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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE



The first quarter of 2026 marked strong progress for the Airports Authority of Trinidad and Tobago, with continued focus on regional connectivity, improved passenger services, strengthened aviation security, and employee wellness across both Piarco and ANR Robinson International Airports.

During this period, the Authority advanced key initiatives through strategic partnerships and service enhancements. The introduction of new non-stop regional services with Winair and InterCaribbean Airways, along with the launch of our Premium Passenger Service, reflects our commitment to growth and delivering an improved customer experience. At the same time, our employee engagement and wellness initiatives reinforced the importance of our people to our continued success.

Looking ahead, several upgrades are planned across both airports to improve efficiency and enhance passenger flow. These include modernised processes, improved terminal layouts, and clearer wayfinding systems to create a smoother journey from check-in to boarding. At Piarco, enhancements will also focus on upgraded screening technology and improved customer service touchpoints.

A key milestone will be the opening of the new terminal at ANR Robinson International Airport in the second quarter of 2026. This modern facility will increase capacity, improve passenger comfort, and support Tobago's continued growth.

These developments reflect the Authority's ongoing commitment to delivering safe, efficient, and world-class airport experiences.

We extend sincere thanks to our Executive, management, and staff for their continued dedication and professionalism.

Aaron Henry
Chairman

GENERAL MANAGER'S MESSAGE



This quarter highlighted what we can achieve when strategy and teamwork align. We welcomed new air service connections, promoted thirty-three Security Officers into leadership roles, enhanced passenger services, and delivered vibrant Carnival experiences, all while maintaining operational excellence. Our airports continue to serve as key gateways to the nation, powered by the dedication of our people. Across all departments, efforts remained focused on strengthening safety, service standards, and stakeholder confidence.

As we move forward in 2026, our priorities remain clear: modernise our systems, empower our people, and deliver an airport experience that reflects national pride.

Hayden Newton
General Manager

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**AATT EMPLOYEE COOKOUT
PIARCO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**





SHOWCASING YOUTH CREATIVITY: TOBAGO HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY ART EXHIBITION AT THE AIRPORT

From **January 23rd to February 27th**, the Airports Authority of Trinidad and Tobago facilitated the display of artwork from the 12th Annual Chief Secretary's Tobago Secondary Schools' Art and Film Competition, organised by the Tobago House of Assembly, under the theme "To-Be-Gonian."

The exhibition was showcased in the Atrium of Piarco International Airport, transforming the space into a vibrant celebration of youth creativity and cultural identity. Passengers enjoyed an enriched travel experience while emerging artists from Tobago were given a valuable platform to share their talent. Through this initiative, the Authority continues to highlight the rich artistic and cultural heritage of Tobago within its public spaces.

PRIME MINISTER LAUNCHES PREMIUM PASSENGER SERVICE AT PIARCO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

The Airports Authority of Trinidad and Tobago ("the Authority") officially introduced its Premium Passenger Service at Piarco International Airport during a ribbon-cutting ceremony led by the Honourable Kamla Persad-Bissessar on **Monday 23rd February 2026**, ahead of her departure to the CARICOM Heads of Government Meeting in St. Kitts and Nevis. She was joined by Acting Prime Minister and Minister of Works and Infrastructure Jearlean John, Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation Eli Zakour, Chief Secretary of Tobago Farley Augustine, Chairman Aaron Henry, along with Government Ministers, Board Members, and senior executives of the Authority.

The new service forms part of a broader initiative to enhance efficiency and improve the passenger experience. Initially designed for premium travellers, including Caribbean Airlines business class passengers and Flyers Lounge users, it offers expedited processing through key checkpoints, with plans to expand as a paid fast-track option. Supported by the Ministry of Transport and Civil Aviation, this initiative reflects the Authority's continued commitment to modernisation and service excellence.



