

April 30 Is Election Day



It was a 'sea of red' at Nugent Avenue on Tuesday night as a huge crowd came out to hear Prime Minister Gaston Browne announce the date for general elections

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The electorate of Antigua and Barbuda goes to the polls on April 30 to elect a new government following the issuance of the Writ of Election by the Governor General on Tuesday.

The announcement was made Tuesday night by the Antigua and

Barbuda Labour Party (ABLP) Political Leader and Prime Minister Gaston Browne at a massive public rally held by the ruling party.

The rally also marks the official start of the election campaign with the prime minister also announcing that Nomination Day is set for

April 13. During the rally held at the ABLP's headquarters, People's Place, the seventeen candidates who will contest the elections on the party's slate were introduced to the audience believed to have been numbered in the thousands.

Each individual candidate was

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"In times like these, let us keep strong, steady leadership."



welcomed to the stage with music personalized for them as they danced and waved to the crowd. But when it was time to introduce PM Browne, he was brought to the stage surrounded by members of his party branch waving flags and dancing to the music of the Point Iron Band.

After thanking the people for turning out in such large numbers, the Political Leader then made the case for re-electing the ABLP over the opposition United Progressive Party, noting that his party was populated by competent men and women and the UPP candidates pale in comparison.

“We rescued our country from the dead hands of the UPP and the lost decade of economic contraction and socio-economic decline. Ten

thousand jobs were lost between 2009 - 2014, which my administration recovered. Thousands suffered/ lost their cars, homes, and businesses.

“We cannot risk going back to that failed UPP experiment; we are moving forward ever; backward never. From Struggle to Strength — Labour Delivered,” PM Browne emphasized.

For the prime minister, the ABLP is running on its record of achievements since the 2014 general elections. He highlighted some of these achievements as;

- ▶ Millions of dollars invested in water production
- ▶ Expansion of the Tourism Industry
- ▶ Bringing better health care

services to the people

- ▶ More scholarships and educational opportunities with the establishment of the University of the West Indies FIC
- ▶ Steady economic growth among others.

In reference to the ongoing infighting that has stymied the stability of the UPP, the ABLP Political Leader posed the rhetorical question; If a party cannot run itself...How can its members run a country?!

Noting that elections are about choices, the prime minister issued a clarion call on the people of Antigua and Barbuda to protect the nation’s gains and achievements by returning the ABLP to office on April 30 adding that this was the ‘only logical choice’.

Antigua and Barbuda Labour Party Launches General Election Campaign



The Antigua and Barbuda Labour Party (ABLP), led by Prime Minister Gaston Browne, has officially launched its campaign for the upcoming General Elections under the banner of “The Antiguan and Barbudan Renaissance.”

The launch event marked the beginning of a nationwide movement focused on continued growth, stability, and national empowerment. Addressing a large gathering of supporters, Prime Minister Browne described the campaign as “a declaration of an unstoppable movement of the masses” and a commitment to advancing the country’s development agenda.

Highlighting the achievements of his administration, Prime Minister Browne pointed to significant economic recovery, job creation, infrastructure development, and expanded social programmes. He reaffirmed the Party’s pledge to continue improving the quality of life for all citizens.

“This is not just a campaign—it is a movement. A movement to protect the progress we have made and to build an even stronger, more prosperous Antigua and Barbuda,” he declared.

The Prime Minister outlined that the campaign will focus on key areas including economic expansion, housing, healthcare modernization, education

access, and national infrastructure. The Prime Minister also emphasized the importance of strong leadership in navigating global uncertainties.

Supporters were urged to mobilize, engage, and participate actively in the electoral process, as the Party aims to secure a decisive mandate in the upcoming polls and form the next government.

The ABLP campaign will roll out a series of rallies, community engagements, and policy presentations in the coming weeks across all constituencies.

Antiguans and Barbudans will go to the polls on April 30, 2026.



