

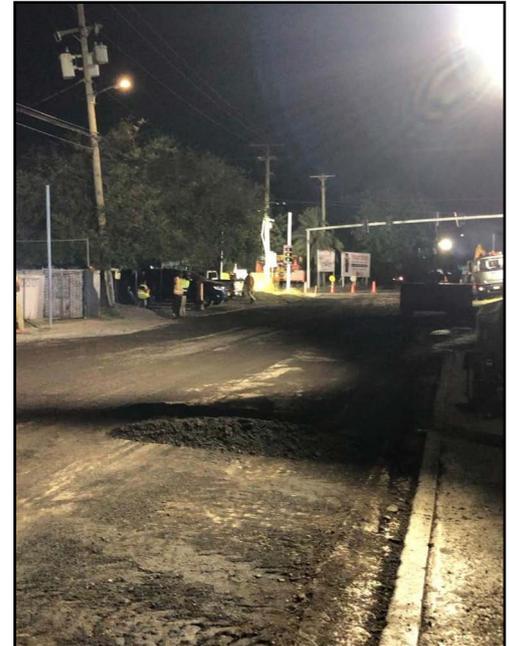
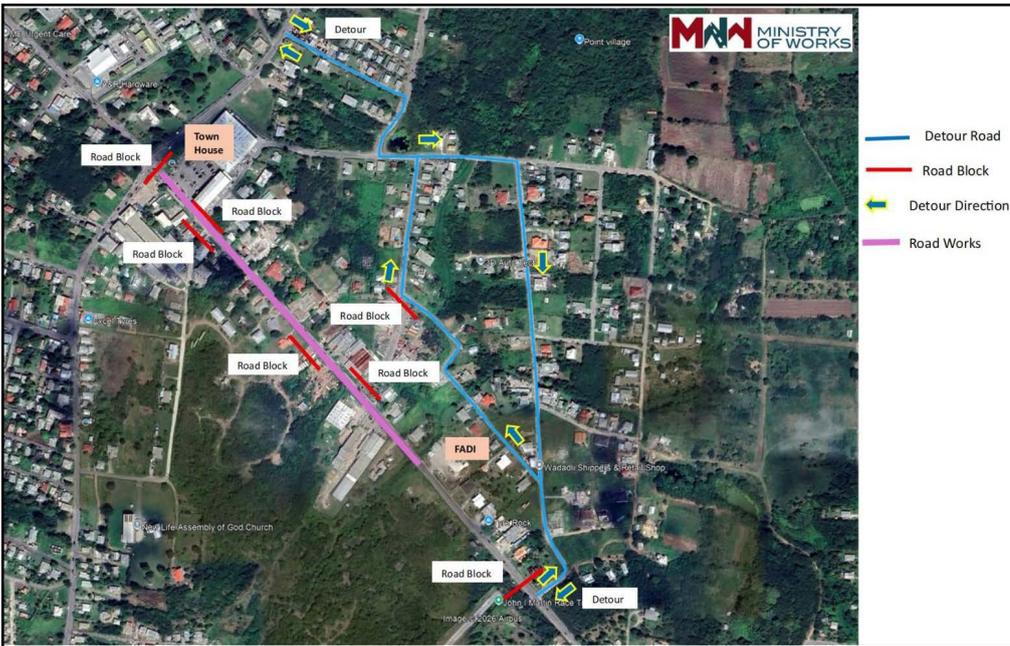
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Prime Minister Gaston Browne and Creative Industries Minister Daryll Matthew celebrate with Kitwana Israel and members of AdvoKit Productions

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The much-anticipated rehabilitation work on the All Saints Main Road is now in progress as teams from the Ministry of Works undertake repairs to one of the main arteries connecting St. John's with the southeastern corridor of Antigua.

A Ministry of Works spokesman said the teams have spent the last several week preparing by-pass roads that will be utilized to shift the traffic away from All Saints Road so that the re-construction work can process with minimal interruptions.

Additionally, some work was done at the Buckley Line Round-a-bout as part of the overall preparations for the main road repair exercise.

So far, the Ministry of Works teams have been performing much of the initial work at night in an attempt not to significantly affect motorists commuting to and from St. John's for work or business.

The spokesman said the by-pass roadways have been created in Belmont and Herberts as the early parts of the resurfacing and repair works get underway. The resurfacing starts from the traffic light near Townhouse Furnishings and will continue southeastwards.



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NOTICE: RESUMPTION OF WORKS AT TOWNHOUSE MEGASTORE TO FADI BUILDING SUPPLIES

The Ministry of Works advises the general public that major infrastructure rehabilitation works will resume from Townhouse Megastore to FADI Building Supplies on **All Saints Road (ASR)**.

Road blockage 1:

On All Saint Road and Bendals junction by the stoplight at Townhouse Megastore (west to east bound)

Road Blockage 2:

Approaching the immediate right-hand turn entering into Briggins after John I Martin Racetrack (east to west bound)

To facilitate these works, a detour will be implemented in the vicinity of Briggins starting from the immediate right turn after John I Martin Racetrack (east to west bound) from 7 pm on Tuesday, 31st March 2026 until 7 am the following morning.

Flag persons will be employed, and motorists are encouraged to follow all instructions to ensure a cautious and safe passageway, as heavy-duty equipment will be operating near the works.

All businesses remain open.

The road work is a part of the All Saints Road Project being carried out by the Government of Antigua and Barbuda.

Stakeholders are asked to adjust their travel plans to allow for delays.

Telephone queries can be made by calling the Project Implementation Management Unit at 562-9173.



The All Saints Road links St. John's with the two largest communities in Antigua; All Saints Village and Liberta. Additionally, it also links the English Harbour area, generally considered to be the yachting capital of the Eastern Caribbean, with the capital.

The government has prioritized the rehabilitation of the All Saints Road as it is the only main highway into the city that has not yet been repaired as part of the its overall island-wide road rehabilitation programme.



Senate Approves Festivals Commission Bill to Strengthen National Events Framework

The Senate of Antigua and Barbuda has approved the Antigua and Barbuda Festivals Commission Bill 2026, paving the way for the formal establishment of a statutory body to oversee and manage the country’s major cultural events, including Carnival and the One Nation Festival.

The legislation seeks to create the Antigua and Barbuda Festivals Commission as a body corporate, responsible for the organization, promotion, and regulation of national festivals. It also provides for the establishment of a dedicated commission fund and introduces measures to protect and commercially manage festival branding and related rights.

Leader of Government Business Senator Shenella Govia described the bill as both “timely” and necessary, noting that it represents a step toward improved governance and operational efficiency in the management of fes-



Leader of Government Business Senator Shenella Govia

tivals. She added that any responsible government must ensure that proper systems and mechanisms are in place to support good governance.

The Leader of Government Business explained that the legislation is designed to place festival management on a “modern, legal, structured, and accountable footing.”

Senator Govia pointed to the tangible economic benefits generated by national festivals, highlighting their impact across multiple sectors. She referenced increased activity for local businesses such as salons, transportation providers, and hotels, stating that accommodations often reach full capacity during major events.

“We see the spin-off for taxi drivers, and don’t talk about the hotels—they are filled to capacity,” she said, underscoring the wider economic value of festivals beyond entertainment.

The senator also addressed concerns raised during the debate on Monday, dismissing suggestions that the bill would displace existing staff within the Department of Festivals. Instead,



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she maintained that the initiative is intended to strengthen institutional capacity and enhance the execution of events.

“This is not about taking away responsibilities,” Govia stated. “What we’re doing is strengthening the Festivals Commission to ensure that we can continue to have great festivals.”

Drawing regional comparisons, Senator Govia noted that other Caribbean nations have successfully built strong festival brands, citing examples such as music festivals in Saint Kitts and Saint Lucia, as well as Dominica’s Creole Festival. She pointed to Antigua and Barbuda’s One Nation Festival as a growing brand with similar potential.

Reflecting on the origins of the One Nation Festival, Govia credited the initiative to Prime Minister Gaston Browne, recalling its early conception and subsequent expansion from a single-day event to a multi-day celebration. She said the festival has become an important platform for local artists to earn income beyond the traditional Carnival and Independence celebrations.

“This is a great opportunity for our local artists to make money,” she noted, adding that the event has broadened the scope of cultural and economic activity in the country.

Govia also took the opportunity to commend the staff of the Festivals Department and members of the commission for their dedication, often working long hours behind the scenes to ensure the success of national events. She praised their commitment and execution, noting her own experience working alongside them.

The passage of the Antigua and Barbuda Festivals Commission Bill 2026 in both Houses of Parliament marks a significant shift in how national festivals will be managed, with government aiming to ensure sustainability, stronger branding, and enhanced economic returns from its cultural industries.

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Festivals Commission Collaborates with Music Producer Kitwana Israel

The Antigua and Barbuda Festivals Commission (ABFC) continues its commitment to strengthening and elevating the nation's music industry through a strong collaboration with Caribbean music producer and writer Kitwana Israel of AdvoKit Productions.

With over a decade of professional experience, Israel offers a wealth of industry knowledge and regional influence to this initiative. Renowned for his work across the Caribbean, the United States, and Africa, he has established a strong reputation for producing high-quality, culturally driven music that resonates on both local and international levels.

