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DICKON MITCHELL SCOLDS KEITH MITCHELL ON SEED



Prime Minister Dickon Mitchell – provided an extract from Parliament from under NNP rule to prove that the additional \$150.00 given to SEED beneficiaries for one year was a “temporary” measure

“...Do not let people fool you or mislead you into thinking that somehow while they were in administration embarked upon a permanent programme that this administration is reversing - it is not.”

Those were the words uttered Tuesday by new Prime Minister Dickon Mitchell as he scolded the defeated former Grenadian leader Dr. Keith Mitchell and top members of his New National Party (NNP) who called on the 7-month old Congress administration to restore the EC\$150.00 that is no longer provided for persons receiving state assistance in the controversial Support for Education and Empowerment and Development (SEED) Programme.

Dr. Mitchell who now holds the position of Opposition Leader in Parliament spent the past week appearing on several radio stations aligned to NNP slamming the new government for not making the payments that were initiated by his regime which lost power on June 23, 2022.

Former Foreign Minister Oliver Joseph who lost his St David seat to Prime Minister Dickon Mitchell in the election also appeared Tuesday on GBN’s “To The Point Programme” and denied that the additional \$150.00 was “a temporary” measure from the then NNP government.

As part of its onslaught against the NDC administration, the island’s main opposition party also circulated a press release which said: “The New National Party (NNP) is calling on the Dickon

Mitchell administration to immediately return the One Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$150) deducted from the monthly payment to senior citizens and vulnerable families under the SEED program.

“The increase was initiated by the Keith Mitchell-led administration in 2022 to further assist the vulnerable to meet basic needs. The party notes that the cost of living has significantly increased since July 2022 and therefore considers the cut in this payment an immoral act.”

“This action is taken at a time when there are significant increases in electricity and impending increases in the cost of water and sugar. It is disheartening that while the government takes away \$150 from the elderly and vulnerable, Government Ministers paid themselves a 2000 dollars salary increase and are contemplating a second increase.”

“The party therefore finds it unbelievable that the government has taken this decision to viciously cut payments to vulnerable families across the country.”

“The New National Party empathises with the hundreds of citizens and particularly senior citizens and single parents who are left unable to purchase basic medication, food and pay for transportation to send their children to school.”

“The NNP calls on the Government to have a heart and refund the monies deducted.”

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Delma Thomas – the former NNP Minister for Social Development was frank and open in describing the extra \$150.00 as temporary



Dr. Keith Mitchell – was busy this past week making calls to several NNP-aligned radio stations



Senator Gloria Thomas – the current Minister of State with responsibility for Social Development



THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
GRENADA
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
(CIVIL)

GRENADA
CLAIM NO: GDAHCV 2021/0107
BETWEEN:

IN THE MATTER OF THE POSSESSORY TITLES ACT
IN THE MATTER OF AN APPLICATION FOR
DECLARATION OF POSSESSORY TITLE OF LAND

ANTHONY ISAAC APPLICANT
(Executor in the estate of David Isaac deceased)

ORDER

IN OPEN COURT NO.2

BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUSTICE VICTORIA CHARLES-CLARKE, HIGH COURT
JUDGE;

DATED THE 23RD DAY SEPTEMBER, 2022.

ENTERED THE 04TH DAY OF January, 2023.

APPEARANCES: -

Mr. Henry Paryag for the Applicant/Claimant
The Applicant present/via zoom

UPON HEARING Counsel for the Applicant/Claimant.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The application is granted as prayed

SCHEDULE

All that lot piece or parcel of land situate at Pyrennes Mountain in the Parish of Saint Andrew in the State of Grenada containing by admeasurements Four (4) Acres English Statute Measure and abutted and bounded on the Northern side by land of or ostensibly possessed partly by land of Andrew Frank, Ivan Peters and Elleen Peters on the Southern side of or ostensibly possessed partly by land of the Estates of Mary Alexander and Daniel Mc. Guire on the Western side of or ostensibly possessed partly by land of Martin Lazarus, an allowed road and partly by land of Poplas Joseph and on the Eastern side of or ostensibly possessed partly by land of Romey McIntyre and Andrew Frank as shown on the plan drawn by David S. Abraham, Licensed Land Surveyor.

BY THE COURT


REGISTRAR
Registrar Supreme
Court Grenada

This Order is filed by Henry C. Paryag & Associates Attorney-At-Law Seaton James Street in the Town of Grenville, St. Andrew, Grenada, Tel No. 442-8427 Legal Practitioner for the Claimant.

The Court Office is at, Church Street, St. George's, Grenada, telephone number 440-2030. The office is open between 8.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. Monday to Friday except public holidays.

Outlining the plans for the Creative economy

Economic Development Minister Lennox Andrew has given Grenadians an insight into the plans of the 7-month old Congress government to build the Creative economy which he described as "a new area of economic activity that we are trying to build in Grenada."

Addressing the government's first post-Cabinet press briefing on Tuesday for 2023, Minister Andrew revealed plans to hold a national symposium of the Creative Industries on the island over a 4-day period at the end of March under the theme, "Unleashing Grenada's Creative Power."

He said the event will be organised by the Office of Creative Affairs which is now being established and the objective "is to raise awareness of the power of the Creative Economy in Grenada, its potential and challenges."

"We want to exchange ideas, experiences and very importantly we want to chart a way forward with regards to the additional framework that needs to be put in place for the development of the Creative Industries in Grenada," he told reporters.

"...We want to bring together the Creative Practitioners with imminent international and regional speakers, other stakeholders such as bankers, educators, policymakers, the legal professionals, to share their experiences so that we can chart the way forward for the development of the Creative industries," he said.

According to the senior government minister who is the Member of Parliament for the rural St Andrew South-west constituency, the format being worked out will see the symposium take place along the lines of presentations and group sessions.

Minister Andrew disclosed that a critical part of the development of the Creative Industries is to map out a national cultural and creative industries policy strategy and the prerequisite legislation.

He sees this "as very important for driving and shaping the direction of this sector."

He also mentioned the fact that the government will be giving "some very special fiscal incentives to assist those who are involved in the Creative industries" including 100% concessions on CET and VAT for selected equipment for a period of 12 months starting March 1.

Minister Andrew told reporters that the plan for the Creative industries under the Dickon



Lennox Andrews – Minister for Economic Development

Mitchell-led Congress administration also calls for "increased access for financing and technical assistance for all those who are involved in that industry."

"So, we are going to establish a Creative Industries Development Fund and as indicated in the (2023) Budget we have an allocation of \$2M."

"We hope to launch this fund in the first half of the year and through it funding will be provided for all businesses who are registered to get support in the area of exporting their goods and services and for content.

In presenting the 2023 budget, Prime Minister Dickon Mitchell addressed the issue of the Creative economy and said the following under the theme, "Jumpstarting the Creative Economy":

"Mr. Speaker, the Creative Industries is fast becoming a new engine of growth and development in several Caribbean nations. This dynamic sector, which ranges from traditional arts to multimedia, has been an important driver of innovation and productivity growth.

Present studies argue that the Creative Industries can become a pillar for economic diversification and export growth in the Caribbean as this industry allows Governments to leverage the abundant talent and skill of Caribbean people and domestic capital to produce competitive products and services.

In addition, the sector is comparatively labour intensive and can, therefore, help to alleviate the chronic unemployment problem in the Caribbean. The Creative Economy – which comprises creative industries such as advertising, fashion, design, performing and visual arts, photography, music, architecture, film, podcasts, and computer programming – are the lifeblood of the cre-

ative economy.

Valued at over two trillion dollars in 2019, the sector contributes just over 6.1% to the global gross domestic product (GDP), averaging between 2% and 7% of national GDPs around the world.

The creative economy is not only one of the most rapidly growing sectors of the world economy, but also highly transformative in terms of income generation, job creation and export earnings.

Development of a National Cultural and Creative Industry Policy and Strategy

Mr. Speaker, this Administration is in the process of laying a solid foundation to ensure the success of the Creative Economy in the years ahead. As such we will invest in the development of a National Cultural and Creative Industry Policy and Strategy.

This strategy will outline a 5-to-10-year roadmap for the sector's development.

Establishment of the Creative Industries Development Fund

Mr. Speaker, we have listened to the creative community and understand the challenges they face with funding their businesses and ideas.

Through the establishment of Grenada's first-ever Creative Industries Development Fund, we will invest in registered creative businesses that are focused on the global export of products, services and content.

Special Fiscal Incentives

Of note, in this first year, Mr. Speaker, is the implementation of special fiscal incentives for the Creative Industry including 100% concessions on CET and VAT for selected equipment for 12 months, starting February 1, 2023."

* From front page

DICKON MITCHELL SCOLDS KEITH MITCHELL ON SEED

The position of Congress on the SEED programme got support from the opposition when former Social Development Minister Delma Thomas, MP for St Andrew North-west stated publicly that the initiative was always "temporary."

She said: "I recall vividly that we (NNP Government) did add this \$150.00 per household - it was a stimulus added to the SEED programme... because of the issue of Covid. We decided to give that particular additional assistance for one year ... January to December. "What I did last year was to reach (out). I met with my elderly, I had a function for them and I did say to them be prepared that this \$150.00 may come out because it was temporary at the time when we did it, it was temporary."

"I didn't want to catch them off-guard and then they believed that I was the minister there and we lied to them. I told all of them - the parents with children too that I came into contact with, that that (withdrawal of the \$150.00) might be the case."

Prime Minister Dickon Mitchell hit back Tuesday at the NNP attack and told Grenadians that the former Keith Mitchell-led government had announced the measure to give the additional \$150.00 to the poor and vulnerable in the wake of the fall-out from the Covid-19 pandemic but did not even make budgetary allocation for it before it was booted out of office by the Electorate. PM Dickon Mitchell also pulled out an extract from the 2022 Budget address by the then Minister of Finance, Gregory Bowen, the Number Two man in the then NNP regime in which he indicated that the extra \$150.00 was "temporary".

The Grenadian leader said the following on the issue: "As the Minister of Finance I want to make some comments in relation to the SEED programme. It appears that deliberately so, personnel are trying to suggest that somehow the government has chosen to end the programme which was a permanent programme by a reduction of the EC\$150.00. I am going to read for our citizens and for you members of the media an excerpt that was taken from the speech of the then Minister of Finance, Honourable Gregory Bowen as it pertains to the temporary nature of the additional \$150.00 that was added as part of the economic stimulus package on a temporary basis to beneficiaries of SEED."

And am reading his budget statement: "Additionally Mr. Speaker \$10 million is allocated

under government's Covid-19 Economic Stimulus package for the provision of cash transfer benefits in 2022. These will be provided through temporary horizontal expansion of the SEED programme to provide support to over 1000 households."

Now I want citizens to understand this: This statement which was contained in the then Budget Statement of the Honourable Minister of Finance, Gregory Bowen that statement was made when he delivered his Budget presentation and it was made post or after the preparation for that budget.

There was in fact no budgetary allocation in the budget for this and as a result when this administration took office in June we came back to Parliament and sought the approval of Parliament for EC\$8 million to in fact fund the temporary increase in the SEED allocation of \$150.00.

Let me repeat this: When the budget statement was read in November 2021 (by Gregory Bowen) promising this additional \$10 million there was no actual appropriation for it. And so when the programme started and there was the additional increase in 2022 there was no budgetary allocation for it. There was no actual Appropriation approved by Parliament.

It is this administration when we went back to do the Supplementary Appropriation that we had to budget an additional \$8 million to ensure that the funds were spent.

This is not hidden because the Supplementary Appropriation went through all of the Phases. It went through the Finance Committee. I am the Chairman of the Finance Committee and each member of the House of Representative is a member of the Finance Committee.

The Honourable Leader of the Opposition and all of his members who attended the Finance Committee meeting would have been part of that process of approving the additional \$8 million which was never budgeted for and which it was known was a temporary measure as part of the Covid Economic Stimulus package for the year 2022.

And so that package came to an end in 2022. It was always temporary, it was known that it was temporary but specifically it was not in fact funded by the previous budget.

It took our Supplementary Appropriation to authorize the spending for this and so I want our citizens to



The Ministerial Complex at the Botanical Gardens has new occupants as the National Democratic Congress of Dickon Mitchell replaced the New National Party of Keith Mitchell as the government of the day

understand that perhaps we didn't do a good enough job in October/November to remind citizens that this temporary aspect was coming to an end.

And if that is the case, we accept responsibility for that but do not let people fool you or mislead you into thinking that somehow while they were in administration embarked upon a permanent programme that this administration is reversing. It is not.

It is the same \$18 million that is budgeted for the SEED programme 2021, 2022 and into this 2023 budget. And so we can assure you that there will be no demerit in the normal SEED benefit.

The Honourable Minister (Gloria Thomas) has indicated that the list is being cleaned up - and when you listen to the category

of persons - she talked about dead people, people who are overseas, people who are in prison, people who have graduated from the programme.

What we want to ensure is that those persons who truly need the programme benefit from it. We are confident that once we are able to sanitise the list and we are able to ensure that persons who need it get, then we would be in a better position to review to see whether or not the government is in a position to do any permanent increases to the programme."

Minister for Social Services, Gloria Thomas who also addressed reporters at the press briefing disclosed that SEED is presently undergoing a recertification exercise in order to sanitise the list.

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FirstCaribbean International Bank Limited

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS Annual Meeting

When: Friday, March 10, 2023 at 10:00am Barbados time
Where: Barbados: <https://web.lumiagm.com/240467616>
Meeting ID and Password: Shareholders who wish to attend the annual meeting must contact us by March 8, 2023 at agm@cibcfib.com to register and obtain credentials to join the meeting.

NOTICE is hereby given that the twenty-ninth annual meeting of the shareholders of FirstCaribbean International Bank Limited ("the Company") will be held in Barbados on Friday, March 10, 2023 at 10:00 am Barbados time for the following purposes:

- To receive audited accounts for the year ended October 31, 2022, and the report of the directors and auditors thereon.
- To elect the following directors to serve until the next annual meeting of the Company:

(i) Mr. Christopher de Caires	(vi) Mr. Achilles Perry
(ii) Mr. Robert Frentzel	(vii) Mrs. Paula Rajkumarsingh
(iii) Mr. Craig Gomez	(viii) Mr. Alasdair Robertson
(iv) Mr. Wayne Lee	(ix) Mr. Mark St. Hill
(v) Mr. Brian McDonough	(x) Mr. Willem (Pim) van der Burg
- To consider, and if thought fit, to adopt the following resolution:

"WHEREAS:

 - Section 34.2 of the By-Law states that the directors must submit any Permitted Amendment as defined in the By-Law) to the shareholders of the Company for ratification and approval by ordinary resolution at the next annual meeting of the Company;
 - Having considered this, the directors think it appropriate for a Permitted Amendment to be submitted to shareholders at the next meeting of the shareholders of the Company after the making of the Permitted Amendment regardless of whether it is an annual or special meeting;
 - Accordingly, the directors amended section 34.2 of the By-Law on September 1, 2022 as follows ("the 2022 Permitted Amendment"):

"34.2 The directors must submit any Permitted Amendment to the shareholders of the Company for confirmation, amendment or rejection by ordinary resolution at the next meeting of the shareholders of the Company after the making of the Permitted Amendment."

BE IT RESOLVED that the By-Law, as amended by the 2022 Permitted Amendment, be confirmed as the By-Law of the Company."
- To appoint Ernst & Young Ltd. as auditors and to authorise the directors to fix their remuneration.
- To discuss any other business which may be properly considered at the annual meeting.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD


 Brian Clarke KC
 General Counsel & Group Corporate Secretary
 January 27, 2023



Shareholders should visit cibcfib.com or scan this code to view the notice of meeting, directors' report, management proxy circular and 2022 Annual Report.



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EDITORIAL

FIX THE MNIB PROBLEM!!!

It appears that from the most recent utterances from Prime Minister Dickon Mitchell, the National Democratic Congress (NDC) government is no longer thinking of winding up the operations of the state-owned Marketing & National Importing Board (MNIB).

In speaking at Tuesday's post-Cabinet press conference the Grenadian leader briefly addressed the issue and did not use any word or phrase to suggest that the company would be wound up.

THE NEW TODAY is not in favour of the MNIB closing its doors to the public as PM Dickon Mitchell did not

rule this out during his many campaign utterances for the June 23, 2022 general election.

There are many studies done on the operations of the MNIB with the general conclusion being that the Marketing Board was badly managed over the years and suffered from political interference in its operations.

The recent probe by the Integrity Commission (IC), headed by female attorney-at-law Anande Trotman-Joseph highlighted the many problems that are responsible for the company to be in the financial red.

The new government will be doing the public a great disservice if it

fails to follow through on some of the many recommendations made in the IC report, especially those that called for criminal investigation into the actions of some employees over the years.

The report alluded to suspicion into two fires at MNIB which many believe was aimed at destroying evidence of possible corruption.

The defeated New National Party (NNP) government of Prime Minister Dr. Keith Mitchell made severe errors in judgement in its selection of persons to manage the state body over the years.

The regime was very deceitful when it removed a former manager who was under a cloud and gave him another prestigious job in a

government ministry when those in charge of state power knew that the individual was central in the demise of the MNIB finances.

It was only after the MNIB fiasco was reported in this newspaper that the individual was then removed from his top-paying position in a government ministry.

The then Prime Minister Dr. Keith Mitchell knew that the MNIB was in terrible financial straits but definitely lacked the political will to take serious and corrective action.

Former board Chairman Samuel Andrew made an open statement a few years ago to the effect that he was unsuccessful in his numerous efforts to get a meeting with Dr. Mitchell who was

the line minister for MNIB to appraise him of the terrible financial state of affairs at the company.

This is nothing but yet another piece of clear evidence of failed leadership on the part of the former Prime Minister who often boasted about his years of service to the country as an elected Member of Parliament for St George North-west.

A former manager did all kinds of suspicious dealings with the finances of the company including the purchase of expensive first class tickets on his many trips abroad.

It was not uncommon to see government ministers on the same flight to Miami sitting in Economy Class and the MNIB Boss and in most cases in the

company of his Secretary travelling together allegedly on company business.

The MNIB was forced to shut down its loss-making business in Grenville, St. Andrew and took the unfortunate decision of keeping all staffers on the payroll by deploying them on other job sites belonging to the company.

It should be noted that MNIB had persons serving as Chairman of the Board over the years who came with "impressive" records of management in the private sector but did nothing of substance to apply the same practices and principles from their own businesses to the Marketing Board.

These so-called top managers know that their own Board of Directors would never continue with a practice that was loss-making since they are in the business of making money and a profit at the end of the day.

The current controllers of State power should be mindful that the public is very skeptical of many things in the country including the many investigations over the

years into alleged wrongdoing and the culprits just getting a slap on the wrist and not serving jail time.

The message seems to be that the Richmond Hill prison is only for one set of people at the lower end of the strata but the real white collar criminals who live up there where the air is rare and are too big and large and among the untouchables in the society.

THE NEW TODAY is urging PM Dickon Mitchell and his NDC government to give MNIB a chance to finally function as a proper business company in the interest of the development of the agricultural and agro-processing sectors of the economy.

The administration should come up with a rescue plan for the Marketing Board and to put structures in place for recruiting a management team that can work towards turning around the financial fortunes of this important state body.

MNIB has suffered from mismanagement over the years and NDC as a government has a responsibility to take action to try and fix the problem.

Vacancy

General Manager

Financial Complex Limited is seeking to fill the position of General Manager. As a statutory body, Financial Complex Limited is tasked with two main responsibilities: the management of maintenance of government buildings and the preparation and facilitation of Public Private Partnerships.

The General Manager will have the following key responsibilities:

- Ensure proper management of maintenance of Government buildings
- Oversee and drive the preparation and facilitation of Public Private Partnerships
- Prepare and monitor expenditure
- Communicate with technical and administrative staff
- Preparation of reports and proposals
- Advise the Board of Directors

Requirements:

- At minimum, a first degree in Project Management or Technical/Engineering or other equivalent
- Minimum of 10 years' experience in management, engineering, or a technical equivalent field
- Strong leadership and communication skills
- Highly motivated and able to work in an innovative and fast paced environment
- Time management and self-accountability

Experience In Human Resource Management would be an asset.

Please send all applications and CVs to fcl@spiceisle.com

Submission Deadline: **28th February 2023**

Salary commensurate with education, skills, and experience.



Conference Facilities Needed

Peace Corps intends to offer a firm-fixed price contract for lodging, catering, and conference services for a Regional Literacy Conference to be held in Grenada for approximately 33 participants, arriving Monday, March 27 and departing Friday, March 31, 2023.

Application:

If you wish to apply for this tender, please write LC-Procurement@peacecorps.gov for a copy of the bidding documents/ Request for Quotation (RFQ).

