

Janine Mendes-Franco AFETT president

THE ASSOCIATION of Female Executives of Trinidad and Tobago (AFETT), has elected Janine Mendes-Franco as their new president for the 2004/2005 term. Launched in January 2002, AFETT has steadily evolved into the premier business-women's networking organisation in the country.

The association strives to meet the needs of professional women in a myriad of ways - from providing a forum for the exchange of ideas and resources, to developing and implementing programmes, seminars and educational workshops, that augment both personal and professional growth.

On of the visions that Mendes-Franco has for the organisation would



be the "From Classroom to Boardroom" project, which is geared toward improving students' readiness for the advancement in the workplace. It comprises the publication of a Career Guidance Handbook, followed by an

intensive mentorship programme. The Career book will be launched on November 3.

AFETT will also be hosting a signature fund raising event, "Suit Me Up," involving the sale of nearly new business clothing

and accessories, targeted at young women entering the workplace. This event will take place on November 20 at the Guardian Life head office, with all proceeds being donated to the St Jude's Home for Girls.