Supporting the NCD Child Organisation

AUSTRALIAN High Commissioner to TT Dr. Ross Tysoe and his wife Helen Saunderson hosted a buffet dinner in support of the NCD Child Organisation on March 18 at the High Commissioner’s residence, Moka, Maraval. NCD Child is a global coalition, championing the rights and needs of children, adolescents and youth who are living with non-communicable diseases (NCDs), or are at risk of developing NCDs or the behaviours that underlie NCDs later in life. The organisation works collaboratively to ensure that issues related to NCDs, children, adolescents and youth are effectively addressed and prioritised in global and national policies, programmes and development agendas. The dinner was held in support of the organisation, bringing together local and international guest speakers and participants to exchange ideas prior to the start of a two-day conference held March 20-21, at the Hyatt Regency Trinidad. Health Minister Dr. Fuad Khan and Sir George Alleyne, Chancellor, The UWI Cavehill Campus, addressed the gathering.

The 2014 NCD Child Conference aimed to further develop a vibrant platform for interaction, knowledge exchange and networking. Building on the achievements of the 2012 NCD Child Conference to ensure the needs of children, adolescents and youth are a priority focus within the context of NCD action and the post-2015 agenda. The 2014 event provided an opportunity to establish and strengthen regional partnerships, with a special focus on the Caribbean, as well as highlight current promising practices from around the world.

Helen Saunderson and Sir George Alleyne, Chancellor, The UWI Cavehill Campus. — Photos courtesy the Australian High Commission.