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Whatever you're looking for, these local businesses ask you to consider them first.

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PM 'HOPEFUL'



UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY UPDATE – Prime Minister Dr. Hubert Minnis, told colleagues in the House of Assembly yesterday – Wednesday, October 3 – that he is “very hopeful” following meetings attended, during the 73rd United Nations General Assembly held last month in New York City. (PHOTO: TNG)

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Fresh from what was deemed a successful trip to the 73rd United Nations General Assembly held last month in New York City, Prime Minister Dr. Hubert Minnis, told colleagues in the House of Assembly yesterday – Wednesday, October 3 – that he is “very hopeful” following meetings attended.

Sharing an overview of the trip and laying on the table detailed aspects of the visit, as well as the particulars of those that travelled with him, as a part of the Bahamian delegation, Dr. Minnis said that he had the opportunity to sit in on a number of informative meetings with key stakeholders, where the economic resurgence of the country was at the forefront.

“I also attended a number of other meetings, in my capacity, as head of government. Mr. Speaker, when the 73rd regular session of the United Nations General Assembly convened on September 18. The general debate, which brings together world leaders at the United Nations headquarters in New York City, convened on September 25. The theme for the general debate was, ‘Making the UN relevant to all people: Global leadership and shared responsibilities for peaceful, equitable and sustainable for shared societies.’”

The Bahamas delegation departed Nassau on September 23 and returned on September 29. “I presented the Bahamas National statement to the General Assembly on September 28. A primary theme of my national statement was the grave threat of climate change to the livelihoods of the Bahamian people and to the long term economic, social and political sustainability of The Bahamas.

“I noted Mr. Speaker, that if the United Nations is to remain relevant it must address, in a meaningful way, international behaviours leading to climate change. I further noted the need to build resilience and capacity in countries most affected by climate change, especially small island developing states. I reiterated our standing position that the vulnerabilities associated with an Archipelago, such as ours, needs to be taken into account when assessing for international assistance and grants.

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Urban Renewal workers get disaster preparedness training

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Twenty-six Urban Renewal representatives participated in a two-day (September 25 and 26) Disaster Preparedness and Awareness Seminar under the theme, ‘Initial Damage Assessment.’

The purpose of the sessions was to provide representatives with proper training in the event of a hurricane or any other natural disaster. Urban Renewal plays an intricate part of the Disaster Preparedness team for Grand Bahama and Bimini.

UR’s specific Emergency Support Function (ESF) is Mass Care and Shelter Services, along with Relief Supplies/Food Distribution and Initial Damage Assessment after a storm.

“We were briefed about being in the state of readiness in the event of flooding, fire, natural disasters or oil spills, the importance of assessments, record keeping and reporting. This course was vital in educating, preparing and empowering Urban Renewal workers with information on how to protect themselves and others in our urban areas,” said Deputy Director. (Continued on Page 3)



DISASTER PREPAREDNESS – Twenty-six Urban Renewal representatives participated in a two-day (September 25 and 26) Disaster Preparedness and Awareness Seminar under the theme, ‘Initial Damage Assessment.’ (Photo courtesy of Urban Renewal)

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