Interested vendors should submit a quote for the services as described in the RFQ via email by **midnight February, 10th 2023** with the subject line: **2023 Regional Literacy Workshop**

Quotation to the following address:

- LC-Procurement@peacecorps.gov

Questions about Request for Quotation (RFQ) may be sent via email to the e-mail address noted above in advance of the RFQ due date. **No phone calls please.**

WELCOME TO DAYNE AND DAYNA'S APARTMENTS CARRIACOU

Thinking of going to Carriacou for a little vacation? Not sure where to stay? Let me point you in the direction of the PERFECT IDYLIC LOCATION. First though, I must explain how I came to know of this place.

I have been vacationing on the Sister Isle a few times over the past couple of years. Each time I spent most of my leisure time at a place called THE REEF BAR AND RESTAURANT, right on the main street of Hillsborough exactly opposite ADE'S DREAM. This Bar seems to be the most popular one in Town and the food is DELICIOUS while the beers are BEASTLY COLD!!

The staff is very courteous and welcoming, and the general atmosphere is one that compels you to unwind and just relax

and let the cares of life roll away for a change. So, during my most recent trip, while sitting at the bar and enjoying a few cold ones with my counterparts we observed a gentleman moving around picking up empty bottles.

We were debating whether he was a worker or otherwise, when he sauntered over to our table and enquired if we were 'okay'. We said we were and confided that we were from the mainland. He then offered us a round of drinks, so I made bold as to ask rather jokingly, whether he had shares in the business? Much to our great surprise, he told us he was actually the OWNER!

This is how we came to meet KEN CYRUS, businessman EXTRAORDINAIRE! Over lunch we learnt about this astute

gentleman with sound business acumen. After just over 8 years of 'trafficking' goods from Trinidad he recognised the advantages of opening a business in the heart of town. From that idea, THE REEF BAR AND RESTAURANT was born. Shortly after this began to blossom, he quickly added the ever-popular CASINO located in the back of the restaurant.

Born and raised in the village of MT PLEASANT, this true son of the soil has a finger in just about every aspect of business. Soft-spoken, simple and well dressed, he exuded humility and generously took us on an impromptu tour of the island.

We were shocked to discover that he not only managed the REEF but in fact, was also the proud and successful

owner of KENSUPA VALU SUPERMARKET in MT PLEASANT, which was his way of giving back to his community by providing them with an alternative to having to take the bus to town to buy essential food items. Prices therein were affordable and of good quality.

His journey didn't end there! Having paid keen attention to the conversations between tourists who frequented his Restaurant and Bar, he decided to find a way to offer alternative accommodation to visitors. Not one to idle over his ideas, he quickly located and purchased lands and is currently almost done building a spacious and luxurious apartment complex, which offers VERY AFFORDABLE one and two bedrooms self-contained apartments.

We were given a look at the inside and believe me; the tiling and the decor is amazing. There is even a laundry room well equipped with washer, dryer and even ironing boards. A real 'home away from home'. The location is superb, close enough to town, yet not too far from areas like Harvey Vale.

The beach is just a few minutes away too. In addition to this, he owns and operates KENSUPA CAR RENTALS AND TOURS!

Despite his success in business and the many aspects which surely must be very daunting and time consuming on a daily basis, Ken is a gentleman with a keen sense of family values. To this extent, he includes his children in all areas of his business, carefully grooming them to take up the mantle when the time is right.

We met his daughter and son, a pair of TWINS DAYNE AND DAYNA after whom the SEAVIEW APARTMENT COMPLEX is named.

At present, they assist in the daily running of the restaurant and bar and are doing an EXCELLENT job. It is a testimony of Ken Cyrus' adept business practices that he is 'keeping it in the family'. We were assured that the apartments will be ready by the last quarter of this year. Doors will swing open in time for XMAS, and this is going to be a real 'ONE STOP SHOP', catering to ALL your

needs from ACCOMMODATION, to TRANSPORTATION, to GROCERIES and ENTERTAINMENT! Therefore, I ask you again, thinking of going to Carriacou? Then the choice of accommodation is CLEAR! DAYNE AND DAYNA'S will be ready and waiting to welcome you to your HOME AWAY FROM HOME! SEE YOU THERE!!

Patricia Gairy

Views and opinions expressed in letters to the editor do not necessarily reflect the editorial position of The New Today or its publisher. New Today further reserves the right to edit for brevity & presentation.

Case Number :GDAHBP2022/0493



FORM P7:

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT
THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
GRENADA

Submitted Date:15/12/2022 13:19
Filed Date:15/12/2022 13:19
Fees Paid:52.00

IN THE ESTATE OF CECILIA AUGUSTINE ON BIRTH CERTIFICATE (ALSO KNOWN AS CECILIA VINCENT ON DEATH CERTIFICATE (ALSO CALLED CECILLIA JULIEN ON MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE) ALSO CALLED EVADNEY VINCENT AND EVADNEY JULIEN ON LEGAL DOCUMENTS) (DECEASED)

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by named TAECHA VINCENT LORICK of Cook Hill Road in the Town of Grenville in the Parish of Saint Andrew in the State of Grenada, presently residing in the United States of America, now on a visit to Grenada in the State of Grenada for a grant of:

Letters of Administration to the applicant, who is a daughter of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 21st day of May, 2020.

Any persons having an objection of the grant of Letters of Administration to the application shall file an objection within 14 days of the publication of this Notice.

Dated this 14th day of DECEMBER 2022.

Henry C. Parvag
Attorney-at-law for the Applicant

GRENADA

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF GRENADA
AND THE WEST INDIES ASSOCIATED STATES
HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
(PROBATE)
IN THE ESTATE OF DOCTOR SEBASTIAN A. PETER, DECEASED
ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by Marion Suite of L'Anse Aux Epines in the parish of Saint George and state of Grenada for Grant of Probate, who is the named Power of Attorney of the deceased, the deceased having died testate on the 11th day of November 2022.

Any persons having an objection to the Grant of Probate to the Applicant shall file an objection within 14 days of publication of this Notice.

Dated: 19th day of December 2023

Suite And Associates
Attorneys-at-Law for Applicant

This Advertisement is filed by Messrs. Suite And Associates, Chambers, L'Anse Aux Epines, St. George, W.I., Attorneys-at-Law for the Applicant. Tel: 473 444 5550, 473 444 0949; Email: info@grenadasuitelaw.com

The Court office is at York House, Church Street, St. George, Grenada; Telephone number 440 - 2030, FAX 440 - 6695. The Office is open between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Mondays to Fridays except Public Holidays.



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

The National Insurance Board (NIB) of Grenada wishes to procure the services of Consulting Firms to execute the design of a major, climate smart, commercial center on a 4-acre lot at a busy intersection in Grand Anse, St. George's, Grenada on the property historically referred to as the Sandino Complex.

Consulting firms will be required to advise on scope and adequacy of proposed development and provide revised preliminary designs and summary estimates, and detailed designs and Bills of Quantities. The work must consider thematic areas such as environmental assessment and seek to integrate disaster mitigation measures into the project. Firms will also be required to liaise/coordinate with the Ministry of Infrastructure in order to address both the enhancement of traffic and the management of storm water in the general vicinity. The duration of the assignment is expected to be for a period of six months.

The National Insurance Board (NIB) of Grenada now invites interested eligible consulting firms to submit Expressions of Interest for the provision of these consultancy services. Consulting firms shall be eligible to participate if:

- (a) in the case of a body corporate, it is legally incorporated or otherwise organized in a CARICOM country, has its principal place of business in a CARICOM country and is more than 50 per cent beneficially owned by citizen(s) and/or *bona fide* resident(s) of CARICOM country(ies) or by a body(ies) corporate meeting these requirements;
- (b) in the case of unincorporated firms, the persons are citizens or *bona fide* residents of a CARICOM country.

In the assessment of submissions, consideration will be given to qualification, technical competence and experience (local and regional experience on similar assignments), financial capability and existing commitments. All information must be submitted in English.

An electronic copy of the Expression of Interest must be received at the address below not later than 3:00 p.m. on **March 15, 2023**. The subject shall be clearly marked "**Expression of Interest – Consulting Services for the Sandino Complex**".

Following the assessment of submissions, a short list of not less than three and not more than six applicants will be provided with full terms of reference and invited to submit technical and financial proposals to undertake the assignment. The National Insurance Board (NIB) of Grenada reserves the right to accept or reject late applications or to cancel the present invitation partially or in its entirety. It will not be bound to assign any reason for not short-listing any applicant and will not defray any costs incurred by any applicant in the preparation and submission of Expressions of Interest.

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Leo Cato vs Andrew Augustine in Parliament

All seems to be not well at the island's Parliament at Mt Wheldale overlooking the Grenadian capital.

Informed sources told **THE NEW TODAY** that relations are rather strained between the current Clerk of Parliament, Andrew Augustine and Speaker of the House of Representatives, Leo Cato.

According to one source, Augustine has been telling close aides that he believes Cato is making moves to have him replaced as the two seemingly cannot see eye-to-eye on several issues at Parliament.

He identified one of the contentious issues as an alleged insistence by Cato that the staffers should start wearing uniform at work but Augustine is insisting that the Speaker has no authority or jurisdiction over public officers as that lies within the domain of the Public Service Commission (PSC).

The following was sent via Whatsapp by **THE NEW TODAY** to Augustine: "We are getting reports of tension between you and the Speaker in Parliament and that moves might be afoot to remove you from the position."

The Clerk did not deny the report of friction with Cato but said it "might be speculative."

However, he quoted Section 84(8) of the Constitution Order which "is clear that any public officer is subject to removal and documents the process" and that "the Clerk must satisfy the Presiding Officers, Prime Minister and Leader of the Opposition in his professional responsibilities."

"On the assumption that the moves you mentioned (his removal from Parliament) may be credible, since there cannot be a sitting Clerk and an Acting Clerk at the same time...I guess it may be a contemplation of my retirement...However you are a boss at what you do," he added.

House Speaker Cato did not respond to the message sent to him: "We are getting reports of tension between you and the Clerk of Parliament and that you are making moves for him to be replaced."

The source claimed that the Augustine/Cato conflict might also be linked to the relationship that the two had as members of the Grenada Co-operative Nutmeg Association (GCNA) where Cato served as Chairman of the Board of Directors.

"Augustine was a delegate in the GCNA thing and he used to give him (Cato) a lot of fire on the



Leo Cato – did not respond to attempts to contact him



Andrew Augustine – did not answer his cell-phone or returned the many calls

board so he is moving to have Augustine removed," said the insider, who added, "They always have their little ding-dong."

The source is also quoted as saying that Cato is trying to make fundamental changes in Parliament with workers who are also accusing him of trying to take over as their boss from the Clerk of Parliament.

"They are telling him (Cato) that he cannot be the boss of public servants," he remarked.

THE NEW TODAY was told that Speaker Cato favours the replacement of Augustine on the grounds that the Clerk has a hearing issue, wears a hearing aid and that the island's Parliament might not be the best place for him.

In addition, Cato is also accused of trying to give instructions for the job appraisal of workers which falls under the jurisdiction of the Clerk of Parliament.

"Augustine is the public servant, Cato is just the (Speaker of the House)," he remarked, adding that

some employees in Parliament have "serious problems with him (Cato)" and that staffers have been told to go to their union as the Speaker "cannot instruct them."

"Cato is not a public servant to come and dictate to public servants what to do," he said.

The insider pointed out that another issue that is creating problems within the confines of Parliament is the fact that some persons have been given allowances including Travel by the State but still want to use the vehicle of Parliament.

He identified President of the Senate Dessima Williams as one of the persons who is violating the Travelling Allowance policy of "either you pay a driver or you come with your vehicle and you drive yourself... but she wants to use Parliament vehicle and keep her travelling."

When contacted, former Ambassador Williams denied that she was getting any travelling allowance from the government as part of the arrangements worked out to perform her State job.

On the road to 50 years of Independence

As Grenada gets ready to celebrate 50 years of Independence in 2024, it is the perfect time to reflect on the progress and events that have shaped Grenada over the years. This year, 2023, Grenada will celebrate 49 years of independence.

Grenada achieved independence on February 07, 1974 under the leadership of Sir Eric Matthew Gairy, the first Prime Minister of Grenada. History was made as Grenada was the first island in the Eastern Caribbean to achieve independence. The only other independent islands were the bigger islands including Trinidad, Jamaica, and Barbados.

Let's look at what was taking place before independence. It can be argued that the twenty years prior to the achievement of independence had been a potpourri of progress and distress for the island. Areas of social and infrastructure progress include the electrification of the outer parishes of Grenada including Carriacou and Petite Martinique which occurred during 1961 to 1965 following the incorporation of Grenlec in 1961.

The Grenada Telephone Company Ltd was set up in 1969 and this marked the beginning of domestic telephone services for the Grenada population. In education, there was the establishment of several training colleges such as The Teachers training College in 1963, the Commercial and Domestic Arts Institute in 1968 and the Grenada Technical and Vocational Institute in 1972.

Grenada opened its first university and medical school in the Eastern Caribbean region in 1977 with the commencement of St. George's University at True Blue. SGU today contributes to almost 20% of Gross Domestic Product (GDP).

Regionally, there was the establishment and dissolution of West Indian Federation between 1958 to 1962. The idea for federation came from Theophilus Albert Marrayshow, a Grenadian, who is regarded as the Father of Federation. Federation started with 10 member countries in 1958 including Grenada and was the first attempt at Caribbean unity and integration.

Thomas Gibbs and Lincoln Radix were the

representatives from Grenada who sat on the Parliament of the West Indies Federation. Federation eventually broke up in 1962 driven by political division on several issues. Grenada entered Associated Statehood in 1967, the pre-step to self-independence.

Grenada held Expo '69 from April 5 to 30, 1969 which was a regional exposition, an idea of Sir Eric Matthew Gairy. Expo '69 showcased Grenadian culture, performing arts, agriculture and manufacturers. The location of Expo '69 was in the south of the island, and the work done to prepare for the exposition started the development in the area known today as Morne Rouge and True Blue.

Grenada gained international recognition on two fronts: Film and Beauty. The film "Island in the Sun" starring the actor, Harry Belafonte, was shot in Grenada in 1957 and became a world renown film. The film crew stayed at the only luxurious hotel on the island at the time, The Santa Maria hotel that had been built in 1948.

Today, the island boasts several award-winning luxurious hotels including Grenadian-owned Spice Island Beach Resort, owned by the late Sir Royston Hopkin, a Grenadian pioneer in the hospitality industry. Then, there was Miss Jennifer Hosten who won Miss World in 1970 and really elevated the name of Grenada in the international world.

Jennifer Hosten was only 23 years old, an air hostess by profession and from St. George. She won the Miss World crown amid racial issues in South Africa and women liberation issues.

At the same time, there was the rise of trade unions supporting the masses of agricultural and estate workers. Trade unions emerged such as the Grenada Manual, Maritime, and Intellectual Workers Union (GMMIWU) founded by Eric Matthew Gairy in 1951.

A series of massive labour strikes led by working class workers occurred right up to February 1974. This was the events of Bloody Monday which occurred on January 21, 1974 in which Rupert Bishop (father of Maurice Bishop) was killed among other Grenadians.

The year before, on November 18 1973, was

Bloody Sunday in which members of the New JEWEL Movement (NJM) like Hudson Austin, Unison Whiteman, Kenrick Radix and Selwyn Strachan were attacked and arrested in Grenville.

The Dufus Commission of December 1973 investigated the events that led up to Bloody Sunday. Finally, there was Squandermania of 1962-63 in which Eric Gairy as Prime Minister was accused of squandering public funds on lavish items including a baby grand piano brought for the Mt. Royal Prime Minister's residence.

Nevertheless, despite these events, Grenada became an independent nation on February 07, 1974 under Sir Eric Matthew Gairy as Prime Minister and Sir Leo Degale as Governor-General. There are all the various national symbols which identify our independence: national flag, national anthem, national pledge, national dish, and national flower.

Just five years post-independence, there was the Grenada revolution events from 1979 to 1983. This remains one of the most significant historic events that has shaped the tri-island. The revolution put Grenada on the map as the only English-speaking Caribbean Island to have a successful armed overthrow of the Government in 1979, and then a bloody end resulting in the death of its Prime Minister Maurice Bishop, and several of his cabinet colleagues in October 1983.

The revolution did bring gains including an international airport. Pearls Airport located in Pearls, St. Andrew's had been the sole airport. The opening of the first international airport in 1980, Point Salines International Airport (now called Maurice Bishop International Airport) through assistance from the Cuban government, brought the reality of international flights landing in Grenada.

The establishment of the National Insurance Scheme (NIS) in 1983 provided social security to workers including pension benefits, maternity, and sick leave benefits.

Moving beyond secondary school into tertiary level education became possible with the Grenada National



College (later renamed T. A. Marrayshow Community College) which opened in 1988 and provided the opportunity for associate degrees to be earned.

In the 1990s and into the early 2000s saw the rise of a new economic sector, yachting and marine services. This was an expansion of the initial tourism sector. The development of the Port Louis marina by foreign investor, Peter de Savary, transformed the swampy lagoon area into a berthing yard for luxurious yachts.

The Melville Street area was also developed and saw the birth of the Esplanade and Bruce Street mall alongside the bus terminal

enhancing the town of St. George's and economic activity in the town.

Sports received a boost through the construction of two stadia - cricket and athletic stadiums. This was crowned through the achievements of sporting athletes such as Alleyne Francique who participated in the Olympics and came in 4th position in the 400 meters in 2008, and then the remarkable achievement of Kirani James winning the gold medal in the 2012 London Olympics in the 400 metres.

In cricket, there were the achievements of Junior Murray who became the first Grenadian to be a member of the West Indies Cricket team in 1992, later followed by other Grenadian cricket players such as Rawle Lewis, Devon Smith, and Andre Fletcher.

In culture, there was the rise of Grenadian soca artists on the inter-

national scene. In 2000, Wilt Cambridge known as "Tallpre" placed 3rd in the International Soca Monarch in Trinidad.

This success was expanded by Hollis Mapp known as "Mr. Killa". In 2013, Mr. Killa placed second in the same competition, and then in 2019 won this competition with his hit "Run wid it" making him the first Grenadian and non-Trinidadian to win the coveted title.

The only two noteworthy times of challenge and resilience was the passing of Hurricanes Ivan and Emily in 2004 and 2005 respectively. Hurricane Ivan devastated over 80% of the infrastructure on the island, and there continues to be examples of unfixed buildings and ruins from that natural disaster.

The two major revenue-generating sectors, agriculture and tourism were largely impacted. In 2005, there was the passing of Hurricane Emily which was less

destructive, but impacted the northern parishes.

Now looking forward to 50 years, there has been much progress, yet there will be new challenges and new opportunities for growth. The emergence of the Creative economy will be a new area for economic growth along with renewed efforts on agriculture and agro-processing to drive economic growth.

New challenges will be posed by climate change and impact on the environment and roads and buildings and infrastructure. Finally, there will be the old age problem of lack of Caribbean unity and integration needed to advance regional issues such as inter-regional travel, trade and export.

We wish Grenada a Happy 49th Independence and look forward to celebrating 50 years of independence in 2024.

Christell Simeon

Case Number :GDAHCV2022/0488



FORM 2

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF GRENADA
AND THE WEST INDIES ASSOCIATED STATES
HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

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BETWEEN

IN THE MATTER OF THE POSSESSORY TITLES ACT NO. 22 OF 2016

AND

IN THE MATTER OF AN APPLICATION FOR A DECLARATION OF
POSSESSORY TITLE OF LAND

LEISBUT MICHAEL BARRY

APPLICANT

APPLICATION FOR DECLARATION OF POSSESSORY TITLE

NOTICE

WHEREAS Leisbut Michael Barry of Samaritan, Chantimelle in the parish of St. Patrick and State of Grenada, Self-employed, by his application filed in the High Court on the 10th day of November, 2022 claims to have acquired title by twelve years adverse possession of the lands described in the Schedule to this Notice and has applied to the Court for a declaration of possessory title.

Now all persons claiming interest in the said land are required to enter an appearance in the Registry in person or by his or her legal practitioner, within two months from the date of the last publication of this Notice which is being published twice in the newspapers.

SCHEDULE

ALL THAT lot piece or parcel of land situate at Chantimelle in the parish of St. Patrick and said State containing by admeasurement 1 Acre 0 Rds 17.7 Pls English Statute Measure, and bound on the North and South sides by a Public Road, on the East side by lands of Rolston Thomas and Kevin Henry, and on the West side by lands of one Andal

DEPUTY REGISTRAR
SUPREME COURT
OF GRENADA

PM Mitchell announces 1-month delay in implementing tax increases

Prime Minister and Minister for Finance Dickon Mitchell has announced a 1-month delay in the implementation of various tax increases as announced in the 2023 budget, which were expected to take effect on February 1.

"We need the additional time to make sure that the items are clearly identified, classified (and) published, and that there is no ambiguity, and so we felt that we needed the additional time to do so and to communicate with the stakeholders who would be impacted by this measure," the Grenadian Leader told reporters on Tuesday.

