc. (Incorporation)Act [Act No.20 of 1991]
3. Friends of Mr. Biswas (Incorporation)Act [Act No. 52 of 2000]
4. National Carnival Bands Association (Incorporation) Act[Act No. 27 of 2007]
5. National Congress of Incorporated Baptist Organizations [Act No. 27 of 1985]
6. National Dance Association of Trinidad and Tobago (Incorporation) Act [Act No. 28 of 1997]
7. National Drama Association of Trinidad and Tobago (Incorporation) Act [Act No. 33 of 1989]
8. National Emblems of Trinidad & Tobago (Reg.)

[Act No. 14 of 1967]

9. Pan Trinbago (Incorporation) Act [Act No. 5 of 1986]
10. Trinbago Unified Calypsonian's Organization [Act No. 33 of 1998]
11. United Islamic Organizations of Trinidad and Tobago (Incorporation) [Act No. 7 of 2000]
12. Universal African Improvement Association (Incorp.) [Act No. 30 of 1995]
13. Religious Groups and Associations
 - a. Calvary Revival Centre (Incorporation) Act [Act No. 11 of 1995]
 - b. Church of Spiritual Metaphysics (Incorporation) Act [Act No. 35 of 1991]
 - c. Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Cluny (Incorporation) Act [Act No. 20 of 1995]
 - d. Dharma Prakash Sabha (Incorporation) Act [Act No. 35 of 1997]
 - e. Faith International Baptist Convention of T&T(Incorporation) Act [Act No. 27 of 1995]
 - f. Faith Revival Ministries World Outreach (Incorporation) Act [Act No.42 of 1991]
 - g. Flaming Word Ministry (Incorporation) Act [Act No. 9 of 1995]
 - h. Gandhi Seva Sangh of Trinidad & Tobago (Incorporation) Act [Act No. 7 of 1988]
 - i. Global Encounter Ministries (Incorporation) Act [Act No. 26 of 1991]
 - j. Greater Malabar Christian Centre (Incorporation) Act [Act No. 31 of 1995]
 - k. Hindi Nidhi-Hindi Foundation of Trinidad& Tobago (Incorporation) Act [Act No. 6 of 1990]

- l. Hindu Women's Organization of Trinidad & Tobago (Incorporation) [Act No.37 of 1991]
- m. International Society for Krishna consciousness (ISKON) Trinidad & Tobago (Incorporation) Act [Act No. 27 of 1998, w.e.f. 14.10.1998]
- n. Islamic Fada'il Services Trust of Trinidad etc. (Incorporation) Act [Act No. 17 of 1990]
- o. Islamic Home for Children (Incorporation) Act [Act No.7 of 1994]
- p. Mennonite Church (Incorporation) Act [Act No. 23 of 1988]
- q. Mount Bethel National spiritual Baptist Assembly etc. (Incorporation) Act [Act No. 2 of 1994]
- r. Mount Beulah Evangelical Baptist Church (Incorporation) Act [Act No. 29 of 1997]
- s. Mount Zion Independent Spiritual Baptist Church (Incorporation) Act [Act No. 15 of 1991]
- t. Opa Orisha (Shango) of Trinidad & Tobago etc. (Incorporation) Act [Act No.27 of 1991]
- u. Sanatan Dharma Maha Sabha (Inc.) Act 41 of 1953
- v. Shiva Dharam Sabha of Trinidad & Tobago Act [Act No. 33 of 1991]
- w. Swaha (Incorporation) Act [Act No. 7 of 1993]
- x. Trinidad & Tobago Pentecostal Assembly (Incorporation) Act [Act No. 19 of 1982]
- y. United Islamic Organization of Trinidad and Tobago (Incorporation) Act [Act No.7 of 2000]
- z. Vishwanath Hindu Social & Cultural Organization (Incorporation) Act [Act No.12 of 1995]

REGIONAL [CARICOM]

- 1. Agreement between the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) and the Caribbean Community, 1980

- 2. Intergovernmental Agreement on Establishment of CARICOM Foundation for Art and Culture, 1997
- 3. Revised Treaty of Chaguaramas establishing the Caribbean Community including the Caribbean Single Market and Economy, 2001

