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PRESS RELEASE

TCI FSC STRENGTHENS REGIONAL SANCTIONS ENFORCEMENT AT 2026 FORUM IN GRAND CAYMAN

L to R: Khalila Astwood, Antoinette Robotham, Kenisha Bacchus and Raveena Cooke.

PROVIDENCIALES, Turks and Caicos; 11 March 2026 - The Turks and Caicos Islands Financial Services Commission (TCI FSC) played an active role at the ***2026 Sanctions Forum for Overseas Territories and Crown Dependencies***, held at the Grand Cayman Marriott from 3 to 5 March 2026. Hosted for the first time in the Cayman Islands, and the first occasion the Forum has taken place in any Caribbean UK Overseas Territory, the event brought together regulators, enforcement agencies and government officials to strengthen regional cooperation on sanctions implementation and enforcement.

Kenisha Bacchus, Managing Director (Ag), represented the Commission and took part in substantive discussions on operationalising the UK sanctions regime across Overseas Territories and Crown Dependencies. She was accompanied by **Antoinette Robotham**, Manager - Examinations, Enforcement & Compliance; **Khalila Astwood**, Deputy Attorney General, Attorney General's Chambers; and Border Force Officer, **Raveena Cooke**.

Key themes included intelligence sharing, sanctions enforcement, trade sanctions, data analysis and governance, FATF-related processes, and emerging risks such as illicit cryptocurrency use. Sessions led by the National Crime Agency (NCA), the Office of Financial Sanctions Implementation (OFSI), and the Office of Trade Sanctions Implementation (OTSI) featured operational case studies, live demonstrations of investigative tools and data dashboards, along with practical workshops on licensing, enforcement, and civil monetary penalties.

“The Forum crystallised our shared resolve to safeguard financial integrity across the region,” said Mrs. Bacchus. “The practical tools and intelligence-led approaches discussed will directly enhance the Turks and Caicos Islands’ capacity to detect, deter, and respond to sanctions evasion.”

The Commission thanks the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO), Her Majesty’s Treasury (HMT), and local hosts and partners - including Geoff Collier and team, R.J. Barry, Kim France, the Cayman Islands Financial Reporting Authority, and POLA, for facilitating a highly productive Forum.

The Commission remains committed to ongoing collaboration with competent authorities across Overseas Territories and Crown Dependencies to ensure the effectiveness of our sanctions regime and to uphold the highest standards of financial compliance.

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