WELCOMING WINAIR: NEW NON-STOP SERVICE CONNECTS SINT MAARTEN AND PORT OF SPAIN

The Airports Authority of Trinidad and Tobago (“the Authority”) welcomed the launch of a new non-stop service between Sint Maarten (SXM) and Port of Spain (POS), operated by Winair, which commenced on **February 1, 2026**.

The inaugural flight was celebrated at Piarco International Airport with a ceremonial water salute at Gate 5, alongside cultural performances, local refreshments, and a ribbon-cutting ceremony. Remarks were delivered by General Manager Hayden Newton, Winair CEO Hans van de Velde, Senator Satyakama Maharaj, and Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation, Eli Zakour.

The service operates twice weekly on Wednesdays and Sundays using an ATR 42 aircraft, departing Sint Maarten at 10:30 a.m. and returning from Port of Spain at 1:30 p.m., providing convenient travel options for business and leisure passengers.

In his remarks, Mr. Hayden Newton highlighted the route as a key step in strengthening regional connectivity and enhancing commercial, cultural, and tourism linkages. The service also improves access to a major Caribbean hub and supports onward travel opportunities.

This new route reinforces the Authority’s commitment to expanding international connectivity, strengthening airline partnerships, and delivering safe, efficient, and customer-focused experiences at both Piarco International Airport and ANR Robinson International Airport, while supporting the continued growth of Trinidad and Tobago’s aviation and tourism sectors.





BRINGING CARNIVAL TO THE TERMINAL: A VIBRANT PASSENGER WELCOME

From **February 9th to 11th 2026**, the Airports Authority of Trinidad and Tobago brought the spirit of Carnival alive within the arrival halls at Piarco International Airport, creating a warm and memorable welcome for incoming passengers. The activation featured traditional Carnival characters, live entertainment, and pulsating music, immersing travellers in the rich cultural energy of Trinidad and Tobago from the moment they arrived.

On the final day, the festive atmosphere was further enhanced with the distribution of complimentary local treats, including doubles, snow cones, and refreshing coconut water, offering visitors an authentic taste of the island’s culinary delights. The initiative successfully balanced vibrant cultural expression with strong operational discipline and safety compliance, ensuring a seamless and enjoyable experience. It exemplified the Authority’s commitment to elevating the passenger journey while proudly showcasing the nation’s world-renowned Carnival spirit.

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT: KATHY-ANN SARGEANT

Kathy-Ann Sergeant of the Maintenance Department continues to stand out for her exceptional work in landscaping and decorative plant installations. Her creativity and attention to detail have enhanced corporate events and transformed airport spaces into welcoming, visually appealing environments for both staff and passengers.

Through her dedication and skill, Kathy-Ann consistently reflects the Authority’s values, making a meaningful impact on the aesthetics and atmosphere of our facilities. Her work highlights the talent and commitment of our employees in maintaining vibrant, welcoming spaces across our airports.



ANNUAL EMPLOYEE CARNIVAL BURNOUT BRINGS ENERGY AND TEAM SPIRIT



On **February 4th**, the Administration Centre Staff Car Park came alive as 196 employees participated in the Annual Employee Carnival Burnout 2026. More than just a fitness event, the Burnout fostered camaraderie, boosted morale, and enhanced leadership visibility while encouraging cross-functional engagement among staff. Music, dynamic instructors, healthy refreshments, and prizes created a vibrant, high-energy atmosphere that reflected teamwork and corporate pride.