The Prime Minister



Prime Minister and Minister of Finance Dickon Mitchell: more time is needed to consult with stakeholders on proposed tax increases

said that a decision was also taken to defer the Value Added Tax (VAT) increases on sugar, drinks with high sugar content, and carbonated beverages from 15% to 20% to March 1.

The announcement was made during the government's first post-cabinet media briefing for the year, days after both Houses of Parliament approved amendments to the First and Second Schedule of the Excise Act, during special sittings last week Friday, giving legal teeth to a 95% increase in the Excise Tax from 105% to 200%, while alcohol will increase from \$1.10 and \$4.40 per litre to \$1.50 and \$5

per litre, respectively.

The amendments will result in an increase in both the wholesale and retail price of most alcohol products, including beer, wine, whisky, rum, brandy, vodka, gin, and liqueur, as well as all tobacco, and tobacco substitute products such as cigars, cheroots, and cigarettes.

Opposition Leader Dr. Keith Mitchell did not support the Resolution, which is one of several measures aimed at raising revenue for the Dickon Mitchell-led administration, which is expected to lose \$30 million due to relief measures announced in the 2023 budget.

"I understand the objective of the



Opposition Leader Dr. Keith Mitchell - is not convinced that increased taxes on cigarettes and alcohol will have the expected result

Government. It's an attempt to raise revenue based on the perception that there will be a drop in revenue from other areas... The problem is whether, in fact, that objective will be met," Dr. Mitchell contended.

The former Prime Minister and Minister for Finance recalled that in 1996 his New National Party (NNP) administration enforced a similar measure, which did not reap the desired financial results.

He also called on the Government to clarify the goods that will be directly affected by the amendment, which speaks about alcohol and alcohol-related products.

"I think the Government needs to make it very clear, because there are items that have a serious alcohol content that may not necessarily be part of this, and it must be clarified," he argued.

"For example, you have bay rum, methy-lated spirits that are used for specific things, even the question of sanitisers, some of them are strong alcoholic content, and

ammonia for cleaning. I think the Government needs to clarify exactly what products, because when the public servants are implementing something, if they are not given clear demarcation lines... then they can sometimes act against what the Government's intention should be," Dr. Mitchell added.

In moving the motion before the Lower House, Prime Minister Dickon Mitchell explained that the policy measure of his 7-month old administration to increase taxes on the selective items is two-fold.

While it is geared to "assist the Government in paying for the many fiscal measures that will be implemented in 2023 to address the cost-of-living issues that are faced by our citizens," the Grenadian leader said,

"this will also assist the State with raising the much-needed revenue to address the significant health challenges that we face as a nation arising from the abuse of alcohol which in many cases leads to

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We Are Hiring!

The Communal Co-operative Credit Union Limited is seeking a suitably qualified professional to fill the position of **Marketing Manager**.

JOB SUMMARY:

Responsible for the:

- Creation and execution of a comprehensive marketing and public relations plan for The Communal
- Managing all aspects of marketing and public relations at the corporate level
- Lead and support a team of practitioners on a day-to-day basis

Applicant Profile:

- Master's Degree in Mass Communication or a related field from a recognised educational institution
- At least five (5) years work related experience
- Excellent communication (written and oral) and interpersonal skills
- Analytical and creative thinking
- Knowledge of web analytics (Google Analytics, WebTrends, etc) and Google Adwords
- Specialised training in graphic design will be an asset

Job Profile:

- Provides strategic, tactical, and operational support to the Board, management and staff of The Communal from a marketing perspective.
- Develops and monitors the strategic direction of the Marketing Department.
- Develops and implements public relations campaigns and media relationship strategies.
- Provides marketing and communication support for the internal operations.
- Analyses the media coverage received by the Communal.
- Establishes and implements brand and marketing strategies to drive the Credit Union towards achieving its vision through market research, product design and development as well as member engagement.
- Analyses and understands the current market trends and implements effective marketing campaigns with high return on investment.
- Develops, implements, and manages the Marketing Department business plan.

Should you be interested in this vacant position, kindly submit your curriculum vitae along with a cover letter and two (2) references to:

The General Manager
The Communal Co-operative Credit Union Limited
Halifax Street
ST. GEORGE



Email Your Resume :
hr@thecommunalcu.com

Deadline for the receipt of applications is February 13, 2023



Sen. Neilon Franklyn - urged the government to consider the social ramifications of increasing taxes on cigarettes and alcohol

The “big” Grenada digital transformation programme

Economic Development Minister Lennox “Toes” Andrew has announced that March 15 is the date set by the Congress government of Prime Minister Dickon Mitchell to launch “our big Grenada digital transformation programme”.

“It’s a big programme, extremely important for the country because through this programme we want to digitise the whole of Grenada,” said Minister Andrew during Tuesday’s post-Cabinet press conference held at Parliament Building at Mt Wheldale.

The senior Cabinet minister said that under the programme, the intention is to expand free Wifi internet access to all government buildings, community centres, sporting facilities, playground and tourism sites on the island.

He also said the government plans to mount a huge digital literacy programme to teach “our people how to use the computer, how to use the internet to pay for goods and services and to work online and to do business online.”

In terms of the private sector, Minister Andrew disclosed that there will be a new business electronic payment platform put in place that will allow the



Lennox Andrew – assigned the portfolio of Economic Development in the Congress administration

business community to sell their products and services online.

In addition, he said the plan is also to digitise all government’s records.

He also mentioned the plan of the government to launch a special programme under the ICT initiative called the JUMP programme.

“With this JUMP programme, government will partner with Cable & Wireless to subsidise the cost of internet Broadband to eligible households so as to bridge the digital divide across the country,”

he said.

The minister said the intention is to make sure that internet services can be made available to qualifying low-income households in Grenada.

He said the administration sees this as an investment “in our families” to help them with connectivity in terms of work, school, and healthcare among other things.

Under the JUMP programme, Minister Andrew indicated that the plan is for “our people to receive affordable broadband service” at around \$20.00 for

50Megawatt broadband and to target 1500 families in the initial phase of the roll-out of the programme.

The Member of Parliament for St Andrew South-west told reporters that free digital skills training will be made available to all community organisations in the country plus the company chosen as the partner will be asked “to provide our people with low-cost computers.”

Minister Andrew also disclosed that the government plans to unveil a Social Pay programme as part of its ICT initiative.

This, he said, is aimed at people who are receiving financial assistance from the government on a monthly basis in order to eliminate the eyesore of seeing long lines of persons assembling at the Inland Revenue Department of the Ministry of Finance to collect their



The Mt Hartman headquarters of Cable & Wireless which is a major telecommunications provider on the island

state-provided financial support.

“Our view is that we can do something much better than having our people in the hot sun to collect those monies and to provide a better image,” he added.

Minister Andrew spoke of the Dickon Mitchell-led administration looking at the situation in neighbouring St Vincent & The Grenadines in which they

provide such persons with a card which allows them to go to a financial situation to get the funds.

“..It could be a bank, credit union – (to) use that card to withdraw their money and they can also use that card for point of sale.”

“So we are presently discussing with two financial institutions and they will also assist us with the training of those persons.”

According to the senior government minister, his ministry is presently working closely with the Ministry of Social Development which is responsible for several of the state-assisted financial programmes for the poor and vulnerable, on executing the project.

The plan, he said, is to roll the programme and have it implemented by March.



REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL – MAINTENANCE AND SMALL CIVIL WORKS

The National Water and Sewerage Authority (NAWASA), is seeking proposals to engage in service/labour contract for small civil works on internal projects.

The purpose of this RFP is to build a database of qualified persons or firms for conducting maintenance and small civil works, in support of the Authority’s operations across Grenada, Carriacou and Petite Martinique.

Interested parties are invited to submit a resume of their qualifications and work experience to NAWASA.

SCOPE OF RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Plumbing and pipe installation;
2. Repairs to pavements, drains, driveways, building works, fencing etc.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:

Interested parties shall provide a profile detailing the following:

- a. Name of Company
- b. Registered Business Address
- c. Business/company registration
- d. Description of qualification and experience in construction works.
- e. Workforce/ personal capacity.
- f. Contact Email Address & Telephone Number

All submissions shall conform to the requirements specified above; or they may be disqualified.

Proposals should be addressed to:

The General Manager,
National Water and Sewerage Authority,
P.O. Box 392,
The Carenage,
St. George’s, Grenada.

Or electronically at: projects@nawasa.gd

The requested information and any supporting documentation should be submitted no later than **Wednesday, February 15th, 2023.**

NAWASA reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders either in part or in full without assigning any reasons thereof.



Important notice to ALL Registered Nurses, Registered Midwives and Nursing Assistants

Please be advised that the Nurses and Midwives Council of Grenada is in the process of finalizing the current listing of ALL Registered Nurses, Registered Midwives and Nursing Assistants for gazetting in February of 2023.

Persons whose license are expired or will be expiring in 2023 and have not yet re-licensed are kindly requested to do so on or before January 31, 2023.

A re-licensure fee of EC\$150 can be paid at the Grenada Co-operative Bank Limited to the Nurses and Midwives Council of Grenada, account number 100037395 and the receipt submitted to the Secretary to complete the process. Payment can also be made directly to the secretary at the Council office.

For more information please contact the Council office at 439-0061. Office hours are 8 am – 4 pm on Thursdays. The Council secretary can be contacted outside of office hours on 457-7097.

Please note that from January 1, 2023, ALL nursing personnel will be required to present their receipt and their expired license card directly to the Council office to be registered. Persons will also be required to complete/update a bio-data form for entry into the Council’s electronic database.

Your Kind cooperation is anticipated.

REMEMBER: Persons without a valid registration license are not legal to practice and can be debarred by an employer from the workplace.

The Nurses and Midwives Council of Grenada takes this opportunity to wish everyone a happy and prosperous New Year.

Nester Edwards (Ms.)
Chairman
Nurses and Midwives Council of Grenada

Addressing the NIS issue

Minister of Social and Community Development Phillip Telesford has outlined the actions to be taken by the seven month old National Democratic Congress (NDC) administration to address the financial difficulties of the state-run National Insurance Scheme (NIS).

Speaking at a government post-Cabinet press briefing on Tuesday, the senior government minister said that the last actuarial review of NIS that was submitted to government in October 2022 revealed that "we must take immediate action to save the NIS for the next generation of Grenadians."

According to Minister Telesford, the Cabinet of Ministers have taken a number of decisions to address the problem including an action plan which is due to roll out from February



Phillip Telesford – holds the post of Minister of Social and Community Development

1 for contributions to be increased from both employers and employees.

He announced an increase in the rate of personal contributions from 5% to 5.5% and

by employers from 6% to 6.5%. "This would now enable us to properly

fund an unemployment benefit scheme to benefit the population. This move is extremely critical," he said.

Minister Telesford disclosed that the government will also be addressing an increase in the retirement age as advanced by the Actuarial report and the gradual increase in employment contributions.

He also said that the government is making a number of adjustments to the running of the NIS and there will be a full roll out from the Public Relations unit from the NIS "as to what they are doing."

Minister Telesford also told reporters that progress is being made on what he called "the rescue" of NIS which in recent years has been under severe financial constraints.

He said that there is agreement based on conversations and interactions with the governing Board of Directors that action

has to be taken to safeguard the institution.

In presenting the 2023 budget, Prime Minister and Minister of Finance said the following about NIS:

"National Insurance Scheme (NIS) Mr. Speaker, the current National Insurance Scheme (NIS) is an important pillar in the social protection architecture in this country.

Successive NNP Governments have kicked the can down the road as it relates to the tough decisions that will ensure our hardworking citizens are guaranteed a pension when they are no longer able to work.

Mr. Speaker, in the current construct, the NIS will be bankrupt in the next 10-12 years. This is the harsh reality that we face. This Government is prepared to make the tough decisions because we care about our people.

Therefore, we will implement the follow-

ing recommendations of the Actuary next year:

(i) Increase the pensionable age on a phased basis from 60 to 65, starting with a move to 61 by January 2024.

(ii) Gradually increase the contribution rate for employers and employees from its current level of 11% to 16% by 2031, starting with an increase in 2023 to 6.5% and 5.5%, a 0.5% increase for employers and employees, respectively.

Furthermore, Government will amend the NIS Act and strengthen the existing system to include protection for children of a deceased insured who are disadvantaged due to the negligence of a parent, and the inclusion of survivors' and maternity benefits for persons who are in common law relationships.

GRENADA

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF GRENADA
AND THE WEST INDIES ASSOCIATED STATES
HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
(PROBATE)

IN THE ESTATE OF SHIRLEY EDWIN KAPUR, DECEASED. ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by Jerry C. Edwin of Grenville Vale in parish of St. George in Grenada for Grant of Letters of Administration, who is the son of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 31st day of August, 2015.

Any persons having an objection to the Grant of Letters of Administration to the Applicant shall file an objection within 14 days of publication of this Notice.

Dated: 20 day of January, 2023

Jerry Edwin
Eden Law Caribbean
Attorney-at-Law for Applicant

GRENADA

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF GRENADA
AND THE WEST INDIES ASSOCIATED STATES
HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
(PROBATE)

IN THE ESTATE OF VILIA FREDERICK, DECEASED. ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by Elva Frederick Collins of Gouyave in the parish of St. John, who is also the sister of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 16th day of February, 2007.

Any persons having an objection to the Grant of Letters of Administration to the Applicant shall file an objection within 14 days of publication of this Notice.

Dated: January 18, 2023

Jerry Edwin
Eden Law Caribbean
Attorney-at-Law for Applicant

No cut in the budgetary allocation for SEED

"Do not let people fool you or mislead you into thinking...while they were in the administration, embark upon a permanent programme that this administration is reversing. It is the same \$18 million that is budgeted for the SEED programme 2021, 2022, and into this 2023 budget."

Those were the words of Prime Minister and Minister for Finance Dickon Mitchell, who sought to bring clarity to the contentious issue surrounding the removal of a \$150.00 increase in the Support for Education Empowerment and Development (SEED) payments, during his government's first post-cabinet media briefing for the year at Parliament Building on Tuesday.

The increase was introduced by the former Keith Mitchell-led New National Party (NNP) administration as a relief measure to ease the high cost of living brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Prime Minister Dickon Mitchell has given assurance "that there will be no demission in the SEED payouts to beneficiaries."

He said that although the "temporary measure" was announced as part of the COVID-19 Economic Stimulus Support (CESS) programme by the former Minister for Finance, Gregory Bowen in his 2022 budget presentation in December 2021, "there was in fact, no budgetary allocation (in the 2022 budget) for this."

The new Grenadian leader disclosed that shortly after taking up office in June, his administration "came back to Parliament, and sought approval for \$8 million to fund the temporary increase."

Minister of State with responsibility for Social Development Senator Gloria Thomas, who was among those who addressed Tuesday's media briefing has affirmed that the measure to increase the payout to SEED beneficiaries "ended in December 2022."

She noted that "persons who applied for (financial assistance under) SEED and did not reach the requirements according to the Grenada Living Conditions Index were given a stimulus payment, which also ended in December 2022."

However, former Minister for Economic Development Oliver Joseph contends that "when the (then Finance) Minister



Prime Minister Dickon Mitchell - maintains that the \$150.00 in SEED monies was a temporary measure implemented by the former administration for the duration of 2022



Former Economic Development Minister Oliver Joseph: there was no indication given by the former NNP regime that the increase in SEED monies will end in December 2022



Minister for Social Development Gloria Thomas: the recertification of the SEED beneficiaries list continues

(Gregory Bowen announced) it (the increase in the SEED payouts), he did not say it would increase for one year..."

"Our position is, even if it (the \$150.00 was for six (6) months or one (1) year, now is not the time to remove it..."

when you have high cost of living. This is the time when you should increase it," Joseph told the host of GBN's 'To the Point' morning radio programme on Tuesday.

According to Sen. Thomas, the government is continuing with

the recertification of beneficiaries under the SEED programme and affirmed that the recertification exercise is geared at sanitising the list to see the removal of "people who have died, students who have graduated and are now working, families

whose circumstances have improved, people are receiving other financial benefits, people who would have traveled and are living overseas, as well as people who are on island but are in prison."

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF GRENADA AND
THE WEST INDIES ASSOCIATED STATES
HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
(CIVIL)

GRENADA
SUIT NO. GDAHCV2019/366

IN THE MATTER OF AN APPLICATION BY EMLY LAMBERT FOR A DECLARATION OF POSSESSORY TITLE TO LAND AT MARDIGRAS IN THE PARISH OF SAINT GEORGE IN THE STATE OF GRENADA.

IN COURT NO.

BEFORE THE HON. JUSTICE RAULSTON GLASGOW

DATED THE 15th DAY OF December 2022

UPON THE HEARING of The Application for Declaration of Possessory Title filed on the 2nd day of August 2019 and the affidavits of the Applicant, Naomi Charles Sayers and Cynthia Matthew filled herein on even date therewith

AND UPON HEARING Mr. C. Jerry Edwin, Attorney-at-law for the Applicant

IT IS HEREBY DECLARED as follows:

1. The Applicant has been Continuously and still is in exclusive possession of lot of land and has complied with the requirements of the notice of her application for a title of land to the said lot of land;
2. There are been no appearance by any person (s) challenging the Applicant's claim for possessory title for the said lot of land and the Registrar has issued a Certificate of Non-Appearance;
3. The Applicant is entitled to possessory title of the lot pursuant to Section 3 of the Possessory Title Act, No.22 of 2016.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT : The Applicant Emly Lambert of Mardigras in the parish of Saint George in the State of Grenada is hereby granted a Declaration of Possessory Title for the lot of land situate at Mardigras in the parish of Saint George in the State of Grenada containing by admeasurement Nine Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighteen Square Feet (9,818 Sq. Ft) English Statue Measure and abutted and bounded as follows: to the North by lands to Anthony Spensor to the East by a River to the South by lands belonging to Theophilus Joseph and to the West by a Public Bye Way and shown on the plan drawn by David Abraham Licensed Land Surveyor.

BY ORDER

REGISTRAR
REGISTRAR
SUPREME COURT
OF GRENADA

The Court Office is at Church Street, St. George's, telephone number 473-440-2030. the Office is open Monday to Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. except on public holidays.

The Legal Profession Code of Ethics

Six local attorneys have been forced to appear before the General Legal Council of Grenada to face disciplinary proceedings within the past two years.

A newly reconstituted body headed by retired high court judge, Roslyn Wilkinsn has been meeting to deal with applications made by members of the public against the actions and behaviour of barristers-at-law.

Some of the other members of the body are Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP), Christopher Nelson, former Attorney-Generaql Dia Forrester, former President of the Senate Leslie-Ann Seon who is a lawyer by profession, as well as former bankers, Daniel Roberts and Michael "Ponty" Archibald.

The most high profile case heard by the



Retired high court judge Roslyn Wilkinsn is the head of the council that oversees the legal profession

Council involved female attorney-at-law Brenda Wardally-Beaumont in which she was found guilty of not handing over EC\$300,000.00 collected on behalf of a client.

The matter was

referred by the Council to a panel of two high court judges who disbarred Wardally-Beaumont and ordered the Supreme Court Registry to strike out her name from the list of qualified lawyers in

the country.

In some of the other cases heard by the Roslyn Wilkinsn-led body, some attorneys were reprimanded for their behaviour and given a stern warning.

There is 1 place a Legal Profession Code of Ethics of the Legal Profession Act, 2011.

The Code of Ethics is to regulate the professional practice, etiquette, conduct and discipline of an Attorney-at-Law.

Section 34 provides that a client, or by leave of the Council, any other person alleging to be aggrieved by an act of professional misconduct (including default) committed by an Attorney-at-Law, other than a law officer of Government, may make an application supported by affidavit of facts of which he/she complains to the Council, to require the Attorney-at-Law to

answer the allegation/s.

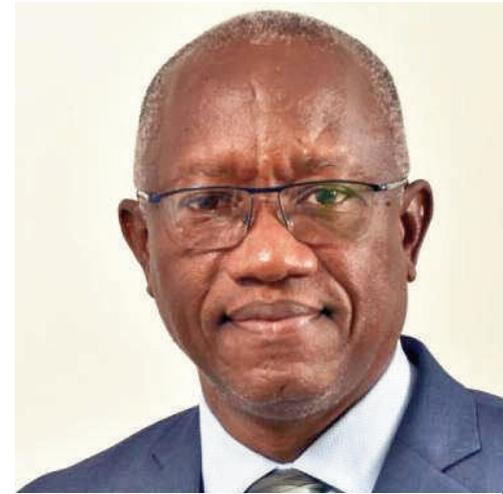
Section 35 of the Legal Profession Act 2011 requires all applications against Attorneys-at-Law to be made in writing. The applicant must present his or her evidence in the form of an Affidavit for it to be properly before the Council.

The Attorney-at-Law will have the opportunity to also present evidence on affidavit in response to the applicant.