INTERNATIONAL

- 1. General
 - a. Charter of the United Nations
 - b. Constitution of UNESCO
 - c. Convention on Rights of the Child
 - d. International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
 - e. Universal Declaration of Human Rights
- 2. Sector Specific
 - a. Agreement for Facilitating the International Circulation of Visual and Auditory Materials of an Educational, Scientific and Cultural character. Beirut, 10 December 1948 [Accession, 1965]
 - b. Agreement on the Importation of Educational, Scientific and Cultural Materials. Florence, 17 June 1950 [Notification of succession, 1966]
 - c. Berne Convention for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works [Accession, 1998]
 - d. Convention concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage. Paris, 16 November 1972 [Ratification, 2005]
 - e. Convention Concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage [Ratification, 2005]
 - f. Convention for the Protection of Producers of Phonograms against Unauthorized Duplication of their Phonograms. Geneva, 29 October 1971 [Accession, 1988]
 - g. Convention relating to the Distribution of Programme-Carrying Signals Transmitted by Satellite. Brussels, 21 May 1974 [Accession, 1996]
 - h. International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination [Adherence, 1973]

- i. International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights [Adherence, 1979]
- j. Universal Copyright Convention as revised on 24 July 1971. Paris, 24 July 1971 [Accession, 1988]
- k. Universal Copyright Convention. Geneva, 6 September 1952 [Accession, 1988]

APPENDIX: Omitted Acts of Parliament:

- 1. Ahmadiyya Anuman Isha'At-I-Islam (Incorporation) Act [Act No. 47 of 1977]
- 2. American Catholic Church (St. Augustine etc.) (Incorporation) Act [Act No. 6 of 1966]
- 3. Anjuman Sunnat-UI-Jammat Asson. Etc (Incorporation) Ordce, [1935 (1950 Rev.) Legal Notice 10/170]
- 4. Arya Pratinidhi Sabha of Trinidad (Incorporation) Ordinance [1943 (1950 Rev.) Legal Notice 10/177]
- 5. Baptist Church Incorporation Ordinance [1919 (1950 Rev.) 10/137]
- 6. Bethel Evangelistic Missions (Incorporation) Act [Act No. 35 of 1975]
- 7. Calvary Sovereign Grace Baptist Church (Incorporation) Act [Act No. 11 of 1984]
- 8. Caribbean Conference of Churches (Incorporation) Act [Act No. 38 of 1977]
- 9. Caribbean Union etc. Seventh Day Adventists etc. (Incorporation) Act [Act No.28 of 1977]
- 10. Catholic Religious Education Dev. Institute (Incorporation) Act [Act No.41 of 1997]
- 11. Cedros Missionary Baptist Church (Incorporation) Act [Act No. 7 of 1966]
- 12. Christadelphian Bible Mission (Trinidad etc.) (Incorporation) Act [Act No. 30 of 1969]
- 13. Christian Council of Trinidad and Tobago (Incorporation) Act [Act No. 32 of 1977]
- 14. Christian Fellowship Assembly of Trinidad etc. (Incorporation) Act [Act No.46 of 1975]
- 15. Christian Union Church of the West Indies etc. Act [Act No.25 of 1984]
- 16. Church of Christ in Trinidad and Tobago (Incorporation) Act [Act No.32 of 1973]
- 17. Church of England in Trinidad etc. (Change of Name) Act [Act No.9 of 1966]
- 18. Church of England Incorporation Ordinance [1930 (1950 Rev.)Vol 10, p.158]
- 19. Church of God Deliverance Centre etc. (Incorporation) Act [Act No.3 of 1976]
- 20. Church of God of Prophecy (Incorporation) Ordinance [Act No. 23 of 1959]
- 21. Church of Our Lord Jesus etc. Trinidad etc. (Inc.) Act [Act No. 24 of 1967]
- 22. Church of Scotland in Trinidad (Incorporation) Ordce [Act No. 6 of 1958]
- 23. Church of St. Mathias Assembly of Spiritualist (Incorporation) Ordce [Act No. 43 of 1961]
- 24. Church of the Nazarene (Trinidad etc.) (Incorporation) Act [Act No. 41 of 1977]
- 25. Cinematograph Entertainment (Maximum Charges) Ordinance [Cap.30/11, (1950 Rev.) Vol. 4, p. 268]
- 26. Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Faith (Incorporation) Act [Act No.18 of 1963]
- 27. Copyright Act [Act No. 13 of 1985, Chap 82:80]
- 28. Divine Army of the New Creation Church Incorporation Act [Act No.34 of 1968]
- 29. Divine Life Society of Trinidad & Tobago Incorporation Act [Act No.26 of 1966]
- 30. Early Church Movement Act [Act No.31 of 1985]
- 31. Ethiopian Orthodox Church Incorporation Ordinance [Act No.3 of 1956]
- 32. Evangelical Church of the West Indies (Incorporation) Act [Act No.8 of 1966]
- 33. Evangelical Orthodox Assembly (Incorporation) Act [Act No.23 of 1974]
- 34. Fundamental Baptist Mission (Incorporation) Ordinance [Act No.8 of 1958]