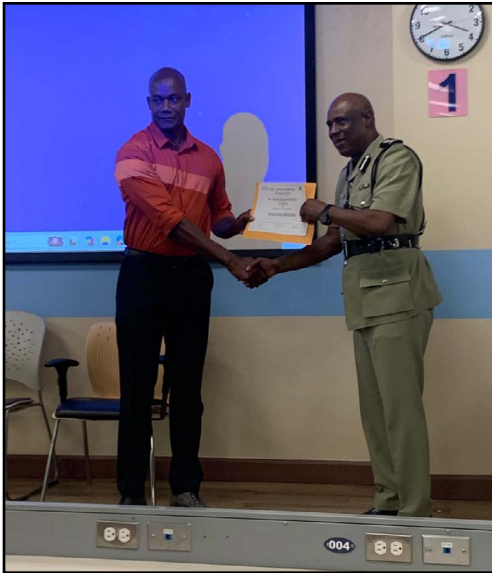
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3	ST. JOHN'S CITY SOUTH	475	7	10	149	42	37	0	0	0	79	720	49%
4	ST. JOHN'S RURAL WEST	1451	46	25	363	93	85	0	0	0	178	2063	46%
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7	ST. JOHN'S RURAL NORTH	1158	24	12	378	96	75	0	0	0	171	1743	51%
8	ST. MARY'S NORTH	1271	38	26	320	91	84	0	0	0	175	1830	44%
9	ST. MARY'S SOUTH	845	14	12	185	59	37	0	0	0	96	1152	54%
10	ALL SAINTS EAST AND ST. LUKE	1195	31	16	297	63	77	0	0	0	140	1679	50%
11	ALL SAINTS WEST	1493	35	34	408	113	96	0	0	0	209	2179	55%
12	ST. GEORGE	1755	22	30	362	103	87	0	0	0	190	2359	52%
13	ST. PETER	2219	7	6	78	33	27	0	0	0	60	2370	83%
14	ST. PHILIP NORTH	695	22	218	197	6	8	0	0	0	14	1146	73%
15	ST. PHILIP SOUTH	417	9	13	134	40	31	0	0	0	71	644	61%
16	ST. PAUL	1088	13	15	231	59	69	0	0	0	128	1475	54%
17	BARBUDA	720	1	2	15	7	4	0	0	0	11	749	74%
Total Weekly Application Count						1077	944	0	0	0			
MONTHLY TOTAL		18320	355	508	4168						2021	25372	

More CHOGM-Related Training Takes Place



With less than seven months before the start of the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in St. John's, a series of training programmes have been organized as part of the overall preparations for this major event.

One such training was a three-week workshop for security personnel held at the American University of Antigua (AUA) and conducted by the university's Centre for Law Enforcement Medicine on the topic *Dignitary Medicine and Close Protection*.

The course outline explained that this Dignitary Medicine and Close Protection course was designed specifically for the provision of healthcare to government leaders and other high-profile individuals collectively referred to as dignitaries.

"This intensive three-week programme, grounded in established literature and best practices, equips participants with the specialized knowledge, clinical skills, and operational framework required to deliver medical support within active close protection environment," the course outlined detailed.

Speaking at the conclusion of the training, Director of AUA's **Director of the Emergency Medicine Training Center, Dr. Courtney Lewis,**

emphasized the need for law enforcement officials to be prepared at all times for any eventuality.

"This Dignitary Medicine Course represents far more than a training program. It is a testament to prepared-

ness, discipline, and excellence under pressure. Through rigorous, scenario-based training and immersive simulations, you have been challenged to operate at the intersection of medicine and protection, where seconds matter,



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decisions carry weight, and lives depend on your readiness,” Dr. Lewis explained.

He thanked the leaders of the various institutions that were represented at the course for their commitment to continued training and improvements for the officers in their departments. “This commitment is especially significant as we look ahead to the upcoming 28th Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting later this year, a moment that will place our nation on the global stage and demand the highest levels of readiness and coordination,” Dr. Lewis noted.

Commissioner of Police Everton Jeffers also expressed appreciation for the opportunity for his officers to undergo this intense and specialized training course. “Over the past sessions, you have been exposed to an intensive and well-structured curriculum, ranging from Emergency Medical Response principles, airway management and patient assessment, to high-pressure simulations, close-protection strategies, weapons familiarization, and scenario-based VIP protection exercises,” he observed.


According to Commissioner Jeffers, these are not ordinary skills; they are critical competencies that can mean the difference between life and death in real-world operations.

Representing the Department of Immigration at the closing exercise was the Station Chief, Eustace Newton, who underscored the value of the


training to the participants. “Dignitary medicine and close protection

are tightly integrated. A medically trained close protection officer (CPO) can respond instantly to emergencies. Whilst Medical teams rely on security personnel for safe access and evacuation. As a result, both teams collaborated on risk assessments and contingency planning. The objective was to have Reduce Risk Exposure, Faster Emergency Responses and Continued Leadership and operations,” Newton remarked.

He too emphasized the necessity of the training given Antigua and Barbuda’s hosting of the CHOGM in November.


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China To Help Antigua and Barbuda Develop Plans to Maximise Its Marine Resources

The People's Republic of China is to assist Antigua and Barbuda maximize the benefits from its substantial marine resources.

This follows a visit last month to St. John's by a four-member delegation, comprising of the China-Antigua and Barbuda MSP Technical Team, from the National Ocean Technology Centre (NOTC) in Tianjin, China. The objective of this visit was to conduct a feasibility study or preliminary research for the development of Marine Spatial Planning (MSP) in Antigua and Barbuda.

The widely used definition of Marine Spatial Planning (MSP) describes it as a public process of analysing and allocating the spatial and temporal distribution of human activities in marine areas to achieve ecological and socio-economic benefits that are usually specified through a political process. (IOC-UNESCO, 2009). It is crucial for balancing ocean development (for example: shipping, energy and tourism) with environmental protection, reducing conflicts and supporting sustainable "blue growth".

