



The National Gas Company of Trinidad and Tobago Limited

Media Release

NGC Bocas Lit fest cops Energy Chamber award for Best Social Investment Project

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NGC Bocas Lit fest has earned yet another accolade. This time the festival has been awarded Best Social Investment Project by the Energy Chamber's Annual Award Programme. The announcement was made at the recently concluded 2022 Trinidad and Tobago Energy Conference (TTEC). NGC has been a sponsor of Bocas Lit Fest since its inception in 2011 and a title sponsor since 2012. The award recognises the festival's impact on the national and regional literary landscape. Bocas Lit Fest has managed to build a network of writers and readers from Trinidad and Tobago and the wider Caribbean through year-round calendar of events and programmes. The programme organisers continue to innovate to grow reach and impact and managed to pivot to a virtual platform since 2020, when the Covid-19 pandemic eliminated the possibility of any face-to-face forum.

The Best Social Investment Project Award from TTEC represents a first for the Energy Chamber in its effort to bring a spotlight to Arts and Culture as part of the 2022 Conference and beyond. The Chamber commissioned local artist, Shalini Seereeram, to create one-of-a-kind pieces that encompass the concept of *Sankofa*, which means retaining what is valuable even as one moves forward to the future. This concept aligned well with the conference theme of 'Leveraging the Industry's Strengths for the Energy Transition' and served as a fitting award design for one of NGC's flagship partnerships that has done much for the development of local creative industries.

For NGC, the Best Social Investment Project award is a manifestation of the great pride and a deep sense of accomplishment for the work of NGC Bocas Lit Fest. NGC's Senior Manager, Corporate Sustainability, Lisa Burkett noted, "NGC is looking to deepen our impact beyond energy, supporting the UN Sustainable Development Goals through our green agenda and more future-focused CSR investments. NGC Bocas Lit Fest aligns with our purpose, as it supports UN targets in education, arts and culture, empowerment, and economic development, among others. This alignment strengthens our commitment to this festival, as well as our conviction that with the Bocas team, we stand in good company to build a better tomorrow for our country and the wider region."

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