



# MINISTRY OF NATIONAL SECURITY

GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **NATIONAL STAKEHOLDERS PARTICIPATE IN PREVENTING AND COUNTERING VIOLENT EXTREMISM WORKSHOP**

**Port of Spain:** Local and international stakeholders met in Trinidad and Tobago for a Workshop to share national, regional and international perspectives on '**Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism (P/CVE)**'.

The Workshop was a collaborative initiative of the Ministry of National Security and the Delegation of the European Union to Trinidad and Tobago. It was facilitated by the Royal United Services Institute (RUSI), Europe.

Delivering Welcome Remarks at the Opening Ceremony held at the HYATT Regency Trinidad in Port of Spain on Thursday October 06, 2022, Minister of National Security, the Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds M.P., expressed appreciation to the Head of Delegation of the European Union to Trinidad and Tobago, His Excellency Peter Cavendish, for supporting the delivery of the workshop and lauded the continued long-standing collaboration on matters of national security.

Minister Hinds noted that Trinidad and Tobago's approach to preventing and countering violent extremism and terrorism, as outlined in the National Counter Terrorism Strategy, is rooted in the country's local legislative frameworks; the use of an integrated Whole-of-Government and Whole-of-Society Approach; strengthening partnerships with the various Government Ministries, as well as Civil Society; and deepening collaboration with international partners in the areas of intelligence, coordination and capacity building. The Minister stated that the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago; and particularly the Ministry of National Security remain deeply committed to building resilient communities, empowering and protecting our nation's youth and other vulnerable elements of society, providing alternatives to criminal and radical indoctrination.

His Excellency Peter Cavendish, also underscored the value of the European Union's ongoing fruitful partnerships with Trinidad and Tobago in the area of security. He thanked Minister Hinds and by extension the Ministry of National Security, for supporting and hosting the training workshop.

Participants included officials from the various Divisions and Units of the Ministry of National Security; other Government Ministries and State Agencies; International Partners; and other stakeholders.

The Workshop, held over the period October 06 – 07, 2022, was designed to enable the sharing of best practices, as well as the exchange of expertise, between the facilitators and all participants. Topics included key definitions and concepts; threats posed by violence and terrorism; national strategies; governance and cooperation; case studies demonstrating how various countries have executed intervention and returnee reintegration strategies; deradicalisation measures; strategic communications; and monitoring and evaluation mechanisms to measure the success of P/CVE programmes.

### **Photos and captions:**



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1. Minister of National Security, the Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds M.P. (right) and Head of Delegation of the European Union to Trinidad and Tobago, His Excellency Peter Cavendish (left) at the Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism (P/CVE) Training Workshop Opening Ceremony on Thursday October 06, 2022 at the HYATT Regency Trinidad in Port of Spain.



2. A cross-section of participants at the Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism (P/CVE) Training Workshop on October 06-07, 2022 at the HYATT Regency Trinidad in Port of Spain. The Workshop was a collaborative initiative of the Ministry of National Security and the Delegation of the European Union to Trinidad and Tobago.

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