



## MINISTRY OF TOURISM

### PRESS RELEASE

#### **TOBAGO UPPERMOST ON BUTCH STEWART'S AGENDA**



**Port of Spain, Trinidad – February 06, 2016** - Less than two (2) weeks after his initial visit Gordon “Butch” Stewart, of Sandals Resorts International, was in Tobago this Saturday (February 06) to undertake an extensive aerial tour of the western peninsula of Tobago looking at prime real estate properties for possible investment. At his last visit Butch Stewart toured several beach and hotel properties.

The Honourable Shamfa Cudjoe, the Minister of Tourism, joined a high level team from the Tobago House of Assembly (THA) led by the Deputy Chief Secretary and Secretary of Tourism and Transport, Tracy Davidson-Celestine, on the aerial tour of Tobago. In welcoming Butch Stewart again to Tobago, Minister Cudjoe pointed out to “the uniqueness of Trinidad and Tobago as a tourist destination given its cultural plurality, highly educated labour force and beautiful landscape; especially Tobago’s pristine beaches.” These precursory investment discussions from a world renowned hotel brand are quite encouraging and speak to the viability of Tobago as an exciting investment option. This is a movement in a positive direction.

Minister Cudjoe also outlined the Ministry’s plan to review, in short measure, the Tourism Development Act, which is the overriding authority for all tourism investments in Trinidad and Tobago, to ensure its competitiveness vis a vis other Caribbean destinations. Both Trinidad and the sister isle of Tobago requires an injection of capital into the tourism sector so as to upgrade quality standards, generate sustainable jobs, revenue and much needed foreign exchange.

