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ECSE partners with Antigua & Barbuda Chamber of Commerce and Industry to host IPO Seminar

The Eastern Caribbean Securities Exchange (ECSE) hosted the first in a series of IPO Workshop for Caribbean businesses, held on Tuesday, 27 August in St. John's, Antigua and Barbuda.

In collaboration with the Antigua and Barbuda Chamber of Commerce and Industry, the workshop was held to sensitize businesses in Antigua and Barbuda about financing for sustainable growth through accessing capital by listing on the Eastern Caribbean Securities Market (ECSM). Participants were presented with a number of topics including; understanding present and future listing requirements of the ECSE, process and procedures involved, due diligence requirements, IPO Audit and various compliance requirements within the ECCU.

“Our primary focus is to demonstrate the benefits of accessing capital through leveraging our advanced technological capacity which offers efficient and appropriate capital market products and services, to growing medium and large Caribbean enterprises.” remarked Trevor Blake, Managing Director.

Another critical objective of this initiative, is to increase the base of listed companies and securities on the Eastern Caribbean Securities Market.

Key beneficiaries of this workshop were:

- Mid-Sized and Large Companies
- Companies which have already received funding from investors
- Senior Executives - CEOs, CFOs and Finance and other Directors
- Corporate Finance Teams
- Company Secretaries and Legal Consultants
- Financial Advisors and Brokers
- Companies wishing to raise funds through the capital market route

This initiative, an important deliverable in the ECSE Strategic Plan 2018-2021, marked another step towards providing the Eastern Caribbean Currency Union (ECCU) with an accessible market place in which to issue and trade securities, to clear and settle trades, and to register companies in a transparent, seamless, confidential and secure manner.

The next IPO Workshop is slated for Wednesday 25 September in Roseau, Dominica.

About the Eastern Caribbean Securities Exchange - The ECSE is a regional securities market established by the Eastern Caribbean Central Bank and licensed under the Securities Act of 2001 - a uniform regional body of legislation governing securities market activities.