## General Comments

The Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago (GoRTT) expresses much gratitude toward the efforts made to measure the progress of, identify the gaps and provide valuable indicators for global government’s digital transformation initiatives. In response to the request to provide additional clarification of the sections highlighted the following responses have been provided where verified and available for publication. The following response offers insight into the subject matter addressed in the section with an additional attachment of the Cloud Computing Policy for further insight.

## Response Provided

**I-1 – I-1.9.1 Is there a shared cloud platform available for all government entities?**

Currently, Government Cloud or a shared cloud platform does not exist although it is the intended policy direction of the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago (GoRTT). The Cloud Computing Policy (the Policy) however, does provide some guidance as to the present use of cloud services within the GoRTT. The Policy is for the purpose of providing the requisite clarity, guidance and encourages the wider adoption of cloud services by Ministries, Division and Agencies (MDAs). The Policy provides guidance for the use of cloud computing resources in a responsible and structured manner that will ensure the security of Government and citizen data.

The current Policy does not mandate the use of cloud nor does it stipulate the procedure or processes to accommodate such, but it rather provides the endorsement for the use and the environment for cloud services as a more cost efficient use of government ICTs and the provision of government services.

As such, there are some MDAs which utilise cloud services from varying cloud services providers. The National Information and Communication Technology Company Limited (iGovTT) is the state enterprise responsible for government and National ICT, under the remit of the Ministry of Digital Transformation and has been positioned to facilitate the requests of MDAs seeking to access cloud services among other things.

The Policy will be update to reflect a more robust approach towards the movement of Cloud in alignment with the GoRTT’s digital transformation mandate.