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### ANTIGUA CRUISE PORT COLLABORATES WITH IMO AND ADOMS FOR PORT SECURITY WORKSHOP

**St. John's, Antigua, April 8, 2024** — Cynthia Jacobs-Browne, Officer-in-Charge at Antigua Cruise Port, recently gave opening remarks at a special International Maritime Organization (IMO) training workshop on passenger and baggage security on ships. The activity was hosted in partnership with the Antigua and Barbuda Department of Marine Services and Merchant Shipping (ADOMS) team.

Twenty-five participants, including the port facility security team, Heritage Quay security staff members, and other government employees completed training to enhance the effectiveness of screening and searching cruise passengers, crew, and other port partners to detect prohibited items. The instructors placed special emphasis on identifying firearms and improvised explosive devices.

Mrs. Jacobs-Browne spoke enthusiastically about the collaboration between the IMO, the government of Antigua & Barbuda, and Antigua Cruise Port through this valuable and informative workshop. “As the number of ship calls and the amount of passenger traffic that we receive continues to grow, so too does our security risk. By collaborating with the IMO and the government to enhance the practical security management skills of our team and our partners, we are creating a safer environment for our guests and community and securing the future of the local cruise sector. “

“This information,” she continued, “coupled with the international security management practices that we consistently implement and enhance as a member of the Global Ports Holding network of ports, will ensure that Antigua Cruise Port is second-to-none in port security management and development.”

The comprehensive training session was completed as Antigua Cruise Port finalizes plans to construct a permanent terminal facility and a highly anticipated, multi-million-dollar Antigua Day Club experience. The new 11,000 square foot terminal facility will include security screening, customs and immigration offices, check-in stations, luggage areas, kiosks, retail, restrooms, and administrative offices. Construction is set to begin in Q4 2024.

## ABOUT ANTIGUA CRUISE PORT

Located in St. John’s harbor, Antigua Cruise Port is the gateway to the city, serving over 800,000 passengers annually. The port is being redeveloped under the Antigua Cruise Port Development Project through a 30-year lease agreement between the Government of Antigua & Barbuda and Global Ports Holding. In late 2020, Antigua Cruise Port completed construction of its fifth berth, a 700 ft. pier that can accommodate the biggest ships in the industry, making it possible for the port to serve as many as one million passengers per year. The new port will also have brand-new retail and food and beverage facilities, plus an additional 50,000 sq. ft. of commercial space to be leased to local entrepreneurs.

Antigua Cruise Port launched operations in October 2019. Learn more at [www.antiguacruiseport.com](http://www.antiguacruiseport.com).

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## Photo Caption



Photo 1 - Representatives from Antigua Cruise Port, the IMO, and local government maritime agencies recently collaborated to complete a comprehensive maritime security skills training workshop.



Photos 2 and 3 - Cynthia Jacobs-Brown, Officer-in-Charge at Antigua Cruise Port (second from right), presents certificates of completion to workshop participants.