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GUYANA TO HOST CAJO'S 9TH BIENNIAL CONFERENCE

Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago. From 19–21 November 2026, the Caribbean Association of Judicial Officers (CAJO) will host its 9th Biennial Conference at the Guyana Marriott Hotel, Georgetown, Guyana, under the theme *'Changing Fundamentals of Judging'*. The Conference will bring together Chief Justices, Judges, Magistrates, Registrars, Court Administrators, academics, and other stakeholders from across the Caribbean and beyond to discuss emerging challenges facing the judiciary and explore opportunities to strengthen the administration of justice throughout the region.

The three-day event will feature presentations, plenary discussions, breakout sessions, and specialised judicial forums examining topical issues, such as artificial intelligence and technology, the rule of law, public trust and confidence, crime and violence, human rights, judicial ethics, and judicial wellbeing.

Explaining the rationale behind this year's theme, CAJO Chairman and Judge of the Caribbean Court of Justice (CCJ), the Honourable Mr Justice Peter Jamadar, explained that the theme was selected because 'the fundamentals of judging are being reshaped by technological advancements, changing societal expectations, and emerging challenges to the rule of law. Through this Conference, we hope to explore how Caribbean judiciaries can respond to these changes while safeguarding the principles that underpin the administration of justice.'

The Conference will officially open on Thursday, 19 November, with remarks by the Honourable Mr Justice Winston Anderson, CCJ President; the Honourable Mme Justice Roxane George, Acting Chancellor of the Judiciary of Guyana; and Mr Justice Jamadar. His Excellency Dr Mohamed Irfaan Ali, President of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana, is also scheduled to deliver special remarks. Remarks will also be delivered by Ms Katy Thompson, Resident Representative of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), a sponsor of the Conference. The Honourable Mr Justice Bryan Sykes, Chief Justice of Jamaica, will deliver the Conference's featured presentation.

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The Biennial Conference is one of CAJO's principal judicial education initiatives, providing a platform for regional judicial officers to exchange knowledge, share best practices, and explore approaches to improving the delivery of justice.

For further information on CAJO and the 9th Biennial Conference on CAJO and its work, visit **www.thecajo.org**.

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About the Caribbean Association of Judicial Officers

The Caribbean Association of Judicial Officers (CAJO) brings together the region's Chancellors, Chief Justices, Judges, Masters, Registrars, Magistrates, Tribunal Members, Executive Court Administrators, and other judicial staff. The CAJO is a non-profit organisation registered in Trinidad and Tobago. The first meeting of judicial officers from across the region took place in June 2009 in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, marking the birth of the CAJO. With its own Constitution and membership, the CAJO was ably headed by Hon. Mr Justice Adrian Saunders, former President of the Caribbean Court of Justice (CCJ), who served as Chair from 2009 to 2019. The CAJO is led by a Management Committee comprising judicial officers elected at the Association's Business Meeting, held biennially. The Management Committee comprises 16 members from almost all countries in the region. The CAJO provides a host of judicial education engagements for judicial officers across the region, including its Biennial Conference, training programmes, and workshops on various topics and areas of law and practice, and a biannual Newsletter, CAJO News.

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