The Code of Conduct for Attorneys

1.—(1) An attorney-at-law shall in the pursuit of the practise of his profession, comply with, and be subject to, this Code of Ethics.

(2) These Rules shall not be construed as a denial of the existence of other duties and rules of professional



Christopher Nelson – the long-standing Director of Public Prosecutions

conduct, which are in keeping with the traditions of the legal profession, though not specifically mentioned herein.

(3) Where in any particular matter, explicit ethical guidance does not exist, an attorney-at-law shall determine his conduct, by acting in a manner that promotes public confi-

dence in the integrity and efficiency of the legal system, and the legal profession.

In Relation to Client

20.—(1) An attorney-at-law shall provide competent representation to his client. Competent representation requires the legal

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Case Number :GDAHBP2023/0035

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FORM P7: ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

RULE 15

Submitted Date:23/01/2023 10:23

THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT

Filed Date:23/01/2023 10:23

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

Fees Paid:52.00

GRENADA

IN THE ESTATE OF EVLYN ALSO SPELT AS EVELYN HERRY LATE OF MT ROSE IN THE PARISH OF SAINT PATRICK, DECEASED

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by Lloyd Herry for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicant who is the brother of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 17th day of June 2021.

Any person having an objection to the grant of Letters of Administration to the application shall file an objection within 14 days of the publication of this Notice.

Dated this 20th day of January 2023

Lyons-John & Co.
LYONS-JOHN & CO.

Filed by: Lyons-John & Co., Attorneys-at-Law, who address for service is Gladstone Road, Grenville, St. Andrew, Grenada.

The Registry is at Church Street, St. George, tel. number 440 2030 Fax 440 6695. The office is open between 8.00am to 4.00pm except public holidays

Case Number :GDAHCV2022/0132

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF GRENADA
AND THE WEST INDIES ASSOCIATED STATES
HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
(CIVIL)

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HIGH COURT
GRENADA**

GRENADA
CLAIM NO. GDA HCV2022/0132

Submitted Date:25/01/2023 12:04

BETWEEN:

Filed Date:25/01/2023 12:04

IN THE MATTER OF THE POSSESSORY TITLES ACT NO.22 OF 2016
AND
IN THE MATTER OF AN APPLICATION FOR A DECLARATION OF POSSESSORY
TITLE TO LAND

Fees Paid:27.00

MARK FELIX

APPLICANT

ORDER

IN COURT NO. 2

BEFORE: THE HONOURABLE JUSTICE VICTORIA CHARLES-CLARKE

DATED: The 25th day of November, 2022

ENTERED: The 21st day of January 2023.

APPEARANCES: Ms. Herculia Willis for the Applicant
Applicant present in person

UPON this matter coming up for hearing of an application for a declaration of possessory title to land.

AND UPON the Registry of the Supreme court of Grenada having issued a Certificate of Non-appearance pursuant to Section 10 of the Possessory Titles Act Cap 22 of 2016 as there has been no appearance entered by any opposing parties to oppose the application of the Applicant.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. The order is granted as prayed.
2. The Applicant is granted Possessory Title of a piece or parcel of land situated at Grand Bacolet in the parish of St. Andrew containing by admeasurement Three Thousand Six Hundred and Ninety-two square feet (3,692 sq. ft.) and bound by its many sides by the land of Lloyd Mcqueen Deceased on one side, on the other side by a water Course, on the Third side by the Eastern main Road and on the Fourth and remaining side an Allowed road. The same is delineated and described in the plan drawn by licensed Land Surveyor Ivor Lett on the 15 December, 2021.

BY THE COURT
[Signature]
Registrar Supreme
Court

Grenadians celebrate 49th Independence Anniversary in NYC



Grenada Minister of Foreign Affairs Joseph Andall addressing at Town Hall Meeting at Brooklyn College in September last year
By Nelson A. King

Nick Cox, the new chairman of the Brooklyn-based Grenada Independence Anniversary Committee of New York (GIACONY) says Grenadians and friends of Grenada in New York City are in for an “amazingly pridelike series of events” that are planned to celebrate the nation’s 49th anniversary of independence.

Cox said on Wednesday that the celebrations are “a major stop on ‘The Road to 50’,” referring to Grenada 50th Independence Jubilee.

Along with the annually held series of events, Cox said this year’s celebrations will feature the visiting presence of Grenada’s Minister of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Export, Joseph Andall; Minister of Mobilization, Implementation and Transformation, Andy Williams and Opposition Member of Parliament, Delma Thomas.

All of the scheduled events in New York City, as elsewhere, will be held under the theme — “The journey to 50. Reflecting on the past. Planning the future” — which was chosen jointly by the National Celebrations Committee and members of Grenada’s Cabinet.

Acting under the patronage of Grenada’s Consular Office in New York City, Cox said the general public has been extended “a warm invitation” to celebrate the 49th Anniversary of the tri-island state’s independence by attending all of the activities that are scheduled to take place from Jan. 27 to Feb. 4, 2023.

The 2023 Independence Anniversary Calendar of Events will include A Cultural Evening — Friday, Jan. 27, 7:00 p.m., at Our Lady of Refuge Church Hall in Brooklyn; The Independence Youth Fest, Saturday, Jan. 28, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at Our Lady of Refuge Church Hall in Brooklyn; Independence Ecumenical Service, Sunday, Jan. 29, 4:00

p.m., at St. Gabriel’s Episcopal Church Hall in Brooklyn; and 49th Anniversary of Independence Gala, Dinner, Awards, Dance and Raffle, Saturday, Feb. 4, 9:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. at Antun’s Catering Hall, Jamaica, Queens.

Cox said the culminating Gala event, at

Antun’s, 96-03 Springfield Gardens in Queens, will include brief remarks by the visiting government officials from Grenada, as well as the bestowal of awards.

Four outstanding Grenadians in the Diaspora have been chosen from among several nominees, based on their

accomplishments in relation to “a set criteria,” to receive awards in the following categories: Excellence in Community Service Award; Cultural Heritage Award; Entrepreneurial Spirit Award; and Distinguished Children/Youth Leadership Award.

Additionally, there will be door prizes, includ-

ing a high-tech therapeutic mattress, as well as live entertainment by In-Sync Band, violinist and singer Donnell Best and saxophonist Jarel Bartholomew.

Along with the live performances, classic music will be provided by DJs Little Bee, Joe Bailey, One Drop and Naughty Vybz, Cox

said.

He said proceeds from the Gala will be used to cover the cost of staging the planned activities in NYC and to make a donation to the Nephrology Unit (being upgraded to offer full dialysis services) at the General Hospital in Grenada.

“The entire team at the

Grenada Independence Anniversary Committee of New York is collectively beseeching you to be a part of the celebrations wherever you are — Grenada’s 49th Anniversary of Independence 2023 — “The journey to 50; reflecting on the past; planning the future,” Cox said.



Call for Prequalification for the Installation of an IT-supported Asset Management System in the Water Supply and Sewerage Sector of Grenada

The Government of Grenada, in partnership with the German Development Corporation (GIZ), is implementing the Project Climate-Resilient Water Sector in Grenada (G-CREWS). The project is jointly financed by the Green Climate Fund (GCF) and the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Consumers Protection (BMUV), under its International Climate Initiative (IKI) and the Government of Grenada, with the main objective of increasing systemic climate change resilience in Grenada’s water sector.

The National Water and Sewerage Authority (NAWASA) is a statutory body responsible for the municipal water supply and wastewater management on the island of Grenada.

The purpose of this Request for Prequalification (RFP) is to solicit proposed solutions for software and services to meet NAWASA’s integrated digital solution for:

- a) Improving the operations of the departments Transmission and Distribution (T&D), Planning and Development, and Production and Quality (P&Q) toward a more digital and integrated IT- supported Asset Management.
- b) Addressing significant aspects of the company’s Non-revenue water (NRW) concerns
- c) Improving customer service delivery

As part of the project NAWASA has decided to implement effective Asset Management (AM) Practices with the main objective of improving its level of service and business performance through adopting an integrated approach to monitoring, operating, maintaining, upgrading, and disposing of assets cost-effectively.

It is considered important that AM practices will be implemented in parallel with the new infrastructure projects so as (a) to be able to capture the works in the Asset Registers in a timely manner both for Technical and Financial purposes and (b) to build capacity within the organization to be able to manage, operate and maintain the newly acquired assets.

The overall benefits expected are:

- Improved management in terms of technical and financial asset registers, preventive maintenance, data and evidence-based management decisions, best practice standards, procedures and workflows
- Better services in terms of improved customer services, service delivery (pressures, quality, less breakdown time)
- Financial benefit in terms of increased revenues, reduced wastage and internal leakage, reduced maintenance and rehabilitation costs

Specifically, the project aims to provide a solution that can address the following:

- ✓ installing a comprehensive software package to assist on the improvement of the Asset Management, Operation and Maintenance, Non-revenue of water and customer services
- ✓ secure linkages to the existing billing software,
- ✓ having a combined GIS/Data Management System based on respective GIS software prescribed needs, with linkage to operation and maintenance, customer and financial databases
- ✓ ensure the use of digital forms as much as practically possible for ease of workflow including work orders and asset management
- ✓ requisite GIS-oriented training on aspects of the proposed software solution and integration.

We are interested in a modern system architecture that promotes the exchange and extraction of information by utility staff. The replacement of NAWASA’s current financial software is not within the scope of this procurement. Experience integrating with NorthStar CIS (Customer Information System), or similar systems is preferable.

We estimate that the implementation of the solution will take approximately 18 months to complete. Based on a comprehensive analysis of the current situation (procedures, existing software, capacities) the implementation project will include all internal and external activities required to configure and deploy the new application as well as technical specifications and tasks for building and maintaining system interfaces, and integrations with critical utility applications (financials, GIS, outage management, SCADA, etc...).

The following criteria will be considered in the prequalification phase:

1. Experiences in advisory services in the context of Asset Management of Water Companies (20%)
2. Experiences in software development in context of Asset Management of water Companies (60%)
3. Size of company (staff size and annual turnover) (20%)

Any COMPANY who is interested in providing the above-mentioned services is requested to submit the documents listed below:

Note: All documents have to be organized according to the below scheme and shall not exceed the below mentioned number of pages.

1. Provide introduction of the company and/or the consortium applying (max. 2 pages)
2. Provide the copies of original documents defining the constitution or legal status, place of registration (Company Certificate), principal place of business and written power of attorney of the signatory. All documents should be updated. (max. 6 pages)
3. Provide main references of accomplished similar projects within the last and not more than three (3) years. (max. 10 pages)
4. Provide the total value of services performed for each of the last three (3) years. (one page per year)
5. Statements of financial capacity showing annual turnover within the last three (3) years (Statement of turnover or annual tax statement of the last three (3) years) (one page per year)
6. Provide numbers of and specification of own key employees (max 10 pages)
7. Provide proof, that the consultant is observing international labour laws (one page)
8. Provide Affidavit that the firm has not been black listed by any Government, Semi -Government, international development institution & private institute nor involved in any litigation in the current or during the last three (3) years must be recently released. (one page)

After receipt of all documents NAWASA will prepare a short list of maximum eight (8) eligible bidders to submit their technical and financial offers.

NAWASA reserves the right to check other sources available to verify information submitted in the pre-qualification applications. If an Applicant knowingly makes a misrepresentation, or an omission of a material fact, in submitting information to NAWASA, such misrepresentation or omission may be sufficient grounds for denying pre-qualification to that Applicant, rescinding the Applicant’s pre-qualification, rejecting an Applicant.

The selection of shortlisted bidders will be done according to the criteria mentioned before.

Based on their Expression of interest, the short-listed COMPANIES will receive a Bill of Quantity as well as the Terms of Reference to prepare financial offer.

NAWASA requests eligible bidders to submit their Expression of Interest and the above listed documents to projects@nawasa.gd and in cc: wcox@nawasa.gd and hjunge@nawasa.gd Please make the subject line of your email communication: “PQ – IT-SUPPORTED ASSET MANAGEMENT” Bidders are advised that they are not required to submit any technical or price offer, or any unrequested documents. Kindly note that the request for the offer with all relevant information will only be sent to the short-listed bidders.

Prequalification documents should be sent to NAWASA as electronic file no later than Friday, February 24, 2023. Please make sure to get an acknowledgment receipt response after sending the documents.

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**FIRSTCARIBBEAN INTERNATIONAL BANK (BARBADOS) LIMITED
GRENADA BRANCH
SUMMARISED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

For the year ended 31 October, 2022 (expressed in thousands of Eastern Caribbean dollars)



FirstCaribbean
International Bank

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR ON THE SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

TO THE SHAREHOLDER OF FIRSTCARIBBEAN INTERNATIONAL BANK (BARBADOS) LIMITED - GRENADA BRANCH

Opinion

The accompanying summary financial statements, which comprise the summary statement of financial position as at October 31, 2022, the summary statement of loss, summary statement of comprehensive loss, summary statement of changes in head office account and summary statement of cash flows for the year then ended, are derived from the audited financial statements of FirstCaribbean International Bank (Barbados) Limited - Grenada Branch for the year ended October 31, 2022.

In our opinion, the accompanying summary financial statements are consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial statements, on the basis described in Note 1.

Summary Financial Statements

The summary financial statements do not contain all the disclosures required by International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS"). Reading the summary financial statements and the auditor's report thereon, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the audited financial statements and the auditor's report thereon.

The Audited Financial Statements and Our Report Thereon

We expressed an unmodified audit opinion on the audited financial statements in our report dated January 23, 2023.

The audited financial statements and the summary financial statements do not reflect the effects of events that occurred subsequent to the date of our report on the audited financial statements.

Responsibilities of Management for the Summary Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation of the summary financial statements in accordance with Note 1.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Summary Financial Statements

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on whether the summary financial statements are consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial statements based on our procedures, which were conducted in accordance with International Standard on Auditing ("ISA") 810 (Revised), Engagements to Report on Summary Financial Statements.

St. Lucia
January 23, 2023

Note 1

The summary financial statements are prepared in accordance with criteria developed by management. Under management's established criteria, management discloses the summary statement of financial position, summary statement of loss, summary statement of comprehensive loss, summary statement of changes in head office account and summary statement of cash flows. These summary financial statements are derived from the audited financial statements of FirstCaribbean International Bank (Barbados) Limited - Grenada Branch for the year ended October 31, 2022, which are prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards.

SUMMARISED STATEMENT OF LOSS

(expressed in thousands of Eastern Caribbean dollars)

	2022 \$	2021 \$ Restated*
Interest and similar income	13,796	14,097
Interest and similar expenses	4,784	4,821
Net interest income	9,012	9,276
Operating income	7,639	8,283
	<u>16,651</u>	<u>17,559</u>
Operating expenses	20,884	22,611
Credit loss expense on financial assets	1,135	694
	<u>22,019</u>	<u>23,305</u>
Loss before taxation	(5,368)	(5,746)
Income tax (credit)/expense	(525)	699
Net loss for the year	<u>(4,843)</u>	<u>(6,445)</u>

*Certain amounts shown here do not correspond to the 2021 financial statements and reflect adjustments made.

SUMMARISED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE LOSS

(expressed in thousands of Eastern Caribbean dollars)

	2022 \$	2021 \$ Restated*
Net loss for the year	(4,843)	(6,445)
<i>Other comprehensive loss, net of tax, to be reclassified to net income or loss in subsequent periods</i>		
Net loss on debt securities at fair value through OCI	(343)	(16)
Net other comprehensive loss, net of tax, to be reclassified to net income or loss in subsequent periods	(343)	(16)
<i>Other comprehensive (loss)/income, net of tax, not to be reclassified to net income in subsequent periods</i>		
Remeasurement (loss)/gain on retirement benefit plans	(8,084)	4,286
Net other comprehensive (loss)/income, net of tax, not to be reclassified to net income in subsequent years	(8,084)	4,286
Other comprehensive (loss)/income for the year, net of tax	(8,427)	4,270
Comprehensive loss for the year, net of tax	<u>(13,270)</u>	<u>(2,175)</u>

*Certain amounts shown here do not correspond to the 2021 financial statements and reflect adjustments made.

SUMMARISED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

(expressed in thousands of Eastern Caribbean dollars)

	2022 \$	2021 \$ Restated*
Assets		
Cash and balances with Central Bank	146,232	107,894
Due from banks	55,491	60,766
Other assets	27,012	22,533
Securities	-	4,984
Taxation recoverable	8,522	8,476
Loans and advances to customers	205,090	219,559
Deferred tax assets	2,643	2,097
Property and equipment	6,283	12,144
Retirement benefit assets	5,831	16,307
Total Assets	<u>457,104</u>	<u>454,760</u>
Liabilities		
Customer deposits	445,472	426,384
Other liabilities	13,460	13,804
Deferred tax liabilities	830	4,084
Retirement benefit obligations	2,867	2,743
Total Liabilities	<u>462,629</u>	<u>447,015</u>
Head Office Account		
Reserves	4,044	12,471
Due from Head Office	(9,569)	(4,726)
Total Head Office Account	<u>(5,525)</u>	<u>7,745</u>
Total Liabilities and Head Office Account	<u>457,104</u>	<u>454,760</u>

Approved by the Board of Directors on January 23, 2023

Carl Lewis
Director

Donna Wellington
Managing Director

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SUMMARISED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN HEAD OFFICE ACCOUNT
(expressed in thousands of Eastern Caribbean dollars)

	Reserves \$	Due from Head Office \$	Total \$
Balance at October 31, 2020	8,201	(25,308)	(17,107)
Net loss for the year	-	(6,445)	(6,445)
Other comprehensive income for the year, net of tax	4,270	-	4,270
Total comprehensive loss for the year, net of tax	4,270	(6,445)	(2,175)
Cash injection from head office	-	27,027	27,027
Balance at October 31, 2021	12,471	(4,726)	7,745
Net loss for the year	-	(4,843)	(4,843)
Other comprehensive loss for the year, net of tax	(8,427)	-	(8,427)
Total comprehensive loss for the year, net of tax	(8,427)	(4,843)	(13,270)
Balance at October 31, 2022	4,044	(9,569)	(5,525)

SUMMARISED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
(expressed in thousands of Eastern Caribbean dollars)

	2022 \$	2021 \$ Restated*
Cash flows from operating activities		
Loss before taxation	(5,368)	(5,746)
Credit loss expense on financial assets	1,135	699
Interest income on investments	(86)	(133)
Depreciation of property and equipment	5,308	2,679
Net cash flows from/(used in) operating income before changes in operating assets and liabilities	989	(2,501)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Increase in due from banks	(582)	(1,531)
Increase in other assets	(5,265)	(5,908)
Decrease/(increase) in loans and advances to customers	12,804	(19,763)
Increase in customer deposits	19,088	23,285
Increase/(decrease) in other liabilities	729	(17,967)
Income taxes paid	(46)	(262)
Net cash from/(used in) operating activities	27,717	(24,647)
Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchase of property and equipment	(60)	(1,889)
Interest income received on investment securities	126	125
Proceeds from sale and redemption of investment securities	4,997	-
Purchases of investment securities	-	(4)
Net cash from/(used in) investing activities	5,063	(1,768)
Cash flows from financing activities		
Payment of principal portion of lease liabilities	(299)	(299)
Cash injection from head office	-	27,027
Net cash (used in)/from financing activities	(299)	26,728
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents for the year	32,481	313
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of the year	143,057	142,744
Cash and cash equivalents, end of the year	175,538	143,057

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Capitalising on Sports Tourism



Chief executive officer of the Grenada Tourism Authority (GTA), Petra Roach along with President of the Grenada Football Association (GFA), Marlon Glean, and Sports Minister Ron Redhead along with some members of the Senior men's national team

"We have a very competitive landscape at the moment. A lot of people are looking for sun, sand, and sea, and there is a plethora of that around the world. So, certainly as a tourism organisation, we have identified sports tourism as one of the pillars for growth where we can have a competitive advantage."

This comment was made by the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Grenada Tourism Authority (GTA) Petra Roach last Tuesday as she addressed the launch of the official campaign weeks ahead of what has been described as the most crucial encounter for the Spice Boys against the USA national team, the defending champions in the CONCACAF Nations League (CNL).

The highly anticipated football match is scheduled to kick off at the Kirani James Athletics and Football Stadium on March 24 at 7:30 p.m.

This will be the second time in history that Grenada will be hosting the USA national team.

In the 2004 World Cup qualifier, the Spice Boys suffered a narrow 3-2 defeat on Grenadian soil against the USA.

Grenada has never qualified for the World Cup but finished second in the Caribbean Cup in 1989 and 2008.

The second-place finish in the 2008 Caribbean Cup gave

the country its first qualification to a major international competition in the 2009 CONCACAF Gold Cup.

GFA President Marlon Glean said the Spice boys are currently engaged in training to prepare themselves to be as "competitive as possible."

"We know of the caliber of the US national team, we know of all the players who are playing around the globe in the English Premier League in Italy, and we expect to match them or (to be) better than them on that day," Glean remarked.

