

INTERNATIONAL PROCUREMENT TRAINING AND PROJECT STRUCTURE MAPPING WORKSHOP

“Tendering is a regulated method of entering into a contract by governmental authority. The World Bank is providing you with support to achieve value for money with integrity in delivering sustainable development. Monitoring by the World Bank is carried out based on risk assessment and project related circumstances,” these were the opening statements at the International Procurement Training and Projects Structure Mapping Workshop, as presented by Andrea Chao, LLM. of Simmons and Simmons LLP. The top level management also engaged in training on tendering and contracting strategy. The Simpson-bay Resort Gala hall was the selected venue of choice on February 11 through 12, 2020, whereby Directors and Managers of the SXM Airport convened to be informed of the World Bank’s tender regulations.

A two-day in-depth training featured agenda points which further divulged “What is tendering”, World Bank Core Procurement Principles, Legal Sources, Preparation of a tender, Executing a tender and Reviewing bids and post-preliminary awards.

The vital training was made available by the Management Board at a crucial period, as the world anticipates the official start of the reconstruction of the Princess Juliana International Airport (SXM) since Hurricane Irma damaged the terminal building in September 2017. The reoccurring sentiment shared throughout the workshop was that each decision made should reflect the project’s objectives, which is to restore the passenger capacity of SXM Airport to pre-Ir-



Andrea Chao, LLM. of Simmons and Simmons LLP during the International procurement training and project structure mapping workshop

ma levels with improved resilience to hurricanes.

As the workshop trailed on, emphasis was regarded on the accurate tendering process, in effort to apply the World Bank’s seven core procurement principles, like integrity, fit for purpose, value for money, transparency, fairness, economy and efficiency. Attendees of the SXM Airport team were additionally handed over copies of the Procurement Guidance booklet, entitled “Value for Money - Achieving VFM in Investment Projects Financed by the World Bank”.

While expounding on the core procurement principle of integrity, presenter, Andrea Chao, LLM. said the usage of resources must apply integrity, announcing that the World Bank has extensive audits and inspection rights before, after and during the project. Furthermore, any breach can result in a range of sanctions and remedies.

“As a core procurement principle calls for fairness, the World Bank is asking for equal opportunities for bidders, non-discrimination on nationality, clear procedures to deal with complaints, fair balance between rights, obligations, allocation of

risks and a level playing field. All principles summarized indicates that it is in the benefit of the SXM Airport to give every bidder a fair shot, increasing a steady appetite to participate in future projects,” stated the Chief Executive Officer, CEO, Brian Mingo.

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RESPONSE TO CONFIRMED CASES OF COVID-19 ON FRENCH SAINT MARTIN

POPULATION REMINDED TO STEP-UP WITH HANDWASHING AND COUGH/SNEEZE ETIQUETTES

The Prime Minister Hon. Silveria Jacobs on Sunday March 1, 2020, activated the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) in connection with two confirmed cases of the coronavirus COVID-19 on French Saint Martin. These persons are currently in isolation at the Hospital on the French side and will remain there for 14-days according to the Prefecture.

The EOC chaired by the Prime Minister has been activated to continue with the preparedness, response and mitigation measures that need to be taken in connection with the coronavirus COVID-19 and will continue to function on a heightened level of awareness. There are zero cases of suspected or confirmed COVID-19 on Dutch St. Maarten at this time. Our screening processes at our ports of entry have been stepped up in cooperation with the airlines who are also following their own screening protocols based on World Health Organization (WHO) recommendations.

There is no reason to panic; stay calm and take preventative hygiene measures at home, on the job, in school that have been promoted by the Ministry of Public Health for the past several weeks via the Government's Department of Communication. School boards have been requested to increase hygienic measures at schools and to maintain these at a high level; front line staff of businesses across the business community – customer service reps – as well as all other staff members are also requested to follow preventative measures on a daily basis.

The Dutch side has been working closely with French-side counterparts prior to the confirmed cases and will continue to work together in the coming days, weeks and months ahead.

The public health of the people and visitors to St. Maarten is a top priority of the Government and the latter remains fully engaged on the issue of

infection prevention and control of COVID-19 to ensure the health and safety of the people of St. Maarten.