In general, the visit primarily consisted of in-depth meetings with key stakeholders in the Ministry of Tourism, the Ministry of Information, the National Parks Authority and the Fisheries Division coupled with the conducting of in-depth research/field surveys in various coastal areas. The delegation also had a general stakeholder meeting which a large number of stakeholders were invited to attend. The Technical Team also carried out field research in Barbuda.

The delegation was hosted by the Department of the Blue Economy in the Ministry of Agriculture, Lands, Fisheries and the Blue Economy. Additionally, they had Courtesy Calls with high-level officials, such as: the Governor-General, Sir Rodney Williams; the Minister of Foreign Affairs, E.P Chet Greene, and the Chief of Staff in the Prime Minister's Office, Ambassador



Lionel "Max" Hurst. The team also met with the Minister of Agriculture, Lands, Fisheries and the Blue Economy, Anthony Smith Jr., whose Ministry was the host.

Furthermore, it should be noted that the conducting of the feasibility study/preliminary research was fully endorsed and supported by the Prime Minister Gaston Browne. At the request of the Government of Antigua and Barbuda, the Government of the People's Republic of China agreed to conduct the feasibility study on the China-aid Technical Cooperation Project on Marine Spatial Planning and Blue Economy Building. In general, the Government of Antigua and Barbuda was in full support of this activity because of its recognition that

MSP is an important process which brings together relevant decision-making authorities or key players to better coordinate how the country uses and manages marine spaces by balancing ecological and socio-economic goals. The overall goal is to arrive at a spatial plan for an area that reflects the priorities and vision of partners and ocean users alike.

Before and during this important visit, the Technical Team was closely assisted by the Ambassador with Responsibility for the Blue Economy, Dean Jonas; the Director (ag.) of the Blue Economy, Ann-Louise Hill and the Project Development Officer in the Department of the Blue Economy, Rohan Jarvis.

ESFN Encourages Youth Career Development at Antigua Girls' High School Career Day



The EcoShores Sustainable Futures Network (ESFN) participated in the Antigua Girls' High School (AGHS) Career Day on April 1st, 2026, engaging students in conversations about project management and the impor-

tance of exploring new avenues and interests. The session encouraged students to see themselves embracing their range of skills and passions as they shape their futures. The interactive visit carried special meaning,

with some members of the ESFN team being alumnae of the Antigua Girls' High School. Their return to AGHS underscored the value of mentorship and the inspiration that comes from seeing former students contribute to national, regional, and international development. Many students wore career-based uniforms ranging from healthcare to construction and business, showcasing their interests and ready with questions.

ESFN reminded students that career paths are not fixed in stone and that there are avenues available to explore careers in the Blue, Green, and Orange economies. These sectors can open opportunities that provide financial stability and professional growth that support nation-building and industry development. The discussion emphasized resilience, curiosity, and the confidence to pursue both professional goals and personal passions while considering personality traits and stress management. Scenario demonstrations

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provided students a first-hand look at common career pitfalls and challenges that they can avoid. Additional emphasis was placed on accepting rejection and pivoting to adapt to unexpected circumstances due to natural disasters and other climate change-related shifts.

The ESFN team spoke directly to the experience of women and young girls pursuing careers in fields that are often male-dominated. Portfolio Manager, Britney McDonald shared her journey in infrastructure development, technology, finance, and international relations among her areas of expertise. This encouraged students to see themselves as capable leaders in social and technical disciplines while embracing creativity and community engagement.

During the session, a student posed

the question, “How do you stay motivated in a career that seems challenging to pursue?” The team responded by encouraging the students to identify what inspires them, and to first begin with understanding what motivates them to pursue this career path. One recommendation focused on joining professional associations and building communities of professionals, as networking will lead to unexpected and rewarding opportunities.

Other students questioned how to navigate business and what lessons can be shared on regrets and successes. Each question demonstrated the thoughtfulness towards career selection and the guidance needed for our next generation. Highlighting its Explorer and Expeditioner programmes, ESFN shared apprenticeships and internships as trials for career exploration, which offer

young people the chance to gain practical insights and discover where their passions align.

“It was rewarding to speak with the students on career considerations and that networking with continued education can open doors across different fields,” said ESFN’s Portfolio Manager, Britney McDonald. “We want them to see that careers evolve in many directions and to be empowered to pursue diverse interests while staying true to their ambitions. It was especially meaningful to remind young women and girls that they belong in every space, including those where they may not always see themselves represented.”

As part of the session, students took part in an interactive activity on money management designed to encourage financial literacy through ESFN’s Financial Literacy Programme. The programme, launched in September 2025, equips young people with practical skills for budgeting, planning, saving, and building financial independence. The activity reinforced that career development extends beyond professional expertise, highlighting the importance of cultivating confidence in managing personal resources wisely to endure career and life fluctuations.

Through this engagement, ESFN continues to strengthen its commitment to building equity for women and girls, youth empowerment, and education, ensuring that the next generation is equipped with the tools, confidence, and vision to lead in diverse areas of life.

