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### CCJ PRESIDENT VISITS 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, will pay a visit to the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Member State of Barbados. During the visit, President Anderson will deliver the keynote address at the Caribbean Natural Resources Institute's (CANARI's) Partners Forum on climate justice in the Caribbean. Additionally, the delegation will also pay courtesy calls on key public officials, including 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 forms part of the Court's ongoing strategic initiative to engage national judiciaries and members of government as a means of strengthening regional stakeholder engagement in accordance with the [CCJ's Strategic Plan 2025-2032](#). This visit aligns with the strategic priorities of *Access to Justice and Regional Impact*, with a focus on expanding access and strengthening regional legal collaboration, as well as *Communication, Stakeholder Engagement, and Public Trust*, aimed at enhancing transparency, building trust, and deepening regional relationships.

Since his inauguration in July 2025, President Anderson has paid courtesy calls on public officials in the Cooperative Republic of Guyana in October 2025, 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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## 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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