The various Government ministries of St. Maarten, such as the Ministry of Justice, Public Health, and Tourism along with key stakeholders such as the ports of entry have protocols in place to deal with any probable cases of (COVID-19).

The Princess Juliana International Airport (SXM) implemented its infectious disease protocols with respect to the two French nationals who were isolated and examined at an remote area on the airport airfield, prior to being transported to the Louie Constant Fleming hospital for further medical examination.

Protocols and Guidelines:

The Government of St. Maarten and its respective ministries, especially Public Health, is working closely with the Netherlands National Institute for Public Health and the Environment (RIVM) who will be the key organization to handle any testing requirements should they come up regarding a suspected case.

The Netherlands has a number of cases of (COVID-19), and the Government of St. Maarten understands what measures are being taken by its Kingdom partner to contain the virus. All Kingdom partners are working under the same international guidelines as provided by the WHO.

The St. Maarten Medical Center has a capacity to handle four COVID-19 cases, and should there be more than that, the Government of St. Maarten has



Silveria Jacobs, Prime Minister

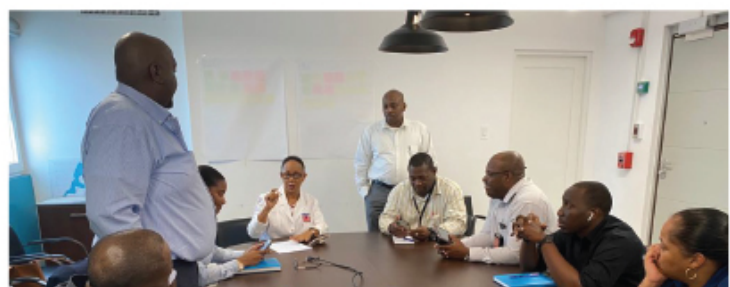
already reached out to its international and Kingdom partners for capacity and resource assistance, if necessary.

The Government of St. Maarten is in contact with the United Nations (UN) Disaster Assistance & Coordination organization as well as with other UN associated disaster agencies in preparing its stepped-up approach and response to protect the public health of the St. Maarten population and visitors.

Ministry VSA continues to make national and response preparations that are in line with International Health Regulations (IHR) and local health sector regulations (Public Health Ordinance of St. Maarten).

As part of CPSs increased surveillance activities (Infection prevention and Control, public health stakeholders and other entities, have been trained in the use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) when they have to deal with a suspected case of COVID-19.

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(SEATED) Dr. Sonia Swanston-Meade address the Emergency preparedness team

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The Ministry of Public Health continues to follow guidance from its regional and international partners concerning COVID-19 such as the Pan American Health Organization and the World Health Organization.

Protocols at ports of entry entails that based on health information provided of passengers, if necessary, the person or persons will be isolated, and these protocols will continue to be followed by ports of entry. Airlines and cruise line companies for example have their own screening protocols to follow as a first line of screening whether a passenger would allowed to board a flight or cruise ship; the St. Maarten Immigration and Border Control also has its own screening protocol at ports of entry and in collaboration with Public Health, have already been active. Local officials can request additional information of passengers such as travel history in order to determine if they have traveled to countries or regions where COVID-19 clusters exist.

**STAY HEALTHY
WHILE TRAVELLING**

**Avoid travel if you have
a fever and cough**

**If you have a fever, cough and
difficulty breathing seek medical
care early and share previous
travel history with your health
care provider**

World Health Organization

KLM SUSPENDS FLIGHTS TO CHINA

As a result of the outbreak of the coronavirus, KLM temporarily suspended its flights to mainland China at the beginning of February.

Top priority is awarded to protecting the health of employees and customers throughout KLM's decision-making process.

In order to offer customers the best possible network during these times, KLM will be adjusting its flights schedule to mainland China as follows:

KLM will extend the suspension of its flights to Beijing and Shanghai up to and including March 15, 2020. With effect from March 16, 2020, KLM will resume its services to Beijing and Shanghai.

Flights will be alternated every other day between these two cities so as to at least offer a daily KLM connection between Amsterdam and mainland China.



Air France will operate a comparable schedule to Beijing and Shanghai. In this manner, the customers will have the option of flying daily from Amsterdam or Paris to China, and Beijing and Shanghai will be accessible from Amsterdam or Paris on alternate days.