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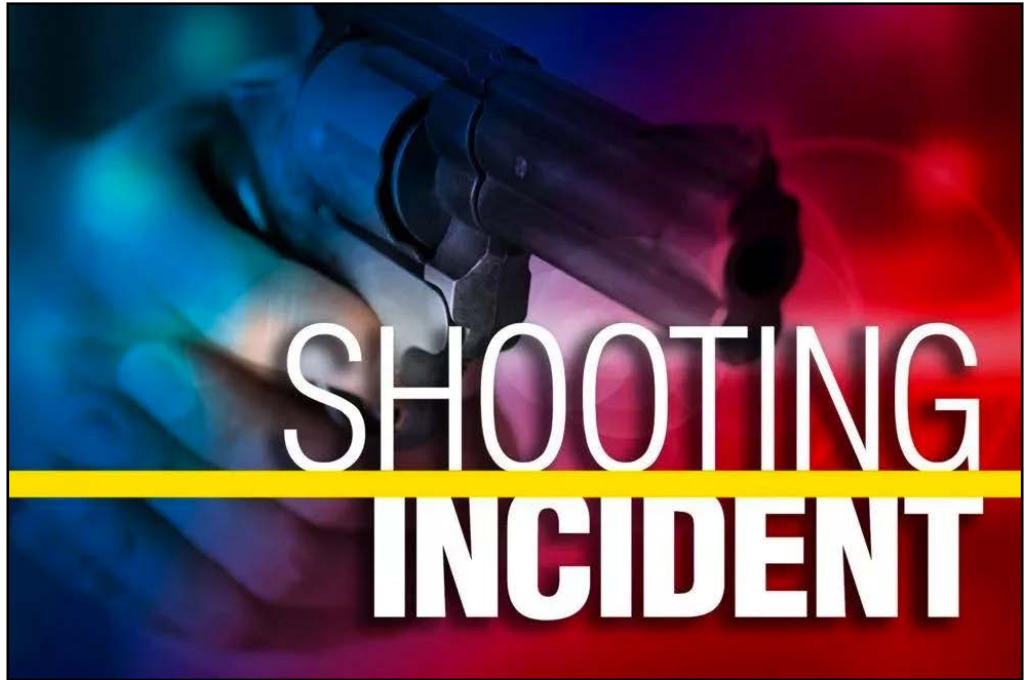
Police Provide Update On Easter Sunday Shooting



The police are continuing investigations into the shooting incident that occurred at Corn Alley during the early hours of Easter Sunday, April 5.

One of the victims, a 20-year-old male, remains hospitalized at the Sir Lester Bird Medical Centre, where he continues to receive medical treatment. He is expected to undergo surgery for injuries sustained to his hand and thigh.

The other victims who were injured



during the incident have since been treated and discharged from the hospital.

Investigations into the matter remain ongoing as police continue their efforts to identify and apprehend those responsible.

The Police Administration is appealing to anyone with information that may assist in the investigation to contact the Criminal Investigations Department at 462-3913 or call the Crimestoppers anonymous hotline at 800-TIPS (8477).

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Police provide More info on traffic accident

The police are continuing investigations into the traffic collision that occurred along Pares Main Road involving a white Toyota Hiace motor van and a white Honda Accord motor car on Easter Monday, April 6.

The allegations are that the driver of the Honda Accord was travelling from East to West at a high rate of speed and overtook a line of traffic.

During the manoeuvre, the vehicle collided with the Toyota Hiace, which was travelling in the opposite direction.

As a result of the impact, four individuals, including a minor, sustained injuries and were transported to the Sir Lester Bird Medical Centre by Emergency Medical Services personnel.

All individuals involved in the accident remain hospitalized with multiple injuries that are considered serious. However, the minor, a 63-year-old male, and an 18-year-old male are reported to be in stable condition. Doctors are continuing efforts to stabilize the driver of the car. Both vehicles



were extensively damaged.

The Police Administration is reminding all motorists to exercise caution

while using the nation's roads and to avoid dangerous driving practices that may endanger lives.



DAILY PROGRAMMING




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Freeland Mourns The Passing of ABLP Stalwart Walcott Lewis

The Antigua and Barbuda Labour Party's candidate for St. George, Michael Freeland, joins with the village of Potters in mourning the passing of a stalwart, Walcott Lewis, widely known in the village as 'Wally'.

Reports state that Lewis passed away Monday morning at the Sir Lester Bird Medical Centre after a period of illness.

"I am deeply saddened to learn of the passing of my friend Walcott Lewis. He was truly one of Potters Village's finest; a man of character, strength, and unwavering loyalty.

"As a stalwart Labourite, Walcott's dedication to his community and his principles was unmatched. But for me, his legacy is deeply personal. He was family. He stood shoulder-to-shoulder with my late father, Sir Adolphus Freeland, every single step of the way. Through every challenge and every triumph, Walcott was a constant, steady presence, and for that, I hold great love and appreciation for him.

Walcott was a pillar of our lives, and a blessing to so many. His absence leaves a void that will be felt by everyone who knew him," Freeland wrote on his Facebook page.

Further, Freeland noted that because of Lewis's dedicated to the community of Potters and the ABLP, he will never to be forgotten.

