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### **Directors' Education & Accreditation Programme begins in Saint Lucia**

On Monday, 4 June, the new Directors' Education and Accreditation Programme (DEAP) commenced at the Bay Gardens Hotel in Saint Lucia. The DEAP is an advanced director training course, aimed at preparing directors for the important role that they play in the governance of corporations.

The programme is designed by the Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators/Chartered Secretaries Canada (ICSA/CSC), in partnership with the law firm of Borden Ladner Gervais, and with contribution from AON Canada. It is being offered in the region by Eastern Caribbean Securities Exchange Limited (ECSE), in continuation of its efforts to promote good corporate governance standards, in collaboration with the ICSA - Canada. The programme is also recognised and supported by the Eastern Caribbean Central Bank (ECCB), and the Caribbean Corporate Governance Forum (CCGF).

General Manager of the ECSE, Mr Trevor Blake, in welcoming the first cohort of 22 participants to the DEAP, stated that they were pioneers, as this was the very first delivery of the programme worldwide. He remarked that equipping the people responsible for the governance of corporations with the requisite skills set was an essential facet of raising overall governance standards through individual action.

The DEAP, which runs until Friday 8 June, is facilitated by a faculty of experienced and knowledgeable practitioners and academicians, from Canada and the Caribbean. Successful participants will be awarded the designation of Accredited Director by the ICSA, the leading international governance organization with over 72,000 members and students worldwide. It will also lead to Affiliate Membership of ICSA Canada.

The second in the DEAP series will be held in St Kitts-Nevis over the period 11 – 15 June, which has attracted some 35 participants.