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### **DELEGATION FROM THE DUTCH CARIBBEAN VISITS THE CCJ**

Mme. Justice Engelbrecht, together with a number of trainee judges from the judiciary of the Dutch Caribbean visited the Caribbean Court of Justice (CCJ) and a number of other courts in Trinidad as a part of their judicial training programme. The courts visited in Trinidad included the Family Court, Industrial Court, the Port of Spain Magistrate's Court and the Supreme Court of Trinidad and Tobago.

The participating trainee judges were: Mr. Reagan Celestijn, Ms. Kimberly Lasten, Ms. Angeline Martijn, Ms. Josina Schelling and Ms Faye Wannyn.

CCJ Judge, The Hon. Mr. Justice Wit who co-ordinated the trip on behalf of the delegation, stated, "One of the strategic imperatives of the CCJ includes enhancing regional judicial system performance and judicial cooperation. This visit is just one of the ways we hope to assist courts in the region, even or especially those with a different legal system, by bringing them together and helping them with developing a broader view on their role in the administration of justice, introducing them to new ideas on how to improve their functioning in a way that is relevant to society as a whole and by creating opportunities to strengthen their ties with other judiciaries."

He also expressed appreciation for the judiciary of Trinidad and Tobago in welcoming the visitors and giving them access to the local courts. During their time in Trinidad, the delegation from the Dutch Caribbean sat in on a number of hearings, met with judges and interacted with other court personnel.

Justice Engelbrecht expressed her appreciation for the opportunity to visit the courts in Trinidad. She added, "I am sure that the knowledge and experience I gained on this trip will not go to waste."

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## PHOTO CAPTION



**Caption:** The judicial delegation from the Dutch Caribbean, including Mme. Justice Engelbrecht (4<sup>th</sup> from right) were treated to lunch by the Judges of the CCJ after they completed a tour of the Court and also attended a hearing there. The Hon. Mr. Justice Wit (left), who co-ordinated the visit, pledged CCJ’s “support for the judiciaries throughout the region”.