"Your impact on Potters and on our family will live on forever. I am send-




Walcott Lewis, widely known in the village as 'Wally'

ing all my love, light, and deepest sympathies to his family and the many friends who are mourning this great loss. We lean on each other now, just as he always leaned on by us.

Rest in Peace, Walcott," he declared.



Lewis was an unrelenting campaign-

er for the ABLP candidates for the St. George constituency and whilst he didn't hold a formal position in the party branch, he nonetheless served as a dedicated foot-soldier for the cause. He was also the first caretaker of the Potters Sports Complex when it was first commissioned.



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The Wrong Reform: Why Term Limits and Fixed Election Dates Cannot Work in Antigua and Barbuda

A Constitutional Series in Four Parts

By Gavin V. Emmanuel

Part Two: When the Calendar Fails in Practice

Part One established that the Westminster doctrine of responsible government, as enshrined in Sections 60 and 69 of the Antigua and Barbuda Constitution, is structurally incompatible with fixed election dates, and that any statute purporting to impose such a calendar would fall foul of Section 2's supremacy clause. But what if the reformers went further? What if the Constitution itself were amended to accommodate fixed dates? Part Two examines whether that path fares any better, drawing on the cautionary experience of the United Kingdom and on the administrative realities specific to Antigua and Barbuda.

A constitutional amendment to impose fixed dates would not solve the problem of the prerogative of calling an election at any time. It would simply relocate it. The United Kingdom learned this lesson at considerable cost. The Fixed-term Parliaments Act 2011, born of coalition politics, attempted to do precisely what Caribbean reformers now propose: replace the prerogative of dissolution with a statutory calendar. The result was what constitutional scholars came to call a “zombie parliament” during the Brexit impasse of 2017 to 2019. The government of the day could not pass its primary legislation, yet the opposition refused to grant the two-thirds majority required to trigger an early election, holding the country in a state of suspended animation. Parliament could neither legislate nor dissolve. The Act was eventually repealed in 2022 by the Dissolution and Calling of Parliament Act, restoring the pre-



rogative system and affirming, in the words of the legislation's architects, a return to “tried and tested” constitutional practice. The lesson of the British experiment is not that fixed terms were implemented imperfectly. It is that in a fused parliamentary system, fixed terms are fundamentally incompatible with the logic of confidence government. When the executive cannot appeal to the electorate to break a deadlock, accountability disappears entirely.

There is a further dimension to this problem that is specific to small island states and that tends to be overlooked by advocates of calendar-driven reform. Sections 62 through 65 of the Antigua and Barbuda Constitution establish the Constituencies Boundaries Commission and define the process by which electoral districts are reviewed and redrawn. This is not an administrative footnote. Boundary reform is a constitutionally significant exercise, subject to extensive consultation and frequently to legal challenge, as the experiences of 2013 and 2022 both illustrate. The flexibility to call an election allows a government to align the vote with the completion of a legitimate boundary review. A fixed date removes that flexibility. It may force the country to go to the polls on boundaries that are outdated or contested, undermining the

democratic legitimacy of the result before the first vote is cast. The 2022 Boundaries Commission report expressly recommended early appointment of a new Commission following each election precisely because the parliamentary cycle must accommodate these administrative realities, not the other way around.

Across Commonwealth jurisdictions, the pattern is consistent. Canada adopted fixed election dates at both the federal and provincial levels, yet the enabling legislation explicitly preserved the Governor-General's prerogative to dissolve Parliament at the discretion of the Crown. In practice, early dissolutions continued to occur. Australia maintains a constitutional three-year maximum term, and any extension would require a national referendum. No Westminster system of government has succeeded in imposing a genuinely rigid election calendar without either preserving the prerogative in law or discovering, as the United Kingdom did, that the attempt generates constitutional dysfunction. The Antigua and Barbuda Constitution already reflects this consensus. What the framers of 1981 built was not a failure of imagination. It was a considered design. I dare say that Antigua and Barbuda's Constitution is, in this regard, perfectly suited to the Westminster system of government and an attempt to transplant elements from the presidential system would only serve to weaken that system.

The argument for fixed dates typically rests on the claim that prime ministers exploit the timing of elections for partisan advantage, calling elections when conditions favour the incumbent rather than

when governance requires it. This is a legitimate concern, and it deserves a serious response. But the remedy cannot be a mechanism that severs the link between parliamentary confidence and executive authority. The flexibility of the prerogative is not the problem. Its abuse is. And abuse of a power is not corrected by abolishing the power. It is correct-

ed by strengthening the institutions that constrain how the power is exercised: an independent elections commission, codified caretaker conventions, robust campaign finance regulation. Antigua's Constitution already provides a framework for these tools. The task is to build on that framework, not to dismantle its foundations.

The constitutional power to dissolve Parliament any time before the maximum limit of five years is not a threat to democracy. In a Westminster system, it is democracy's ultimate safeguard: the mechanism by which the people are called upon to resolve what their representatives cannot.



