

Market Access & Rural Enterprise Development Programme



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MAREP HELD ITS SECOND VOCATIONAL & SKILLS TRAINING (VST) GRADUATION & AWARD CEREMONY

On Tuesday, April 25TH, 2017 the Market Access and Rural Enterprise Development Programme (MAREP) held its second Graduation Ceremony for the Vocational Skills and Training (VST) Program. The Ceremony was held in the Hospitality Room of the Grenada National Stadium, St. George at 2:00pm.

The Graduating class of the Cruise Lines Services Program comprised of eighty nine (89) youths from various rural communities in Grenada and Carriacou who successfully completed the training requirements (*theoretical, practical and 1 month job training/ apprenticeship*) at the Courtney's Training Agency. The graduates were presented with Certificates of Completion from the Training Agency.

The spotlight was also placed on the two Most Outstanding trainees from the class who received a Certificate of Outstanding Performance from the Courtney's Training Agency. Vote of Thanks speech from one of the Recipients of the Special Awards, Mrs. Rackel Cornwall encouraged her fellow classmates to "Continue in their quest for knowledge and always remember that the Sky is the limit."

The Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Tourism Mrs. Arlene Buckmire Outram gave the Feature Address. Keynote Remarks were also delivered by Mr. Rennie Courtney, Courtney's Training Agency General Manger; Ms. Nikoyan Roberts, Grenada Tourism of Authority Nautical Development Manager and Mr. Elvis Morain, Chief Education Officer from the Ministry of Education. In addition, representatives of the Programme Steering Committee (PSC), Government Ministries and MAREP staff were in attendance.

MAREP is therefore pleased to have reached this stage of implementation. With over 80 young rural men and women sent into the world of work, the programme is well on the way of fulfilling its commitment to create employment opportunities and increase the level of empowerment in rural communities through the Vocational and Skills Training Programme.

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