Interim Coach of Grenada's Senior men's team, and former national player Anthony Modeste has expressed satisfaction with the performance of the players in training so far.

"We are ramping the fitness of the players - we have been working hard. The coaching staff has been diligent in providing the necessary work for the players," Modeste said, adding that the players have been showing up in their numbers every day to train.

He said while "a few of the locals" will be selected to play in the upcoming match "for sure," there is a need to bring in some experienced players from overseas.

Also attending Tuesday's launch was Minister for Sports Ron Redhead, who reiterated

ed the "government's commitment to promoting the development of grassroots schools and community programs through the enforcement of our national policy on sports and physical activity."

Minister Redhead said the upcoming match between the US and Grenada national teams "signals another great attempt to raise the standard of football played on the island and will advance the policy of sports tourism."

With football having an "audience of between four (4) to (5) billion people", the GTA CEO said that she is "very enthusiastic about the benefits that it (the upcoming CNL match against the USA) will bring us."

"The kind of coverage that we are going to have online, and on the air, we're talking about ESPN, that's over 208 million people whose eyes are going to be on this (match) and if you look at the US as the competitor, that's where 61% of our overall visitation comes from. So, it gives us a really fantastic platform to spread the word about Grenada," Roach remarked.

"We also know that we are going to get some good traction out of the UK as well because that's where most of the players are based," she said.

NOTICE

Supplemental Summons and Notice of Object of Action Supreme Court Of The State Of New York County Of Kings Action to Foreclose a Mortgage Index #: 521580/2020 HSBC Bank USA, National Association As Trustee For Deutsche ALT-A Securities Mortgage Loan Trust, Series 2007-1 Plaintiff, vs George N. Thomas As Heir To The Estate Of Mary Austin, Unknown Heirs Of Mary Austin If Living, And If He/She Be Dead, Any And All Persons Unknown To Plaintiff, Claiming, Or Who May Claim To Have An Interest In, Or General Or Specific Lien Upon The Real Property Described In This Action; Such Unknown Persons Being Herein Generally Described And Intended To Be Included In Wife, Widow, Husband, Widower, Heirs At Law, Next Of Kin, Descendants, Executors, Administrators, Devisees, Legatees, Creditors, Trustees, Committees, Lienors, And Assignees Of Such Deceased, Any And All Persons Deriving Interest In Or Lien Upon, Or Title To Said Real Property By, Through Or Under Them, Or Either Of Them, And Their Respective Wives, Widows, Husbands, Widowers, Heirs At Law, Next Of Kin, Descendants, Executors, Administrators, Devisees, Legatees, Creditors, Trustees, Committees, Lienors, And Assigns, All Of Whom And Whose Names, Except As Stated, Are Unknown To Plaintiff, Unknown Heirs Of William Holland If Living, And If He/She Be Dead, Any And All Persons Unknown To Plaintiff, Claiming, Or Who May Claim To Have An Interest In, Or General Or Specific Lien Upon The Real Property Described In This Action; Such Unknown Persons Being Herein Generally Described And Intended To Be Included In Wife, Widow, Husband, Widower, Heirs At Law, Next Of Kin, Descendants, Executors, Administrators, Devisees, Legatees, Creditors, Trustees, Committees, Lienors, And Assigns, All Of Whom And Whose Names, Except As Stated, Are Unknown To Plaintiff, City Register Of The City Of New York Kings County, PNC Bank, National Association, As Successor By Merger To National City Mortgage, A Division Of National City Bank, 2110 Richmond Ave Inc., Criminal Court Of The City Of New York, New York State Department Of Taxation And Finance, Divergent Capital Inc, Hsbc Bank Usa, New York City Parking Violations Bureau, New York City Environmental Control Board, New York City Transit Adjudication Bureau, Wells Fargo Bank Na Successor By Merger To Wachovia Bank NA, People Of The State Of New York, United States Of America Acting Through The IRS, State Of New York John Doe (Those unknown tenants, occupants, persons or corporations or their heirs, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, guardians, assignees, creditors or successors claiming an interest in the mortgaged premises.) Defendant(s). Mortgaged Premises: 197 Chauncey Street Brooklyn, NY 11233 To the Above named Defendant: You are hereby summoned to answer the Complaint in this action, and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this Supplemental Summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiff(s) attorney(s) within twenty days after the service of this Supplemental Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this Supplemental Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York). In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. The Attorney for Plaintiff has an office for business in the County of Erie. Trial to be held in the County of Kings. The basis of the venue designated above is the location of the Mortgaged Premises. TO Unknown Heirs of Mary Austin, Defendants In this Action. The foregoing Supplemental Summons is served upon you by publication, pursuant to an order of HON. Cenceria Edwards of the Supreme Court Of The State Of New York, dated the Seventh day of October, 2022 and filed with the Complaint in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Kings, in the City of Brooklyn. The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage upon the premises described below, dated April 17, 2007, executed by Mary Austin by the attorney in fact (who died on April 12, 2011, a resident of the county of Saint George, State of 0) and George N. Thomas by the attorney in fact to secure the sum of \$616,000.00. The Mortgage was recorded at CRFN 2007000241031 in the City Register of the City of New York, Kings County on May 8, 2007. The mortgage was subsequently assigned by an assignment executed August 16, 2013 and recorded on September 30, 2013, in the City Register of the City of New York, Kings County at CRFN 2013000404143; The property in question is described as follows: 197 Chauncey Street, Brooklyn, NY 11233 HELP FOR HOMEOWNERS IN FORECLOSURE NEW YORK STATE LAW REQUIRES THAT WE SEND YOU THIS NOTICE ABOUT THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY. SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME. IF YOU FAIL TO RESPOND TO THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT IN THIS FORECLOSURE ACTION, YOU MAY LOSE YOUR HOME. PLEASE READ THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT CAREFULLY. YOU SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CONTACT AN ATTORNEY OR YOUR LOCAL LEGAL AID OFFICE TO OBTAIN ADVICE ON HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF. SOURCES OF INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE The state encourages you to become informed about your options in foreclosure. In addition to seeking assistance from an attorney or legal aid office, there are government agencies and non-profit organizations that you may contact for information about possible options, including trying to work with your lender during this process. To locate an entity near you, you may call the toll-free helpline maintained by the New York State Department of Financial Services at 1-800-342-3736 or the Foreclosure Relief Hotline 1-800-269-0990 or visit the department's website at WWW.DFS.NY.GOV. RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO LEAVE YOUR HOME AT THIS TIME. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO STAY IN YOUR HOME DURING THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS. YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO LEAVE YOUR HOME UNLESS AND UNTIL YOUR PROPERTY IS SOLD AT AUCTION PURSUANT TO A JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE AND SALE. REGARDLESS OF WHETHER YOU CHOOSE TO REMAIN IN YOUR HOME, YOU ARE REQUIRED TO TAKE CARE OF YOUR PROPERTY AND PAY PROPERTY TAXES IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE AND LOCAL LAW. FORECLOSURE RESCUE SCAMS Be careful of people who approach you with offers to "save" your home. There are individuals who watch for notices of foreclosure actions in order to unfairly profit from a homeowner's distress. You should be extremely careful about any such promises and any suggestions that you pay them a fee or sign over your deed. State law requires anyone offering such services for profit to enter into a contract which fully describes the services they will perform and fees they will charge, and which prohibits them from taking any money from you until they have completed all such promised services. § 1303 NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. DATED: October 14, 2022 Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney(s) For Plaintiff(s) 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 The law firm of Gross Polowy, LLC and the attorneys whom it employs are debt collectors who are attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained by them will be used for that purpose. 73933

As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.

-John F. Kennedy

NDC sets date for convention

March 5 is the date set for the annual convention of the ruling National Democratic Congress (NDC) of new Prime Minister Dickon Mitchell.

It will be the first gathering of delegates at the highest decision making body of the party following its 9-6 victory at the polls on June 23 against the New National Party (NNP) of former Prime Minister Dr. Keith Mitchell.

THE NEW TODAY understands that one of the most important issues to be decided at the convention is the election for the key post of General Secretary to help with the organisational work needed to put NDC in a good position to win the next general election.

He said that there has been some dissatisfaction with the level of work of the current holder of the post Learrie Barry and that



Raphael Paul – has eyes on the key executive position

Congress leaders are currently on the hunt for a replacement. He referred to Barry as

“just a good talker” but not one who is willing to do the hard work on the ground that goes with

the position.

He pointed out that several names are under consideration but the frontrunner is a former Member of Parliament who is currently living outside the country.

The source said that contact has been made with the individual to try and lure him back to Grenada to take on the task of General Secretary of NDC to help in the badly needed process of rebuilding the party.

One person, Raphael Paul who is from the West coast has signaled his intention to contest the post and has started his campaign for the position.

Paul has already submitted his campaign promotion “directly to party and constituency leaders, and members, throughout the country.” “I am Raphael Paul - Pablo and I've served as Chairman of both the

St. John, and St. Mark Constituencies. When NDC won the St. John's seat for the very first time, I was the Chairman of that branch, and the de facto day-to-day manager of the campaign.”

“I chaired every constituency meeting, save one, and was also one of the main speakers. Uncle Tilly, Glen Noel, Kem Jones et al, can attest to that.”

“Just as I was able to renew the presence of our NDC, and lift its profile in St. Mark when I became the branch Chairman in April 2021; conceived and directed the first Town Hall meeting in July of that same year; and afforded PL Dickon Mitchell the opportunity of his first such event in February 2022, with the theme, "A Partnership of the People and the Politician," I shall bring the same "Transformation" capac-



Learrie Barry – present NDC General Secretary

ity to bear on our NDC party, when I'm elected as General Secretary, on Sunday, March 5th." Congress will also be looking for a new party Chairman as the current

holder of the post of Minister with responsibility for Carriacou & Petite Martinique Affairs, Tevin Andrew is not seeking re-election.

PRIVATE OFFERS INVITED

GRENADA CO-OPERATIVE BANK LIMITED INVITES SEALED OFFERS FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE FOLLOWING PROPERTY:

A parcel of land containing Four Thousand, Five Hundred and Fifty-nine (4,559) sq. ft. with a two floor/story building thereon situate at Harvey Vale - Belmont Main Road and Hermitage Road intersection near Camp Carriacou Road Junction. It is a triangular shaped parcel of land between both roads and lands of Ann Alexis and others on the northern side. Access to the property is via the aforementioned roads which are currently in good condition.

Reserved Price \$475,750.00.

All written offers should be directed to

The Manager

Recoveries & Collections

Grenada Co-operative Bank Limited

Church Street

St. George

The Bank is not obliged to accept the highest or any offer. All offers must be received by the Bank on or before February 10, 2023.

For further information please visit the Bank's website at www.grenadaco-opbank.com or visit the Bank's Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/Grenada.Cooperative.Bank.Limited/> or call Grenada Co-operative Bank Limited on Telephone No. 440-2111 for Mr. Ronald Phillip ext. 6298 or Mrs. Jacqueline Phillip ext. 6323.

Dated the 10th day of January, 2023

**Lewis & Renwick
Attorneys-at-Law for the
Grenada Co-operative Bank Limited**

**THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE**

GRENADA

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

(Rule 15)

In the Estate of JIM MAITLAND NOEL late of Mount Pleasant in the Island of Carriacou in the State of Grenada deceased

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by LEONIE ROSE NOEL of Mount Pleasant, in the Island of Carriacou in the State of Grenada but presently residing in the United Kingdom Retired Administrator for a Grant of:

Letters of Administration to the applicant who is the wife of the deceased the deceased having died intestate on the 11th day of August 2021

Any person having an objection to the grant of Letters of Administration to the application shall file an objection within 14 days of the publication of this Notice.

Dated this 25th day of JANUARY 2023

Neil J Noel

Filed by Neil J. Noel, Legal Practitioner for the Administratrix, whose address for Service is: Mt. Airy, St. Pauls, St. George, Grenada. Tel: 435 8092; Email: neiljnoel@gmail.com

The court office is at the Supreme Court Registry, Church Street, St. George's, telephone number 440 2030, FAX number 440 6695. The office is open between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday to Friday except public holidays.

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The Legal Profession Code of Ethics

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knowledge, skill, thoroughness, and preparation reasonably necessary for the representation.

(2) An attorney-at-law shall always act in the best interest of his client, represent him honestly, competently, and zealously, and endeavour, by all fair and honourable means, to obtain for him the benefit of any and every remedy and defence which is authorized by law, steadfastly bearing in mind that the duties and responsibilities of the attorney-at-law are to be carried out within the bounds of the law.

(3) The interests of his client and the exigencies of the administration of justice should always be the first concern of an Attorney-at-Law, and rank before



Attorney-at-law Leslie-Ann Seon is a member of the council

his right to compensation for his services.

21.—(1) Before advising on a client's cause, an attorney-at-law should obtain full knowledge thereof, and give a candid opinion of the merits or

demerits and probable results, of pending or contemplated litigation.

(2) An Attorney-at-Law should be reluctant in proffering bold and confident assurances to his client, (especially where employment

may depend on such assurances) always bearing in mind that seldom are all the laws and facts on the side of his client; and that "audi alterem partem" is the safest rule to follow.

(3) Where a dispute allows for settlement without litigation, an Attorney-at-Law should advise his client to settle the dispute.

22. An Attorney-at-Law shall, at the time of retainer, disclose to his client, all the circumstances of his relations to the parties with whom the client intends to bring an action, and his interest in or in connection with the controversy, (if any), which might influence the client in his selection of an attorney-at-law.

23. An attorney-at-law shall scrupulously

guard and never divulge his client's secrets and confidences, except with his client's consent.

24. An attorney-at-law shall treat adverse witnesses, litigants, and other Attorneys-at-Law with fairness and courtesy, refraining from all offensive personal references and shall avoid demeaning his client's personal views.

25. It is the right and duty of an Attorney-at-Law to undertake the defence of a person accused of a crime, regardless of his own personal opinion as to the guilt of the person; and having undertaken such defence, he is bound by all fair and honourable means, to present every appropriate defence that the law of the land permits, so that no person may be deprived of life or liberty except by due



Michael Archibald – one of the private sector representatives on the body

process of the law.

26.—(1) An Attorney-at-Law may represent multiple clients only if he can adequately represent the interest of each, and if each consents to such representation, after full disclosure of the possible effects of multiple representation.

where a possible conflict of interest arises, an Attorney-at-Law shall resolve all conflicts by leaning against multiple representation.

(3) Notwithstanding any other paragraph of this Part, no Attorney-at-Law shall represent both the

(2) In all situations

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Case Number :GDAHBP2022/0478



FORM P7:

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

GRENADA

IN THE ESTATE OF ESTHER JAMES LATE OF RICHMOND, SAINT ANDREW, GRENADA, DECEASED

Submitted Date:12/12/2022 12:55

Filed Date:12/12/2022 12:55

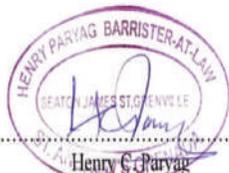
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TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by NORMA EMMA GEORGE of Richmond, Saint Andrew, Grenada, the lawful appointed Attorney of MATILDA GEORGE nee JAMES the Lawful sister of the late Esther James for a Grant of:

Letters of Administration to the Applicant who is the lawful appointed Attorney of MATILDA GEORGE nee JAMES and the sister of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 9th day of June 2017.

Any persons having an objection of the Grant of Letters of Administration to the application shall file an objection within 14 days of publication of this Notice.

Dated this 2ND day of DECEMBER 2022.



Henry Paryag and Associates
Attorney-at-law for the Applicant

Case Number :GDAHBP2023/0012



FORM P7: ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

Rule 15

Submitted Date:11/01/2023 14:37

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF GRENADA AND THE WEST INDIES ASSOCIATED STATES
HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
(PROBATE)
Filed Date:11/01/2023 14:37
Fees Paid:52.00

IN THE ESTATE OF RICHARD LANGDON, DECEASED, LATE OF HOPE IN THE PARISH OF SAINT ANDREW IN THE STATE OF GRENADA

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by Debra Phillip Langdon of Hope in the parish of Saint Andrew in the State of Grenada for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the Applicant who is the lawful wife of the deceased and one of the persons entitled to share in the deceased estate, the deceased having died intestate on the 10th day of September, 2022.

Any person having an objection to the grant of Letters of Administration to the application shall file an objection within 14 days of the publication of this Notice.

Date this the 20th day of December, 2022

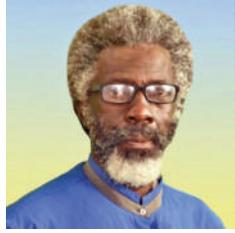
Derick F. Sylvester
Derick F. Sylvester & Associates
Attorneys-at-Law for the Applicant

Filed by Derick F. Sylvester & Associates, Attorneys-at-Law & Notary Public, No. 495 Lucas Street, St. George's, Grenada, Legal Practitioners for the Applicant/Propounder/Administrator. Telephone No.+1-473-435 9000/1; Fax: 435 9002 and email: dfs@lawfirmgrenada.com

The Registry is at Church Street, St. George's Grenada, telephone number 440-0870/2030, fax 440-6695. The office is open between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 pm Monday to Friday except public holidays.

NEW STATUS, RULES AND BENEFITS ENVISAGED FOR GRENADA'S PUBLIC SERVANTS (PART ONE)

By J. K. Roberts



As of February 2024, Grenada may perhaps realise the genesis of a new Public Service; this would be the situation with the effecting of an envisioned new Pension Regime for public servants, as a crucial aspect of Pension Reform.

According to the 2023 Budget Statement delivered by Prime Minister Dickon Mitchell on 5 December 2022, "to secure the future of this country, pension reform is quintessential – a must. In this regard, we have established a five-member Committee chaired by

Economist Dr Curlan Gilchrist and comprising of key stakeholders with a mandate to devise a new Pension Regime for all employees who will join the Public Service after January 2024".

Who and what are really at stake? Who is representing and negotiating for those employees joining the Public Service after January 2024, as the 'real' key stakeholder in the process?

What are the precautions and guidelines to ensure that the 'quality and performance' of the Public Service is not further reduced and tainted by the implementations of the new conditions.

The immediate previous internet-circulated article, "Genuine Transparency And Collaboration For Grenada's Pension Reform", evaluates that the establishment of this Committee is nothing 'exciting and extraordinary', since there have been

repeated versions and/or derivatives of the said committee as far back as in 1995 without any serious progress or any resolution on the issue, but disappointments with much financial, psychological and opportunity harm.

Pension Reform as an integral item of a 'complex, challenging and continuous' process of restructuring the Public Service is now not restricted to this sector, but it has overall application.

The main additional aspect for national pension reform concerns the National Insurance Scheme (NIS), but this matter is apparently outside the 'direct and primary' scope of Gilchrist's Stakeholder Pension Reform Committee.

In similar fashion about the pensions-benefits for public servants; the Prime Minister laments that the NIS is facing the harsh reality of being "bankrupt in the next 10-12 years",

due to "successive NNP ('New National Party') Governments have kicked the can down the road as it relates to the tough decisions" to be taken.

Dickon thus declares in the Budget that the National Democratic Congress (NDC) Government will implement the recommendations of NIS Actuary, amend NIS Act, and strengthen the existing NIS system.

It would be worthwhile though, for the general population including public servants and youths, to grasp and be wary about the source and scope, as well as the social-economic impact, of the rhetoric of the Government about Pension Reform; particularly gauging the gradual increasing of the pensionable age from 60 years to 65 years starting with a move to 61 years by January 2024 and the increasing of NIS's contri-

but ion rate from 11% to 16% by 2031 starting in February 2023 from 6.0% and 5.0% to 6.5% and 5.5% for employers and employees respectively.

There should be much 'anxiety and anticipation' regarding the 'outcome and decision' of Gilchrist's Stakeholder Pension Reform Committee, even as Dickon is hopeful of reaching and launching the new Pension Regime.

Dickon's optimism comes mainly because of the 'boost in prominence' of the 23 June 2022 NDC-administration, by its honouring of the 2022 Justice Raulston L. A. Glasgow Judgment for the restoration of the 'full and proper' payment of the constitutionally entitled pension benefits to all retired qualified public servants, based on what has been prescribed by the 1958 Pensions Legislations.

However, the realisation of this goal for the new

Pension Regime depends mainly on the cooperation, participation and concurrence of the Trade Unions Council (TUC), particularly by those unions representing public servants, and on the success of the Government's tactics of scaring the general population about the sustainability of its current fiscal obligation and of hinting unfairness for the "classical" public servants to benefit from two pensions-schemes which are supported by the State.

The 'central but taunting' task for the Committee is to reconcile or to synchronize those two pensions-schemes, as stipulated by the 1983 National Insurance Act and the 1958 Pensions

Legislations; whilst a critical haunting point for the curiosity and preoccupation of Grenadian-citizens is the failing of the Government 'not' to repeal the 1983 Pensions

(Disqualification) Act, even despite the recent ruling.

