

## SporTT presents new Technical Director for Cycling

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Speaking at the media presentation, Hartwell, who is married to a Trinidadian, indicated that his arrival comes at a critically important time for cycling, with the prospect of a UCI satellite centre as well as major championships and the 2020 Olympic Games around the corner. Hartwell said, "I'm confident that cycling is poised to become a beacon of hope and a passage for life and sporting success for our youth and young adults alike."

Responding to Hartwell's statement, Minister Smith welcomed him to Trinidad and Tobago and assured his engagement will not be the same as his last. "We are always willing to listen and will do all in our power, despite limited resources, to ensure you are supported and are able to achieve the exciting objectives you have set. As one of the country's premier sports, **coupled with this amazing facility, I believe the structure and programming for athletes and coaches will benefit all involved.** I know that cycling is in good hands and will grow from strength to strength."

Hartwell has been engaged for a period of four years and will, among other tasks, be responsible for:

- management, administration and support of programming for key technical modules for cycling and cycling facilities in T&T
- **collaboration with stakeholders to develop a strategic vision and mission for cycling**
- creating a high-performance plan for cycling that transforms the vision into reality
- providing coaching support and oversight of various disciplines ahead of Tokyo 2020
- develop talent identification and transfer programmes that will bring more disciplined athletes into the sport of cycling

The Sports Company is pleased to welcome Erin into the organisation and value his vast experience of over 30 years as a world-class athlete, velodrome director and internationally recognised cycling coach.