

TENNISTT CREATES HISTORY BY RECEIVING FIRST EVER AWARD BY ITF



From left to right: ITF President David Haggerty, TATT Secretary and COTECC Director Jermille Danclar and COTECC President Persio Maldonado

The Tennis Association of Trinidad and Tobago (TATT) received an Award of Excellence in Tennis Development from the International Tennis Federation (ITF) in recognition of their achievements made in the development of tennis both locally and regionally.

The award was presented to TATT's secretary & COTECC Director, Mr Jermille Danclar by ITF President, David Haggerty, at the Annual General Meeting of the Confederation of Tennis for Central Americas and the Caribbean (COTECC) held in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. ITF Director of Development and International Relations, Luca Santilli was also present to offer words of congratulations and continued support to Trinidad and Tobago on their quest to be the regional hub for tennis development.

President of TATT and Director of COTECC, Mr. Hayden Mitchell expressed that this has been a 3-year journey, where the executive developed and executed its 3-year plan for tennis development and worked diligently on executing the plan in a very professional manner; he also recognized the strategic partners who contributed in various aspects over the years.

The 3 year plan focused on the "6 Pillars of Development" Administration, Coaches, Parent & Players, Facilities, Clubs and Sponsors which was identified for the sport, taking great care to ensure that the proper attention was given to the success and growth of all six areas.

Over the past three (3) years the Tennis Association has conducted a multitude of Junior and Senior Tournaments, Professional Tournaments, Club Tournaments, Regional Conferences, Coaches Certification Courses, Officiating Courses and local and regional developmental camps. Trinidad and Tobago is now seen as an emerging tennis nation as said by the ITF President.

Special thank you to The Honorable Shamfa Cudjoe, Minister of Sports and Youth Affairs; and the staff at the MYSA, The Sports Company of Trinidad and Tobago (SPORTT) and, The Office of the Prime Minister Sports and Cultural Fund for their support of our initiatives.

Throughout the years, major corporate partners have generously supported some of the main programs in local tennis. It is with pleasure that we identify them and continue the great partnership in the future.

Our sponsors include: Atlantic LNG, Bmobile, Associated Brands (CATCH), RBC, Sagicor, Lease Operators, Subway, PwC Trinidad and Tobago, Maritime Insurance, First Citizens Bank, Eastern Credit Union, Blue Waters and Nestle.

Trinidad and Tobago is presently working alongside SporTT and ITF towards becoming a world-class Training Facility. Once completed, players from around the world can come train at this facility. They would be assisted by coaches who would have been trained by the ITF and also impart knowledge on local coaches to ensure the best talent and abilities of players can be displayed.

Mr. Mitchell stated all this would not have been possible if it were not for the hard working team at the Tennis Association who work alongside the Ministry of Sport in keeping the maintenance of the facility at an international standard. He thanked all stakeholders and sponsors for their continued support in the development in the sport of Tennis.