The event featured a range of exciting challenge categories to test strength, endurance, and determination, including:

- Last Man Standing (PIA): **Clint Graham**
- Last Man Standing (ANRRIA): **Julian Chance**
- Last Woman Standing (PIA): **Marie-Anne Ramsahai**
- Last Woman Standing (ANRRIA): **Kerlene Solomon**
- Push-Up Challenge: **Cheziah Phillip**
- Squat Challenge: **Dellon Jerome**
- Most Energetic: **Krystal Gonzales**
- Most Determined: **Stephen Edwards**
- Master of Their Own Beat: **Christopher Mahadeo**
- Burpees Challenge: **Marie-Anne Ramsahai**
- Team Spirit: **Kirsten Des Vignes**



WELCOMING INTERCARIBBEAN: INAUGURAL FLIGHT CELEBRATION AT PIARCO



The Airports Authority of Trinidad and Tobago proudly welcomed the inaugural InterCaribbean Airways flight on **March 8th 2026** at Gate 5, Piarco International Airport, with a vibrant ceremony celebrating enhanced regional connectivity. Held at 7:30 p.m., the event brought together senior officials, executives, social media influencers, and special guests, all impressed by the festive atmosphere and seamless execution.



The evening featured a water salute on arrival, lively entertainment with traditional characters, live performances showcasing local talent, and themed refreshments, including cookies in the airline's logo and colours. The ceremony concluded with a ribbon-cutting, symbolising collaboration, shared progress, and the launch of a promising new route.

Remarks were delivered by Mr. Emmanuel Baah, who noted, "Today demonstrated connectivity in action. This route strengthened commercial opportunity while reinforcing regional unity." Senator the Honourable Eli Zakour added, "Strategic aviation partnerships like this reflect disciplined planning, shared commitment, and confidence in Trinidad and Tobago's aviation future." Mr. Lyndon Gardiner, Founder and Chairman of InterCaribbean, shared, "This inaugural flight represents more than just a connection between destinations; it symbolizes shared vision, regional collaboration, and the exciting opportunities that come from investing in our people and our future."



The successful event underscored the Authority's commitment to enhancing the passenger experience, strengthening regional partnerships, and showcasing the cultural vibrancy of Trinidad and Tobago.





HONOURING EXCELLENCE: CELEBRATING THE REMARKABLE CAREERS OF OUR RETIREES

On **February 6th 2026**, the Airports Authority of Trinidad and Tobago honoured three long-serving and highly respected employees: Mr. Rudranath Singh, Mr. Marlon Thompson, and Mr. Davinand Beekham, during a special retirement function at the Administration Centre Boardroom. The event celebrated their dedication, passion, and lasting contributions to the Authority.

Mr. Rudranath Singh's over forty years of service were marked by consistency, kindness, and unwavering professionalism. Mr. Marlon Thompson, Mechanical Supervisor, is recognised for his energetic and results-driven leadership, inspiring excellence and accountability within his team. Mr. Davinand Beekham is celebrated as a mentor who championed growth and continuous improvement, positively impacting many colleagues throughout his career.

The function was a heartfelt celebration of their legacies, friendships, and decades of service. Through reflections and expressions of gratitude, the Authority honoured the lasting imprint each individual has made, reinforcing the value of commitment, leadership, and integrity in shaping the organisation.

HISTORIC ANTONOV LANDING AT ANR ROBINSON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

The Authority marked a significant aviation milestone with the first-ever landing of one of the world's largest cargo aircraft; the Antonov, at the ANR Robinson International Airport in Tobago on **Wednesday 25th March 2026**. The arrival of this massive aircraft captured attention on the runway, showcasing aviation on an extraordinary scale. Known for its impressive size and unique front-opening cargo bay, the Antonov represents a remarkable feat of engineering and global cargo transport capability.

This historic landing highlights Tobago's growing capacity to accommodate large-scale aviation operations and reinforces the Authority's commitment to supporting diverse and expanding air services. It also reflects the continued development of Trinidad and Tobago's aviation sector and its ability to handle world-class aircraft and operations.





HONOURING EXCELLENCE: AIRPORTS AUTHORITY SECURITY FORCE PROMOTIONS

On **February 24th 2026**, the Airports Authority of Trinidad and Tobago celebrated the promotion of thirty-three officers within the Airports Authority Security Force. The ceremony recognised their commitment, discipline, and readiness to take on greater leadership responsibilities within one of the organisation's most critical divisions.

