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CCJ Delegation Engages in Successful Knowledge Exchange with European Union Institutions

Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago. From 27 to 30 April 2026, a delegation from the Caribbean Court of Justice (CCJ) undertook an official knowledge-exchange visit to key European judicial and regional institutions, including the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU) in Luxembourg and the European Court of Human Rights and the Council of Europe in Strasbourg, France. The visit facilitated high-level judicial dialogue and the exchange of best practices aimed at strengthening court administration and jurisprudence.

During the visit, the CCJ delegation engaged in substantive exchanges on court governance, judicial administration, case management, and jurisprudential development, drawing on the experiences of peer supranational and regional institutions. The delegation was led by the Honourable Mr Justice Winston Anderson, President of the CCJ, and comprised members of the Court's Bench and other senior officers of the Court.

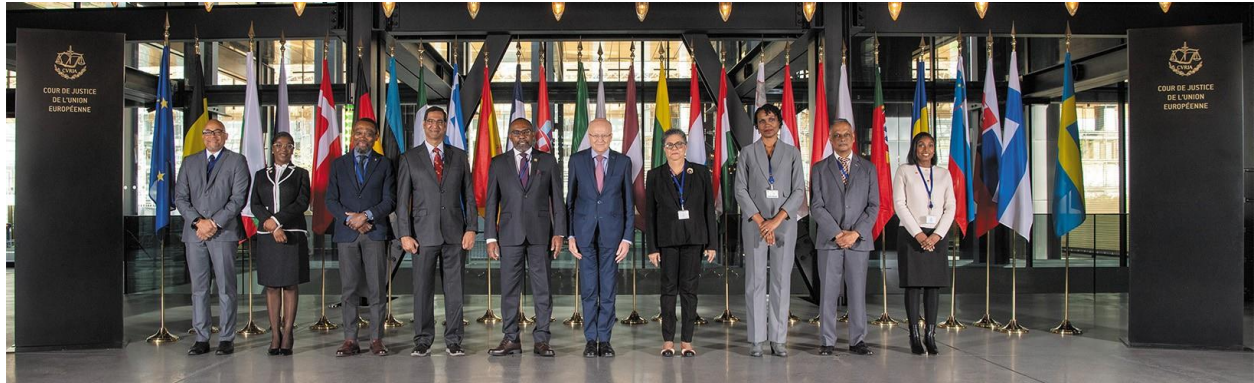
In Luxembourg, the programme featured meaningful meetings with the Honourable Mr Justice Koen Lenaerts, President of the CJEU, and the Honourable Mr Justice Marc van der Woude, President of the General Court. The delegation also benefited from opportunities to observe the Court's proceedings and administrative operations, including engagements with the Directorates of Communications, Library, and Information Technology, providing practical insights into institutional efficiency and innovation.

To further strengthen the strategic impact of the visit, the CCJ undertook high-level engagements in Strasbourg, France, a global centre for judicial dialogue and human rights jurisprudence. The delegation paid courtesy calls on Vice-President Arnfinn Bårdsen of the European Court of Human Rights and Mr Alain Berset, Secretary General of the Council of Europe. These engagements enabled a valuable exchange of perspectives on judicial independence, regional integration, and

the role of supranational courts in promoting democracy, the rule of law, and fundamental rights, reinforcing the CCJ's commitment to continued collaboration and institutional learning.

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

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*Caption: The CCJ delegation was received by President Lenaerts of the Court of Justice of European Union (CJEU) in Luxembourg.
Photography courtesy the CJEU.*



Caption: The CCJ President, the Hon. Mr Justice Winston Anderson pays a courtesy call on the Secretary General of the Council of Europe, Mr Alain Berset, in Strasbourg, France

Photo courtesy the Council of Europe.



Caption: Judges and Registrar of the Caribbean Court of Justice and Judges and Registrar of Section V of the European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR) met for judicial dialogue in Strasbourg, France.

Photography courtesy the ECtHR.

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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