35. General Assembly of the Church of God etc. (Incorporation) Act [Act No.21 of 1966]
36. Glory Church (Incorporation) Act [Act No.26 of 1995]
37. Gospel Lighthouse Church (Incorporation) Act [Act No.21 of 1973]
38. Grace Chapel (Chinese Christian Fellowship) (Incorporation) Act [Act No.19 of 1976]
39. Incorporated Trustees etc. of Bible Churches etc. Act [Act No.29 of 1978]
40. Incorporated Trustees of St. John's Baptist church Act [Act No.34 of 1970]
41. Independent Baptist Mission Churches (Incorporation) Act [Act No.22 of 1966]
42. Independent Baptist Mission Union etc. (Incorporation) Act [Act No. 28 of 1970]
43. International Spiritual Baptist Council etc. Act [Act No.21 of 1982]
44. Inter-Religious Organization of Trinidad & Tobago etc. (Incorporation) Act[Act No.33 of 1973]
45. Missionary Baptist Church in Trinidad etc. (Incorporation) Act [Act No.34 of 1973]
46. Moravian Church of Trinidad & Tobago (Incorporation) Act [Act No.21 of 1976]
47. Mount St. Benedict Monastery (Incorporation) Ordce. [1927 (1950 Rev.) Vol. 10, p.153]
48. National Congress of Baptist Organizations (Incorporation) Act [Act No.27 of 1985]
49. National Spiritual Assembly of the Bahai'is etc. (Incorporation) Act [Act No.24 of 1972]
50. Open Bible standard Churches of Trinidad etc. (Incorporation) Act [Act No.16 of 1972]
51. Orisha Movement of Trinidad etc. (Incorporation) Act [Act No.35 of 1981]
52. Pentecostal Assemblies of the West Indies Incorporation Act [Act No.26 of 1965]
53. Pentecostal United Holy Church of Trinidad etc. (Incorporation) Act [Act No.29 of 1970]

54. Presbyterian Church Incorporation Ordinance [1893 (1950 Rev.) Vol. 10, p.133]
55. Queen's Park Act [Chap 41: 40, Sec 2: Queen's Park Regulations (1950) Vol. 9, p.740]
56. San Fernando Arts Council (Incorporation) Act [Act No. 13 of 1973]
57. Sanatan Dharma Maha-Sabha of Trinidad etc. (Incorporation) Ordce [Act No.41 of 1952]
58. Seventh Day Adventist Church (Incorporation) Ordinance [1925 (1950 Rev.) Vol. 10, p.150]
59. Shantineketan Religious etc. Council etc. (Incorporation) Act [Act No.25 of 1979]
60. Stri Sevak Sabha Incorporation Act [Act No.43 of 1970]
61. Tabernacle of Prayer (Trustee Incorporation) Act [Act No.18 of 1982]
62. The Orisha Movement Act [Ch 2 Sec 21 & 22, Act [Act No. 35 of 1981]
63. Trinidad & Tobago Council of Evangelical Churches (Incorporation) Act[Act No.33 of 1979]
64. Trinidad & Tobago etc. Wesleyan Holiness Church (Incorporation) Act [Act No.30 of 1978]
65. Trinidad & Tobago Music Festival Association (Incorporation) Act [Act No.15 of 1972]
66. Trinidad & Tobago Sevashram Sangha Inc. Act [Act No.4 of 1971]
67. Trinidad Christian Center (Incorporation) Act [Act No.24 of 1984]
68. Trinidad Muslim League (Incorporation) Ordinance [1950 (1950 Rev.) Vol.10, p.267]
69. United Faith Healing Church Incorporation Act [Act No.24 of 1965]
70. Vishva Hindu Parishad of Trinidad & Tobago (Incorporation) Act [Act No. 23 of 1966]
71. Vishwa Jyothi Organisation of Trinidad etc. (Incorporation) Act [Act No. 22 of 1982]
72. West Indian United Baptist etc. (Incorporation) Ordce [1949 (1950 Rev.) Vol. 10, p.219]

73. Young Men's Christian Asson. Of Trinidad etc. (Incorporation) Act [Act No.26 of 1979]
74. Young Women's Christian Asson. Of Trinidad etc. (Incorporation) Ordce [1946, Vol. 10/187]

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