In terms of ministerial configuration, it could be said that a new Public Service was manifested with the installation of the new Cabinet of Ministers on 30 June 2022; that is, eleven (11) elected and non-elected individuals were allocated responsibilities for the various businesses of the Government as provided in sections 58, 59 & 60 of the 1974 National Constitution.

Very evident in the swearing-in ceremonial was the realignment of the ministries and the transfer of the Permanent Secretaries, with most of the ministries / Ministers been assigned Transition Leads to 'advise and guide' concerning the transformational platform of the new NDC administration, "Let's Move Grenada Forward".

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GRENADA:

Claim No. GDAHBP2023/0021

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF GRENADA
AND THE WEST INDIES ASSOCIATES STATES
HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
(PROBATE)

IN THE ESTATE OF BERNICE DABRIEL FRAZIER (also called
BERNICE KING on Will), DECEASED

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF PROBATE

TAKE NOTICE that an application for a Grant of Probate has been filed by Jennifer Jeffrey of Upper Capital in the parish of Saint Andrew in the State of Grenada, the sole Executrix named in the Last Will and Testament of the said deceased, the deceased having died testate on the 25th day of April, 2020 at Inova Alexandria Hospital, Alexandria, Virginia, 22305 in the United States of America.

Any person having an objection to the Application for Grant of Probate shall file an objection within 14 days of the publication of this Notice.

Dated the 17th day January, 2023


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Evette John
Law Office of Evette John
Attorneys-at-Law for the Applicant

Filed by Law Office of Evette John, Chambers, Cherry Hill, St. George, Grenada, Attorneys-at-Law Tel./ Fax. No. 473-440-8273, E-mail: evettejohn@gmail.com

The Court Office is at Church Street in the parish of St. George, Grenada, Tel 473-440-2030/0870, Fax. 473-440-6695. The Office is open at 8.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m Mondays to Fridays except on Public Holidays

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF GRENADA AND
THE WEST INDIES ASSOCIATED STATES
HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

GRENADA

IN THE ESTATE OF ANTHONY EMMANUEL JEROME LATE OF GOLF COURSE,
IN THE PARISH OF SAINT GEORGE, AND STATE OF GRENADA, DECEASED.

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by **Mark Jerome and Tracey Jerome**, of Golf Course, in the parish of St. George and State of Grenada presently residing in the United Kingdom for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the Applicants who are the Lawful children of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 6th of November 2020

Any person having an objection to the Grant of Letter of Administration to the Applicant shall file an objection within **14 DAYS** of the publication of this Notice.

Dated this 16th day of January 2023.


Celene Edwards

Law Office of George E.D. Clyne
Attorneys-at-Law for the Applicant

Filed by the Law office of George E.D. Clyne on behalf of the Applicants with its office situate at Old Fort Road, St. George's. Telephone numbers 440-2545/435-2545.

The court office is at Church Street, St. George's Grenada; Telephone number 440-2030, Fax 440-6695. The office is open between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Mondays to Fridays except Public Holidays.

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(a) mortgagor and mortgagee; or

(b) vendor and vendee

except where both parties seek independent legal advice and present evidence of the written consent of both parties to such joint representation.

27. —(1) An attorney-at-Law shall deal with his client's business with all due expedition and shall, whenever reasonably so required by the client, provide him with full information as to the progress of the client's business.

(2) It is improper for an Attorney-at-Law to accept instructions in a matter unless he can handle it without undue delay.

28. Where an Attorney-at-Law determines that the interest of his client requires it, he may, with the specific or general consent of the client, refer



Retired banker Danny Roberts – sits on the General Legal Council

his business, or part of it to another attorney-at-law, whether or not a member of his own firm.

Law on the record may instruct one or more Attorneys-at-Law to appear as advocates.

29. —(1) An Attorney-at-

(2) A Queen's Counsel

shall be entitled to accept instructions, appear, or do any work without a junior, unless by doing so, he would be unable to properly carry out his instructions or conduct his case.

(3) Where more than one Attorney-at-Law appears as an advocate for the same party in the same proceedings, the decision of who shall lead the conduct of that case shall, subject to the instructions of the client, be settled by the attorneys-at-law representing that party before they appear in court, and shall not be altered during the course of the proceedings, and the leader shall have all authority over the conduct of the case.

30. An attorney-at-Law, including a Queen's Counsel, who appears with the leader, is entitled to negotiate with the leader, a fee for his services.

31. —(1) An Attorney-at-

Law is entitled to reasonable compensation for his services, but should avoid charges which either over-estimate or under-value the services rendered.

(2) The ability of a client to pay, should not justify a charge in excess of the value of the service rendered, though the client's indigence may require a charge that is below such value, or even no charge at all.

32. An Attorney-at-Law should avoid controversies with clients regarding compensation for his services, as far as is compatible with self-respect, and his right to receive reasonable compensation for his services.

33. The right of an Attorney-at-Law to ask for a retainer, or to demand payment of out-of-the-pocket expenses and commitments, failing payment of which, he may withdraw from the case,

or refuse to handle it, shall not be exercised, where the client may be unable to find other assistance in time to prevent irreparable damage being done to his cause.

34. Where an Attorney-at-Law engages a foreign colleague to advise on a case, or to cooperate in handling it, he is responsible for the payment of the latter's charges, except where there is express agreement to the contrary, but where an Attorney-at-Law directs a client to a foreign Attorney-at-Law, he is not responsible for the payment of the latter's charges, nor is he entitled to a share of the fee of the foreign Attorney-at-Law.

35. An Attorney-at-Law may at any time withdraw his services—

(a) where the client fails, refuses, or neglects to carry out an agreement with, or his obligation to, the Attorney-at-Law, as regards the expenses or fees payable by the client;

(b) where his inability to work with colleagues, or to advocate the case of his client in court, indicates that the best interest of the client is likely to be served by his withdrawal;

(c) where his client freely assents to the termination of his services;

(d) where by reason of his mental or physical condition, or other good and compelling reasons, it is difficult for him to carry out his services effectively; or

(e) in cases of conflict, as contemplated under these Rules.

36. —(1) An Attorney-at-Law should not appear as a witness for his own client, except as to merely formal matters.

(2) Where an Attorney-at-Law is a necessary witness for his client, with respect to matters other than such as are merely formal, he should entrust the conduct of the case to another Attorney-at-Law of his client's choice.

GRENADA

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF GRENADA
AND THE WEST INDIES ASSOCIATED STATES
HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
(PROBATE)

IN THE ESTATE OF DAVID BENEDICT LUCAS, DECEASED. ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by Janet Velma Lucas of the Carenage in the parish of St. George in Grenada for Grant of Letters of Administration, who is the Wife of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 2nd day of March, 2021.

Any persons having an objection to the Grant of Letters of Administration to the Applicant shall file an objection within 14 days of publication of this Notice.

Dated: 20th day of January, 2023

Jerry Edwin
Eden Law Caribbean
Attorney-at-Law for Applicant

GRENADA

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF GRENADA
AND THE WEST INDIES ASSOCIATED STATES
HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
(PROBATE)

IN THE ESTATE OF JEREMY ALFRED STEWART, DECEASED ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by Daniela Angelico of Hermitage on the island of Carriacou and Grenada for Grant of Probate, who is the named Executrix and heir of the Deceased, the Deceased having died testate on the 20th day of November 2022.

Any persons having an objection to the Grant of Probate to the Applicant shall file an objection within 14 days of publication of this Notice.

Dated: 16th day of January 2023

Suite And Associates
Attorneys-at-Law for Applicant

This Advertisement is filed by Messrs. Suite And Associates, Chambers, L'Anse Aux Epines, St. George, W.I., Attorneys-at-Law for the Applicant. Tel: 473 444 5550, 473 444 0949; Email: info@grenadasuitelaw.com

The Court office is at York House, Church Street, St. George, Grenada; Telephone number 440 - 2030, FAX 440 - 6695. The Office is open between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Mondays to Fridays except Public Holidays.

Phillip Telesford: Community Development Officers have been recruited

The seven-month old Dickon Mitchell-led Congress government has recruited 15 Community Development officers to serve at the constituency level and to be the linkage between the communities and government.

This was disclosed by Social and Community Development and Housing Minister Phillip Telesford as he appeared Tuesday alongside several government ministers at the first post-Cabinet press briefing for the New Year.

"We expect all of the constituencies to activate community groups and all others desirous of building strong communities," said the min-



Phillip Telesford - Minister with responsibility to Community Development and Housing Minister

ister. "This would be the contact that we will use to administer our community-based development programmes," he added.

Minister Telesford went on to say: "...We encourage you to continue to form your groups. We are aware that a number of groups have since been formed - it's non-governmental groups (NGO's) and so we encourage you to continue to do that."

"We will be rolling out a series of activities. We are still in the planning process - still crystallising the plans for the actual activities to be held in the various communities," he told reporters.

Minister Telesford disclosed that January 16 was the first day of engagement with these Liaison Community Development officers for the orientation process.

He said that when this process is completed "we expect to roll out the activities throughout the various constituencies."

The senior government minister also made some brief remarks on the status of the Chinese-funded and built low-cost houses in several parts of the island including Beausejour in St George North-west and Corinth in St David.

Construction work on the houses started under the former 2018-2022 New National

Party (NNP) government of defeated Prime Minister Dr. Keith Mitchell but were never distributed.

One senior government minister in the former regime was quoted as saying that the plan was to hand out the houses after the election, fearing that those who did not get will most likely vote against the administration.

According to Minister Telesford the independent committee appointed by government to review the application has more or less completed its work and "we are in the process of concluding the vetting and selection of applicants."

In addition, he said the Housing Authority of Grenada (HAG) has approached a number of local joiners to submit bids to build closets and cupboards to complete the homes and get them

in a state of readiness to the occupants.

The minister stated that the committee is currently looking at samples to ensure that the joiners can deliver the scope of work on time and within a particular cost range.

He also expressed concern that many Grenadians are not aware that the Housing Authority was offering soft loans up to EC\$48,000.00 "at very concessional interest rates."

He said that HAG continues to issue those loans to people and appealed to those who have been delinquent in their payments to expect the authority to implement "certain remedies to ensure that that does not continue."

"We believe that the Housing Authority of Grenada has to run as a business," he added.

GUT Co-operative Credit Union becomes NEXA Credit Union with New Head Quarters in St. George's



Mr. Louis Williams (President) Mrs. Denise Decoteau (Founding Member) & Mrs. Retesha Smith Boyd (General Manager)

GUT Co-operative Credit Union is proud to announce the rebranding of the Credit Union with a new name and new location in the heart of St. George's.

Located on the corner of Cross and Halifax Streets in St. George's, the new location will allow the credit union to better serve its members by providing a more modern, convenient and comfortable banking experience.

The Credit Union's new name comes from the word nexus meaning "connection". We want to celebrate the role the Credit Union has played in the lives of its original foundation members-teachers, while acknowledging the interconnec-

tivity of people and community.

It serves as a reminder of the ripple effect that financial independence can have on families, then communities, and the nation as a whole. The tag line, "With you, wherever your road leads" embodies this connection, and the credit union's role in the members' journey.

The new building is designed to reflect NEXA's commitment to providing leading-edge financial products and services.

The new headquarters features state-of-the-art technology, spacious, comfortable lobbies and private offices, with easy access to public transportation.

"We are thrilled to open our new headquarters and provide our members with a more modern and convenient banking experience," said Retesha Smith Boyd, General Manager of NEXA Credit Union.

"Our new brand is our recommitment to our members of our role in supporting them through providing top class financial service options that match their evolving needs."

The new location is open for business starting Monday 23rd January 2023.

The credit union invites its members and the community to visit the new headquarters and experience the difference.



Invited guests at the rebranding and opening at the new location in St George's

NOTICE OF SALE

GRENADA TOURISM AUTHORITY VEHICLE

The Grenada Tourism Authority is offering the following vehicle for sale in accordance with the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property Act, 2014.

Year	2008
Make	Toyota Hiace High Roof
Registration #	PV 126
Engine Size	2700 cc
Color	White
Fuel	Petrol
Steering	Right
Seats	16 pax

Persons interested in purchasing the vehicle are required to submit a bid in a sealed envelope marked "Bid for GTA Vehicle Reg. No PV 126" addressed to:

**The CEO
Grenada Tourism Authority
The Carenage
St. George's**

Bids below EC\$20,000 will not be considered

Deadline for submission is Friday 17th February 2023.

To view the vehicle, please contact the Human Resource Manager at the Grenada Tourism Authority on 440-2279/2001 extension 293.

Please note that bids will be considered in relation to the reserve price and the Grenada Tourism Authority reserves the right not to accept the highest bid.



ECCB Governor highlights the Bank's endurance and hard-won gains as it celebrates 40 years

Governor of the St. Kitts-based Eastern Caribbean Central Bank (ECCB), Grenadian Timothy Antoine has described both the Bank's 40th anniversary milestone and its accomplishments as "especially gratifying because the past 40 years have been anything but smooth sailing."

Cecil Jacobs Auditorium at the ECCB Headquarters in BasseTerre, Governor Antoine pointed out that, "We have endured external economic shocks, hurricanes, volcanoes, recessions and, most recently, a pandemic. But here we are, still standing." The ECCB Governor said that, 40 years on: "Our foreign reserves have grown from under EC\$150 million to over

EC\$5 billion; bank deposits have risen from EC\$1 billion to over EC\$24 billion, and our staff complement has increased from 55 to 272 with representation from every member country." Governor Antoine continued: "This evening, I confirm that our EC dollar remains strong with a foreign reserves backing of 91 percent." On July 7, 1976, the EC Dollar became pegged to the US

Dollar at a fixed rate of EC\$2.70 to US\$1.00 during the existence of the ECCB's predecessor, the East Caribbean Currency Authority (ECCA), which was headquartered in St. Kitts from May 20, 1975 after Barbados withdrew from the ECCA to establish its own Central Bank. On July 5, 1983, seven Eastern Caribbean Governments signed the Agreement estab-

lishing the ECCB and it was put into force on October 1, 1983, operating out of the former ECCA Headquarters before opening in its present location on October 29, 1994. The Eastern Caribbean Central Bank is the Monetary Authority for a population of more than 600,000 people spanning six sovereign states: Antigua and Barbuda, Dominica, Grenada, Saint Christopher (St Kitts) and Nevis, Saint Lucia, and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, and two overseas territories of the United Kingdom: Anguilla and Montserrat.



Timothy Antoine - Governor of the Eastern Caribbean Central Bank (ECCB) in St Kitts

income in the Eastern Caribbean Currency Union (ECCU) over the next decade."

Today, per capita income in the USA is approximately US\$60,000. In comparison, per capita income in the ECCU is approximately US\$9,000 (EC\$24,300) or 15 percent of US per capita income.

The Governor of the Eastern Caribbean Central Bank offered a sobering assessment of this income disparity, saying: "A 2.5 times increase of ECCU per capita income over 40 years and the lack of faster convergence of the ECCU to US living standards is a very disappointing outcome. This performance is reflective of the many exogenous shocks our Region has endured, as well as some policy choices. The key takeaway, then, is that we must revamp our development strategy to relentlessly pursue resilience and transformation."

In 2022, the ECCB received the Central Banking Green Initiative Award for installing its solar canopy project at the Bank's headquarters and significantly reducing its carbon footprint, and the Best New Banknote Series Award from Reconnaissance International.

In 2021, the ECCB received the Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) Infrastructure Award at the FinTech & RegTech Global Awards hosted by Central Banking.

In 2018, Governor Antoine was named Central Bank Governor of the Year for the Caribbean by GlobalMarkets.

In 2017, the ECCB was awarded at the World Institute for Action Learning (WIAL) Global Conference. "It is said, in challenge, there is opportunity," the ECCB Governor noted in his thought-provoking retrospective, while adding: "Look at us now! The ECCU is one of the strongest monetary unions in the world."

The ECCB Governor added: "The foregoing imperatives are critical even as our Central Bank, inter alia, discharges its mandates in respect of monetary stability, financial stability and payments modernisation as per the ECCB Agreement and our Strategic Plan."

Governor Antoine continued: "Ultimately, our big push should aim to double per capita income in the Eastern Caribbean Currency Union (ECCU) over the next decade." "Our Region imports about 80 percent of all the food we consume. Meantime, almost 8 in 10 deaths are from Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs). As a critical first step, let us meet the CARICOM target to reduce our food import bill by 25 percent by 2025." On Energy Security, he said that "about 90 percent of our energy needs are powered by fossil fuels, which means only about 10 percent are powered by renewables. As a consequence, we pay some of the highest electricity rates in the world and are vulnerable to the volatile oil market. Let us resolve to change that with, at least, a tripling of renewables over the next decade. I hope the example of our Central Bank will be of some inspiration." Long before the first day of October 2023, the date that the ECCB was established 40 years ago, its Headquarters will be carbon neutral. This is due to its solar canopy project started in 2019, which was recognised with the Central Banking 2022 Green Initiative Award. In elaborating on the issue of Digital Transformation, Governor Antoine said: "Estimates indicate that only about 60 percent of our people have broadband connectivity. The pandemic laid bare the gap between the connected and the unconnected. We must accelerate our work to build out a digital economy. That process starts with ensuring that high-speed broadband connectivity is accessible, affordable and reliable. It also necessitates the development of a wide range of digital skills to secure the new and emerging jobs."

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF GRENADA AND THE WEST INDIES ASSOCIATED STATES HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE (CIVIL)



GRENADA SUIT NO. GDAHCV2019/0077

IN THE MATTER OF AN APPLICATION BY FOR A DECLARATION OF POSSESSORY TITLE TO LAND AT TIVOLI IN THE PARISH OF SAINT ANDREW IN THE STATE OF GRENADA.

IN COURT NO.

BEFORE THE HON. JUSTICE RAULSTON GLASGOW

DATED THE 11th DAY OF May 2022

UPON THE HEARING of The Application for Declaration of Possessory Title filed on the 27th day of February 2019 and the affidavits of the Applicant, Matthew Harris and Endy Nelson filed herein on even date therewith

AND UPON HEARING Mr. C. Jerry Edwin, Attorney-at-law for the Applicant.

IT IS HEREBY DECLARED as follows:

1. The Applicant has been Continuously and still is in exclusive possession of lot of land and has complied with the requirements of the notice of his application for a title of land to the said lot of land;
2. There are been no appearance by any person (s) challenging the Applicant's claim for possessory title for the said lot of land and the Registrar has issued a Certificate of Non-Appearence;
3. The Applicant is entitled to possessory title of the lot pursuant to Section 3 of the Possessory Title Act, No.22 of 2016.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT : The Applicant Lashley Bartholomew of Tivoli in the parish of Saint Andrew is hereby granted a Declaration of Possessory Title for the lot of land situate at Tivoli in the parish of saint Andrew and the State of Grenada containing by admeasurement Seven Thousand and Forty- Seven Square Feet (6,043 Sq. Ft.) English Statute Measure and abutted and bounded as follows: by the Tivoli Main Road on the First Side , a Ravine on the Second Side, an Allowed Road on the Third Side and another Ravine on the Fourth Side and shown on the Plan drawn by George Alexander Licensed land Surveyor

BY ORDER

REGISTRAR OF THE SUPREME COURT OF GRENADA

Kawana Bay developers say amicable settlement remains open

By CMC News

The developers of the 146-room Kimpton Kawana Bay hotel project in Grenada say while an amicable settlement remains open, the “extensive damage to the project caused by the actions of the former government administration in Grenada has severely complicated and handicapped the efforts towards settlement.”

Prime Minister Dickson Mitchell said his new administration, which came to office in June last year, is open to negotiate a settlement with the developers with a view to the project being completed.

“Unfortunately, the extensive damage to the project caused by the actions of the former government administration in Grenada has

severely complicated and handicapped the efforts towards settlement. We welcome the prime minister’s statement and remain open to the possibility of an amicable settlement in the interest of all stakeholders,” the developers said in a statement posted on their website.

Owned and developed by True Blue Development, whose major shareholder is a former ambassador at large to Grenada, Warren Newfield, the now incomplete tourism project on Grand Anse beach is a Citizenship by Investment (CBI) approved project.

Under the CBI program, Grenada provides citizenship to a foreign investor in return for making a substantial investment in the socio-economic development of the

island.

The resort was due to open in late 2021 and operated by one of the world’s leading boutique hotel operators, Kimpton Hotels & Restaurants, part of the Intercontinental Hotels Group (IHG).

But the developers last year filed a complaint with the International Centre for the Settlement of Investment (ICSID). The Washington-based ICSID is an arm of the World Bank devoted to resolving international investment disputes against sovereign states.

According to the developer, the arbitration was filed because the previous government had imposed unilaterally, a limitation on the use of CBI funds for the construction costs of the hotel.



Artist impression of 146-room Kimpton Kawana Bay resort (File Photo)

“On July 1, 2022, we filed our Memorial on the Merits, setting out the details of our claim with supporting expert reports.

