

## ***NEW HIGH COMMISSIONER APPOINTED***

Former People's National Movement Minister of Planning and Development and the Member of Parliament for Arouca South during the last parliamentary term Mrs. Camille Robinson-Regis has been named as the new High Commissioner for Trinidad and Tobago in Canada.

High Commissioner Designate Robinson-Regis replaces Senator the Honourable Arnold Piggott who demitted office as High Commissioner at the end of 2006 to assume duties as Minister of Foreign Affairs. Senator Piggott has since been assigned the portfolio of Agriculture, Lands and Marine Resources following the PNM victory at November 2007 elections.

A lawyer by profession, Her Excellency has performed ministerial functions over the course of a relatively long and distinguished period of service at almost all ministries of government, whether as a Minister in the Office of the Prime Minister, or in her last ministerial assignment where she held responsibility for the formulation and implementation of government's 20-20 Vision for National Development.

High Commissioner Robinson-Regis has spent this latest period prior and subsequent to her appointment familiarizing herself with the range of issues facing Trinidad and Tobago in Canada. While an exact date has not yet been set for her arrival in Canada, she is expected to assume duties during the first quarter of 2008