His impressive production catalogue includes stand-out tracks such as *Ola (Kan Kan Riddim)* by Olatunji Yearwood, *Hello (Folklore Riddim)* by Kes, and *Buss Head* by Machel Montano and Bunji Garlin. His work also spans hits like *Tender and Anxiety* by Patrice Roberts, *DAP (Drink and Party)* by Viking Ding Dong, *Come Home* by Nailah Blackman and Skinny Fabulous, and *Take Me Home* by Freetown Collective. Most recently, he produced *Doux Darlin* by Christo, further cementing his role in shaping the modern Caribbean sound.

Speaking on the collaboration, Israel shared: "I am currently on the island



collaborating with Chip-py to produce a rhythm specifically for Antigua Carnival. The aim is to spotlight Antiguan music. Being here and working in the same space with local artistes like Tian and DJ Quest has been an incredible experience. There's a unique energy, and we are channelling that into music that can resonate not only in Antigua but across the Caribbean and internationally. This project is about creating timeless music that reflects the culture, the people, and the spirit of the island."

Chairperson of the ABFC, Ambassador Elizabeth Makhoul, under-

scored the Commission's commitment to the creative sector: "The Antigua and Barbuda Festivals Commission remains steadfast in its commitment to supporting and developing our creative industries. We will continue to support collaborations such as this, which provide invaluable opportunities for our local producers and artistes to engage with internationally respected professionals, gain insight, and elevate their craft. This initiative is part of our broader vision to ensure that Antiguan and Barbudan talent continues to grow, innovate, and compete on the global stage."

Minister within the Ministry of Education, Sports and Creative Industries, the Hon. Daryll S. Matthew, also emphasised the importance of such partnerships: "Investing in our creative industries is critical to national development and levelling up our artistes. This collaboration marks a significant step, similar to last year's initiative when we hosted the Music Producers' Masterclass: Audio Essentials with Kasey Phillips, aimed at empowering our local talent, strengthening our music industry, and creating pathways for sustainable growth. By facilitating knowledge transfer and real-time collaboration, we are ensuring that our creatives are equipped with the tools and exposure needed to succeed beyond our shores."

The ABFC remains committed to creating opportunities that provide local producers, musicians, and creatives with access to high-level expertise, music training, and international industry insight. This collaboration with Kitwana Israel reflects a broader strategic vision to build capacity within Antigua and Barbuda's music sector, ensuring that local talent is equipped to compete regionally and internationally, while continuing to shape the sound and identity of Antigua and Barbuda.

Two Antigua and Barbuda Women Shine As CIBC Caribbean Makes Major Appointments

CIBC Caribbean has announced two significant leadership appointments, signaling a strategic strengthening of its Country Management Office across the Caribbean with Ladesa James-Williams and Priscilla Leonce taking up new roles.

Ladesa James-Williams, formerly Head of Country for Antigua, has been elevated to the role of Senior Director, Country Management Office.

In her new capacity, she will support the execution of strategic projects at the country level, spanning both internal and regulatory-led payment strategies. She will also take on responsibilities in next-generation talent identification and mentorship, while serving as a key partner to senior leadership and supporting all Country Heads across the region in fostering commercial and operational excellence.

As an immediate priority, James-Williams will support leadership transitions currently underway in the Turks and Caicos Islands (TCI) and The Bahamas. In TCI, she will additionally serve as Country Head, subject to regulatory approval.

A seasoned banking professional, James-Williams brings a wealth of regional experience to the role, having previously served in Barbados, St Kitts and Nevis, and St Lucia before returning to Antigua.

Over the past five years, she has supported Personal and Business Banking (PBB) sales across the Eastern Caribbean islands, and her background in Corporate and Private Wealth management further



Ladesa James Williams

positions her to lend strategic support to senior members of the CIBC Caribbean Country Management Office team.

CIBC Caribbean leadership described the appointment as an important step toward strengthening both the mandate and capacity of the Country Management Office, expressing confidence that James-Williams' experience and dedication would boost the office's effectiveness in achieving organisational objectives and supporting development priorities throughout the region.

With James-Williams transitioning to her new role, Priscilla Leonce has been appointed Head of Country for Antigua, also subject to regulatory approval.

Leonce brings more than 37 years of distinguished experience in the banking industry to the position. Recognised as a dynamic and results-driven leader, she has built a proven track record in revenue growth, credit quality, and relation-



Priscilla Leonce

ship management throughout her career.

Her professional journey spans multiple banking disciplines, including Human Resources, Customer Service, Operations, and Credit Management — a breadth of experience that has afforded her a well-rounded and strategic understanding of banking operations.

Notably, she also served in Tortola as Credit Manager, where she specialised in structuring and writing corporate credit facilities, deepening her expertise in credit governance and portfolio management.

Leonce's outstanding contributions have been recognised through multiple CIBC Caribbean FirstStar Awards, as well as the prestigious Annual CEO Award in 2023.

Both appointments reflect CIBC Caribbean's continued commitment to investing in regional talent and reinforcing strong, experienced leadership across its Caribbean operations.

Commissioner Jeffers Attends RSS Chiefs of Security Meeting in St. Lucia



Commissioner of Police Everton Jeffers

Commissioner of Police, Everton Jeffers, participated in his first Regional Security System (RSS) Chiefs of Security Meeting since assuming office as Commissioner of Police.

The meeting was held in St. Lucia last week and it was chaired by Acting Commissioner of Police for St. Lucia, Ronald Phillip

During the first day of deliberations, senior security officials from across the region, along with representatives from the United States, the United Kingdom, CARICOM IMPACS, and the Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA), delivered presentations on several critical areas.

Discussions focused on enhancing maritime domain awareness, advancing the RSS Logistics Hub under the Regional Maritime Sustainment Initiative, and examining strategies for the repositioning of the region's disaster management framework.

Additional discussions addressed the implementation of the Justice Protection Act, the integration of

Artificial Intelligence in law enforcement, and emerging issues related to regional energy security. Directors at RSS Headquarters also provided updates on ongoing initiatives and operational priorities.

Commissioner Jeffers expressed appreciation for the opportunity to participate in the high-level discussions, noting that the engagement facilitated meaningful collaboration

and the exchange of ideas that will benefit both the Royal Police Force of Antigua and Barbuda and the wider national security framework.

Commissioner Jeffers returned to the state last Friday. During his absence, Deputy Commissioner of Police, Louisa Benjamin-Quashie, served as Acting Commissioner of Police.



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Martin Cave Chairs Regional Chambers of Commerce Meetings

The Network of Caribbean Chambers of Commerce (CARICHAM) has reaffirmed its commitment to regional resilience and private sector leadership following a series of high-level meetings held last week in Barbados.

Hosted in partnership with the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR), the engagements brought together Chambers of Commerce from across the Caribbean, regional institutions, and development partners to strengthen collaboration in the interest of the communities they serve.

Antigua and Barbuda was among those countries represented with the Executive Director, Antigua and Barbuda Chamber of Commerce, Martin Cave, in attendance.

Cave is also the current chairman of CARICHAM and thus he was featured prominently throughout the meetings, serving as co-chair of one meeting and chairman of the second.

The programme included a two-day Regional Private Sector Workshop on Multi-Hazard Early Warning Systems (MHEWS) and business resilience. The workshop explored how early warning, resilient supply chains, and business continuity planning can protect lives, safeguard investments, and



Martin Cave

support more competitive Caribbean economies, while advancing the global Early Warnings for All (EW4All) initiative.

Building on the momentum of the workshop, CARICHAM then hosted a strategic retreat at the Hilton Barbados Resort focused on defining its collective agenda for the 2026–2027 period. During this in-person session, member Chambers reviewed CARICHAM's strategic direction, reflected on common priorities emerging from recent consultations, and agreed on concrete next steps to enhance joint action across the network.

A key outcome of the strategic retreat was the establishment of dedicated committees designed to drive implementation of CARICHAM's

vision and strengthen delivery on shared priorities. These committees – covering areas such as advocacy, business opportunities, resilience, and governance and communication – will coordinate work programmes, mobilise expertise across Chambers, and ensure that regional initiatives translate into tangible benefits for businesses and communities.

Through its partnership with UNDRR and regional organisations, CARICHAM will continue to champion the role of the private sector as a critical partner in resilience-building and early warning systems across the Caribbean. The outcomes of the Barbados workshop and strategic retreat will feed into CARICHAM's workplan and regional guidelines currently being developed to enhance private sector engagement in disaster risk reduction and Multi-Hazard Early Warning Systems.

“The Antigua and Barbuda Chamber of Commerce which currently holds the chair is pleased that the chambers in CARIFORUM + were able to conference in-person on some of the most critical matters impacting us today like disaster mitigation and alternate trade opportunities, and to proffer plausible solutions,” Cave reported.




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NSWMA Advances Sustainable Waste Management Pilot In Fitches Creek Bay



(From Left To Right) FCRA Chairman Clement Samuel, SWM Project Manager Britney McDonald, NSWMA General Manager Indira James-Henry

FCRA Chairman Clement Samuel discusses Pilot Project with NSWMA General Manager Indira James-Henry

The Fitches Creek Residents Association (FCRA), a community-based organization, is advancing its Sustainable Waste Management in the Fitches Creek Bay, NEMMA. Through the National Solid Waste Management Authority's (NSWMA) led ReMLIT Project, the FCRA has received a contribution of sorting bins to its ongoing waste management activ-

ities. This transformative initiative aims at improving waste practices, strengthening community engagement, and protecting critical wetland ecosystems within a Key Biodiversity Area (KBA).

