



**MINISTRY OF NATIONAL SECURITY**  
GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

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## MINISTER HINDS MEETS WITH ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF OAS-CICAD



**Minister of National Security, the Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds M.P. met with Assistant Executive Secretary, Organization of American States, Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission (OAS-CICAD), Ms. Angela Crowdy on June 13, 2023 at the Ministry of National Security's Head Office, located at Abercromby Street, Port of Spain.**

**The meeting presented an opportunity for Minister Hinds to recognize and thank OAS-CICAD, for continuing to promote regional cooperation and coordination among the thirty-four (34) OAS member states in the region, through action programmes conducted by the various units of the OAS-CICAD Executive Secretariat.**

**Discussions centred on collaborative efforts between Trinidad and Tobago and OAS-CICAD to curb drug abuse and illicit drug trafficking, particularly through enhancing human and institutional capacities among OAS Member States across the region.**

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## REGIONAL TRAINING COURSE ON THE CONTROL OF ILLICIT DRUG TRAFFICKING FOR FEMALE OFFICERS LAUNCHED

Twenty five (25) female officers from Trinidad and Tobago and the region, who perform counterdrug tasks at the operational level, particularly in the maritime/port domain, have participated in a training aimed at strengthening the capacity to counter drug trafficking.

Delivering the feature address at the Opening Ceremony for the *Regional Training Course on the Control of Illicit Drug Trafficking for Female Officers* on June 12, 2023, Minister of National Security, the Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds M.P. noted the significance of the capacity building initiative, stating that it served as a forum to bring together local and regional female officers who play a key role in countering the impact of drug trafficking across the region.



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The National Drug Council of the Ministry of National Security, in collaboration with the Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission of the Organization of American States (CICAD/OAS) and other stakeholders, hosted the *Regional Training Course on the Control of Illicit Drug Trafficking for Female Officers*, at the Police Training Academy in Port of Spain, from June 12 - 16, 2023.



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## **WORK PERMIT EXEMPTION EXTENDED FOR REGISTERED VENEZUELAN NATIONALS IN TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO**

The Ministry of National Security has announced that the duration of the Work Permit Exemption granted to Venezuelan nationals in Trinidad and Tobago, registered under the Migrant Registration Framework, has been extended to December 31, 2023.

Registered Venezuelan nationals who were issued with Minister's Permits and Migrant Registration Cards are invited to visit the relevant Immigration Division, Enforcement Unit office during the period June 20, 2023 to July 28, 2023 to process their extended permits and update their Registration Cards.

A list of Minister's Permits numbers has been published on the Ministry of National Security's website via link <https://nationalecurity.gov.tt/services/workpermit-exemptionextension/>, indicating the scheduled dates when persons holding those card numbers must visit the relevant Immigration office, as well as the required documents for processing.

Registered Venezuelan nationals are asked to note that failure to visit the relevant Immigration office by July 28, 2023 will prevent further processing, and incomplete applications will be considered as withdrawn.



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