UNODC and IMPACS to address Regional priorities.

IMPACS headquarters September 13th, Port-of-Spain Trinidad and Tobago – A delegation from the United Nations office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), met today with officials from the CARICOM Implementation Agency for Crime and Security (IMPACS), to review earlier deliberations between the two entities, with regard to joint undertakings in the Region, to tackle the top priority concerns of member states.

Both organizations are keen to strengthen the Regional forensics capacity which will increase rates of convictions by improving the preservation of the integrity of evidence from crime scene to court room. They also want to focus their attention on the proliferation of illegal guns which have had a significant impact on the escalating homicide rate in the Region along with issues relating to human trafficking, the smuggling of migrants, and money laundering.

Mr. Francis Forbes, the Interim Executive Director of CARICOM IMPACS chaired the proceedings supported by the Agency’s Regional Crime and Security Strategy Coordinator Mr. Callixtus Joseph, and Research Officer Ms. Danielle Alfonso. The UNODC team was led by Regional Coordinator Mr. Claudio Santorum. It included Crime Prevention Advisor Mr. Peter Faulhaber and Senior Consultant and Director of the Caribbean Drug and Alcohol Research Institute, Mr. Marcus Day.

A general consensus has emerged that these endeavors could be better facilitated by the much anticipated return of the UNODC office to the Region and even perhaps, by a physical presence at IMPACS Head Quarters.
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