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#### Location and Building

The Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago contributed funds to a new building for the DAOC, which was officially opened on 21 August 2015. Located on the St. Augustine Campus of The UWI, the building adjoins the IIR.

The building plays host to the Academy's Secretariat and includes classrooms, breakout rooms, and a board room and television studio, among other amenities.

## The DAOC

The DAOC is the Caribbean's premier professional development-oriented diplomatic studies training centre. The Diplomatic Academy is an integral part of The University of the West Indies St. Augustine Campus and the Campus' renowned Institute of International Relations (IIR), which was established in 1966 by agreement between the Government of Trinidad and Tobago and the Government of Switzerland.

## Advent, Aims and Mandate

The DAOC was launched on 6 May 2014. Its realization stems from an exemplary partnership between The UWI St. Augustine Campus and the government of the day of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago.

A first-of-its-kind, practitioner-focused centre, the Diplomatic Academy aims to provide high-quality, immersive learning and short-term, hands-on practical training in modern diplomacy education, as a complement to formal training and on-the-job training in that area.

Integral to the DAOC's mission is its commitment to help close human resources capacity gaps in international affairs and diplomacy in the Caribbean, by providing capacity-building and skills development training in diplomacy to up and coming diplomats and to aspiring diplomats from the Region.

This diplomatic learning and training facility also strengthens the University's capacities for research/analysis, knowledge-sharing, advocacy, and partnerships and dialogue on the relationship between diplomacy and the Caribbean broadly conceived, with the goal of helping to facilitate policy-relevant awareness-raising on international affairs issues of import (and that are topical) to the Region.



## Format, Methodology, Means of Action

The DAOC's professional development-centric module-based or customized/tailor-made workshop teaching programmes, which are held over several days either on-campus or off-site, guide participants in honing their diplomatic capabilities. They impart the knowledge, essential (especially soft) skills, insights and networks needed of 'global thinkers' to fast-track a career path and drive greater success in the multi-focal profession of diplomacy.

The teaching programmes are interactive and, on an as-needs basis, they draw on a range of subject and area experts. While the programmes are situated in an academic or disciplinary context, the approach to teaching is analytical. It is practice- and teamwork-oriented *via* techniques such as the use of real-world case studies, peer mentoring and, on a case-by-case basis, study visits, among others. The means of action are four-fold: (i) innovative and experiential sharing and learning; (ii) simulations and advanced training methods; (iii) networking with superior local, regional and international expertise; and (iv) outreach beyond the Caribbean Community (CARICOM).

## The DAOC Credential

Certificate of Training/Participation.

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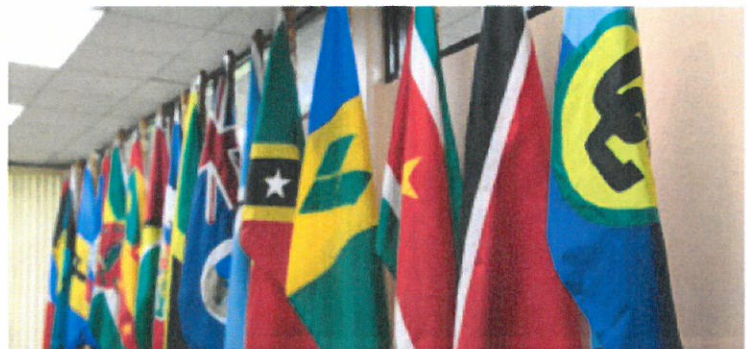
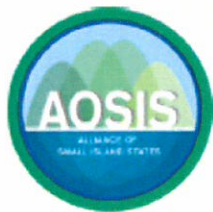
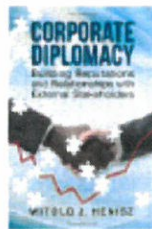
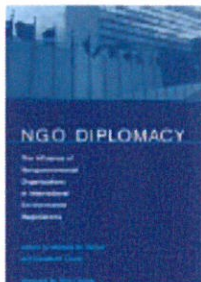


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The 18th Special Meeting of the Conference of Heads of Government of CARICOM, which was held on 3-4 December 2018, approved the St. Ann's Declaration on CSME. Photo courtesy of CARICOM Sec't



The leaders of the four founder countries of CARICOM (Barbados, Guyana, Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago) signing the Treaty of Chaguaramas, which established what was originally the Caribbean Community and Common Market on 1 August 1973.

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The leaders of seven Eastern Caribbean countries signing the Treaty of Basseterre, which established the OECS on 18 June 1981. Photo courtesy of OECS Commission



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