

Saint Lucia At Tourism Security Workshop

A four member team of private/public sector law enforcement and tourism officials (two from each sector) this week represented St. Lucia at the first in a series of workshops on tourism and security which began in Grenada on Monday and ended on Friday. The workshops are being organized by the Organization of American States-OAS, under the theme "Inter-American, tourism, and recreational facilities security". Director of the OAS Secretariat in St. Lucia Paul Spencer said the workshops are just one of the ways that the OAS is lending support to members states in the area of security.

"The private sector entities are the ones that implement or run the tourism plant, be it hotels be it the tourism industry and they are sending two persons to that workshop and the whole idea is to plan ways in

which to reduce the risk of the tourism plants in the Caribbean to acts of terrorism."

The second workshop is scheduled for Mid September in St. Kitts and Nevis, while St. Lucia will host the last of the series slated for September 25th. Meanwhile the OAS Director, has lauded the efforts of Trinidad and Tobago as the only country in the Caribbean to provide staff from the public sector to help with designing programs that will respond to terrorism.

"That is a substantial support which the government of Trinidad is providing. Other countries that are providing support are US, Columbia, Brazil, Uruguay, but for a Caribbean country to delegate two staff members from its ministry of National Security to work at the ...secretariat is a substantial contribution and shows the importance that the Caribbean region attaches to this issue."

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