The pilot project introduces a structured household waste separation system, which includes the distribution of sorting bins for Plastic Waste Recycling,

Compost, and Non-Organic Waste. These efforts will be supported by training, monitoring, and data collection systems designed to build long-term behavioral change and improve waste management outcomes at the community level.

“This has been a long process. We have been working on this since January 2020, which is before the Covid-19 pandemic. We

are not there yet, but we're coordinating transport and labor funding to ensure a smooth rollout within a two-week window,” said FCRA Board Chairman, Clement Samuel.

The initiative is supported through a donation from the Reduction in Marine Litter (ReMLit) Project, funded by the Government of Norway through the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

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FCRA Chairman Clement Samuel receives Sorting Bins from NSWMA General Manager Indira James-Henry

The ReMLit Project is a regional effort that supported six OECS Member States: Antigua and Barbuda, Commonwealth of Dominica, Grenada, Montserrat, Saint Lucia, and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines through funding and technical assistance to address marine pollution and strengthen waste management systems across the Eastern Caribbean.

The project was implemented locally by the National Solid Waste Management Authority (NSWMA) and the Department of Environment (DOE), with co-

ordination support from the OECS Commission under the broader Building Resilience in the Eastern Caribbean through Reduction in Marine Litter programme. “This pilot [project] marks a meaningful step in local recycling efforts, with community participation supported through international cooperation,” said FCRA Board Member, Kyla Williamson.

The FCRA’s capacity to implement this pilot project was strengthened through the “Building a Community Constituency for Conservation in the Fitches Creek Bay and the NEMMA” project, funded by the Critical Ecosystems Partnership Fund (CEPF) and imple-

mented with support from regional partner CANARI. This foundational work demonstrated the association’s commitment to biodiversity conservation, waste management, and community-led action.

Project Manager, Britney McDonald, expressed enthusiasm about the initiative’s broader impact: “This project has wider implications for how waste can be sorted at the household level and how we can develop practical solutions to support the National Solid Waste Management Authority. As the CEPF project comes to a close, this is a natural transition for the FCRA to continue its mission.”



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ABTA, AUA Collaborate To Host Major Sporting Event



The Antigua and Barbuda Tourism Authority is again coming on board as a Gold Sponsor for the 12th edition of the AUA Rohrman Trail & Swim Fest, set to take place on April 11–12, 2026.

The continued partnership underscores a shared commitment to posi-



tioning Antigua and Barbuda as a premier sports tourism destination, using world-class endurance events to showcase the unmatched natural beauty of the twin-islands.

With registration still open, the 2026 edition is already attracting a strong international field, with over 100 athletes traveling from Caribbean, North America, the UK and Europe to take




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The largest groups are coming from: Trinidad & Tobago, Barbados and the United States. Athletes are also traveling from countries including Canada, Guadeloupe, Ireland, the United Kingdom, Australia, Poland, Jamaica, Cuba, and more highlighting the event's growing global reach and appeal.

Colin C. James, CEO of the Antigua and Barbuda Tourism Authority, said: "The AUA Rohrman Trail & Swim Fest is an important platform for positioning Antigua and Barbuda as a leading sports tourism destination. This event highlights the very best of our country, from our breathtaking landscapes and pristine waters to our ability to host high-quality international events.

With athletes traveling from across the region and around the world, the AUA Rohrman creates meaningful economic impact while promoting our destination globally."

Rory Butler, Event Director of the AUA Rohrman Trail & Swim Fest, added, "The continued support of the Antigua and Barbuda Tourism Authority allows us to take the AUA Rohrman to another level. Not only are we welcoming athletes from across the world, but we are now able to showcase Antigua and Barbuda in a truly world-class way, through high-quality video and photography that captures

the essence of our island."

The support of the Antigua and Barbuda Tourism Authority will play a key role in elevating the event's international profile, enabling, world-class video production, professional photography coverage and expanded global exposure for Antigua and Barbuda.

This investment will capture and share the experience of racing through some of the most scenic, untouched, and breathtaking locations in Antigua and Barbuda placing the destination firmly on the global endurance sports map.

The AUA Rohrman Trail & Swim Fest delivers a uniquely immersive experience, taking athletes through iconic locations such as, Rendezvous Bay, Wallings, Cade Peak, Carlisle Bay and Morris Bay. From rugged coastal trails and steep climbs to pristine beaches and turquoise waters, the event offers one of the most diverse and visually stunning race environments in the Caribbean.

With just weeks to go, athletes are encouraged to secure their spot before registration closes. The festival features events for all levels, including: 5K Walk/Run, 7K, 16K, and 25K Trail Races, 2K and 4K Open Water Swims, Sprint & Olympic Triathlons and Kids Triathlon Events.

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Present a brief background of each of the JV partner(s) or SC firm(s) and list the services provided by the firm(s) relevant to the assignment by each entity. Include the date of establishment of the JV and major relevant highlights similar to this assignment. A company profile/brochure of each entity⁴ can be attached (Section VI. EOI Attachments.) ***(Maximum 1,000 words for each entity)***

(Note to Firm: Please insert additional text boxes as necessary for each entity)

³ A Joint Venture (JV) is defined in “Procurement Procedures for Projects Financed by CDB” (Procedures), January 2021 paragraph 6.22.

⁴ Entity refers to the consulting firm and/or the affiliated parties under the partnership arrangement.

D. Summary of Rationale for the Structure of the Consultants Expressing Interest

Present the rationale for and benefits of working in association (JV or SC) with others rather than undertaking the assignment independently (as appropriate). Describe the proposed management and coordination approach between the firms and the anticipated role of each. **(Maximum [500 words]: 500 words for each entity):**

We confirm that: (please check)

- Documentation regarding our corporate structure including beneficial ownership has been attached in Section VI. EOI Attachments.
- Documentation regarding our Board of Directors or equivalent has been attached in Section VI. EOI Attachments.
- A written agreement to associate for the purpose of this Expression of Interest or a letter of intent to enter into such agreement to perform the assignment if successful has been signed between the JV partners and has been attached (if applicable).
- The lead consulting firm and JV partners, if any, are not sole proprietorships.⁵
- If our team is shortlisted and invited to submit a Proposal, we understand it is not permissible to transfer the invitation to any other Firm, such as a parent company, subsidiaries, and affiliates⁶.
- We understand that the Recipient/Client⁷ has the right to reject a Proposal if the Consultant removes or changes a JV member without the Client's prior consent.

⁵ Refer to footnote 21 of the Procedures, January 2021, i.e., "Sole proprietorships shall be deemed as equivalent to an individual Consultant."

⁶ Refer to permissible arrangements of the parties as described in the Procedures, January 2021 under paragraph 6.21.

⁷ "Recipient" refers here to the entity which signed the Financing Agreement with CDB who may be represented by an implementing or executing agency, and which may also be called the "Client".

II. Assignment Specific Qualifications and Experience of Lead Firm or JV Partners.⁸

Please provide relevant project information in the Sections below.

A. Project References

Please select the most recent and relevant projects to demonstrate the entity’s technical qualifications, technical experience, and geographical experience [**minimum two (2) projects within the last ten (10) years**].

i. Project Summary

PN ⁹	Project Title	Country	Duration (no. of months)	Contracting Party	Entity ¹⁰
1					
2					
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10					

ii. Project Details

PN 1	
Project Title	
Country/Region	

⁸ Sub-consultants' qualifications and experience are not considered.

⁹ PN refers to each Project Number listed and as referenced in the preceding project summaries.

¹⁰ List name of each entity as it applies to the details of experience such as the name of the Lead Consulting Firm, JV partner, etc.

Start Date	
Completion Date	
Continuous/Intermittent	
Contracting Party	
Lead Firm	<i>(Note to Firm: indicate name of the Lead Consulting Firm/JV partner)</i>
Firm (if not Lead Firm and JV Partner)	
Role within contract (if not Lead Firm)	
Funding Source	<i>(Note to Firm: indicate, for example, whether from MDB, Private Sector, Public Sector, etc.)</i>
Value of Contract in USD	
Value of Services provided in USD	
Description	<i>(Note to Firm: indicate your role, for example, whether Consulting Firm, JV partner or sub-contractor and inputs in person-months and describe the types of activities undertaken)</i>
Point of Contact of Contracting Party ¹¹	Name: Contact Number: E-mail address:

PN 2	
Project Title	

¹¹ Procuring Entity reserves the right to contact the Contracting Party to ascertain information included in the EOI.

Country/Region	
Start Date	
Completion Date	
Continuous/Intermittent	
Contracting Party	
Entity	<i>(Note to Firm: indicate name of the Lead Consulting Firm/JV partner)</i>
Funding Source	<i>(Note to Firm: indicate, for example, whether from MDB, Private Sector, Public Sector, etc.)</i>
Value of Contract in USD	
Value of Services provided by the entity in USD	
Description	<i>(Note to Firm: indicate your key position role, for example, whether Consulting Firm, JV partner or sub-contractor and inputs in person-months and describe the types of activities undertaken)</i>
Point of Contact of Contracting Party	Name: Contact Number: E-mail address:

(Note to Firm: Please insert additional Project Details tables as necessary with their corresponding PN reference numbers against the Project Summary table.)

