



# MINISTRY OF NATIONAL SECURITY

GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

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## MEDIA RELEASE

### **MINISTER OF NATIONAL SECURITY RECEIVES COURTESY CALL FROM UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE**

**Port of Spain:** On Thursday August 17, 2023, the Minister of National Security, the Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds M.P., met with Mr Ugo Blanco, Resident Representative of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

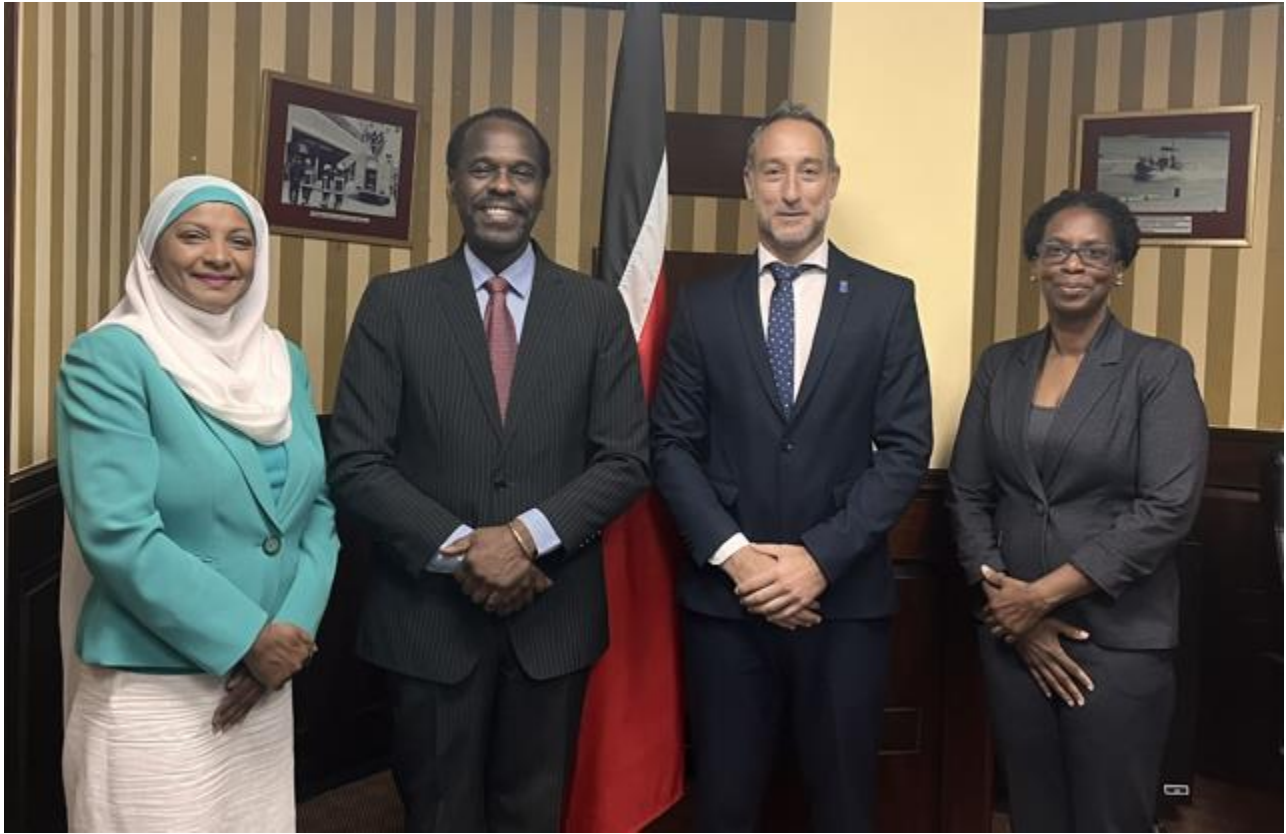
The meeting took place at the Ministry of National Security's Head Office, Abercromby Street, Port of Spain.

Minister Hinds welcomed Mr Blanco to his new posting here in Trinidad and Tobago and took the opportunity to extend his appreciation for the work of the UNDP, in support of national efforts to address crime and violence.

Discussions centred on some of the ongoing areas of collaboration between the UNDP and the Ministry of National Security, such as the various initiatives under the CARISECURE 2.0 project, and possible future support under this project. Minister Hinds outlined his priorities as Minister of National Security, which included measures to reduce the inflow of illegal weapons to enhance border security, and capacity building for law enforcement. Both parties agreed to explore new avenues for cooperation and also pledged to continue to nurture the long established partnership between the Ministry of National Security and the UNDP.

Also in attendance were Ms Sharifa Ali-Abdullah, Assistant Resident Representative, UNDP, and Mrs Nataki Atiba-Dilchan, Acting Permanent Secretary, Ministry of National Security.

## PHOTOS AND CAPTIONS:



**Caption: (From Left to Right)** Assistant Resident Representative, UNDP, Ms Sharifa Ali-Abdullah; Minister of National Security, the Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds M.P; Resident Representative of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Mr Ugo Blanco and Permanent Secretary, Ministry of National Security, Mrs Nataki Atiba-Dilchan during a meeting at the Ministry of National Security's Head Office, Abercromby Street, Port of Spain on Thursday August 17, 2023.

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