

Capacity Building Mission on Intelligence by French Customs



The French Ambassador, HE Florence Caussé-Tissier launched a 5-day Training on Intelligence mounted by the MRA Training Academy in collaboration with the French Customs on Monday 23 May 2022 at the Custom House, Mer Rouge. The official launching was done in the presence of Mr V. Ramburun, Director of Customs, Mr D. Maunikum, Director Human Resources & Training, MRA Senior Officials and participants.

The aim of the training is to enhance the skills of MRA officers in Intelligence Gathering and Informant Handling. This training forms part of the International Regional Co-operation Program, led by the Regional Customs Directorate of Reunion Customs, under the aegis of the Delegation for International Relations of the General Directorate of French Customs, since 2013. It is in this context that the French Customs has accompanied MRA Customs in its proactiveness and dynamism for modernization and adapting to the challenges, in particular in terms of the fight against drug-trafficking and money laundering.

During the past years, drug trafficking has largely evolved in terms of new sources of supply and through new vectors. It is in particular with this in mind that the MRA Customs has sought the assistance of the French Customs for the conduct of the Training on Intelligence. Sixteen Customs officers posted in the Customs Anti-Narcotics Section, Surveillance and Enforcement, and Capacity Building Team have been nominated to attend the course.

The training was being held both in class and through experiential learning, i.e., applying the concepts to real situations. Messrs Thierry Atchama Sourama, and Lokhat Faize, Head of Intelligence and Enforcement Unit and his Assistant, respectively were designated by the French Customs for the conduct of the 5-day training. The 5-day training culminated on 27 May 2022 with the handing over of certificates to the sixteen participants upon successful completion of the course.