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#### **CCJ PRESIDENT VISITS THE INTER-AMERICAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN COSTA RICA**

**Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago.** Accepting an invitation by the new President of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights (IACtHR), the President of the Caribbean Court of Justice (CCJ), the Honourable Mr Justice Winston Anderson, conducted an official visit to the IACtHR from 25–28 January 2026, for the ceremonial opening of its 2026 judicial year.

This ceremonial opening of the IACtHR law year under the new presidency of the Honourable Mr Justice Rodrigo Mudrovitsch was attended by almost 400 jurists, government ministers, and the legal fraternity from Brazil, Chile, Colombia, the Dominican Republic, and Peru at the Colegio de Abogados y Abogadas (Bar Association) in San José, Costa Rica.

As a key part of the visit, President Anderson met with IACtHR officials, including President Mudrovitsch, the Honourable Mr Justice Ricardo Pérez, and the Honourable Mme Justice Nancy Hernández López to discuss areas of mutual judicial and administrative collaboration. Both Honourable Presidents expressed interest in strengthening and deepening the relationship between their respective institutions and set out a pathway to concretise initiatives, including the possible formalisation of a Memorandum of Understanding.

Additionally, the IACtHR hosted the first edition of the Inter-American Seminar on Human Rights “Human Rights and their Challenges: Different Perspectives”. During this inaugural event, the CCJ President was among seven panellists during the *Dialogue among Presidents of High Courts*, highlighting the uniqueness of the CCJ and how it proposes to overcome various challenges to human rights jurisprudence in the Caribbean.

CCJ President Anderson congratulated the IACtHR President Mudrovitsch on the assumption of his new term and expressed a desire to collaborate in future engagements with the IACtHR, as the Court works towards fulfilment of its [2025-2032 Strategic Plan](#), in particular strategic goals 2.1

“Promote access to justice and strengthen regional judicial collaboration” and 3.2 “Improve regional stakeholder engagement and participation”.

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*Caption: The CCJ President meets with key officials of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights (IACtHR) in San José, Costa Rica: IACtHR President the Honourable Rodrigo Múdravitsch, the Honourable Mr Justice Ricardo Pérez, and the Honourable Mme Justice Nancy Hernández López.*



*Caption: The CCJ President speaks on the panel “Dialogue among Presidents of High Courts” during the first edition of the Inter-American Seminar on Human Rights.*



*Caption: Honourable Mr Justice Winston Anderson, CCJ President, sits with the wider panel during the first edition of the Inter-American Seminar on Human Rights.*

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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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