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CCJ Delegation to Visit the Court of Justice of the European Union

Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago. From 27 to 30 April 2026, a delegation from the Caribbean Court of Justice (CCJ) will undertake an official knowledge-exchange visit to the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU) in Luxembourg to engage in high-level judicial dialogue. The delegation will observe the operations of the CJEU and participate in scheduled meetings to exchange practical insights into court governance, judicial administration, case management, and jurisprudential development with another supranational court. The delegation will be led by the Honourable Mr Justice Winston Anderson, President of the CCJ, and will comprise members of the Court's Bench, and other Officers of the Court.

The engagement reflects the shared roles of both courts in supporting regional integration through the interpretation and application of treaty law and recognises the CJEU's extensive experience in this area, which offers valuable comparative insights for the CCJ. The visit also aligns with Priorities 1 and 3 of the Court's Strategic Plan 2025-2032: 'Judicial Excellence and Independence' and 'Communication, Stakeholder Engagement and Public Trust' respectively. These strategic priorities emphasise the continuous strengthening of judicial performance and the efficient management of Court operations with the aim of enhancing public trust and confidence.

The agenda for the visit includes meetings with the Honourable Mr Justice Koen Lenaerts, President of the CJEU; the Honourable Mr Justice Marc van der Woude, President of the General Court; as well as opportunities to observe the Court's procedures and administrative operations.

This visit has been funded by a grant from the European Union under the 11th European Development Fund, underscoring the EU's continued support for initiatives aimed at strengthening the rule of law and judicial cooperation in the Caribbean.

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Caption: The Honourable CCJ President and CCJ Judges at a courtesy call from Her Excellency Cécile Tassin, Ambassador of the European Union Delegation to Trinidad and Tobago, and members of the delegation

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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