B. Financial Capability

i. Financial Documents

The (lead) firm and its parties shall provide copies of financial statements of the (lead) firm and JV partners, where applicable, within the last 5 years during the period **years 2021 to 2025** (including turnover from consulting services and other activities, profit & loss, current asset & liability, and fixed asset & liability) to demonstrate that they have the necessary financial capacity to undertake the assignment. The financial statements shall:

- (a) reflect the financial situation of the (lead) firm or in case of JV member, and not an affiliated entity (such as parent company or group member).
- (b) be independently audited¹² or certified in accordance with local legislation.
- (c) be complete, including all notes to the financial statements.
- (d) correspond to accounting periods already completed and audited.

(Please check)

Attached in Section VI. EOI Attachments are copies of financial statements¹³ 5 years required above; and complying with the requirements.

ii. Financial data

Table 1 below should be completed to reflect the data provided in the financial statements.

Table 1

Financial information in (USD ¹⁴ equivalent in 000s)	Historic information for previous 5 years				
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
Statement of Financial Position (Information from Balance Sheet)					
Total Assets (TA)					
Total Liabilities (TL)					
Total Equity/Net Worth					

¹² Unless financial statements are not required to be audited under the laws and regulations of the jurisdiction of the firm.

¹³ If the most recent set of financial statements is for a period earlier than 12 months from the date of Application, the reason for this should be justified.

¹⁴ If the currency is not in USD, use the prevailing exchange rate at the time of this EOI submission.

(NW)					
Current Assets (CA)					
Current Liabilities (CL)					
Working Capital (WC)					
Information from Income Statement					
Total Revenue (TR)					
Profits Before Taxes (PBT)					
Cash Flow Information					
Cash Flow from Operating Activities					

III. Brief Comments on Terms of Reference (maximum of 500 words)

IV. Organisational Structure and Staffing of entity with experience related directly to the type of assignment.

Provide details in the table below of the human resources available (key and non-key experts) to execute the type of assignment in question (if required). An organogram / organisational chart can be attached in Section VI. EOI Attachments.

1	2		3	4	5	6
No.	Category of Specialisation of Expertise and Skillset ¹⁵	General number of this resource available	Minimum required degree level	Minimum years of experience	Total number of resources who meet the requirements	Comments/ Further information , if any
N.B.		<i>Note to Firm: complete this section, e.g., total number of Civil Engineers available.</i>			<i>Note to Firm: complete this section, e.g., total number of Civil Engineers available with at least 10 years of experience</i>	<i>Note to Firm: complete this section, if any</i>
1	Solid + Liquid Waste Management Specialist	<i>[5 persons]</i>	Post-graduate degree or equivalent professional certification with demonstrated experience in Environmental Engineering, Civil Engineering, or Waste Management.	A minimum of 15 years' experience in solid waste management projects, including integrated system assessments, feasibility studies, and strategy development.	<i>[3 persons]</i>	
2	Social Safeguards Specialist		A post-graduate degree or equivalent professional certification with demonstrated experience in Social Development.	A minimum of 10 years' experience in social impact assessments for infrastructure projects, including experience in at least one solid waste infrastructure project.		

¹⁵ Listed individual experts will not be evaluated at this EOI stage but rather the human resources available collectively within the entity.

3	Environmental and Climate Change Specialist		A post-graduate degree or equivalent professional certification with demonstrated experience in Environmental Science, Climate Science, Environmental Management, Engineering.	A minimum of 10 years' experience in conducting environmental assessments for infrastructure projects, including experience in at least one solid waste infrastructure project.		
4	Financial and Economic Analyst		A post-graduate degree or equivalent professional certification with demonstrated experience in Economics, Finance, or Business Administration.	A minimum of 10 years' experience in financial and economic analysis of infrastructure or environmental projects.		
5	Civil / Environmental Engineer		A post-graduate degree or equivalent professional certification with demonstrated experience in Civil Engineering, Environmental Engineering.	A minimum of 10 years' experience in engineering design, including the design of solid waste facilities such as sanitary landfills, transfer stations, recycling centres, and composting plants.		
6	Policy and Institutional Specialist		A post-graduate degree or equivalent professional certification with demonstrated experience in Public Policy, Environmental Law, or Institutional Development	A minimum of 10 years' experience in reviewing and reforming policies, legislation, and institutional frameworks related to environmental management.		
7	Non-key Experts:					

Procurement and Contract Specialist					
Capacity Development and Training Specialist					
Community Engagement Specialist					
Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Specialist					
Mechanical Engineer (Plant and Equipment Advisory)					
Disaster Management Specialist					

(Note to Firm: Please insert and modify rows and columns as necessary)

V. List of existing commitments

Provide a list of existing active commitments of projects being undertaken, if any.

Commitment Contract Title	Value of Contract (USD)	Value of Work remaining to be completed by Entity (USD)	Start Date	End Date (Estimated)

(Note to Firm: Please insert additional rows as necessary)

VI. EOI Attachments

No.	Description
1	Certificate of Registration or Incorporation of the Lead Member
2	Certificate of Registration or Incorporation of the JV member (for each member)
3	Documentation regarding Corporate Structure including beneficial ownership for each member of the Association
4	JV Agreement Letter of Intent to enter a JV Agreement (where relevant)
5	Documentation regarding the firm's (JV partners, as applicable,) Board of Directors
6	Financial Statements
7	Signed Governance and Eligibility Declaration on letterhead of consultant
8	Litigation & Arbitration Disclosure Statement

(Note to Firm: Please insert additional rows as necessary)

[Note to Firm: Insert Letterhead of (lead) Entity]

VII. Governance and Eligibility¹⁶ Declaration

We [insert name of the consulting firm or joint partners], represented by the undersigned, certify to the best of our knowledge and belief that: *(please check all boxes that apply)*

- Understanding: We have read the Request for Expressions of Interest, including the draft terms of reference (TOR), for this assignment.
 - 1. Governance:**
- No Conflicts of Interest: Neither the consulting firm nor its JV member or SC or any of its experts prepared the TOR for this activity and have no conflict of interest in accordance with the Procurement Procedures for Projects Financed by CDB (January 2021) Section 5 specifically Paragraphs 5.17 Conflict of Interest.
- No Conflicts of Interest: None of the members of our entity are subsidiaries of and/or dependent on the Client, Executing Agency or the Implementing Agency or individuals related to them and do not have an unfair competitive advantage in accordance with the Procurement Procedures for Projects Financed by CDB (January 2021) Section 5 specifically Paragraphs 5.18 – 5.20 Unfair Competition.
- Suspension and Debarment: We, the lead entity and JV member or SC along with any of our subcontractors, suppliers, consultants, manufacturers, or service providers for any part of the proposed services, are not subject to, and not controlled by any entity or individual that is subject to a temporary suspension or a debarment imposed by CDB or subject to a public debarment by an MDB which is a signatory to the Agreement on Mutual Enforcement of Debarment Decisions. Further, we are not ineligible under the Employer's country laws or official regulations or pursuant to a decision of the United Nations Security Council. Neither the consulting firm nor the JV member or SC has ever been convicted of an integrity-related offense or crime related to corruption, fraud, collusion, coercion, or obstruction.
- Suspension and Debarment: We understand that it is our obligation to notify CDB should any member of the entity become ineligible to work with CDB or other MDBs, in the context described in the above point, or be convicted of an integrity-related offense or crime as described above and in accordance with the Procurement Procedures for Projects Financed by CDB (January, 2021) Section 5 specifically Paragraphs 5.25-5.27 Prohibited Practices.

¹⁶ Eligibility refers to the details as set out in Section 4 of CDB's Procurement Procedures for Projects Financed by CDB (January 2021) or former versions of the CDB's Procurement Procedures and any such waivers by CDB, as relevant.

- No Misrepresentations: We understand that any misrepresentations that knowingly or recklessly mislead or attempt to mislead, may result in the automatic rejection of the proposal or cancellation of the contract, if awarded, and further remedial action, in accordance with CDB's Prohibited Practices and Other Integrity Related Matters Framework, may be pursued.

2. Eligibility:

- Eligibility: All consulting entities proposed in this EOI are eligible to participate in CDB-funded, -supported and -administered` activities in accordance with Section 4 of the Procurement Procedures for Projects Financed by CDB (January 2021).
- Experience Declaration: We confirm that the project references submitted as part of this EOI accurately reflect the experience and involvement of the specified entity.
- Agreement of Association: JV member(s) named in this EOI, authorised us in writing to represent them in expressing interest in this activity as detailed and attached in the Letter of Agreement / Intent to enter into a JV Agreement.
- Agreement of Association: Sub-consultant(s) named in this EOI, confirmed their interest in this activity in writing by way of signing a document indicating their willingness and availability to participate in the assignment.
- State-owned Enterprise or Institution: We are not a state-owned enterprise or institution.
OR
- State-owned Enterprise or Institution: We are a state-owned enterprise or institution but are legally and financially autonomous¹⁷ and operate under commercial law¹⁸.

Signature:

Authorised Representative

Date of Submission: [*dd-mm-yyyy*]

¹⁷ "Legally autonomous" means a legal entity separate from the eligible country's government. "Financially autonomous" means not receiving budget support from any public entity, and not being obliged to pass financial surplus to the same, except through dividends to shareholder.

¹⁸ Being vested with legal rights and liabilities similar to any commercial enterprise, including, being incorporated or established by statutory charter under local law; having the right: (i) to enter into legally binding contracts; (ii) to sue; (iii) to be sued; and (iv) to borrow money, being liable for the repayment of debts and being able to be declared bankrupt.

