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[The Ministry of Tourism and the Antigua and Barbuda Tourism Authority merge as the first official Platinum Sponsor of Team Wadadli Island Girl's Pacific Rowing Campaign.](#)



***(St. John's Antigua; February 11, 2022)***, The Ministry of Tourism and The Antigua and Barbuda Tourism Authority have combined efforts to come forward as the first official sponsor of Team Wadadli Island Girls as they prepare to compete in the upcoming Pacific Rowing Campaign.

A total of EC \$100,000.00 will be contributed towards the cause, and this is to assist in covering payments for the purchase of a practice vessel as well as a new vessel for the competition.

“Apart from making history, we want to really be competitive this time around and make good time in the female class, hence the reason for the acquisition of a new, more modern, lightweight vessel made out of carbon,” said Wadadli Island Girl Kevinia Francis.

20 teams are registered thus far for the event which will start off from Monterey Bay California in June 2023.

Minister of Tourism the Hon. Charles Fernandez says the sponsorship forms part of a thrust by the Ministry to invest in the development of local talent in different forms, hence the country will be showcased to the world through Antigua and Barbuda's participation in international events.

Minister Fernandez himself pledged a personal contribution towards the initiative urging other corporate entities as well as individuals to do so if they can.

Team Wadadli Island Girls, once successful in completing the Pacific crossing will once again make history as the first black, all girls team to do so.

Anyone desirous of making donations can make contact via email at [teamantiguaislandgirls@gmail.com](mailto:teamantiguaislandgirls@gmail.com).

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