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Project Country	Antigua and Barbuda
Project Number (if applicable)	Not Applicable (N/A)
Project Name	Integrated Solid Waste Management Preparation Project
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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					
3					
4					
5					
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7					
8					
9					
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.

Easter tragedy in Tobago

A businessman drowned while fishing in Tobago on Saturday.

Around 9 a.m. Clint Haynes and three others went fishing at the Giles, via the 22 foot vessel, 'Chant A Psalm'.

Haynes, 41, and another man were together fishing on some rocks. The man reported that a wave tossed Haynes off the rocks and he fell into the water. One of the men entered the sea to rescue Haynes. He held onto him and they were about 100 feet away from the rocks but Haynes was pulling him under the water and he had to let him go.

They searched for his body but without success. A report was made at the Charlotteville Police Station and a team of divers went in search of the self-employed businessman. His body was retrieved and identified by his



common law wife. Haynes' body was taken to the mortuary where an autopsy is expected to be conducted. (Trinidad Express)

PNP says former MP's membership with party under review after incest charge

The People's National Party (PNP) says a former Member of Parliament's membership with the party has been referred to the organisation's disciplinary process after he was charged with a serious sexual offence.

The former MP is in the custody of the Savanna-la-Mar police charged with incest, Observer Online has been reliably informed.

In a statement late Monday responding to the charge, the PNP said its thoughts "are first and foremost with the young victim and all those affected by this deeply distressing case.

"The protection of children and all vulnerable persons



must always be our absolute priority," the party said.

In the meantime, the party said it "acted without delay" upon learning of the charges against the former MP.

"The accused's membership in the People's Nation-

al Party has been referred to the appropriate internal processes for immediate action. We respect that the matter is now a legal one, and as such, we will limit our comments. We trust that the judicial process will be fair, thorough, and expedient,"

the PNP said.

"The PNP remains unwavering in its commitment to the highest standards of conduct and to policies that actively protect and support victims of abuse. There is no place in our Party or our society for anyone who would commit such crimes," the party added in the statement.

The allegations are that the former MP took a 13-year-old female relative to run errands in January of this year. Following that, he reportedly brought her to his home in Frome, where he had sex with her.

A report was made to the police by the victim and he was arrested and charged. (Jamaica Observer)

Kamla says process used to re-appoint Caricom SG could have long term effects for Trinidadians



Prime Minister Kamla Persad-Bissessar says the “surreptitious and odious process” used regarding the reappointment of the Caribbean Community (Caricom) Secretary General, Dr Carla Barnett, could have long term effects for the people of Trinidad and Tobago.

In a statement posted on her Facebook page, Persad-Bissessar said that she was again calling on the 15-member regional integration grouping “for transparency on the surreptitious and odious process used to reappoint” the Belizean-born economist for another five year term.

“Trinidad and Tobago remains committed to Caricom, but until this matter is transparently resolved, the organization and its secretariat should absolutely expect no quarter from my Government.

“This is not a simple run-of-the-mill administrative appointment; it’s an appointment with long-term ramifications for my citizens. It’s an appointment that directly affects the future over the coming five years of Trinidad and Tobago’s economy, security, integration, and foreign affairs. Therefore in the interest of my citizens wellbeing I will mercilessly, relentlessly, and if needed, ruthlessly publicly prose-

cute this matter until transparency is achieved,” Persad-Bissessar wrote.

Late last month, in a brief statement, the Caricom chairman and St Kitts and Nevis Prime Minister, Dr Terrance Drew, said that Barnett had attained the “required majority” from among regional leaders regarding her re-appointment at last month’s Caricom summit held in Basseterre.

However Trinidad and Tobago has insisted that it was “not invited” to the deliberations that led to Barnett’s re-appointment, with Port of Spain adding that Antigua and Barbuda and The Bahamas were also absent.

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that Trinidad and Tobago was not invited by email, telephone or in person to that meeting where that particular decision was made,” that country’s Caricom and foreign affairs minister, Sean Sobers, told the Trinidad and Tobago Parliament last month.

Prime Minister Persad-Bissessar, who left the Basseterre summit prior to the retreat of regional leaders on Nevis, said on March 25, Sobers wrote to Prime Minister Drew, “formally placing on record Trinidad and Tobago’s objection to the re-appointment of Dr Carla Barnett as Secretary-General of Caricom.

“Our concern is straightforward: the proposed re-appointment was not included on the provisional agenda for the Fiftieth Regular Meeting of the Conference of Heads of Government in St. Kitts and Nevis, was not considered during plenary, and was reportedly addressed only during the Heads of Government Retreat...from which Trinidad and Tobago and other Member States were excluded through their authorised representatives.

“This raises serious concerns to the use of improper procedures to cir-

cumvent the process and facilitate Barnett’s reappointment,” Persad-Bissessar said, adding that “Trinidad and Tobago therefore maintains that the re-appointment was not undertaken in accordance with Article 24 of the Revised Treaty of Chaguaramas, which requires formal consideration and appointment by the Conference”.