With effect from March 29, 2020, KLM's daily flights will be resumed to Beijing and Shanghai. For the time being, services to Chengdu, Hangzhou and Xiamen will remain suspended up to and including March 28, 2020.

KLM is following developments in the wake of the outbreak of the coronavirus in China closely and is maintaining intensive contact with various national and international health and aviation authorities.

For our customers, the previously announced rebooking policy will remain in force for China. You can find more information at klm.com.

MINISTER IRION: EIB IMPORTANT PARTNER TO LEVERAGE THE TRUST FUND

ing pre-clearance’.

During his visit, Minister Irion and Director Claret Connor of the NRPB discussed how the cooperation with the EIB can also become beneficial for other investment projects of the Government of St. Maarten and its Government Companies.

‘The financing of the airport project teaches us a very important lesson: we can and should use the Trust Fund to leverage more attractive funding for our island. The availability of over half a billion US Dollars in grant money through the Trust Fund is an asset that we should use to our advantage. We can leverage the Trust Fund to obtain more attractive public and private funding for our projects. The involvement of triple-A institutions like the World Bank and the EIB, makes it more attractive for other financiers to chip-in.

‘As Minister of Finance, my goal is always to follow the numbers and to do the math: we already have half a billion, but we need and can get more. My visit to the EIB, being the first official visit of the Government of St. Maarten to the EIB, serves this purpose as I strongly believe that the EIB can become an important partner to leverage the Trust Fund’, Minister Irion explained.



(L - R) Minister of Public Finance, Ardwell Irion, EIB Vice President, Emma Navarro and COE SXM Airport, Brian Mingo at the signing of the of the loan agreement

The Honorable Minister of Finance, Ardwell Irion joined a small delegation of the National Recovery Project Bureau (NRPB) and SXM Airport to the headquarters of the European Investment Bank (EIB) in Luxembourg on January 31, 2020. The high-level visit cemented the 50 million US dollars loan that the Government of St. Maarten has signed with the EIB for the Princess Juliana International Airport (SXM). This loan will be provided to the airport under very favorable conditions, with a grace period of five (5) years and a subsidized interest percentage of around 2.5 to 3%.

As one of the principal financiers for the Package 2 - Reconstruction of the Terminal Building, the EIB will be an important partner for the country and the airport in the years to come. Minister

Irion thanked the EIB and especially Ms. Emma Navarro, the EIB’s Vice-President for the Caribbean for the EIB’s support: ‘I am very grateful for this unique opportunity to work with a triple-A institution like the EIB.

‘Together with the 72 million US dollars grant from the St. Maarten Trust Fund, the technical assistance of the World Bank and the release of the insurance proceeds, the EIB’s loan will allow SXM Airport to return the Terminal Building to its former glory and to look beyond at new horizons. The EIB is a very natural partner for the airport, as the EIB already finances major operations in almost every major airport in Europe. Hopefully, this loan will be the first in a series of operations of the EIB with SXM Airport in order to finance future upgrades to our terminal facilities, includ-



NEW AIR SERVICE, JETAIR CARIBBEAN

"We would like to give the St. Maarten traveler options for their travel needs within South America and the Caribbean. We hope that in the near future we will connect St. Maarten through the Dominican Republic, Haiti, Jamaica and Columbia," announced an elated CEO of JetAir Caribbean, Mr. Robert Maas.

Robert Maas spoke alongside the Management of the JetAir Caribbean and the St. Maarten Juliana Handlers at the inaugural flight ceremony, as hosted by the Management of the Princess Juliana International Airport (SXM) on February 2, 2020.

Prior to the inauguration, the standard water canon salute was graciously demonstrated on the airside with dual trucks of the Rescue and



Firefighting Department (R&FF). As the Fokker 70 (F70) aircraft taxied to the main apron, this granted access to the officials and Curaçao based media to partake in the plaque handing over ceremony.

"Since the start of ALM, the Curaçao - St. Maarten - Curaçao route has been operated by all former Curaçao based airline companies. It is a very traditional route, because our constitutional ties established in the former Dutch Antilles. JetAir Caribbean is no exception and will continue with

this tradition. For that reason, we are here today to celebrate our inaugural flight into St. Maarten and to maintain this connectivity between our islands," Maas concluded.

