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A summary of the performance of the Chamber of Commerce & Industry Bonaire during 2023.

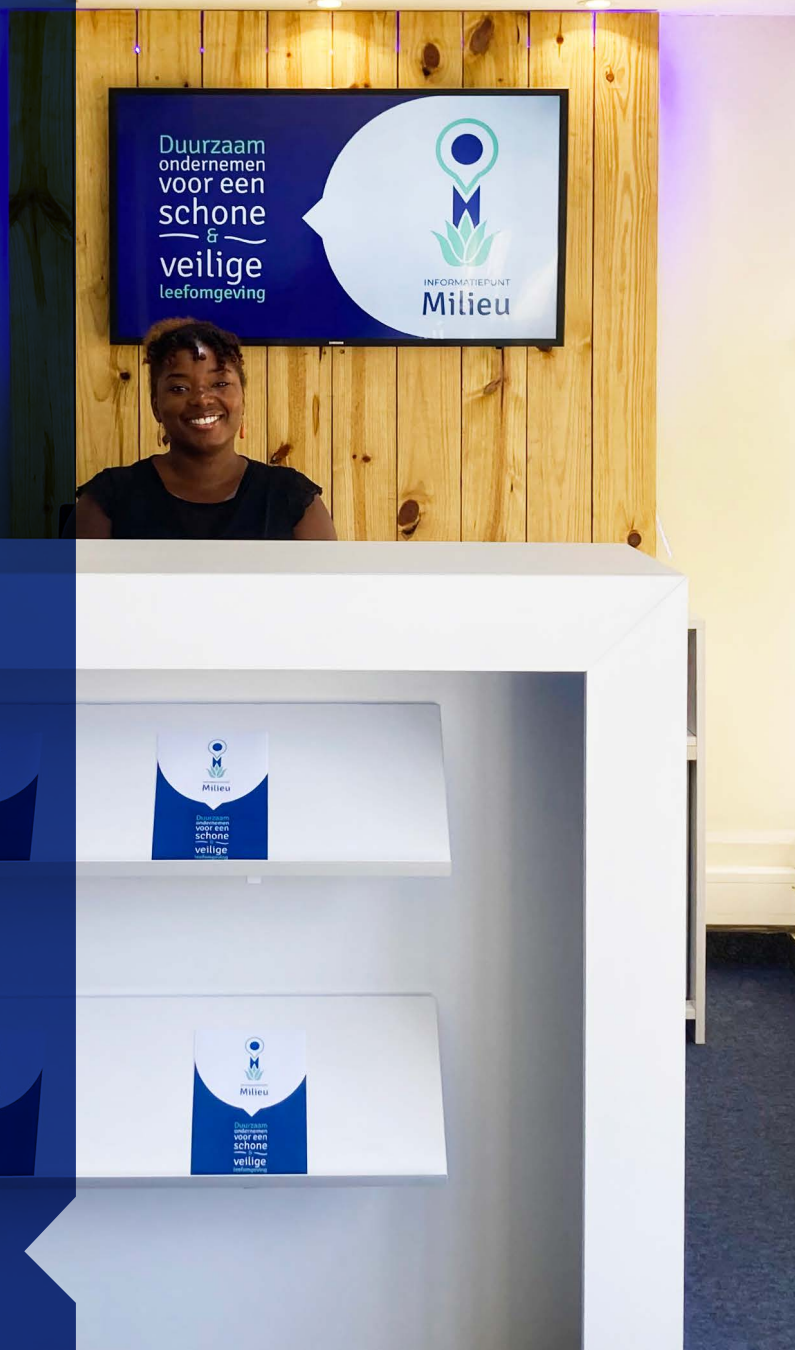
- ◆ The Chamber has processed a total of 826 new registrations and 319 deregistrations in the trade register;
- ◆ The Chamber held the workshop 'Make your business unshakable in 2023' for managers and executives for no fewer than 45 interested parties, where participants were given various tools to identify their qualities as resilient leaders;
- ◆ Entrepreneurship at schools' training courses have been organized for MBO 3-4 students;
- ◆ The Chamber has been able to provide the Entrepreneurship training in the Judicial Institution of the Caribbean Netherlands (JICN);
- ◆ Just before the elections, the Chamber of Commerce held a very successful and lively election debate in which 40 entrepreneurs were informed on six different themes about the positions of the political parties on Bonaire;
- ◆ In collaboration with Benelux Intellectual Property (BIP), a workshop on the importance of Intellectual Property was organized for entrepreneurs.

- ◆ The Chamber provided information about entrepreneurship to the youth during the 'Global Money Week', and also paid attention to younger children by participating in "Buki di Prèt", where the theme of 2023 was "Entrepreneurship is the new gaming";
- ◆ The Chamber held a webinar with the Chamber of Commerce Curaçao on "Doing Business closer to home";
- ◆ Kick-Off was organized for the KvK Academy with all trainers and the 48 interested parties who have registered for the academy;
- ◆ Certificates were presented to the winners of the Chamber of Commerce Academy who have won significant prize packages from various sponsors through the final assignment 'Tanki di Tribon';
- ◆ The House launched the Center for Entrepreneurship (CvO) in mid-2023 in collaboration with, among others, the Netherlands Enterprise Agency (RVO). The aim of this program is to guide and support entrepreneurs in the pre- and startup phase. Important stakeholders have made their commitment to create a one-stop shop for the entrepreneur.



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- ◆ A great initiative was created at the end of 2023 between Bonaire Government Buildings (BOG) and the Chamber to give entrepreneurs the opportunity, through a unique promotion, to qualify for the operation of one of the three kiosks at the new recreational park that was recently named 'Isidel Beach Park Bonaire';
- ◆ Consultation with NGO platform for joint projects for entrepreneurs;
- ◆ Participation in consultation platforms such as the Central Dialogue, the Working Group on Payments in the Caribbean Netherlands and consultations with the various interest groups;
- ◆ The Chamber of Commerce website and our social media channels are an important source of information for many entrepreneurs;
- ◆ The Environment Information Point, which is a collaboration with the Public Entity of Bonaire, the Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management and the Chamber of Commerce Bonaire, provides daily information regarding the newly introduced Establishments and Activities Decree (IAB);
- ◆ The board of the Chamber of Commerce has visited various stakeholders and ministries in the Netherlands during 2023 to discuss substantive issues relevant to Bonaire;

- ◆ At the end of 2023, the Chamber sent a survey to all registered entrepreneurs to better understand and respond to the needs of entrepreneurs. This survey also measures how entrepreneurs think they will deal with the increase in the statutory minimum wage
- ◆ Following the increase in the statutory minimum wage as of January 1st and July 1st, 2024, the chamber has developed a calculation tool to help entrepreneurs calculate the consequences of this increase for their business operations.



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