# TRINIDAD & TOBAGO FACT SHEET



#### **MISSION:**

To provide year–round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic–type sports for children and adults with an intellectual disability, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in the sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community.

## **HISTORY:**

Founded in 1982

# PARTICIPANTS (per the 2015 census):

Registered athletes and Unified partners: 1,251 Coaches: 186 Competitions: 6

#### **SUPPORT:**

Recipient of government, corporate and individual funding

## **INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:**

- 2015 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Los Angeles, USA (64 athletes)
- 2013 Special Olympics World Winter Games, PyeongChang, South Korea
- 2011 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Athens, Greece

## **12 OFFICIAL SPORTS:**

Aquatics	Athletics	Basketball	Bocce
Cricket	Equestrian	Floor Hockey	Football (Soccer)
Open Water Swimming	Power Lifting	Volleyball Add Gymnastics	

#### **OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:**

Athlete Leadership, Healthy Athletes, Young Athletes Program, Project UNIFY, Special Olympics Unified Sports, Motor Activities Training Program (MATP), Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR)

#### **EXECUTIVE STAFF:**

Ms. Candilla Berment, Board Chair Mr. Ferdinand Bibby, National Director

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