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MEMBERS OF THE PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMPENSATION COMMITTEE APPOINTED



On Wednesday 07 December, 2022, Minister of National Security the Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds M.P. presented Instruments of Appointment to two members of the Protective Services Compensation Committee (PSCC) at the Ministry of National Security, Abercromby Street, Port of Spain.

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Receiving their Instruments of Appointment were Attorney-at-law, Mr. Cedric Neptune, who has been reappointed to serve as Secretary to the PSCC, and medical practitioner, Dr. Keith Clifford. Both will serve in the position for a three year period with effect from August 29, 2022.

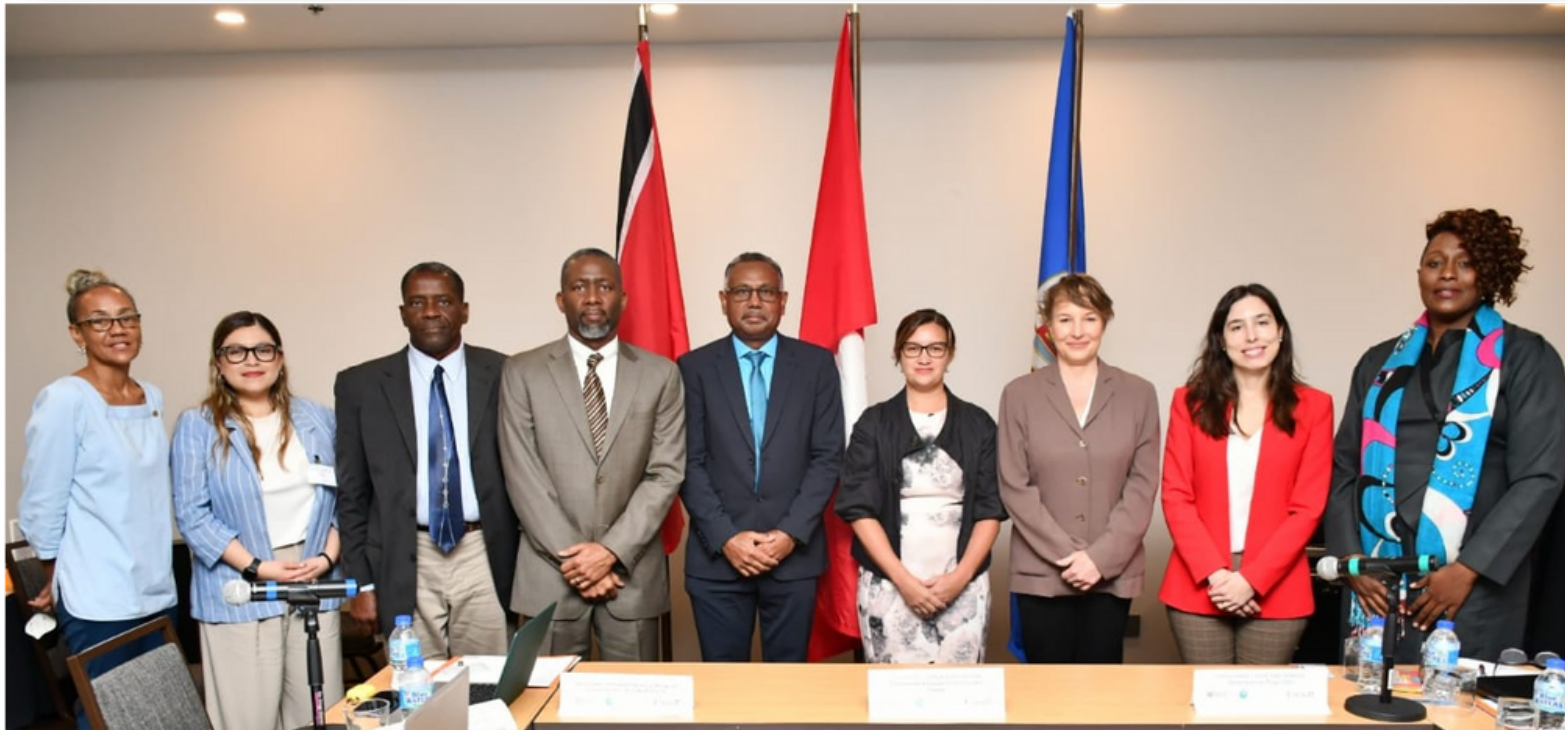
The PSCC is currently led by Attorney-at-law Mr. John Heath who continues to serve as Chairman of the Committee.