The Government of Grenada would have been required to file its response in the form of

a Counter-Memorial by December 2022, but forestalled this on November 1, 2022 by making a preliminary application objecting to ICSID’s jurisdiction and seeking to bifurcate those jurisdictional objections into a separate phase.

“On December 28, 2022, we filed a comprehensive response rebutting the Government’s objection. At this juncture, the tribunal may either make a ruling on the matter or conduct a

hearing on whether to bifurcate the dispute.

In 2021, Newfield resigned as an ambassador-at-large and consul general to the government of Grenada, citing anti-business policies as the reason behind his decision.

PM Mitchell announces 1-month delay in implementing tax increases

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significant renal failure and the abuse of cigarettes which oftentimes leads to significant respiratory illnesses.”

According to Minister for Education, Youth, Sports and Culture, Senator David Andrew, statistics indicate that “alcohol is the leading cause of local hospital admissions.”

Minister Andrew informed the Upper House that “there are several other initiatives that don’t require being passed here (in Parliament) which will be engaged in by this administration.”

During the 2023 budget debate Opposition Senator Neilon Franklyn had expressed concern about the social ramifications of the increased tax on cigarettes and alcohol, contending that “people who are addicted to these goods, would not purchase less of it in response to the tax increase.”

“In fact, what would happen Madam President is that while their income remains fixed, and the cost of these goods go up, the disposable income for the household will be reduced,” he said.

The opposition



Education Minister David Andrew - alcohol is the leading cause of local hospital admissions

Senator also expressed the view that the government should work towards breaking the addictive habits, through rehabilitation and education rather than ad hoc tax increases.

During last Friday’s sitting Sen. Franklyn implored the government side “to consider the social ramifications, and not just the health benefits or the economic outturn that may

come with the policy measure.”

“I understand fully the intent behind it, and it is commendable that the government sees fit to move in the direction to implement some sort of measures to deal with alcohol and cigarette consumption on the island but the social ramifications need to be considered,” the Opposition Senator told the Upper House.



JOB VACANCY

Position: Technical Specialist, IICA Delegation in Grenada

Objective of the Position: To assist with implementing the Country Strategy for the delivery of technical cooperation services for the sustainable development of agriculture and the rural milieu.

Duties

Under the direction and management of the Representative:

- Collaborate with the Ministry of Agriculture and Lands, Fisheries and Cooperatives, other public and private sector stakeholders impacting on agriculture and rural development in order to assess, evaluate and elaborate the Country Strategy and to prepare annual action plans for its implementation.
- Prepare annual work plans of activities and budgets for the IICA Grenada programme of technical cooperation.
- Provide Technical support, as requested, to the implementation of the Country Strategies of other Member Countries of the Eastern Caribbean States.
- Other duties as may be defined in the Terms of Reference of the Technical Specialist.

Qualifications

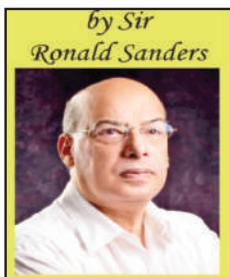
- University degree in agriculture or related area. (Postgraduate degree or other form of graduate studies in the same areas would be an asset.)
- Formal training or proven working experience in matters related to agriculture, trade facilitation, project development or agribusiness development.
- Suitable work experience in planning and implementing projects in the agriculture or related areas.
- Ability to work with the full range of stakeholders in the agriculture and related sectors.
- Good writing; presentation; and interpersonal skills.

Remuneration: Salary commensurate with qualifications and experience

Application with Curriculum Vitae, proof of qualifications and the names and contact information of two (2) references, and a copy of a valid Driver’s Licence should be sent to: **The Representative, IICA Delegation in Grenada, GCNA Commercial Complex, Kirani James Boulevard, St. George’s, Grenada** via email: iica.gd@iica.int

Closing date for receipt of applications: February 10, 2023

NOTE: Only short-listed applicants will be acknowledged



by Sir
Ronald Sanders

Economic inequality at the root of protests: Police brutality not the answer

from North America and Western Europe. The two sides are persistently in conflict.

These conditions have been portrayed in the poetry of Pablo Neruda, the novels of Isabelle Allende, Gabriel García Márquez, and Mario Vargas Llosa among others; and in the painstaking research and raw descriptions in the works of Marie Arana and Eduardo Galeano.

In his seminal work, *Open Veins of Latin America*, in one sentence, Galeano poignantly describes the structural divide in many Latin American societies – “The system has multiplied hunger and fear; wealth has become more and more concentrated, poverty more and more widespread. That is recognized by the documents of specialized international organizations in whose aseptic vocabulary our oppressed territories are ‘countries in the process of development’ and the pitiless impoverishment of the working class is ‘regressive income distribution’.”

And, in as much as the

judgement may seem harsh, there is a sobering truth in Marie Arana’s assertion in *Silver, Stone and Sword*, that “... extractive societies such as Latin America’s are built on social injustice. They are designed and maintained by a ruling class whose primary goal is to enrich themselves and perpetuate their power. They thrive when absolute privilege reigns over absolute poverty”.

None of this is to say that, over the years, progressive elements in Latin America have not succeeded in pushing for institutional change. They have been aided in the work of the United Nations Human Rights bodies, and in the efforts of the Inter-American Commission and Court on Human Rights. Authoritative external organizations have been hugely instrumental in pushing governments to adopt international treaties on human rights and non-discrimination.

But adherence to treaties and laws is only as good as effective implementation of their values. In this connec-

tion, not all law enforcement agencies and governments have been as dutiful as they could have been. Thus, inequality has continued and the desire by the disadvantaged to overturn it has escalated.

The role of the military has also not been neutral or respectful of their constitutional requirement to be apolitical servants of the executive branch and subordinate to their civilian commander-in-chief, the president. As social unrest escalated throughout Latin America in the decades between 1964 and 1985, military dictatorships took control in several countries including Brazil, (1964), Chile (1973), Uruguay (1973), and Argentina (1976).

It was the military that pressured Evo Morales in November 2019 to abandon his disputed Presidency in Bolivia. The same military acted heavy-handedly to subdue street protests over the controversial installation into the Presidency of the right-wing, opposition representative Jeanine Añez.

While in Argentina and Chile, the return to

democratic regimes was “accompanied by transitional justice, a reckoning with the past and a recognition that the armed forces had strayed from their constitutional mission”, as one political commentator put it, the role of the military in Brazil and Peru remains questionable.

Brazil’s president Lula da Silva dismissed the country’s army chief, General Julio Cesar de Arruda, in the aftermath of the storming of several government buildings by the supporters of former president Jair Bolsonaro on January 8. Lula said he suspected collusion by “people in the armed forces”.

In Peru, where elected president, Pedro Castillo, was ousted on December 8, after an ill-advised and clumsy attempt to suspend the Congress, which was seeking to impeach him, his vice-president, Dina Boluarte, was sworn in to replace him. He was carted off to prison at a police base that triggered protests in the rural areas and poorer neighbourhoods in the capital.

In response, police raided San Marcos University, detaining hundreds of protestors. This was part of a violent crackdown on the protestors which has left many dead or seriously injured. The UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) in Peru condemned the Peruvian administration over the violence used to curb the protests.

But the fundamental problems driving the unrest remain ignored – a huge gap between rich and the poor, particularly the people in the South of the country who feel neglected by its institutions and, most of all, its hugely unpopular congress, which is largely viewed as a tool of the rich and powerful.

Hemispheric institutions, such as the Organisation of American States (OAS), should seek a constructive role in Peru, and they must keep a watchful eye on the military and right-wing forces in Brazil which may yet turn on President Lula. It is difficult to see what practical role the OAS

can play in resolving the political issues in Peru, but, at the very least, the member states must let the Peruvian government know that further brutality against protestors will receive the strongest condemnation; and, instead, they should seek meaningful dialogue to address the deep-rooted issues in the country.

In the meantime, Caribbean governments and political parties should ensure that, in their own countries, economic inequalities must be discouraged. Dissatisfaction is fuelling the fire of unrest in Peru and other Latin American countries; it must not spread to the Caribbean.

(Sir Ronald Sanders is Antigua and Barbuda’s Ambassador to the United States of America and the Organisation of American States. He is also a Senior Fellow at the Institute of Commonwealth Studies, University of London and Massey College in the University of Toronto)

WANTED

PLUMBERS, ELECTRICIANS, A/C TECHNICIANS WANTED

Plumbers, electricians, and air conditioning technicians interested in working on the maintenance of Government buildings are invited to send in an application to fcl@spiceisle.com which includes the following information:

- Name
- Address
- Contact Information
- Qualifications
- Experience
- Three (3) references

Letters should be addressed to:

Financial Complex Limited
P.O. Box 3287
St. George

Please send all applications and CVs to fcl@spiceisle.com
Submission Deadline: **28th February 2023**

Vacancy

Accountant

Financial Complex Limited is seeking to fill the position of General Manager. As a statutory body, Financial Complex Limited is tasked with two main responsibilities: the management of maintenance of government buildings and the preparation and facilitation of Public Private Partnerships.

The Accountant will have the following key responsibilities:

- Manage all aspects of finance and reporting
- Adhere to accounting practices and protocols
- Meet deadlines and implement accounting procedures

Requirements:

- A professional accounting certification such as ACCA, CMA, etc.
- Minimum of 5 years’ experience in the field
- Analytical and problem-solving skills
- Knowledge of QuickBooks, Advanced Excel, and Microsoft Suite

Experience in Human Resource Management would be an asset.

Please send all applications and CVs to fcl@spiceisle.com
Submission Deadline: **28th February 2023**

Salary commensurate with education, skills, and experience.

The Value of Strong Multilateral Cooperation in a Fractured World

By **Ulrika Modéer** and **Tsegaye Lemma**



The COVID-19 pandemic demonstrates the value of multilateralism. Human suffering was greatly reduced by collective actions such as the COVAX initiative to accelerate development and deployment of vaccines. Credit: UNDP India

UNITED NATIONS - The multilateral system, even in the face of heightened geopolitical tension and big power rivalry, remains the uniquely inclusive vehicle for managing mutual interdependencies in ways that enhance national and global welfare. The complex challenges of a global pandemic, climate emergency, inequality and the risk of nuclear conflict cannot be dealt with by one country or one region alone. Coordinated collective action is required.

Without coordinated and timely collective global action in recent years to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, global suffering would have been far greater.

Initiatives such as COVAX and the UN's socio-economic response to COVID-19 not only helped mitigate the public health emergency, but also help decision-makers look beyond recovery towards 2030, managing complexity and uncertainty.

The devastating war in Ukraine has been a colossal blow to multilateral efforts by the international community to maintain peace and prevent major wars. However, multilateral cooperation cannot be declared obsolete – it is crucial in efforts to put human dignity and planetary health at the heart of cross-border cooperation.

The recent Black Sea Grain Initiative agreement represents a key testament to the value of multilateral cooperation working even in the most difficult circumstances, ensuring the protection of those that are most vulnerable to global shocks.

Without this agreement, global food prices would have risen even further, and vulnerable countries pushed further into hunger and political unrest.

The multilateral system is faced with the ostensible imbalance in matching humanitarian and development needs with Official Development Assistance (ODA) commitments. Despite some donors' efforts to maintain – and even increase – their ODA commitments, others are faced with increasing politicization of aid – and it is part of the political calculus.

With the war in Ukraine still raging, there is real possibility that several donors will tap into ODA budget to cover the partial or entire cost of hosting Ukrainian refugees and rebuilding the devastated Ukrainian infrastructure and economy.

The UN system, a core part of the rule-based international order, is funded dominantly by voluntary earmarked contributions. Ultimately, this gives donor countries influence over the objectives of global public good creation.

Funding patterns tend to be unpredictable, making

it hard to strategize and plan for the long term. Although earmarked funding allows the system to deliver solutions to specific issues with scale, the system's lack of quality funding support risks eroding its multilateral character, strategic independence, universal presence, and development effectiveness.

The recently launched report by the Dag Hammarskjöld Foundation and the UN's Multi-Partner Trust Fund Office showed that more than 70 percent of funding to the UN development system is earmarked, compared to 24 percent for the World Bank Group and IMF, and only 3 percent for the EU.

As the world faces daunting development finance prospects in 2022-2023, investments should focus on protecting a strong and effective multilateral system; the system that remains trusted by countries and partners for its reliable delivery of services.

It has also proven to complement bilateral, south-south and other forms of cooperation – beyond the traditional development narrative. An ODI study

showed that the multilateral channel, when compared with bilateral channel, remains less-politicized, more demand-driven, more selective in terms of poverty criteria and a good conduit for global public goods.

Notwithstanding the institutional and bureaucratic challenges that the multilateral system faces, which must be addressed head-

on, a retreat from a shared system of rules and norms that has served the world for seven decades is the wrong response.

Those of us in the multilateral system, especially in the UN development system, must recognize the difficult work that lies ahead. We must continue to demonstrate that each tax dollar is spent judiciously and show traceable results, while uphold-

ing the highest standards set out in the UN charter.

Improved transparency on how and where we spend the funds entrusted to us by our key partners and the IATI standard have long been adopted as key requirements outlined in the funding compact.

The Multilateral Organisation Performance Assessment Network and other donor assessments have recognized the systems' value for money and confirmed that partnerships with other UN entities improve programmes and effectively integrates multiple sources of expertise.

Of course, the system must continue to build on

successes and lessons to prove to our partners that we remain worthy of their trust and drive our collective agenda.

However, the true value of multilateral cooperation can only be fully realized with strong political commitment by partners matched with the necessary financial investment.

Ulrika Modéer is UN Assistant Secretary-General and Director of the Bureau of External Relations and Advocacy, UNDP; Tsegaye Lemma is Team Leader, Strategic Analysis and Corporate Engagement, Bureau of External Relations and Advocacy, UNDP.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF GRENADA AND
THE WEST INDIES ASSOCIATED STATES
HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
(CIVIL)



GRENADA
SUIT NO. GDAHCV2021/0013

IN THE MATTER OF AN APPLICATION BY SHEILA FREDERICA BUCKMIRE FOR A DECLARATION OF POSSESSORY TITLE TO LAND AT MT GAY IN THE PARISH OF SAINT GEORGE IN THE STATE OF GRENADA.

IN COURT NO.

BEFORE THE HON. JUSTICE RAULSTON GLASGOW

DATED THE 15th DAY OF December 2022

UPON THE HEARING of The Application for Declaration of Possessory Title filed on the 11th day of January 2021 and the affidavits of the Applicant, Gillian Fisher and Jennifer Roberts filled herein on even date therewith

AND UPON HEARING Mr. C. Jerry Edwin, Attorney-at-law for the Applicant

IT IS HEREBY DECLARED as follows:

1. The Applicant has been Continuously and still is in exclusive possession of lot of land and has complied with the requirements of the notice of her application for a title of land to the said lot of land;
2. There are been no appearance by any person (s) challenging the Applicant's claim for possessory title for the said lot of land and the Registrar has issued a Certificate of Non-Appearance;
3. The Applicant is entitled to possessory title of the lot pursuant to Section 3 of the Possessory Title Act, No.22 of 2016.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT: The Applicant Sheila Frederica Buckmire of Lance Aux Epines in the parish of Saint George in the State of Grenada is hereby granted a Declaration of Possessory Title for the lot of land situate at Mt. Gay in the parish of Saint George in the State of Grenada containing by admeasurement Two Roods Twenty- Poles (2Rds 20pls) English Statue Measure and abutted and bounded as follows: lands of Don Church on the First Side, lands belonging to Keith Rahim on the Second side, land belonging to the Estate of the Late Septimus Buckmire on the Third side and an Allowed Road on the Fourth side and shown on the Plan drawn by Denis Thomas Licensed Land Surveyor.

BY ORDER



The Court Office is at Church Street, St. George's, telephone number 473-440-2030. The Office is open Monday to Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. except on public holidays.

LOST POLICY

The Administrator of the Estate of Lennon Abraham made sworn declaration that Antillean Life Insurance Company Limited Policy Number NGL:0054 on the life of Lennon Abraham has been lost and has made application to the Company for a duplicate policy.

Notice is hereby given that unless objection is raised within one month of the date hereof, the duplicate policy applied for will be issued.

Antillean Life Insurance Co. Ltd.
Chester House,
Young Street,
St. George's

Date: December - 29 - 2022

NEW STATUS, RULES AND BENEFITS ENVISAGED FOR GRENADA'S PUBLIC SERVANTS (PART ONE)

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Striking also, with surprises for analysts and critics, was the inclusion of the Transition Leads and the creation of a Ministry of Mobilisation, Implementation and Transformation; notably in view of the general philosophy for 'smaller governments' as a cost-cutting measure, and with the non-existence of a Parliament.

However; this new ministerial occurrences on entry, can be explained as being consistent with NDC's 2022 elections-manifesto to "Align government ministries to meet developmental needs of the country ... Build capacity for strategic policy management and coordination".

Both the NDC's Manifesto and Budget underscore that "transforming the public sector is an absolute necessity"

and consider the "regularisation of Government employees" and "reform of the existing pension arrangements", as chief connected components which are to be undertaken in the process towards this transformation end.

It should be instructive how Dickon seems to make 'conditional the undertaking and achieving' of those issues by reiterating that "... reform of the existing pension arrangements must go hand in hand with staff regularization".

With reference to pertinent remarks at the 31 October 2022 Government Townhall Meeting, this reiteration seems to be directed to the TUC which have been over the past years, constantly raising the need for meaningfully addressing of the precarious issues in the Public Service; that is,

typically about the entitlement of constitutional pension benefits and the different categories of temporary workers operating in a permanent manner in significant positions.

Those expressions would spur an 'alert and experienced' individual to ponder about any implied 'tradeoff with intimidation'; recall how the article "Pensions Payment Should Not Be Exploited By Grenada NDC Government", also warns about the 'approach and decision' to be taken in the bargaining process about future salaries and fringe-benefits for public servants.

According to those NDC's political documents, the Administration's policy and projects regarding Public Service Sector Reform reflect that "the NDC values its public service, and aims to create

ONE public service ... in the light of "the past ('NNP') Administration created a dysfunctional, parallel public service system that has resulted in low morale, low productivity, and a culture of widespread disenchantment".

The critical concern though, is whether or not the new ruling NDC understands what contributed to this scenario in the Public Service; and about the goodwill and forthrightness, as well as the willpower and capacity, of this Administration to now have the situation better.

The main factors to grapple with about the Public Service are the upholding of the 1983 Pensions (Disqualification) Act, political appointments, applied prescriptions for Public Service Sector Reform, 2014-2016 Structural Adjustment

Programme with the 2015 Fiscal Responsibility Act, proliferation of professional contracted personnel and outsourcing of Government's services, and the urgent response to school-leavers for jobs; all tainted by abuse of Executive powers.

What is the real context and substance of the statement by Dickon about the new Pension Regime for public servants? Aren't there undertones and obscurities in the utterance?

Indeed, a lot of clarifications and confirmations should be forthcoming. In addition to the possibly misinterpretation about 'mutual conditionality' for reforming the pensions scheme and regularizing the Government workers, the word "join" in the pertinent statement can be misleading.

What is the 'meaning, depth and application' of this 'key operative' word? Does "join the Public Service" carry and require the same legal treatments as "appointed in the Public Service"; or at what point is this expected to be obtained?

Does 'once joins', necessitate and expect the Government respecting the 1999 Labour Code and the 1969 Statutory Rules and Orders of the Public Service Commission, with 'proper employment' for all employees who will join the Public Service after January 2024, to ensure and realize fair treatment and security of tenure of those employees, as public servants in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution?

In fact, the Grenadian citizens are yet to know the terms of reference and framework parame-

ters for the mandate of Gilchrist's Stakeholder Pension Reform Committee.

Is it fair to gamble the sovereign constitutional rights and socio-economic prosperity of prospective public servants "to secure the future of this country", especially when the process is in isolation of or without having the 'new and novice' Prime Minister announcing and initiating forensic enquiry into the past management of the Public Service, so that the State's assets can be accounted for and recovered?

Moreover; the citizens and public servants in particular should be curious and preoccupied about the cost to be incurred for the establishment of Gilchrist's Stakeholder Pension Reform Committee, especially in the light of the tremendous monies 'gambled and wasted' by the Government under the NDC and the NNP, on pertinent projects involving committees, consultations, researches and court-cases in devising 'conspiracy and injustice' against the "classical" public servants.

On this note, all retired Government workers who were deprived of the 'full and proper' payment of pensions-benefits, by the application of the 2003 Special Pensions Act (Cap. 308B), like the case for Hermilyn Armstrong who received calculations based on the 2012 Justice Margaret A. Price Findlay Judgment, should seek and ensure to have redress under Justice Glasgow 2022 judgment. Is there any moral, patriotic and/or constitutional reason for TUC to revert to being abuse?