Regional News

IMF warns Dominica on rising fiscal pressures, calls for stronger reforms



Dominica's economy continued its post-pandemic expansion in 2025, but the International Monetary Fund is urging the government to tighten fiscal policy, strengthen financial oversight, and accelerate structural reforms to safeguard long-term stability.

An IMF mission led by Christopher Faircloth concluded its 2026 Article IV consultation on March 26, highlighting solid economic performance but warning that elevated debt, widening deficits, and financial-sector vulnerabilities pose growing risks.

The IMF reported that real GDP grew by 4.5 percent in 2025, up from 3.5 percent the previous year, driven by a tourism sector now 36 percent above pre-pandemic levels and ongoing public investment projects. Inflation eased to 2.3 percent, but the current account deficit remained high at 38 percent of GDP, reflecting heavy import needs for construction.

Large infrastructure projects—including resilient roads and geothermal transmission lines—pushed the primary fiscal deficit to 4.5 percent of GDP,

interrupting years of gradual consolidation. Public debt, though down from its pandemic peak of 118 percent of GDP, remains high at 103 percent, far above the regional 60 percent benchmark.

The Fund warned that Dominica's current fiscal trajectory falls short of the requirements of its Fiscal Rule, which mandates a minimum 2 percent primary surplus until debt falls below 60 percent of GDP. It also noted that Dominica's Disaster Resilience Strategy requires building buffers equivalent to 12 percent of GDP.

To meet both goals, the IMF recommends EC\$60 million in additional fiscal consolidation over the next two years, with half of that adjustment needed as early as FY2026/27. The Fund emphasized reducing reliance on Citizenship by Investment (CBI) revenues and improving tax administration, while protecting social programs and growth-enhancing investments.

While banks remain liquid and adequately capitalized, the IMF flagged high non-performing loans and ele-

vated sovereign exposures as ongoing concerns. Credit unions—now accounting for 53 percent of private-sector credit—face even greater vulnerabilities, including weak capital buffers and outdated regulatory frameworks.

The IMF urged stricter enforcement of provisioning rules, completion of ongoing asset-quality reviews, and full participation in re-

gional regulatory initiatives.

The report calls for wide-ranging reforms to boost competitiveness and resilience, including:

The IMF also stressed the need to modernize public financial management, establish the long-delayed Fiscal Responsibility Committee, and improve statistical systems that underpin policymaking.

Growth is expected to moderate to 3 percent in 2026–27, then slow to around 2 percent as major construction projects wind down. Public debt is projected to fall to 70 percent of GDP by 2035, but the IMF still assesses Dominica as being at high risk of debt distress.

Risks remain tilted to the downside, including geopolitical tensions, uncertainty around CBI inflows, and Dominica's acute vulnerability to natural disasters.

The IMF team thanked Dominican authorities for their “warm hospitality, collaboration, and constructive dialogue.” (Dominica News Online)

Gov't launches US\$50m project for climate-resilient farming



A multibillion-dollar project designed by the Government to harden the country's agriculture sector against climate shocks is expected to boost nearly 15,000 farmers in the first year, officials have announced.

The benefits include grant funding to help farmers recover from the devastation caused by Hurricane Melissa, as well as training and capacity-building in greenhouse technology.

ADOPT Jamaica, the US\$50-million project being funded by the Green Climate Fund (GCF), was unveiled yesterday by Minister of Water, Climate Change and the Environment Matthew Samuda and Agriculture Minister Floyd Green during a press briefing at Jamaica House in St Andrew.

Some US\$40 million was provided as grant financing, Samuda disclosed.

The GCF – the largest global fund dedicated to help fight climate change – approved the project last Friday, five years after it was first floated by the Jamaican Government.

The project is expected to benefit approximately 700,000 farmers when it is fully implemented in six years' time.

Samuda revealed, too, that the Government is "actively pursuing" cli-

mate-resilient, agriculture-related projects valued at US\$300 million "that are at varying stages of development".

Hurricane Melissa, the record Category 5 storm that slammed Jamaica last October, caused approximately \$32 billion in agricultural losses, while Hurricane Beryl in July 2024 left over \$7 billion in damage to the industry.

"The Government decided, years ago, that in moving towards climate-resilient financing, it would have to be targeted towards our agricultural sector, to build sustainability and to ensure that we are more resilient," Green said.

Noting that the project includes a component that allows the Government to directly respond to the damage caused by Melissa, he said the benefits will include cash transfers, a cash-for-work programme for some households, and a major irrigation system.

"This project will bring forward at least nine automatic weather stations, 35 rainfall loggers, and a national climate information system tailored to agriculture," he said.

Green cautioned, however, that implementation will take place over "the next five to six years".

"And I say that because now that you hear the announcement, farmers will think that tomorrow we will be able to get out there," he said, noting that preparatory work has to be done before implementation.

Samuda insisted that there is no need for concern about oversight of the multibillion-dollar programme.

"This is more multi-layered than any other project I can think of, in terms of the number of oversight that will be applied to it," he said.

Green said the project is designed to tackle the "systematic barriers" to resilience in the agricultural sector and will focus on four main areas.

These will include food loss and waste, policy and institutional strengthening, and investment-ready financing solutions. Jamaican farmers currently lose between 30 and 40 per cent of the crops they produce.

"We will look to develop model farms and farm clusters, where we will deploy climate-resilient solutions to show them work in real time ... things like solar-powered irrigation, reinforced greenhouses that are designed to withstand stronger storms, and efficient water management systems," he explained.

The agriculture minister said the project will have a strong training component, as well as provide access to affordable tools that are focused on rainwater harvesting and water-efficient technology.

He said that using historical data, officials have identified six parishes – Clarendon, Trelawny, Manchester, St Ann, St Catherine and St Elizabeth – where farmers suffered significant losses in weather events over the last two decades.

These parishes account for up to 70 per cent of local food production. (Jamaica Gleaner)

Caribbean Airlines denies closure rumours



The Caribbean Airlines is rejecting claims that it is facing closure, insisting that its operations “continue as normal.”

“The airline’s Board of Directors categorically rejects any rumours suggesting that Caribbean Airlines is facing closure. There has been no discussion regarding the closure of the airline,” the regional carrier said in a statement on Tuesday.

The airline noted that it continues to actively review its operations as part of on-going efforts to strengthen the business and position the airline on a more stable and sustainable footing”.

According to the airline, these efforts are aimed at “ensuring the delivery of reliable service and maintaining strong connectivity across the airline’s network.”

Caribbean Airlines also said work on its audited financial statements is “well under way” and noted that it is progressing the recruitment of key senior management positions to strengthen leadership.

The latest denial comes months after the airline moved to quash

separate claims about its Jamaican operations. In January, Caribbean Airlines refuted reports that it had been evicted from its Hope Road offices in St Andrew.

“There is no eviction process under way,” the airline said at the time, noting that it had planned to relocate following the end of its lease.

Caribbean Airlines is jointly owned by Trinidad and Tobago (88.1% stake) and Jamaica (11.9% stake). It operates more than 600 weekly flights to destinations in the Caribbean, North and South America. (Jamaica Gleaner)

NOTICE

TO:THE LICENSING MAGISTRATE
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Antigua

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A BOTTLE LICENCE FOR BUSINESS REGISTERED AS “FIRST TOWNS SUPERETTE”

I, NICHOLAS EDWARDS, DO HEREBY GIVE NOTICE, that it is my intention to apply at the next sitting of the Liquor Licence Court to be held at the Magistrate’s Court at, High Street, St John’s Antigua on Tuesday 7th April, 2026 next ensuring for a BOTTLE LICENCE in respect of premises known as “FIRST TOWN SUPERETTE”, situated at Kent Street, Parham Town, St Peter’s Antigua and Barbuda, Pursuant to section (11) (5) of the Licensing (Intoxicating Liquor) Act Cap. 249 of the Laws of Antigua and Barbuda, Revised Edition 1992.

Dated the 17th day of March, 2026
Nicholas Edwards
268-724-6490

Dominica announces new fuel prices in response to global market volatility



The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Business, Trade and Energy has announced that revised prices for petroleum products will take effect from Monday, 30 March 2026. The adjustment comes as global energy markets continue to experience heightened volatility driven by escalating geopolitical tensions in the Middle East.

According to the Ministry, the ongoing conflict in the region—one of the world’s most critical hubs for oil production and supply—has intensified uncertainty in global crude markets.

Rising crude oil prices, coupled with increased insurance and transportation costs, have contributed to higher landed costs for fuel, particularly in small island developing states such as Dominica.

Despite these external pressures, the Government says it remains committed to managing domestic fuel prices in a manner that promotes fairness and stability. Officials emphasized that the pricing mechanism continues to balance consumer protection with the

realities of international market conditions.

Minister for Foreign Affairs, International Business, Trade and Energy, Hon. Dr. Vince Henderson, highlighted the challenges facing small island economies.

“The current global energy environment underscores the vulnerability of small island developing states to external shocks,” he said. “The ongoing tensions in the Middle East continue to exert upward pressure on oil markets, and while these factors are beyond our control, the Government remains resolute in its commitment to managing domestic prices in a responsible and balanced manner. At the same time, we are accelerating our transition towards renewable energy, to reduce long-term exposure to imported fuel volatility and to strengthen national energy security.”

