



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

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## MINISTRY OF NATIONAL SECURITY RECEIVES HANDHELD METAL DETECTORS FROM UNODC



On Friday November 17, 2023, the Ministry of National Security received a donation of twenty (20) handheld metal detectors, from the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), for use by the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service and the Customs and Excise Division, Ministry of Finance.

Permanent Secretary (Ag.), Ministry of National Security, Ms. Nataki Atiba-Dilchan accepted the items on behalf of the Ministry from Head, Global Firearms Programme, UNODC, Ms. Simonetta Grassi.

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Ms. Dilchan expressed gratitude to Ms. Grassi for the donation geared towards better equipping police officers and customs officers in the execution of their duties.

The UNODC provided the scanners as part of its continued support to Trinidad and Tobago, as a participating member of the Caribbean Firearms Roadmap project which aims to reduce crime and violence in the region.





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## MNS EMPOWERS FEMALE ENTREPRENEURS



**Thirteen women from the East Port of Spain Community are better equipped to be successful entrepreneurs after taking part in the Ministry of National Security's PowHER Programme. A graduation ceremony was held in their honour on Friday November 17, 2023 at the Office of Law Enforcement Policy (OLEP), London Street, Port of Spain.**

**The Ministry's PowHER Programme is administered by the Office of Law Enforcement Policy (OLEP) and forms part of the Morvant Laventille Initiative (MLI). It provides a series of inspirational and empowering learning sessions, focused on developing the skills of aspiring female entrepreneurs to accelerate their growth and spark their confidence with the knowledge of local and international experts.**



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Delivering the feature address at the ceremony was Deputy Permanent Secretary, Ministry of National Security, Ms. Aarti Bedassie-Maharaj who congratulated both the course tutors and the graduates for effectively executing and completing the programme.

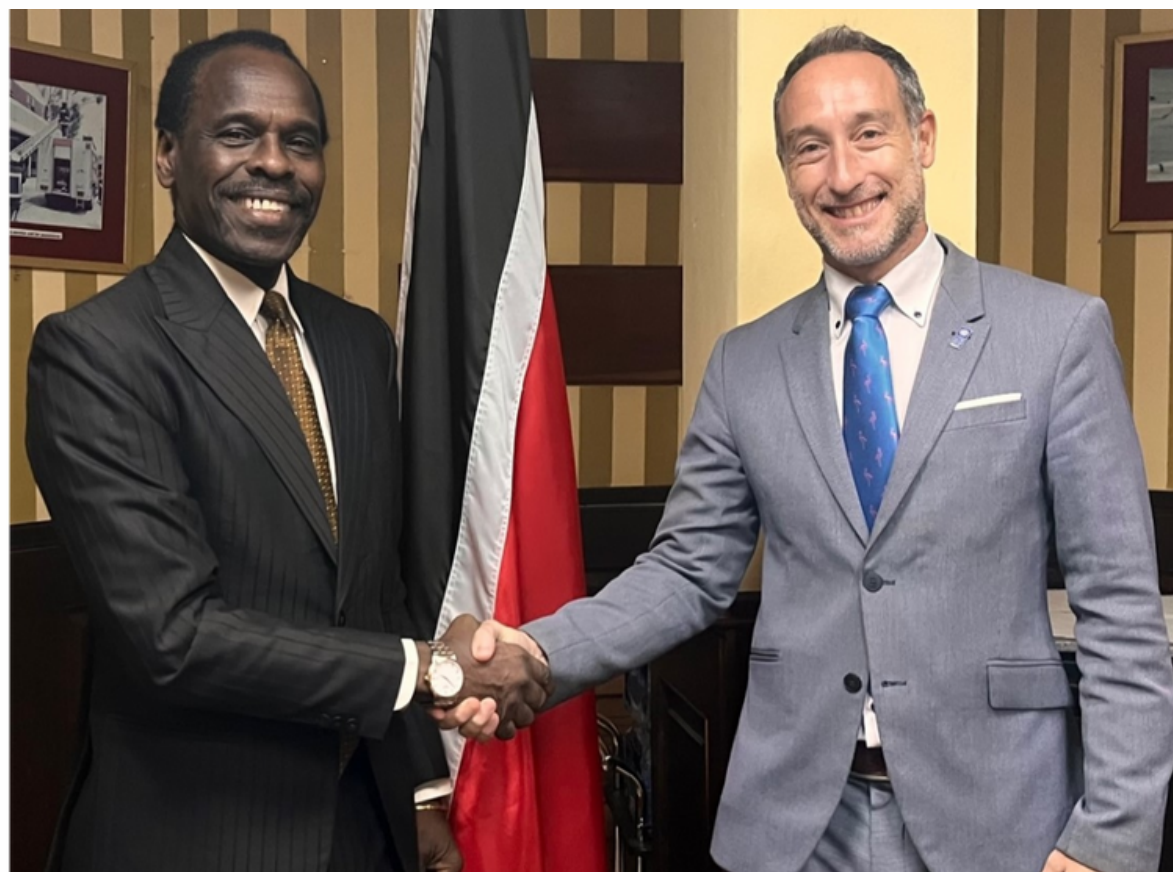
Also in attendance were the Director, Office of Law Enforcement Policy, Ministry of National Security, Ms. Gale Charles; Deputy Director, OLEP, Mr. Allan Meiguel; Programme Tutors; Graduates and their Family members.



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## MINISTER HINDS MEETS WITH UNDP RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE



**On Monday November 20, 2023, Minister of National Security, the Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds M.P. met with Resident Representative of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Mr. Ugo Blanco.**

**Discussions focused on a number of projects currently being undertaken by the UNDP and the Ministry of National Security, including the CariSECURE 2.0 project, and the PACE Justice project.**



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**Both Minister Hinds and Mr. Blanco expressed intentions to continue to explore areas for expanded cooperation, in furtherance of the longstanding relationship between the Ministry of National Security and the UNDP.**

**The meeting took place at the Ministry of National Security's Head Office, Abercromby Street, Port of Spain. Also in attendance were Assistant Resident Representative of the UNDP, Ms. Sharifa Ali-Abdullah; Project Associate, CariSECURE 2.0, Ms. Amanda Ackbarali-Ramdial; and Deputy Director, International Affairs Unit, Ministry of National Security, Major (Ret'd) Richard Lynch.**





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## ODPM PROVIDES EQUIPMENT TO DISASTER RESPONSE AGENCIES



On Thursday November 16, 2023, the Office of Disaster Preparedness and Management (ODPM) provided a number of Emergency Tents, Standby Generators, Rescue Boats with outboard Engines, Fuel Containers and Life Jackets to the Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government's Disaster Management Units (DMUs), the Trinidad and Tobago Defence Force (TTDF), the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service (TTPS), the Trinidad and Tobago Fire Service and the Tobago Emergency Management Agency (TEMA).

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**These items were donated to Trinidad and Tobago by the People's Republic of China and will be positioned across Trinidad and Tobago to support disaster response and recovery efforts when needed.**







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