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CCJ President Pays Courtesy Call on Prime Minister of Saint Lucia

Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago. On 05th July 2026, the Honourable Mr Justice Winston Anderson, President of the Caribbean Court of Justice (CCJ/Court), paid a courtesy call on the Honourable Philip J. Pierre, Prime Minister of Saint Lucia and incoming Chair of the Conference of the Heads of Government of the Caribbean Community. The CCJ President was accompanied by Her Ladyship, the Honourable Justice Margaret Price-Findlay, Chief Justice of the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court, who also serves as a Commissioner of the Regional Judicial and Legal Services Commission.

The courtesy call took place during the CCJ President's visit to Saint Lucia to attend the Opening Ceremony of the Fifty-First Regular Meeting of the Conference of Heads of Government of the Caribbean Community. President Anderson also met briefly with other heads of government in the margins of the Conference, including Prime Minister Holness of Jamaica, Prime Minister Alix Didier Fils-Aimé of Haiti, and Prime Minister Kamla Persad-Bissessar of Trinidad and Tobago. The President's participation in the Opening Ceremony was at the invitation of the Conference and continues an established practice of accepting such invitations.

The visit formed 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](#).

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From Left: Her Ladyship, the Honourable Justice Margaret Price-Findlay, Chief Justice of the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court; the Honourable Philip J. Pierre, Prime Minister of Saint Lucia; and the Honourable Mr Justice Winston Anderson, CCJ President, during the 5th July, 2026 visit to Saint Lucia.

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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