The Government of Dominica says it continues to closely monitor global developments, including geopolitical risks affecting energy supply chains. It reaffirmed its commitment to taking prudent measures to cushion the impact on households and businesses as international conditions evolve. (Dominica News Online)



Kissing a woman's hand can be sexual assault, Spanish court finds

Spain's Supreme Court has ruled that a man kissing the hand of a woman without her consent can constitute sexual assault.

In a case that dates back to 2023, a man approached a woman at a bus stop in Madrid, kissed her hand and made gestures to suggest she follow him and that he would pay her.

A court found the man guilty of sexual assault and fined him €1,620 (£1,400; \$1,858), a sanction that was upheld by Madrid's provincial tribunal.

The convicted man took the case to the Supreme Court, arguing that there had been no violence or intimidation in his interaction with the woman.

According to court documents, he argued that the victim "might have felt bothered, offended, victim of an intrusion into her comfort zone, but there was never a clear risk for her sexual integrity".

He also argued that the incident had occurred in a public place, near a police station and in full daylight. At the most, his legal team said, his actions constituted the lesser crime of harassment of a sexual nature in a public place.

However, in its ruling, the Supreme Court found that the encounter had exceeded mere harassment, stating that there had been "a clear sexual component because he even kissed [her



hand]."

A woman, the court added, "cannot tolerate being subjected to a man taking her hand and kissing her without consent in acts that have a clear and obvious sexual connotation".

Two of the magistrates issued dissenting votes, in the belief that the incident had not been a case of sexual assault.

"A kiss (or two) on the hand of another person is, in our culture, a form of greeting, now obsolete," they said, according to court documents.

They added that, along with kissing someone on the cheek or shaking their hand, these "are not acts of a sexual nature".

The issue of sexual consent has been at the centre of intense debate in Spain

in recent years.

Legislation approved in 2022, known as the "Only yes means yes law" placed emphasis on the need for consent and eliminated the need to prove that there had been violence or intimidation in order for an encounter to be deemed sexual assault.

In 2023, the president of Spain's football federation, Luis Rubiales, sparked enormous controversy when he celebrated the victory of the women's team in the World Cup final by kissing player Jenni Hermoso on the lips.

He said the kiss had been consensual, a claim she denied. The case went to court and in 2025 Rubiales was found guilty of sexual assault and fined. (BBC)

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King Charles and Queen Camilla's state visit to US to go ahead in April

King Charles and Queen Camilla will meet US President Donald Trump in late April, as a state visit to the United States has been confirmed by Buckingham Palace.

On the way back, the King will pay a visit to Bermuda, a British Overseas Territory in the North Atlantic.

The US trip has been expected for some time, but such visits are carried out on behalf of the UK government - and an official announcement appeared to have been waiting for a gap in the political tensions over the Iran war.

Full details of the itinerary in the US have still to be released, but it will include Washington DC, in what will be the first UK state visit to the US since Queen Elizabeth II's visit in 2007.

President Trump has published on social media that the US visit will be between 27-30 April, with "a beautiful Banquet Dinner at the White House on the evening of April 28th".

He said that, along with First Lady Melania Trump, he would "look forward to spending time with the King, whom I greatly respect. It will be TERRIFIC!"

It is also expected that King Charles will deliver an address to Congress.

The US marks its 250th anniversary of independence this year - and that will be a significant focus of the trip, with Buckingham Palace saying the trip will "celebrate the historic connections and the modern bilateral relationship" between the countries.

Shortly before the trip was announced on Tuesday, President Trump lashed out at the UK and other countries over the Iran war, telling them to "go get your own oil" from the Strait of Hormuz and "the USA won't be there to help you anymore, just like you weren't there for us".



Ever since President Trump's visit to the UK last September, there has been speculation about the King carrying out a return visit.

The US president's visit to Windsor Castle seemed to have smoothed UK-US relations, with Trump last week saying of his time with the King: "He honoured me and our country... we had an amazing time."

Trump also spoke of the warmth of his personal relationship with the King - "I think he's fantastic" - and the president said he was looking forward to hosting the King at a state banquet.

There is also likely to be interest in whether the King will meet his son Prince Harry, who lives in the US, during the visit.

But there have been political differences, including over the war in Iran, in which Trump publicly criticised UK Prime Minister Sir Keir Starmer as "no Winston Churchill".

That followed a previous dispute when UK veterans were angered by an apparent downplaying by Trump of the UK's military involvement in Afghanistan.

Both rows had raised questions about whether a state visit to the US in April should go ahead - with Lib Dem leader Sir Ed Davey saying it should be can-

celled.

A YouGov survey last week suggested that 49% of the British public were against the state visit to the US while 33% wanted it to go ahead.

The visit also comes in the wake of Andrew Mountbatten-Windsor's arrest - and US Congressman Ro Khanna has called for King Charles to meet survivors of the sex offender Jeffrey Epstein.

"As you are aware, this is not solely an American matter," Khanna wrote in a letter to the King on Monday.

Mountbatten-Windsor has always denied any wrongdoing from his links to Epstein.

But while the formal announcement of the state visit might have been delayed, planning seems to have quietly continued in the background, with no signs of the visit being stopped.

The decision to hold a state visit is made by the government, with the King travelling on behalf of the Foreign Office.

Trump appears to be fascinated with the monarchy and to greatly value his relationship with King Charles - and the UK government seems ready to leverage this to improve links with the US and to reduce diplomatic tensions. (BBC)

Trump voices frustration with allies as Iran war and strait closure push fuel prices higher

President Donald Trump expressed frustration Tuesday with allies who have been unwilling to do more to support the U.S. war effort, telling them to “go get your own oil” as the conflict with Iran and its closure of the Strait of Hormuz sent average U.S. gas prices past \$4 a gallon.

The social media post came after U.S. strikes hit a city that is home to one of Iran’s main nuclear sites, sending a massive fireball into the sky, and Tehran attacked a fully loaded Kuwaiti oil tanker in the Persian Gulf.

The attacks showed the intensity of the war more than a month after the U.S. and Israel launched it. The conflict has left more than 3,000 dead and caused major disruptions to the world’s supply of oil and natural gas, roiling global markets.

Trump, who has vacillated between insisting there is progress in diplomatic talks with Iran and threatening to widen the war, had earlier shared footage of the attack on Isfahan. The central city is home to one of three nuclear enrichment sites attacked by the U.S. during a previous war last June, and analysts believe much of Iran’s highly enriched uranium is likely stored there.



Iran’s stranglehold on the Strait of Hormuz, the waterway leading out of the Persian Gulf through which a fifth of the world’s oil is transported during peacetime, has driven up global oil prices, as have Tehran’s attacks on regional energy infrastructure. That has shaken stock markets around the world and pushed up the cost of many basic goods.

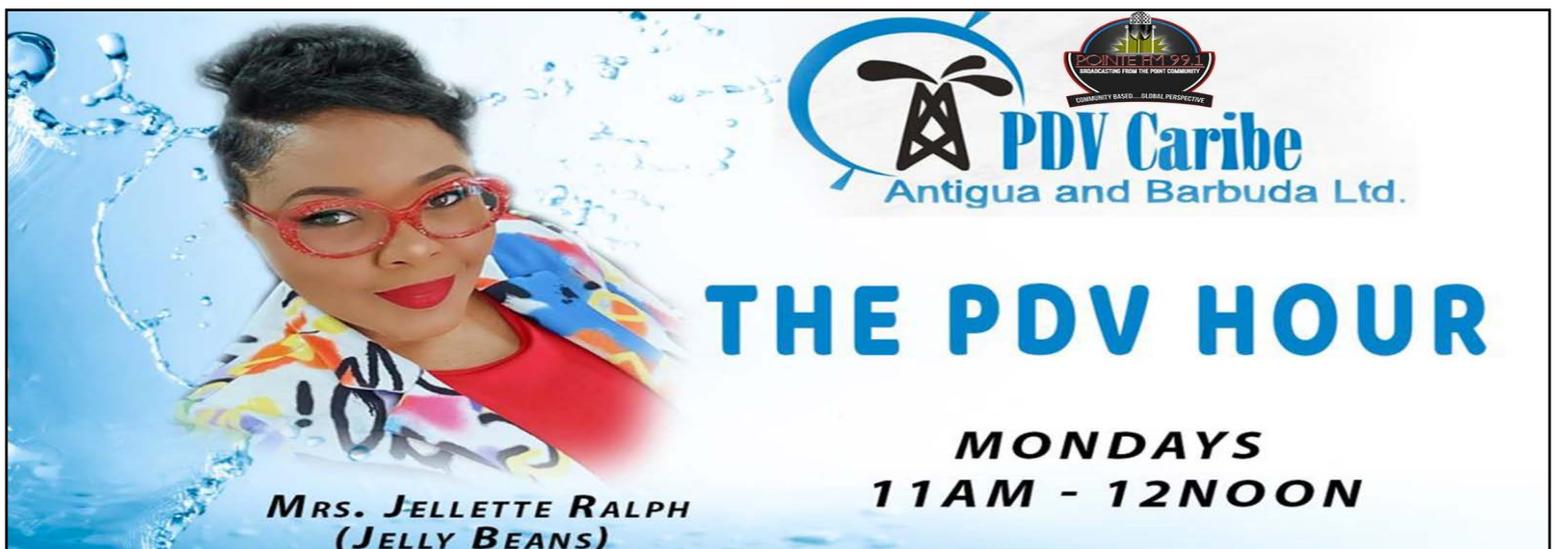
Spot prices of Brent crude, the international standard, hovered around \$107 a barrel Tuesday, up more than 45% since the war started Feb. 28.

