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St Kitts Nevis Chamber of Industry and Commerce Hosted their Premiere Power Packed Breakfast

Basseterre, St Kitts - March 31, 2023: St Kitts Nevis Chamber of Industry and Commerce hosted their first Power Packed Breakfast on March 29, 2023, at Marshall's Restaurant to celebrate International Women's Month. The theme of the event was "Highlighting Financing Opportunities for Women-led Businesses", as a means to provide female entrepreneurs with the opportunity to learn about the financial opportunities and training within the Federation of St Kitts and Nevis.

The Chamber's President, Mr. Michael Davis, deemed the event a success and spoke on how happy he was with the turnout and the collaboration with the Embassy of the Republic of China (Taiwan). Over 80 women-led entrepreneurs attended the breakfast, with a dynamic panel of vibrant, successful women in business. The panel included Ms. Murlita Percival, Treasurer of the Chamber; Ms. Patricia Walters and Ms. Natalie John, Directors of the Chamber; and Ms. Claudia Walwyn, Project Coordinator of the Women Empowerment Project.

Ms. John, the motivational speaker, spoke to women saying, "You must be able to visualize yourself where you want to never stop dreaming and must have a positive mindset." In closing, she highlighted the importance of being professional with your brand, thinking beyond one's shores, and ensuring a balance of work and family."

Ms. Patricia Walters's remarks included various financial opportunities from institutions such as the Development Bank of St. Kitts and Nevis, The Bank of Nevis Republic Bank Limited, Credit Unions, St Kitts Nevis Anguilla National Bank, and more. Emphasizing that these institutions are available to aid with the financial aspect of businesses. Ms. Walters added that most are now women-led in St Kitts and Nevis and, therefore, in crucial decision-making positions to develop affordable and accessible funding for micro and small women-led businesses.

Ms. Claudia Walwyn spoke to the Women's Employment Entrepreneurship & Financial Inclusion Project (W.E.E.F.I.), sponsored by the Ministry of Social Development Gender Affairs and the Embassy of the Republic of China (Taiwan). The training sessions welcomed over 400 applicants. Various training included: technical assistance in Entrepreneurial Development Counseling, Relief Counseling for M.S.M.E.s, and Institutional Function Enhancement. Now, the overall W.E.E.F.I Project Impact increased business licenses, boosted women entrepreneurs, and partnerships and collaboration in the Private and Public Sectors.

The training proved successful as two presentations from the Women Empowerment Project Grant recipients indicated that they felt motivated and their business has grown since. Other participants expressed satisfaction with the sessions. Ms. Claudia Walwyn, Project Coordinator of the Women Empowerment Project, and Ms. Isalean Phillip, Junior Minister of Social Development & Gender Affairs, Youth Empowerment, Ageing, and Disabilities, noted all concerns.

The St Kitts Nevis Chamber of Industry and Commerce implore that all female entrepreneurs take advantage of their financial opportunities. There have been many ongoing activities, such as the Women Empowerment Project, which trained over 100 female entrepreneurs in St Kitts and Nevis. Participants were pleased with the training and looked forward to other sessions with a similar concept. As International Women's Month ends, the Chamber is delighted to have hosted such a beneficial event to celebrate the women in the Federation.

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