She said to ensure full transparency, further letters dated March 31, 2026, were sent to Prime Minister Drew and directly to the Secretary-General seeking clarification on the process followed.

“These letters requested details on when and how the matter was placed on draft agendas, what communications were issued to Member States, whether governments were informed following the Joint Communiqué and closing press conference, and whether any draft decision was circulated confidentially after the Retreat.

“They also sought an explanation for any confidentiality surrounding the matter, given the importance of preserving Member State confidence in Caricom’s Rules of Procedure and collective decision-making.”

Persad-Bissessar said further, on March 31, 2026, the Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Foreign and Caricom Affairs wrote to Janice Miller, Chef-de-Cabinet, Office of the Secretary-General, “formally requesting clarification and documentation regarding the re-appointment of the Caricom Secretary-General.

“The letter noted that previous re-appointments, such as in 2016, adhered to proper procedures, with decisions recorded and reflecting the views of all Heads of Government. The Permanent Secretary emphasized that the current process appears not to have conformed to Caricom’s Rules of Procedure.

“To date, no response has been received. The people of Trinidad and Tobago who finance 22 per cent of Caricom’s budget deserve transparency, accountability, and faithful adherence to agreed rules,” Persad-Bissessar added.

Barnett became the eighth Caricom Secretary General on August 15, 2021, by “unanimous appointment” of the regional leaders. (CMC)

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Rapper Offset in hospital after being shot in Florida

Former Migos rapper Offset has been shot outside a casino in Florida.

The 34-year-old, whose real name is Kiari Kendrell Cephus, is in a “stable” condition and being “closely monitored” in hospital, his spokesperson has told BBC Newsbeat.

The Seminole Police Department have said two people have been detained in connection with the incident outside of Seminole Hard Rock Hollywood.

One of those is US rapper Lil TJay, real name Tione Jayden Merritt, who has been charged with disorderly conduct.

Police have told Newsbeat said an incident took place “at a valet area” after 19:00 on Monday, outside of Seminole Hard Rock Hollywood” and “resulted in non-life threatening injuries to an individual”.

A spokesperson has said the investigation “is ongoing”, with efforts to identify “one or more additional persons” involved in the incident.

Offset is best known for being part of the hip-hop trio Migos along with Quavo and Takeoff.

He married US singer and rapper Cardi B in 2017 and the couple have three children.



They later separated and filed for divorce in 2024.

Multi-platinum group Migos first went viral with the song Versace in 2013.

Another hit followed in 2017, Bad and Boujee, which made it to number one on the Billboard Hot 100.

They have been described as one of the most influential groups of their generation.

In early 2022, the trio split with Quavo and Takeoff forming their own duo,

Unc & Phew.

Offset pursued a solo career.

Months later in November 2022, Takeoff was shot dead at a bowling alley in Houston, Texas.

His record label paid tribute to the rapper in a statement: “Senseless violence and a stray bullet has taken another life from this world and we are devastated.”

BBC Newsbeat has contacted Lil TJay’s representatives for comment. (BBC)



Australia's most-decorated living soldier charged over alleged war crimes

Australia's most-decorated living soldier has been charged over allegations he committed war crimes in Afghanistan.

Ben Roberts-Smith - who left the defence force in 2013 - was arrested at Sydney airport on Tuesday and will face court over five counts of the war crime of murder. He will spend the night in a cell, before a bail hearing on Wednesday.

A defamation judgement in 2023 found the former corporal in Australia's Special Air Service Regiment (SAS) had killed several unarmed Afghans.

The 47-year-old Victoria Cross recipient denies all wrongdoing, and has previously said the allegations against him - which have not yet been assessed at a criminal standard - were "egregious" and "spiteful".

The civil trial was the first time in history any court has examined claims of war crimes by Australian forces.

Roberts-Smith argued the alleged killings occurred legally during combat or did not happen at all, and last year lost an appeal against the Federal Court finding.

At a news conference in Sydney on Tuesday, the Australian Federal Police (AFP) confirmed a 47-year-old former soldier had been arrested and said he would be charged with killing unarmed detainees while serving in Afghanistan between 2009 and 2012.

He faces one charge of the war crime of murder, one of jointly commissioning a murder, and three of aiding, abetting, counselling or procuring a murder.

"It will be alleged the victims were shot by the accused or shot by subordinate members of the ADF [Australian Defence Force] in the presence of, and acting on the orders of, the accused," Commissioner Krissy Barrett said.

In 2020, a landmark investigation known as the Brereton Report found "credible evidence" that elite Australian soldiers unlawfully killed 39 peo-



ple in Afghanistan, recommending 19 current or former ADF members be investigated.

A specialist team - called the Office of the Special Investigator (OSI) - was set up to do so. It has charged only one other person so far.

Ross Barnett, director of investigations at OSI, said Roberts-Smith's arrest was a "significant step" under "challenging circumstances".

"The OSI has been tasked with investigating literally dozens of murders alleged to have been committed in the middle of a war zone in a country 9,000km from Australia," he said.