Trump directed blame at U.S. allies like the United Kingdom and France

that have refused to enter a war with no clear endgame that they were not consulted on.

“You’ll have to start learning how to fight for yourself, the U.S.A. won’t be there to help you anymore, just like you weren’t there for us. Iran has been, essentially, decimated. The hard part is done. Go get your own oil!” Trump wrote.

He singled out France for not letting planes fly over French territory while taking military supplies to Israel, saying Paris has been “VERY UNHELPFUL,” and that “The U.S.A. will RE-MEMBER!!!” (AP)




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CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR A FEASIBILITY STUDY, DETAILED DESIGN, AND INTEGRATED SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY FOR ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST – FIRMS

The **Government of Antigua and Barbuda (GOAB)** has applied for financing from the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) towards the cost of the **Integrated Solid Waste Management Preparation Project** and intends to apply a portion of the proceeds to eligible payments under this contract. Payment by CDB will be made only at the request of the GOAB and upon approval by CDB, and will be subject, in all respects, to the terms and conditions of the Loan Agreement. The Loan Agreement prohibits a withdrawal from the Loan Account for the purpose of any payment to persons or entities, or for any import of goods, if such payment or import, to the knowledge of CDB, is prohibited by a decision of the United Nations Security Council taken under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations. No party other than GOAB shall derive any rights from the Loan Agreement or have any claim to the proceeds of the Loan.

The National Solid Waste Management Authority (NSWMA) is the Executing Agency of this Project and now wishes to procure consultancy services for a feasibility study, detailed design and integrated solid waste management strategy for Antigua and Barbuda.

The objective of the consultancy is to strengthen solid waste management in Antigua and Barbuda. Further details can be found in the attached Terms of Reference (TOR). The duration of the assignment is expected to be for a period of approximately fifty-two (52) weeks. The National Solid Waste Management Authority (NSWMA) now invites interested eligible consulting firms to submit Expressions of Interest (EOI) for the provision of these consultancy services.

Consultants shall be eligible to participate if:

- (a) in the case of a body corporate, it is legally incorporated or otherwise organised in an eligible country, has its principal place of business in an eligible country and is more than 50 per cent beneficially owned by citizen(s) and/or bona fide resident(s) of eligible 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 an eligible country; and
- (c) in all cases, the consultant has no arrangement and undertakes not to make any arrangements, whereby any substantial part of the net profits or other tangible benefits of the contract will accrue or be paid to a person not a citizen or bona fide resident of an eligible country.

Eligible countries are member countries of CDB.¹ Consultants are advised to review the detailed eligibility criteria de-

1 *Occasionally contracts may be financed out of special programmes that would further expand the number of eligible countries or restrict eligibility to a particular group of member countries. When this is the case, it should be mentioned in this paragraph.*

tailed in Section 4 and conflict of interest provisions in Section 5 of the Procurement Procedures for Projects Financed by CDB (January 2021), as applicable and as published on CDB’s website.

In the assessment of submissions, consideration will be given to technical competence, qualifications and experience, local and regional experience on similar assignments, financial capability, and existing commitments. Key Experts will **not** be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.

Interested consultant teams are required to submit their Expression of Interest using the “EOI Consulting Firms template”² attached to this REOI or downloaded from the Specific Procurement Notice on CDB’s website.

All information must be submitted in **English**. Further information may be obtained from the **first address** below between 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. AST hours Monday to Friday.

Expressions of Interest must be submitted electronically to the email address under **Address 1** below, no later than **06 April 2026 at 4:00 p.m. AST** and copied simultaneously to CDB at the email under **Address 2** below. The submission should include the name and address of the applicant and shall be clearly marked “**Expression of Interest – Consultancy Services for a feasibility study, detailed design and integrated solid waste management strategy for Antigua and Barbuda**”.

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. GOAB 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 selecting 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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2 *When drafting the REOI and the TOR, the Client should also prepare an Expression of Interest Submission Template. The latter should be tailored by the Recipient to the specifics of the assignment in question and can be downloaded from CDB’s website at: 20230626_CDB EOI Consulting Firms-template v1.docx (live.com) It will be included as an attachment to this REOI. For REOIs advertised in newspapers locally or nationally, the EOI submission template may be requested by the interested consulting firms directly from the Recipient, and wording in this REOI shall be modified accordingly.*

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Success for AGS and PMS in schools' under-19 boys T20 competition

The Antigua Grammar School (AGS) and Princess Margaret School (PMS) claimed contrasting wins in the latest round of matches in the Ministry of Sports Secondary Schools Under-19 Boys T20 competition.

Antigua Grammar School cruised to a comfortable nine-wicket victory over All Saints Secondary School at Antigua Grammar School.

All Saints Secondary School was restricted to 96 for five in 15 overs. There was a contribution of 56 extras, including 40 wides and 13 byes. Dmique Allen hit 23, and Shyquan Christian scored 13. Five bowlers each picked up a wicket for Antigua Grammar School.

In reply, Antigua Grammar School coasted to victory by scoring 100 for one in 12.2 overs. There was a contribu-

tion of 33 extras, including 16 wides and 14 byes.

Shane Walsh hit an unbeaten 39 off 34 balls, including five fours and two sixes, while Leonardo Ducreay struck 23 not out off 32 balls. Nasri Brooks captured one for 17.

Princess Margaret School snatched a narrow eight-run victory against Clare Hall Secondary School at Rising

Sun.

Kerique Mentor hit 42 as Princess Margaret School was dismissed for 86 off 15 overs. In reply, Clare Hall Secondary School crashed to 78 all out off their 15 overs.

JQuan Athanaze grabbed three wickets for eight runs, and Kerique Mentore picked up two wickets for 12 runs.




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Wings stage annual football festival in Sea View Farm



Players compete during the Wings Youth Football Festival at the Sea View Farm playing field on Saturday, March 28. (Photo courtesy of the CPTSA Wings)

Fourteen years after its inaugural staging in February 2012 at St. Joseph's Academy, the Wings Youth Football Festival reached an exciting new milestone last weekend.

On Saturday, March 28, 2026, the festival ventured into the countryside for the very first time, transforming the scenic community of Sea View Farm into a vibrant hub of youth football, fun, and food.

Set against the picturesque backdrop of the northeastern offshore islands, the event brought together young footballers, aged 5 to 17, for a memorable day of competition, food, and fellowship. The atmosphere was electric as teams showcased their skills.

Participating teams included Sea View Farm, Parham, Pigotts Bullets, Soccer Academy, Mount Pleasant, Young Warriors, Empire, Lion Hill Cubs, Antigua Grammar School, and hosts CPTSA/Wings.

The Under-7 division concluded early, with Mount Pleasant claiming

first place, Pigotts finishing second, and hosts CPTSA/Wings delivering a commendable performance with two draws from their three matches against Soccer Academy and Mount Pleasant.

In the Under-9 category, Pigotts Bullets secured first place, followed by Mount Pleasant in second and Young Warriors in third.

The Under-11 division faced delays due to heavy afternoon rains that swept across Sea View Farm after hours of looming clouds. Despite the interruption, results were finalized with Lion Hill Cubs taking first place, Soccer Academy second, and Pigotts third.

Lion Hill Cubs won the Under-13 Division, with CPTSA/Wings finishing second and Pigotts Bullets securing third place.

Mount Pleasant captured the Under-15 division. Pigotts Bullets came second, and Lion Hill finished in third place.

The Under-17 division was won by

CPTSA/Wings, Mount Pleasant FC claimed second place, and Antigua Grammar School finished third.

As the competition progressed into the older age groups, the intensity increased, and spectators were treated to thrilling displays of talent.

Players demonstrated impressive build-up play and attacking creativity, consistently breaking through defenses to find the back of the net.

Memorable moments included exciting goals from Wings Under-9 matched by equally skillful finishes from the Young Warriors girls, drawing loud celebrations from the crowd.

The success of the Wings Youth Football Festival would not have been possible without the collective effort and support of many.

Special thanks go out to the dedicated soccer moms and dads, Wings coaches, all participating teams who made the journey to Sea View Farm, and the invaluable sponsors.

Among the sponsors are the Antigua and Barbuda Football Referees Association, Christo's Wholesale, Island Sanitation, Hadeed Motors, 1st Choice Supermarket, Frank B. Armstrong, Mega Distributors, ABS TV, The Good Morning Jojo Sports Show, the PointExpress Newspaper, and the CPTSA Wings Newsletter.

Gratitude is also extended to the Ministry of Sports for its continued support in youth development and community sporting initiatives.

The 2026 festival will long be remembered as a landmark event celebrating not just football, but the unity, passion, and promise of the nation's youth.