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MNS STAKEHOLDERS JOIN REGIONAL PARTNERS AT SEMINAR ON EARLY WARNING SYSTEMS



The Ministry of National Security joined regional partners in a seminar on Early Warning Systems in Response to Opioids and New Psychoactive Substances (NPS) Project in Latin America and the Caribbean, from December 07-08, 2022 at the Marriot Courtyard, Port of Spain.

At the seminar, Trinidad and Tobago was able to share its experiences on the development of its Early Warning System (EWS), the role of our Forensic Science Centre in the EWS and the Operationalization of the country's Drug Information Network (DIN-TT).

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Key National Security stakeholders of Trinidad and Tobago's Early Warning System (EWS) Working Group who joined regional partners at this meeting included: the Strategic Services Agency; Trinidad and Tobago Coast Guard; Special Investigation Unit and Finance Intelligence Unit of the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service (TTPS); and the National Drug Council.



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MNS COMMEMORATES WORLD AIDS DAY



The Ministry of National Security joined the international community to recognize World AIDS Day, which was observed on Thursday 01 December, 2022, under the theme "Equalize".

On Wednesday 07 and Thursday 08, 2022, the Ministry's General Administration staff had the opportunity to get tested for the HIV/AIDS by the Trinidad and Tobago Defence Force (TTDF) Medical Unit. Educational videos that raise awareness on the virus and promote education on safe sex practices were also featured while persons conducted their health tests.

The initiative was well-received by members of staff who shared enthusiastic feedback, stating that the exercise was conducted professionally by Petty Officer Fazad Mohammed, Senior Aircraftman Seireca Doyle-Perez and Lance Corporal Javon Woodward.

Health-check sessions such as these provide an opportunity for persons to unite in the fight against HIV and show support for persons living with HIV.

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NEW ACTING DEPUTY COMMISSIONERS OF POLICE APPOINTED



On Wednesday 07 December, 2022, newly minted Acting Deputy Commissioners of Police Ramnarine Samaroo and Curt Simon were presented with their Instruments of Appointment by Acting Commissioner of Police, McDonald Jacob.

Acting CoP Jacob welcomed the officers to their new positions and said that the promotion came at an opportune time as he proceeded on 35 days' vacation leave and with two more DCPs appointed to the Executive team, the TTPS would be in a good position in terms of leadership and expertise.

The Parliament of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago approved the nominations of Acting DCPs Samaroo and Simon, on Friday 02 December, 2022.

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ODPM CONTINUES FLOOD RELIEF EFFORTS AND FIELD ASSESSMENTS



The Office of Disaster Preparedness and Management (ODPM), as the national disaster coordinating agency, continues to monitor and support response and recovery efforts after recent Adverse Weather conditions experienced across Trinidad and Tobago.

On Tuesday 06 December, 2022, the ODPM deployed a team to the Manzanilla-Mayaro area to conduct on the ground reconnaissance of the destroyed Main Road. Field assessments were conducted using Geographic Information Systems tools to map the damaged road infrastructure and the new water breaches created. Additional aerial reconnaissance will be conducted to further accurately map the affected area. These activities aid the development of mitigation steps to reduce future impacts.

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On Saturday 03 December, 2022, the ODPM also collected and delivered 25 large hampers to the Bamboo Settlement Government Primary School, where it was then distributed to residents in the area affected by recent flooding. Together with the Trinidad and Tobago Red Cross Society and Is There Not A Cause (ITNAC), the ODPM also delivered and distributed over 176 meals to impacted residents within the San Juan-Laventille Region and the Tunapuna-Piarco Region.



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STRENGTHENING INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS



Permanent Secretary, Ministry of National Security, Mr. Gary Joseph, met with Mr. Yang Han, Deputy Head of Mission and Counselor of the Embassy of the People's Republic of China in Trinidad and Tobago, on Friday December 02, 2022, at the Ministry of National Security, Abercromby Street, Port of Spain.

Discussions focused on ongoing projects and engagements between Trinidad and Tobago and the People's Republic of China, particularly in the areas of defence and public security cooperation as well as disaster prevention and response.



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