The new air service will be operating this route twice a week on Wednesday's and Sunday's. Two Fokker 70 (F70) jet aircraft, will be utilized to carry a seating capacity up to 80 passengers and a flight time to and from Curaçao of 1 hour and 20 minutes.

USE OF UAS/RPAS OR DRONES PROHIBITED FROM NO FLY ZONES

The Department of Civil Aviation informs the public that with the implementation of the Ministerial Regulation limiting the use of RPAS/UAS or drones, there are established zones where drone flights are prohibited (NO Fly Zones).

Drones flights in these zones can only occur after exemptions/authorizations have been granted to do so by the Minister of Tourism, Economic Affairs, Transport and Telecommunication. One such zone is the area of four (4) kilometers from the boundary of the Princess Juliana International Airport, which includes the areas of Simpson Bay and sections of the Cole Bay area where.

In addition to the No Fly Zones, the regulation also prescribe guidelines for safe drone operations. In this regard, individuals are not allowed to operate drones in close vicinity to large crowds and at public events.

The Regatta is taking place from March 05, 2020 until March 08, 2020, thus drone operators are urged to take urgent heed. In addition to the aforementioned Ministerial Regulation, the public is also hereby advised that Article 25

paragraph a, of the Aviation National Ordinance prohibits operations in the airspace over St. Maarten in a manner that may endanger or disturb aviation and the public order. Violations of this Ordinance can result in penalties or fines.

With the start of the Regatta on March 05, 2020, the Department will be issuing exemptions/authorizations for the use of drones within the Princess Juliana International Airport NO-FLY Zone ONLY for the purpose of taking aerial photographs or video of the Regatta. Any individual/company that want to conduct aerial photography or filming of the Regatta must submit a written request to the Department by no later than February 28, 2020.

With this request, the applicant must provide all relevant information on the drone (type model, operations specification) and the details of the operation (takeoff and landing zone, proposed route, company/contract details). Individuals can submit their written request via email to louis.halley@sintmaartengov.org, arsenio.rombley@sintmaartengov.org or Richard.vanDinter@sintmaartengov.org.



NO DRONE ZONE

Remotely piloted aircraft systems/ unmanned aircraft systems or drones have to be closely monitored while operating in the area of Simpson Bay and near the airport as large numbers of drones operating in these areas can pose a danger to landing and departing aircraft at the airport. In addition, these aircraft systems can also pose a hindrance to the sailing teams taking part in the Regatta. As such, we are limiting the amount of drones that can operate during the Regatta.

Requests will be assessed in the order of which they are received and requests received after the deadline may not be processed.



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PUBLIC OUTREACH CAMPAIGN – BEACON HILL ASSOCIATION

Princess Juliana International Airport operating company PJIAE recently held a meeting with members of Beacon Hill Association as part of the company's public outreach campaign.

According to SXM Airport, the campaign is being carried out to inform all media streams, travelers, residents and stakeholders about "Package two – Reconstruction of the Terminal Building". The campaign is part of the SXM Airport's broader

Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP), which was developed in March 2019, and which is included in company's draft Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP).



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SXM AIRPORT HAS BEEN SHORTLISTED ONCE AGAIN FOR THE 2020 PRIVATEFLY MOST SCENIC AIRPORT LANDINGS POLL

Privatefly has shortlisted airports in 6 different regions and SXM Airport falls into the South & Central America and Caribbean shortlist. In total, there are 78 global shortlisted airports across the 6 categories, with a very diverse selection of geographical settings - ranging from iconic cityscapes, to island and coastal approaches, to mountain top runways.

Voters are asked to choose their favorite airport in each category as the voting opened since Friday, February 14th and will run through March 15th, 2020, after which Privatefly will announce the winner and runner up for each category.

PrivateFly is a global private jet charter broker company with websites covering 19 countries. The company is a member of ACANA, BACA, EBAA and NBAA aviation industry bodies. In 2018 PrivateFly became part of Directional Aviation's OneSky portfolio of companies.

To help the SXM Airport win its category, we encourage you to do the following:

1. Vote online here.
2. Ask others to vote. Share the link with friends, customers, and online followers. Use the hashtag #ScenicAirports to become a part of the conversation on social media.

SPECTACULAR LANDINGS:



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