Is the Government about being "open, honest and to have dialogue with our citizens" about the constitutional pensions scheme which is a critical public affairs issue, by it capitalising on the 'uninformed, gullible, vulnerable and enthusiastic' youthful job-seekers who may have to resort to taking employments in the Public Service; or even by having the Government frustrating the school-leavers who have determined to pursue a career such as a teacher, nurse or a police officer?

Would the Grenadian citizens, especially public servants and/or their families (and including the TUC) who have undergone 'blood, sweat and tears' and to be now enjoying the constitutional pensions-benefits after over forty years, 'sell and betray' all employees who will join the Public Service after January 2024, in a referendum to deny those recruited and entering public servants the same pensions-benefits?

In fact, would the 'conscience and goodwill' of parliamentarians, Ms. Delma Thomas of the Opposition and Ms. Gloria Thomas of the Administration, who may be privileged to secure, in addition to those pensions-benefits as well as the general benefits under the 1983 National Insurance Act, the special benefits under the 1989 Pension (Members Of Parliament) Act, allow for a public servant appointed on or after 01 February 2024 to be at a gross 'disadvantage and disparity' to those appointed on or before 31 January 2024?

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INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

CONSTRUCTION OF OPERATOR'S QUARTER FACILITY AT GRAND BRAS, ST. ANDREW

The National Water and Sewerage Authority (NAWASA) as part of its Capital Expenditure Programme is currently in the process of expanding and improving its water operations throughout the State of Grenada.

As part of this expansion NAWASA is hereby inviting parties to submit expressions of interest in the construction of an Operator's Quarter facility at Grand Bras in the parish of St. Andrew.

SCOPE

This infrastructure comprises the following key elements:

- Operator's quarters with a materials storage facility
- Access road and Parking

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

Interested companies shall provide their company profile detailing the following:

- a) Name of Company
- b) Registered Business Address
- c) Copy of Business registration certificate.
- d) Experience with regards to building and road construction.
- e) Core Business of the company.
- f) Name of Principal contact with appropriate authorization.
- g) Contact e-mail Address & telephone number.

All submissions shall conform to the specified requirements given above; otherwise, your submissions may be disqualified.

The requested information and any supporting documentation in respect of this pre-qualification process should be submitted in one (1) original plus one (1) copy no later than **Monday, February 13th, 2023**.

The documentation should be sealed and clearly marked "**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN OPERATOR'S QUARTER FACILITY**".

The submission address is as indicated below:

The General Manager,
NAWASA,
Lucas Street
ST. GEORGE'S

Or electronically at projects@nawasa.gd

DICKON MITCHELL SCOLDS KEITH MITCHELL ON SEED

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She pointed to the list having names of the dead on it, as well as persons such as students who have already graduated and are now working, as well as families whose circumstances have improved, and people who are also receiving other financial benefits from the State.

In addition, she cited as SEED beneficiaries, persons who have travelled abroad and now living overseas as well as people who are currently held in custody at the Richmond Hill prison. According to Minister Thomas, officers attached to her ministry are now going around to

the homes of beneficiaries to verify the information and not merely to remove names from the SEED programme. "If persons fall in the category named above the names will be removed. The temporary measure that was employed to assist families to cope with the impact of the Covid-19 ended in December 2022," she said.

In addition, the female government minister stated that persons who applied for SEED and did not reach the requirement as they did not receive a good grade from the Grenada Living Condition Index – these persons were given a stimulus payment which also

ended in December 2022.

Minister Thomas denied that the budgetary allocation for SEED was cut by Congress, saying that EC\$18 million was budgeted for the programme in 2022 by the previous government and this year the same EC\$18 million was again budgeted for it. "So there was no cut in the budgetary allocation facing the beneficiaries. We are hopeful that once our implementation plans start rolling out the face of the ministry will improve – we will be better poised to provide better services and to make some critical changes that are needed to improve service delivery," she said.



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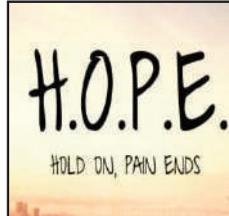
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 HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
 (PROBATE)

IN THE ESTATE OF CATHERINE SAMUEL (ALSO KNOWN AS CATHERINE VEDA SAMUEL), DECEASED

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION

TAKE NOTICE that an application for a Grant of Letters of Administration has been filed by Winston Samuel of La Digue in the parish of Saint Andrew in the State of Grenada, a lawful son of the deceased and one of the persons entitled to share in the estate of the said deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 25th day of November, 2021 at 1525 Hunt Avenue, Prince George's Maryland in the United States of America.

Any person having an objection to the Application for Grant of Letters of Administration shall file an objection within 14 days of the publication of this Notice.

Dated the 17th day January, 2023

Evette John
 Law Office of Evette John
 Attorneys-at-Law for the Applicant

Filed by Law Office of Evette John, Chambers, Cherry Hill, St. George, Grenada, Attorneys-at-Law Tel/ Fax. No. 473-440-8273, E-mail: evettejohn@gmail.com

The Court Office is at Church Street in the parish of St. George, Grenada, Tel 473-440-2030/0870, Fax. 473-440-6695. The Office is open at 8.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m Mondays to Fridays except on Public Holidays

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Africa Wants IMF Special Drawing Rights Re-Allocated to Finance Its Development

By **Busani Bafana**

BULAWAYO - African countries, many reeling under high debt and experiencing economic recession, could benefit from the reallocation of Special Drawing Rights (SDR), financial instruments of the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

SDRs are interest-bearing units of accounts created by the IMF in 1969 to increase the official reserves of member countries. External shocks that have hit the world in the last two years have reversed socioeconomic gains and efforts to protect vulnerable communities in Africa, says Adam Elhiraika, Director of the Macroeconomics and Governance Division at the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA).

Normally, many African countries would get concessional finance, borrow money from the markets



African countries are looking for cheaper funding for infrastructure development. Credit: Busani Bafana/IPS

or mobilise it domestically – all options the global pandemic has compromised.

The ECA, in collaboration with African ministries, is advocating for the issuance of new SDRs and the re-allocation of existing SDRs to countries most in need.

“We need to reform the G20 Common Framework to make access to international financial markets and debt restructuring effective and inclusive,”

Elhiraika told IPS in an interview.

He added that: “Africa would benefit from having a permanent seat at the G20 through its African Union, just as European Union and the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) are represented. This will bring the voice of more than one billion people into the G20 processes, including discussions around debt restructuring

and inequality of the SDR quota system.”

To date, nearly USD 1 trillion US dollars has been allocated by the IMF, including USD 456 billion and SDR equivalent to USD 650 billion, approved in August 2021 to help low and middle-income countries cope with the impact of COVID-19.

According to the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), African countries need more than 200 billion USD to counter the socioeconomic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Excerpts:

IPS: Why is it necessary to reallocate SDRs, and how would this reallocation benefit African countries?

AE: SDR is a supplementary reserve asset which the Board of the IMF unconditionally allocates to all or part of its membership when it deter-

mines that there is a need to boost global liquidity. Allocations are based on economic size hence poorer countries receive less than rich countries. For instance, Africa collectively received 5.1 percent of the recent SDR650 allocation. Consequently, while the SDR allocation provided very welcome liquidity to African countries to cope with the pandemic crisis, the considerable financing needs associated with the pandemic and the overlapping crises currently facing Africa (including the climate, food, and energy crises) mean that Africa needs more than its current allocation.

The recent SDR allocation has mostly been used by African countries to bridge their post-COVID liquidity challenges. More specifically, most countries in Sub-Saharan Africa allocated part of their SDR holdings to address their pandemic response or

social spending needs. At least 41 Sub-Saharan countries made use of SDRs for various public spending, including vaccine procurement and pandemic relief, ration cards, welfare payments, wages, and budget support.

Further, the median SDR utilization rates of G7 countries are about 5.9 percent, which means that G7 members alone could potentially reallocate \$266 billion of SDRs to vulnerable countries. So, recycling/reallocations of the unused SDRs from countries with strong external positions, such as G7 and G20, could provide much-needed and affordable resources to vulnerable African countries.

Already, African countries are constrained by high debt, is tapping SDRs a viable route to affordable financing for economic development and SDGs?

SDR reallocations are made by countries that

choose to make their own SDRs available to other countries that need them by lending them to an institution like the IMF. Tapping into SDRs is one of the options for improving Africa's access to affordable external finance.

African ministers have been advocating for an acceleration of the implementation of SDR re-allocation mechanisms aligned with the needs of African economies. This includes considering channelling unused SDRs by G20 through regional banks, such as the African Development Banks, to support the development financing of Africa. Since the interest rates associated with SDR lending are much lower than prevailing market rates, on-lending SDRs via market mechanisms can lower the cost of borrowing and leverage critical investments in countries with market access.

Case Number :GDAHBP2023/0027



IN THE SUPREME COURT OF GRENADA
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HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
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GRENADA
CLAIM NO. GDAHBP2023/0027

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IN THE ESTATE OF LENA EDWARDS LATE OF 22 VILLAGE GREEN E
MOUNT OLIVE TOWNSHIP, MORRIS, NEW JERSEY IN THE UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA, DECEASED

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF PROBATE

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by **LORAIN EDWARDS** of 22 Village Green E Mount Olive Township, Morris, New Jersey in the United States of America, a Former Masseuse, for a Grant of Probate of the Will of the above-named deceased who died on the 11th day of May, 2022 without revoking a will bearing the date 8th December 2020 wherein the applicant is named Executrix thereof.

Any person having an objection to the Grant of Probate to the application shall file an objection within 14 days of the publication of this Notice.

Dated this 19th day of January, 2023

Rena L. Banfield
Renwick & Payne
Legal Practitioners for the Applicant

Filed by Renwick & Payne, EBA House Corner of Lucas and Church Street, St. George's, Grenada - Legal Practitioners for the Applicant. Tel: 1-473-440-2479, Fax: 1-473 440-1489, Email: renwickpaynelaw@gmail.com.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF GRENADA
AND THE WEST INDIES ASSOCIATED STATES
HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

GRENADA

IN THE ESTATE OF AGATHA HELEN DAPHNE FRANCIS (ALSO KNOWN AS
DAPHNE AGATHA FRANCIS), LATE OF RICHMOND HILL IN THE PARISH OF
ST. GEORGE AND STATE OF GRENADA, DECEASED

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by **SHEILA ELMA FRANCIS-GREEN** (also known as Sheila Elma Francis-Greene), of Richmond Hill, in the parish of St. George and State of Grenada presently residing in Brampton, Ontario in the Dominion of Canada, for a Grant of Probate of the Will of the above named deceased who died on the 26th of December 2022 without revoking a Will bearing the date of 8th July 2019 where the Applicant is the named Executor.

Any person having an objection to the Grant of Probate to the Application shall file an Objection within **14 DAYS** of the publication of this Notice.

Dated this 25th day of January, 2023.

Zuriel Francique
Law Office of George E.D. Clyne
Attorneys-at-Law for the Applicant

Filed by the Law office of George E.D. Clyne on behalf of the Applicant with its office situate at Old Fort Road, St. George's. Telephone numbers 440-2545/435-2545.

The court office is at Church Street, St. George's Grenada; Telephone number 440-2030, Fax 440-6695. The office is open between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Mondays to Fridays except Public Holidays.

An appeal to reluctant Grenadians

With a view to completing the Population and Housing census by September this year, Economic Development Minister Lennox Andrews has issued an appeal for individuals to provide the relevant information to enumerators attached to the Central Statistics Office (CSO).

Minister Andrews issued the call during the government's first post cabinet media briefing for the New Year at Parliament Building on Tuesday, highlighting the importance of the exercise, which will inform the government's policy decisions.

He said the census which began in November 2021, will present a clear picture as to what is actually happening on the ground.



Economic Development Minister Lennox Andrews - the government is looking to complete the population and housing census by September

"It provides very important data for government to make informed decisions and to design policies and programmes that are rigorously adapted and suited to the needs of our people," he said.

Minister Andrews gave assurances that the information provided by home owners will be confidential.

"We want to take this moment to ask our people to please provide the support to the enumerators as they come to your doorstep to ask you some basic questions - the information is highly confidential so don't be afraid...tell them the story as is," he told reporters.

The housing and population census seeks to ascertain the status of households, the living conditions, including the number of occupants, and whether they are employed or unemployed among other things.

Minister Andrews said: "That's the kind of data that as government and

Grenada Union of Teachers Statement on Recent Violent Acts in Schools

The Grenada Union of Teachers notes with great concern the recent invasion of two of our secondary schools in the St. George's area. The Union stands firm that the school and its environs must be one that facilitates teaching, learning and the empowerment of all stakeholders inclusive of parents and teachers. Accordingly, this environment must promote the physical and psychological safety/ security of students and teachers in particular and be free of any act of violence. The GUT asserts that every school has within

its management structure the human resource capital to ably address any grievance/issue that a parent, student, teacher or member of the public may have. Moreover, the Union wishes to bring to the attention of the general public that there are laws and regulations governing the delivery of education and the proper methods of engagement with schools. Violation of these laws and regulations constitute a criminal offence and it is our expectation that the rule of law will be exercised to the

fullest. The GUT totally denounces these acts of violent school invasion and urges all members of the public to utilize the appropriate procedure/ protocol and grievance handling mechanism available both at the level of the school and the Ministry of Education to effectively resolve issues. The Union maintains that it takes a society to raise a child and encourages everyone to do our utmost to inculcate proper values of respect and decency in our children and young people.

as policy makers we need to be able to plan and to design projects and programmes that can help our people live

a better life." The Washington-based World Bank requires countries to conduct a Population

and Housing Census every 10 years. Grenada conducted its last exercise in 2011.

GRENADA

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF GRENADA
AND THE WEST INDIES ASSOCIATED STATES
HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
(PROBATE)

IN THE ESTATE OF SEON FREDERICK, DECEASED
ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by Dunstan Frederick of Gouyave in the parish of Saint John and currently residing in Amarillo in the State of Texas in the United State of America for Grant of Letters of Administration, who is the son of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 4th day of July, 1985.

Any persons having an objection to the Grant of Letters of Administration to the Applicant shall file an objection within 14 days of publication of this Notice.

Dated: 20th day of January, 2023

Jerry Edwin
Eden Law Caribbean
Attorney-at-Law for Applicant

EDEN LAW CARIBBEAN, Bruce Street Mall, 2nd Fl. St. George's; Tel: 435-3336; 457-3336

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GRENADA

CLAIM NO. GDAHCV 2022/

IN THE MATTER OF THE POSSESSORY TITLES ACT, 2016

AND

IN THE MATTER OF AN APPLICATION FOR A DECLARATION OF POSSESSORY TITLE OF LAND

THEOPHILUS CATO

APPLICANT

APPLICATION FOR DECLARATION OF POSSESSORY TITLE NOTICE

Whereas, THEOPHILUS CATO of Grand Bay, in the Island of Carriacou in the state of Grenada, but presently residing in the Borough of Brooklyn, in the State of New York, in the United States of America, a Retired person, by his Application filed in the High Court on the 08th day of November, 2022, claims to have acquired title by twelve years adverse possession of the land described in the Schedule to this Notice and have applied to the Court for a Declaration of Possessory Title;

Now all persons claiming interest in the said land are required to enter an appearance in the Registry in person or by his or her legal practitioner, within two months from the date of the last publication of the Notice which is being published twice in the newspapers.

SCHEDULE

All that lot piece or parcel of land situate at Belair in the Island of Carriacou, comprising 2Acs. 1Rd. 26Pis. being Lot No.26 of the Belair Allotment aforesaid, bounded and abutted on its many sides as follows: on the north by the lands of Joe Jerome, being Lot 18 of the said Allotment; on the west by lands of Laura Cayenne and Melvin Ford, being lots Nos. 19 and 25, respectively, of the said Allotment; on the south by Lot No. 29 and 30 on the east by the Settlement Road and lot No 27; as shown on the plan drawn by Andrew Alleyne, Licenced Land Surveyor, dated the 14th day of May 2015, which plan is filed with this Application.

Registrar

This Notice is filed and published by: Lex Fidelis Chambers, Attorneys-at-Law, 1193 Upper Church Street, Suite 2, St. George's., Legal Practitioners for the Applicants.

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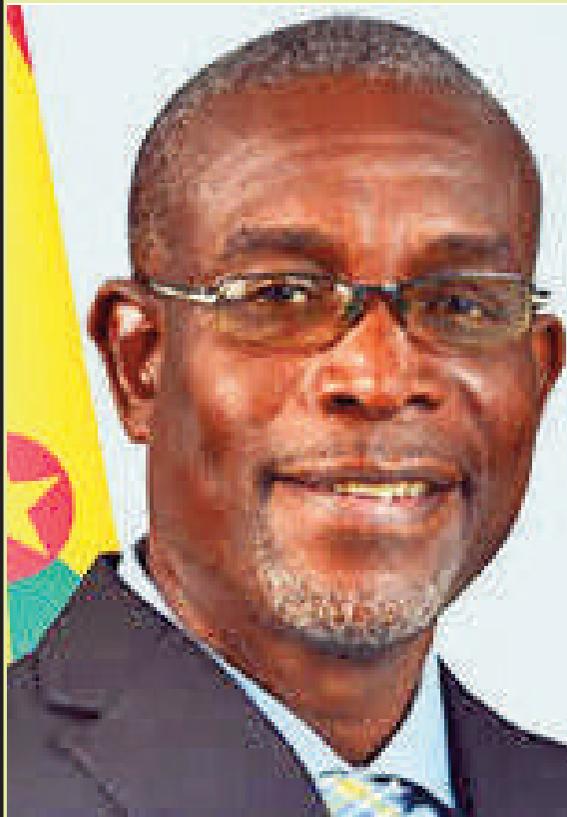
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GRENADA'S JOURNEY TO 50



(l-r) Hon. Joseph Andall — Member of the Parliament of Grenada & Minister of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Export, Hon. Andy Williams — Member of the Parliament of Grenada & Minister of Mobilization, Implementation and Transformation and Hon. Delma Thomas — Opposition Member of Parliament and former Minister for Social Development, Housing and Community Empowerment

Our Lady of Refuge Church Hall and St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church, both in Brooklyn, will be two of the locations celebrating Grenada's 49 years of independence this weekend.

To mark "The journey to 50. Reflecting on the past—Planning the future," the Grenada Independence Anniversary Committee of New York (GIACONY) will host the 49th celebration of independence. The committee "[w]elcomes Grenadians and friends to celebrate this astonishing accomplishment with a series of awe-inspiring events."

The theme of the scheduled events was chosen by the National Celebrations Committee and members of Grenada's Cabinet. Along with the annual series of events, this year's celebrations will feature the visiting presence of Hon. Joseph Andall, Grenada's minister of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Export; Hon. Andy Williams, minister of Mobilization, Implementation and Transformation; and Hon. Delma Thomas, member of the opposition in Grenada's Parliament.

"The entire team at the Grenada Independence Anniversary Committee of New York, is collectively

encouraging Grenadians and friends of Grenada, to celebrate 'The journey to 50, reflecting on the past, planning the future,'" said Gerry Hopkins, GIACONY spokesperson and events co-organizer.

Events will be held from January 27 to February 4, 2023, featuring three major events that will lead to the annual 49th celebration. The festivities will kick off with "A Cultural Evening" on Friday, Jan. 27, 7 p.m. at Our Lady of Refuge Church Hall in Brooklyn. The second event is "The Independence Youth Fest" on Saturday, Jan. 28, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the same location. The third and last event for that weekend will be "The Independence Ecumenical Service" on Sunday, Jan. 29, 4 p.m. at St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church in Brooklyn.

"Don't worry, you will get a chance to cool off your feet for the week, but then you will need to get back on it to close out the Grenada Independence tradition and celebrate with GIACONY for the 49th Anniversary of Independence Gala, Dinner, Awards, Dance & Raffle on Saturday, Feb. 4, 9 pm to 2 am," said Hopkins.

The gala will be held at Antun's Catering Hall (96-03 Springfield Gardens, Queens). Four highly accom-

plished Grenadians in the diaspora will receive awards for Excellence in Community Service, Cultural Heritage, Entrepreneurial Spirit, and Distinguished Children/Youth Leadership.

There will be free drinks and door prizes, including a high-tech therapeutic mattress, Hopkins said, as well as live entertainment by In-Sync Band, violinist and singer Donnell Best, and saxophonist Jarel Bartholomew. Along with the live performances, classic music will be provided by DJs Little Bee, Joe Bailey, One Drop and Naughty Vybz.

But wait, there's more, Hopkins added: "There will be a chance to win a \$5 raffle [for] a Cartier watch and cash prizes of \$500 and \$1,000."

Proceeds from the gala will be used to cover the cost of staging the planned activities in NYC. Donations will be made to the Nephrology Unit at the General Hospital in Grenada, which is being upgraded to offer full dialysis services. For more information, go to <https://www.facebook.com/giacony74?mibextid=ZbWKwL>, call 347-350-4285 or email giaconypr@gmail.com.