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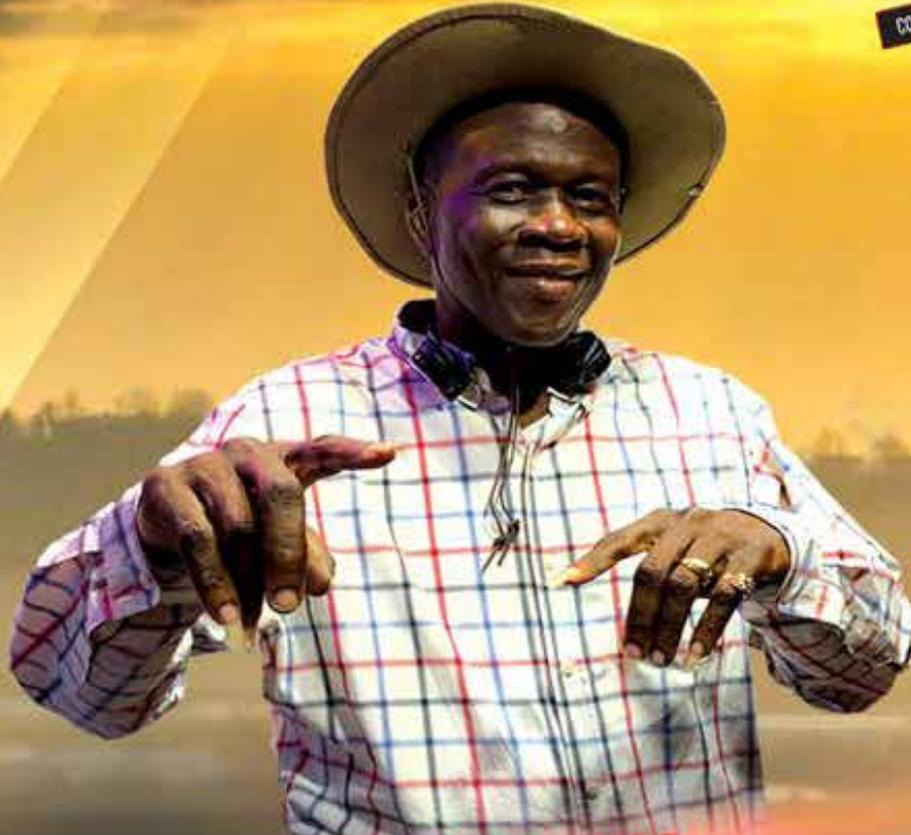
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First loss for Strictly Business in ABSCA men's 10-Over contest

Mix Up Stars have ended the unbeaten run of Rackaman Construction Strictly Business during the latest round of matches in the Antigua and Barbuda Softball Cricket Association's (ABSCA) Men's 10-Overs competition.

After winning their first three matches, Strictly Business suffered their first loss in a seven-wicket defeat to the Mix Up Star at Antigua Grammar School. It was the first win in three games for the Mix Up Stars.

Strictly Business was restricted to 94 for five off their 10 overs. Kerry Mentore hit 24, and Clinton Benjamin struck 22. Bryan Bailey claimed two for 23.

In reply, the Mix Up Stars achieved victory by scoring 95 for three in 6.2 overs. Player of the match Essan Warner hit an unbeaten 77, including 10 sixes and three fours. Owen Graham took three wickets for eight runs.

Defending champions Marco Inc. Buckley's 3Js suffered their second loss in four matches in a nine-run loss to Dredgers at Dredgers. It was the second win in three matches for the Dredgers, who made 136 for four off their 10 overs.

Player of the match Tyrone Williams Jr. slammed an unbeaten 76, including eight sixes and four fours. Tanez Francis struck 19, and Mervin Higgins scored 12. Richie Thomas claimed two for 14.

In reply, the Buckley's 3Js were restricted to 127 for seven off their 10 overs. Richie Thomas hit 34, Steve Martin cracked an unbeaten 29, Demari Benta struck 28, and Randino Turner made 19. Kurt Douglas took two for 23, and Tanez Francis claimed two for 28.

After suffering a seven-wicket loss to Strictly Business in their opening



Makeda Hector of Female Flyers



Grace Persaud of Survivors

encounter, Goody's Advent 300 rebounded to claim their first win in two games by pulling off a 19-run victory over Construction Solutions PMS.

Player of the match Molvin James hammered an unbeaten 60 to lead 300 to 90 for five off their 10 overs. Shawn Balgobin grabbed two wickets for five runs, and Kurl Simon bagged two for 11.

In reply, PMS were restricted to 71 for five off their 10 overs. Walter Carr made 28 not out, and Kenny Benjamin scored 14. Jared Roberts took three for 14.

Wayne's Electrical Services Survivors also continued their successful start in defense of their title in the ABSCA women's 10 overs competition.

The Survivors made it three wins in as many games by securing a nine-wicket victory against Potters Uprising Cricket Team at Dredgers.

Potters could only muster 38 for four off their 10 overs. Jema Joseph scored 10. In reply, Survivors achieved victory by scoring 39 for one in 4.2 overs. Kimberly Anthony hit 16, and player of the match Grace Persaud scored 14 not out as Potters suffered their first loss in three matches.

After losing their previous two matches, Alzarri and Sharon Joseph North Sails Antigua Female Flyers claimed their first win with a 53-run victory over Bravos Wholesale and Distributors Jennings Rockets at Antigua Grammar School.

The Female Flyers scored 102 for one off their 10 overs. Player of the match Makeda Hector slammed 58 not out, and Terez Parker made 29.

In reply, the Rockets were restricted to 50 for three off their 10 overs to crash to their third loss in as many matches. Kushana David scored 23, while Monique Titus claimed two wickets for nine runs.

Teams open battle at Gillian Brazier Basketball Shoot-Out



The six participating teams assemble during the official opening of the 20th Gillian Brazier Basketball Shoot-Out at the JSC Sports Complex on Monday, March 30, 2026. (Photo courtesy of the CPTSA Wings)

The 20th Gillian Brazier Basketball Shoot-Out tipped off on Monday evening at the JSC Sports Complex, with an exciting opening night of action, setting the tone for a competitive week ahead.

The tournament was declared opened by Arlene Martin, a former veteran women's national team captain.

Other dignitaries at the opening included David Matthias, CEO of title sponsor Social Security Board; Vere Cornelius, member of the Antigua and Barbuda Basketball Association; Vice President of the CPTSA Wings Sports Club, Barbara Coates; and Arah-Ann Brazier, sister of the deceased, Gillian Brazier.

In the first game of the evening,

the defending champions Stingers delivered a dominant performance against the Dover Tigers of Barbados, securing a convincing 70-29 victory.

Hailey Fennema led all scorers with an impressive 17 points for the Stingers. On the defensive end, Myniya Haynes stood out for the Dover Tigers, overall, pulling eight defensive rebounds.

The second match-up saw the Canucks take on the Cyclones, with the Canucks emerging victorious, 49-20. Lena Mills was a standout for the Cyclones, contributing 19 of her team's total of 20 points in a remarkable individual effort.

However, the Canucks proved too strong with Reese Burleigh leading

the defensive charge, tallying five steals and three blocks to disrupt the Cyclones' offense.

Closing out the night, the Maple Marauders faced off against the local Wings Mystics. The Marauders secured a 62-33 win behind a balanced performance.

Maria Downey led the Marauders with 13 points, while Melissa Haywood paced the Wings Mystics with 11 points in a hard-fought effort.

With three decisive wins by the Canadians to open the tournament, teams have made early statements as the competition continues at the JSC Sports Complex in the March 31 to April 4 event.

Rare win for Ottos Rangers in ABFA Premier Division



Players of the Ottos Rangers starting XI

The struggling Ottos Rangers recorded a rare win in the Antigua and Barbuda Football Association's (ABFA) Premier Division on Monday.

The Rangers secured their third win in 19 matches by snatching a one-nil victory against John Hughes FC at the ABFA Technical Center.

Howayne James snatched the winner for the Ottos Rangers FC by scoring the only goal of the match with a strike in the 45th minute.

The result allows the Ottos Rangers to remain second from the bottom of the 12-team standings with 10 points. John Hughes FC remains third from the bottom of the standings with 13 points after crashing to their 14th defeat in 19 matches.

Meanwhile, Sea View Farm FC consolidated their fourth-place position on goal difference in the ABFA's Second Division League by claiming their 12th win in 17 matches with a 3-0 victory against Bethesda at Sea View Farm.

Following a goalless first half, Sea View Farm scored three goals after the interval to secure their latest victory. The goals were scored by Caron Lewis in the 58th minute, Nigel Graham in the 69th minute, and Justin Hilaire in the 75th minute.

The result allows Sea View Farm FC to advance to 39 points, the same as third-placed Young Lions, who have played 16 matches.

Bethesda FC dropped from 10th

to 11th place with 23 points after crashing to their seventh defeat in 16 matches.

Police FC jumped from seventh to fifth place by recording their 10th win in 16 matches with a 10-0 drubbing of the Young Warriors at the St. Johnstone's Village Stadium.

Terrell Richards, Carl Kirby, and Ramar Perry each converted twice for the Police.

The result allows Police FC to advance to 35 points, while the Young Warriors remain third from the bottom of the standings with six points after losing for the 11th time in 13 matches.

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The Urlings Golden Stars moved from 11th to ninth place by recording their seventh win in 17 matches with a 1-0 victory against Blackburn Palace at Fort Road.

Derrick Pryce struck the winner for the Urlings Golden Stars with a second-half strike in the 75th minute.

The result allows the Urlings Golden Stars to leapfrog Bethesda and the CPTSA Wings, who have 24 points, by advancing to 25 points.

Blackburn Palace slipped from fifth to sixth place with 33 points after suffering their fifth defeat in 18 matches.