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## **Dr. Deborah Brosnan Announces Collaboration with Prime Minister Browne of Antigua and Barbuda to Turn Ocean-Shot Project into a Hub for Environmental Innovation**

*Collaboration to Expand Ocean-Shot Laboratory into an Innovation Center for Ocean Resiliency*

Lisbon, Portugal: November 3, 2021 - Today, Dr. Deborah Brosnan - President of Deborah Brosnan & Associates, a leader in innovative science-based solutions to environmental challenges - announced with Prime Minister Gaston Browne of Antigua and Barbuda a collaboration to support the development of high-tech solutions for ocean resiliency. Within the platform of the recently announced Ocean-Shot project, Deborah Brosnan & Associates is working with Prime Minister Gaston Browne to expand the living-lab hub that invites innovators to participate and test their technologies aimed at environmental protection.

Small Island Developing States (SIDS) are uniquely positioned to become incubators and drive technology innovation for a climate-proofed and resilient world. Among them, the Caribbean nation of Antigua and Barbuda is quickly becoming a world leader in tech innovation for a sustainable future. The goal of this open invitation is to offer an incubator that advances the creation of new solutions which aim to make our oceans more resilient.

"I appeal to the leaders of Silicon Valley to keep in mind the benefits of operating in Antigua when proofing and examining their new inventions and technologies," said **Prime Minister Gaston Browne**. "Antigua is a world-class platform with the University of the West Indies at Five Islands and its Oceanography Department, standing ready to welcome the best minds in environmental innovation. Antigua is ready to act as a platform to test innovations, especially as they relate to Small Island Developing States."

"Antigua and Barbuda have the vision and ambition to be a leader for modern sustainable development," said **Dr. Brosnan**. "By providing a platform for technology innovators to deploy solutions, they will not only give innovators and SIDS a boost, but they will also unlock answers for sustainability and climate-resilience. I'm excited by this initiative."

This partnership is part of the recently announced Ocean-Shot project, launched in partnership with Dr. Brosnan, global philanthropist John Paul DeJoria, and Antigua and Barbuda. It is a first-of-its-kind 1-ha coral reef restoration in Antigua and Barbuda with the project aiming to create a world-class coral reef program with transferable, scalable solutions which can be deployed to other nations in urgent need. In addition, it will use emerging technologies to foster sustainability. The Global Citizen Forum recently adopted the effort as one of its supported flagship initiatives.

Dr. Brosnan first announced plans to expand the living lab for innovators at Web Summit in Lisbon during a roundtable discussion about how artificial intelligence can be leveraged to help drive ocean resiliency. Technologists were invited to test their innovations, of all shapes and sizes, and unite over the common goal of healing our oceans and planet.

"The leaders attending Web Summit are focused on action; they are building and deploying innovations that will change our world and shape a more resilient future," said Brosnan.

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## **About Deborah Brosnan & Associates**

Deborah Brosnan & Associates brings 25 years' experience of successfully crafting innovative science-based solutions to environmental challenges for discerning clients worldwide who want the best for their project, environment, and community. Led by renowned scientist Dr. Deborah Brosnan, they are sought out by companies and governments seeking lasting solutions to climate-change and environmental issues.

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