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### **CCJ PRESIDENT CONCLUDES VISIT TO BARBADOS**

**Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago.** From 15-20 January 2026, the Honourable Mr Justice Winston Anderson, President of the Caribbean Court of Justice (CCJ) and Mrs Gabrielle Figaro-Jones, Registrar and Chief Marshal, paid a visit to the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Member State of Barbados. During the visit, President Anderson delivered the keynote address at the Caribbean Natural Resources Institute's (CANARI's) Partners Forum on climate justice in the Caribbean. Additionally, courtesy calls were paid on key public officials of Barbados, including His Excellency Lt. Col. Jeffrey Bostic, FB, MVO, President; the Honourable Mia Mottley, SC, MP, Prime Minister; the Honourable Mr Justice Leslie Haynes, Chief Justice; and the Honourable Ralph Thornes, KC, MO, Leader of the Opposition.

The visit reflected the Court's strategic commitment to sustained stakeholder engagement, consistent with the [CCJ's Strategic Plan 2025–2032](#). It directly supported the Court's strategic priorities of *Access to Justice and Regional Impact* and *Communication, Stakeholder Engagement, and Public Trust*, by expanding direct engagement with CARICOM Member States to enhance stakeholder awareness of the work of the Court and strengthen regional institutional relationships.

This is the third round of courtesy calls that the Court has engaged in since Mr Justice Anderson was appointed President in July 2025. In October 2025, he paid courtesy calls on public officials in the Cooperative Republic of Guyana, including the President of Guyana, Chancellor (Ag) of the Judiciary, Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs, the Secretary-General of the Caribbean Community, and representatives of We Invest in Nationhood, A Partnership for National Unity and the Forward Guyana Movement.

In November 2025, President Anderson paid courtesy calls on the Minister of Justice of the Republic of Suriname, the President of the Court of Justice, and the Dean of the Faculty of Law at the Anton de Kom University of Suriname.

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*Caption: The Honourable Mr Justice Winston Anderson was the keynote speaker at the Caribbean Natural Resources Institute Partner's Forum on the Caribbean perspective of transnational actions in reshaping accountability for climate justice.*

*Photo courtesy: Caribbean Natural Resources Institute (CANARI)*

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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 seven 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 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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