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THE CARIBBEAN COURT OF JUSTICE VISITS GUYANA

Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago. From Tuesday, 14 October 2025 to Friday, 17 October 2025, the Honourable Mr Justice Winston Anderson, President of the Caribbean Court of Justice (CCJ), will visit the Cooperative Republic of Guyana (Guyana) for the Swearing-In Ceremony of the Honourable Mr Justice Arif Bulkan.

Mr Justice Bulkan, who is a national of Guyana, will be sworn-in as a Judge of the CCJ on Thursday, 16 October 2025 by His Excellency, Dr Mohamed Irfaan Ali, President of Guyana, during a ceremony at the Office of the President.

During his visit, President Anderson will also pay courtesy calls on His Excellency, Dr Mohamed Irfaan Ali, President of Guyana; the Honourable Mme Justice Roxane George, OR, Chancellor (Ag) of the Judiciary; the Honourable Mohabir Anil Nandlall, SC, MP, Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs; Dr Carla N. Barnett, OBE, Secretary-General of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM); and the representatives of We Invest in Nationhood (WIN), A Partnership for National Unity (APNU) and Forward Guyana Movement (FGM).

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About the Caribbean Court of Justice

The Caribbean Court of Justice (CCJ) was inaugurated in Port of Spain, Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on 16 April 2005 and presently has a Bench of six judges presided over by CCJ President, the Honourable Mr Justice Winston Anderson. The CCJ has an Original and an Appellate Jurisdiction and is effectively, therefore, two courts in one. In its Original Jurisdiction, it is an international court with exclusive jurisdiction to interpret and apply the rules set out in the Revised Treaty of Chaguaramas (RTC) and to decide disputes arising under it. The RTC established the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) and the CARICOM Single Market and Economy (CSME). In its Original Jurisdiction, the CCJ is critical to the CSME and all 12 Member States which belong to the CSME (including their citizens, businesses, and

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governments) can access the Court's Original Jurisdiction to protect their rights under the RTC. In its Appellate Jurisdiction, the CCJ is the final court of appeal for criminal and civil matters for those countries in the Caribbean that alter their national Constitutions to enable the CCJ to perform that role. At present, five states access the Court in its Appellate Jurisdiction, these being Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Guyana, and Saint Lucia. However, by signing and ratifying the Agreement Establishing the Caribbean Court of Justice, Member States of the Community have demonstrated a commitment to making the CCJ their final court of appeal. The Court is the realisation of a vision of our ancestors, an expression of independence and a signal of the region's coming of age.

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