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Launch of NGC Bocas Lit Fest 2017

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The National Gas Company of Trinidad and Tobago Limited (NGC) was once again to lead the launch of the 2017 NGC Bocas Lit Fest on March 22nd 2017 at The National Library, Abercromby Street, Port of Spain. The NGC Bocas Lit Fest is a literary festival which brings together readers and writers from the wider Caribbean in a week of readings, performances, workshops, discussions, and film screenings. This year's festival runs from April 26th – 30th 2017 at the National Library and the adjoining Old Fire Station in downtown Port of Spain.

NGC became title sponsor of the festival in 2012, and has since witnessed its development into the premier literary festival in the Caribbean. In February 2017, the NGC Bocas Lit Fest was named among the world's top 20 literary festivals by Penguin Random House, The Writers' Academy, the world's largest publisher. This accolade recognises the festival's significance as a forum for creative thinking, idea generation, intellectual discussion and open debate.

The 2017 edition of the festival will take on the extremely topical issue of human rights including violence against women and children as well as human trafficking which are real concerns for our citizens. This national conversation will also be facilitated through insightful panel discussions as it is a platform for various members of our society to express their views and be heard.

The launch speakers included Marina Salandy-Brown, Festival Founder and Director, NGC Bocas Lit Fest; Lisa Burkett, Manager, Corporate Communications, The National Gas Company of Trinidad and Tobago Limited; Jason Julien, Deputy CEO, Business Generation, First Citizens Trinidad and Tobago; Gregory Camejo, Group Executive, Corporate Services, One Caribbean Media Ltd.; Grace Achoy, Deputy Executive Director, National Library and Information System Authority (NALIS).

Lisa Burkett noted that "For us at NGC, it's always been a thrill to partner with Bocas, now even more so as the event keeps evolving and expanding. As title sponsors, we have the exclusive honour of traveling in name with the NGC Bocas Lit Fest, and thanks to the footprint of this festival, we are well on our way to becoming a globally recognised brand. We cannot wait to see where Bocas takes us next."

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Ms. Lisa Burkett, Manager, Corporate Communications, The National Gas Company of Trinidad and Tobago Limited addresses attendees at the Launch of NGC Bocas Lit Fest 2017



Speakers at the Launch of NGC Bocas Lit Fest 2017 share a light moment.

Left to Right : Grace Achoy, Deputy Executive Director, National Library and Information System Authority (NALIS); Marina Salandy-Brown, Festival Founder and Director, NGC Bocas Lit Fest; Jason Julien, Deputy CEO, Business Generation, First Citizens Trinidad and Tobago; Lisa Burkett, Manager, Corporate Communications, The National Gas Company of Trinidad and Tobago Limited; Gregory Camejo, Group Executive, Corporate Services, One Caribbean Media Ltd.