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A REGIONAL APPROACH TO CAPACITY BUILDING

Leading officials from fire service organisations in the Caribbean region came together for a Conference on June 20 and 21, 2022 entitled “A Regional Approach to Capacity and Capability Building”. The Conference, held at the HYATT Regency Trinidad, was facilitated by the Institution of Fire Engineers Caribbean and South American Branch (IFE CASA).



Participants from countries including Barbados, the British Virgin Islands, St. Kitts and Nevis, and Trinidad and Tobago, engaged in discussions on how to harness resources; build human resource capacity in fire fighting, risk assessment, and disaster mitigation; team building; and resource-building among nations.

Speaking at the Closing Event on Tuesday June 21, 2022, Minister of National Security the Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds M.P. noted that the conference “served as a forum to integrate ideas, identify synergies and create new opportunities, as we seek to strengthen the resiliency of our individual countries, and that of the region”. The Minister extended gratitude to IFE CASA, for sharing their expertise with local and regional stakeholders.



Also delivering Remarks at the Closing Event were Chief Fire Officer Mr. Arnold Bristo; IFE CASA President Professor Clyde Philip; and IFE CASA Vice Chair Mr. Allan Subero. Among the conference attendees were Permanent Secretary (Ag.) of the Ministry of National Security Mr. Gary Joseph and other Members of the TTFS Executive.

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ODPM STRENGTHENS RELATIONS WITH DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS

The Office of Disaster Preparedness and Management (ODPM) partnered with representatives of five (5) diplomatic missions on Wednesday 15th June, 2022, to discuss improving this country's disaster preparedness as well as response and recovery efforts.



The meeting was attended by delegates from Australia, Canada, the Netherlands, Spain and the United States of America and took place at the ODPM's Alternate National Emergency Operations Centre in Mausica.

In his welcome remarks, CEO of the ODPM, Major General (Ret'd) Rodney Smart, noted *“As a Small Island Developing State, we are particularly exposed and vulnerable to many hazards. Thankfully, either directly or indirectly, we have received support from your nations, and to us, your visit today, marks another critical point in the drive towards collaboration and partnership, in strengthening Disaster Risk Reduction and Management in Trinidad and Tobago, inclusive of that of your citizens living, working and visiting here.”*



Discussions were held on how emergency alerts are disseminated to the public and the implementation of a National Public Alert System, emergency telecommunications systems, and the Port of Spain Disaster Management Unit's evacuation measures.

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PRISON SERVICE CRICKET TEAM WINS T20 FESTIVAL



The Trinidad and Tobago Prison Service Cricket Team recently copped the first place trophy at the Trinidad and Tobago Cricket Board's 2022 Dream T20 Festival for the Premier Division II.

This year's competition ran from January to May 2022, with a total of 10 teams participating. The Prison Service played nine games, winning all of them. The team emerged champions after defeating Merryboys by 13 runs in the final game.

Commissioner of Prisons (Ag.) Mr. Deopersad Ramoutar congratulated the team and paid homage to them at a brief ceremony held at the Prisons Training College. He commended them on a successful season and urged them to continue to reach for the stars and bring positive recognition to the organization.





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