CAPACITY BUILDING

Through partnerships, CARICOM IMPACS fosters continuous improvement in the capacity of law enforcement and security officers both at the national and regional levels, to prevent and fight crime and develop knowledge and skills.

Since 2010, IMPACS’ partnership with the Caribbean Centre for Development Administration (CARICAD) has enabled the Agency to train more than two hundred (200) immigration officers in the Region. Through the implementation of “Train the Trainer” targeted training, the Agency has assisted in the enhancement of border security capacity which is a critical component for the advancement and strengthening of the regional integration process.

Given the multi-dimensional nature of security, the scope of the area of training has increased to reflect the changing security environment. In 2011, IMPACS partnered with the Organization of the American States (OAS), the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute (UNICRI), and with the support of the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, to organize the First International Carnival and Festival Security Workshop in Trinidad and Tobago. The overall objective of this workshop was to strengthen the capacity of regional Carnival and Festival Security practitioners to ensure the safety and security of all stakeholders, including citizens, visitors and spectators at these major events.

The Workshop’s participants included multi-sectoral participation of more than fifty (50) representatives from over fifteen (15) States, including CARICOM Member States, International carnival security experts from Brazil, United Kingdom, Canada and Colombia and other international representatives from UNICRI, OAS and the Government of Canada.