



Diplomatic Academy of the Caribbean delivers successful training module on Protocol & Diplomacy



Eighteen public officials from across the Caribbean region received additional training in protocol, diplomatic skills and other competencies following a four-day training session held earlier in October 2018, at the Diplomatic Academy for the Caribbean.

The sessions were designed to develop a cadre of trained and experienced officials to guarantee the best experience when they host regional and international conferences, meetings and summits in their respective countries. Director of the Institute of International Relations, Professor Jessica Byron, said that this type of training will not only add to the individual professional development of participants, but to the product offering of their respective Territory as a conference and meeting venue. Professor Byron noted that the training met the participants' expectations as they were given an opportunity to learn new

skills in protocol, and guidelines on diplomatic courtesy and order of precedence, cross-culture etiquette and banquet organisation as well as organising social occasions or visits of foreign delegates.

The training was conducted by Ms Gail Guy, Retired Diplomat and Protocol Consultant and Mr Dennis Francis, Former Ambassador of Trinidad and Tobago to the United Nations. The training module on Protocol and Diplomacy: A Guide for the Modern Professional was held from Tuesday, October 30, to Friday, November 2, 2018. The training objectives included elements of diplomatic protocol, state protocol, diplomatic precedence, business etiquette, event planning, international law and national identity guidelines such as the use of flags, national anthems and national symbols and excellence when working in an international cross-cultural environment.

The next training module of the Diplomatic Academy of the Caribbean will be The Art of Corporate and Diplomatic Communications. For more information, interested persons are asked to email diplomaticacademy@sta.uwi.edu, call 868 662-2002 ext. 85362, 85360, and 85359 or visit <https://sta.uwi.edu/daoc/>

About the Diplomatic Academy of the Caribbean

The Diplomatic Academy of the Caribbean, the first of its kind in the region, seeks to provide learning and training to a cross-section of target groups and beneficiaries involved in international cooperation negotiations and transactions within the CARICOM region and beyond. Established in 2014, the Diplomatic Academy of the Caribbean meets a clearly felt need, in the absence of any proper training and learning facility regionally, to offer programmes in diplomacy at various levels and on diverse subjects relevant to the 21st century socio-political and economic environment.