The event underscored the Authority's focus on professional growth, operational excellence, and the development of strong leaders who play a vital role in maintaining airport safety and security. General Manager Mr. Hayden Newton reminded officers, "You are not just security guards, but aviation security professionals." Superintendent Derrick Daniel added, "You earn respect by being genuine and consistent," and "Do not ask officers to do what you are not prepared to do yourselves."

Promoted Officers:

ASP Phyllis Cupido; Corporal Sue Ann Seenarine; Corporal Stacey Alexander; Inspector Marsha Abraham-Eligon; Sergeant Cherry Ann Phillips; Corporal Josanne Franklyn; Sergeant Nathalia Bleasdel; Corporal Rebecca Broomes Hernandez; Inspector Venessa Dougan; Corporal Nickesha Kelshall; Corporal Kelly Sebro; Inspector Donna Edwards; ASP Cherry-Ann Charles Walcott; Corporal Rawn Lee; Corporal Achieng Temba; Corporal Aroon Ramdial; Corporal Carolyn Johnson; Corporal Zezellan Thomas; Corporal Candice Marshall Perkins; Corporal Kellee Bain; Corporal Diana Boopsingh; Corporal Desroy Bobb; Corporal Steffon Snaggs; Corporal Malcolm Roberts; Sergeant Gail Thomas; Corporal Coryse Caruth; Corporal Patrina Belfon Duncan; Corporal Jenelle Douglas; Corporal Marvin Williams; Inspector Curtis Browne; Sergeant Stanley Laurence; Corporal Ian Thomas; Corporal Willis Quashie.



Ingredients:

- 1 head cauliflower (florets)
- 2 medium potatoes, cubed
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 1 tsp cumin seeds
- 1 tsp turmeric
- 1 tsp garam masala
- 1 tsp salt
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 1 tomato, diced
- Fresh cilantro

HEALTHY RECIPE CORNER

HEART-HEALTHY ALOO GOBI

Method:

- Heat olive oil; sauté cumin seeds, onion, and garlic.
- Add spices and tomato; cook until softened.
- Add potatoes, cauliflower and salt; cover and cook until tender.
- Garnish with cilantro and serve warm.



RICH IN FIBRE AND ANTIOXIDANTS, THIS DISH SUPPORTS HEART HEALTH AND BALANCED NUTRITION.

LIVE WELL EMPLOYEE WELLNESS PROGRAMME

CARING FOR THE HEART: ENGAGING HEALTH TALK EMPOWERS STAFF



Members of staff were invited to a Health Talk Session on **March 13th 2026** at the HR Training Room, Administration Centre, South Terminal, Piarco International Airport, as part of the Authority’s Love Your Heart – Heart Health Awareness Initiative. Facilitated by Asante Le Blanc, the engaging session provided valuable insights on maintaining heart health, covering balanced nutrition, regular physical activity, adequate sleep, and overall lifestyle habits. Emphasis was placed on moderation—encouraging staff to make healthy choices while still enjoying occasional treats. The interactive discussion equipped attendees with practical knowledge to support healthier lifestyles and reflects the Authority’s ongoing commitment to employee wellness and a more resilient workforce.



CARING FOR THE HEART: ENGAGING HEALTH TALK EMPOWERS STAFF

The Airports Authority of Trinidad and Tobago continued its commitment to employee well-being through its “Invest in You” Health Talks series with an interactive Stress Management Workshop held on **March 18th 2026** at ANR Robinson International Airport and **March 19th 2026** at Piarco International Airport. Facilitated by Marius Alfred of Peapsle, the Authority’s Employee Assistance Provider (EAP), the sessions provided practical strategies for managing workplace stress through clear, relatable examples. Participants engaged in guided breathing exercises and discussions, gaining tools to support relaxation and overall well-being, reinforcing the Authority’s focus on a healthier, more resilient workforce.



