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Monday 18th September 2023, several entrepreneurs gathered at the offices of the Antigua and Barbuda Chamber of Commerce to get a better understanding of what the Chamber is about, and how it could help persons in the small business sector.

The participants expressed a need to organize themselves so that they would be able to pool their resources, and so mitigate their current size constraints.

The executive director, Martin Cave advised the group on the historic role of the chamber in shaping the local business community and how with its current focus on key deliverables such as Advocacy, with respect to Telecommunications, Taxes, and Trade Facilitation, also a focus on Trade Promotion, that there was help available for the small business sector.

One of the main concerns echoed by the entrepreneurs was that of training and eventually capacity building, which they were advised is available to members of the Chamber, since it has access to training and trainers as well as scholarships in other cases.

Along with the Chamber representative, were organizers of the group, Mr. Gameal Joyce, of Keeping Tabs, and Mrs. Ashante Lindsay-Williams of Metanoia.

The participants, the majority who were in-person with almost half of the number on-line, represented various service industries including baking, interior designing, event space and equipment rentals, catering and generally the food industry.



They expressed a desire to work with the Chamber to get help with their organisation or join individually. They also were quite keen in being a part of the Chamber's MSME Trade Expo slated for late November 2023.

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