

# Chemical Measurements are critical to the economy of Trinidad and Tobago and the well being of our people.

Trinidad and Tobago economy is dominated by Oil and Gas and their derivatives which are generally classified as hydrocarbon chemicals. Other important industries include food and alcohol (rum – bitters, beer etc) and a small but very vibrant cosmetic industry for which chemistry and biochemistry are generally applied. Agriculture is another area of significance where the science is prominent. In recent times however it is the environmental applications of chemistry (halocarbons and green house gases, heavy metal pollution in water, plant and animal tissue) human health and related issues( such as performance enhancing drug use in sport or the breathalyser test) and the exciting applications now possible in forensic investigations which tend to occupy the attention of the public.

