



The National Gas Company of Trinidad and Tobago Limited

Media Release

NGC introduces the 'Inspire-2-Achieve' Programme

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The National Gas Company of Trinidad and Tobago Limited (NGC) is keenly cognisant of the link between youth development and a sustainable future for country and planet. It has, for many years, invested in nurturing youth potential. On Saturday 19th November 2022, in demonstration of this commitment, NGC launched its 'Inspire-2-Achieve' or 'I2A' programme. I2A seeks to support more rounded development and open more diverse pathways for careers and entrepreneurship geared towards the 'green' and sustainable economies and communities of the future.

I2A is a flagship programme - holistic and future-focused - and will target youth within the NGC's fenceline communities through the delivery of after-school (and weekend) skills training and education in the following Learning Tracks:

- Science Technology Research Engineering Arts and Math (STREAM)
- Sustainability
- Entrepreneurship
- Life Skills and Career Coaching

Starting with the community of La Brea, 100 young persons, between the ages of 7 to 17 will be onboarded to the programme. I2A will be delivered using a combination of live classroom instruction, planned field trips, interactive gameplay, and asynchronous learning content hosted on a digital Learning Management System. The programme will also incorporate in-person community demonstration projects that will provide a platform for participants to showcase their newly acquired knowledge and skills among their peers within the community.

The specific outcomes and impact targeted by I2A include:

- Improved attitudes and increased participation in STREAM fields and careers, particularly amongst girls
- Increased interest and likelihood in pursuing a career in sustainability
- Improved education and awareness around environmental issues and the promotion of responsible behaviours towards preservation of the environment
- Increased skills for creative and innovative thinking to support participants in identifying novel business opportunities
- Improved ability to become resilient in the face of life challenges, and to make sound personal decisions on matters that could impact one's future

At the launch of the I2A programme, Mark Loquan, President NGC, noted that young people today are facing extraordinary challenges, "...from complex climate issues to geopolitical and societal problems, to the aftershocks of a pandemic. However, there are still many opportunities on the horizon as the world shifts towards greener patterns of production and consumption. NGC, as a responsible corporate citizen, committed to sustainable development, has willingly accepted the challenge of preparing our youth with the skills necessary to adopt sustainable consumption practices, adapt to new green technologies and lead innovation themselves. NGC will continue to do its part to ensure that young people are equipped to succeed and inspired to achieve."

NGC's I2A will be delivered over a three-year period, starting from January 2023.

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