"We can't go to that country, we don't have access to the crime scenes... We don't have photographs, site plans, measurements, the recovery of projectiles, blood spatter analysis... We don't have access to the deceased."

Barrett added that allegations of misconduct were confined to "a very small section of our trusted and respected ADF".

"The majority of the ADF do our country proud," she said.

Earlier on Tuesday, Prime Minister Anthony Albanese said he would not comment on the case as it is before the courts.

"[It] is very important that there not be political engagement," he said.

In a statement, the Australian War Memorial has said it will again review its Ben Roberts-Smith exhibit. A plaque accompanying a display of his uniform and medals has been repeatedly updated to reflect the allegations, and the outcome of his defamation case.

At the time Nine newspapers first published reports of the allegations in 2018, Roberts-Smith was considered a national hero, having been awarded Australia's highest military honour for single-handedly overpowering Taliban fighters attacking his SAS platoon.

In a bid to clear his name, he launched a high-profile legal battle - which spanned seven years, cost millions of dollars and was dubbed by some as Australia's "trial of the century".

However a Federal Court judge found - on the balance of probabilities - that Roberts-Smith had taken part in at least four murders, a judgement upheld on appeal.

Anthony Besanko found that Roberts-Smith had twice ordered unarmed men be shot dead to "blood" rookie soldiers, and was involved in the deaths of a handcuffed farmer he kicked off a cliff and a captured Taliban fighter whose prosthetic leg was taken as a trophy and later used by troops as a drinking vessel. (BBC)

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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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Sports News

Over 500 players participate in annual Villa Lions Easter Classic

In excess of 560 young players participated in what has been considered to be a very keenly contested 2026 Cool and Smooth Annual Easter Classic at the ABFA Technical Center.

The under-10 Division was won by Pigott's Bullet SC; Villa Lions Soccer Academy (VLSA) claimed second place, and Young Warriors FC finished in third place.

Midfielder Marley Richards of Pigott's Bullet SC claimed the Most Valuable Player (MVP) award, while defender Jamere Joseph of VLSA and striker Aiden Osborne of VLSA captured the MVP awards in their respective positions.

The Pigott's Bullet SC also captured the under-13 Division; SAP FC took second place, and the Villa Lions Soccer Academy finished in third place.

Steven of St. Peter's Academy claimed the MVP award in offense; Khyque Martin of Pigott's Bullet SC won the MVP accolade in defense; Tevorn Henderson of Pigott's Bullet SC secured the MVP award in midfield; and Adonis Colebourne captured the best goalkeeper award.

Villa Lions Soccer Academy and Mount Pleasant FC shared top hon-

ours in the under-15 Division. Soccer Academy took the runners-up spot.

Shumba Thomas of VLSA claimed the MVP award in defense; Ethan Comacho of Mount Pleasant FC captured the MVP accolade in offense; Mario Lewis of VLSA took the MVP award in midfield; and the custodian of Mount Pleasant FC claimed the best goalkeeper award.

Villa Lions Soccer Academy, Mount Pleasant FC, and CPTSA Wings also shared the title in the under-17 Division. Jamarie George of Mount Pleasant FC captured the MVP award in offense, while teammate Malique Samuel took the MVP award in defense.

Kharique Joseph of VLSA won the MVP award in midfield, while teammate Erick Moreta captured the best goalkeeper award.

Due to a power outage at the ABFA Technical Centre on Friday evening, the organizers were unable to complete the under-15 and under-17 finals. As a result, the championship trophy was shared among the three finalists.

It was highly competitive, action-packed, good competition, and disciplined formations during two

days of clean and hardworking football games.

Teams were well supported by their parents and supporters; as a result, the organizing committee of the Villa Lions Soccer Academy (VLSA) expressed its gratitude to all the clubs that took part in this year's Cool and Smooth Easter Classic.

The organizers have also recognized several coaches for their outstanding performance during the event.

Coach Donovan Peart of Mount Pleasant; Auckland "Pinup" Jarvis of Pigott's Bullets Sports Club; Ivor Luke of Lion Hill FC; Karanjah Mack of CPTSA Wings; David James of Pigott's Bullet SC; Colin James of Young Warriors FC; Devita Samuel of St. Peter's Academy; Malcolm Challenger of SAP FC; Arnold James and George Warner of Earthquake FC; and Shamar of Villa Lions Soccer Academy.

The organizers also expressed their gratitude to its title sponsor, Cool and Smooth, as well as other donors, including the Ministry of Education, Sports, and Creative Industries; the Antigua and Barbuda Football Association; and the Ministry of Environment and Health.



Male and female finalists decided in ABSCA 10-Over contests



Marcko Inc. Buckley's 3Js softball cricket team

Rackaman Construction Strictly Business and defending champions Marcko Inc. Buckley's 3Js have advanced to the final of the Antigua and Barbuda Softball Cricket Association's (ABSCA) Men's 10-Overs competition.

Both teams confirmed their spots into next Sunday's championship decider by securing wins in their final match in the preliminary stage of the men's round-robin competition.

Strictly Business crushed Mix Up Stars by 79 runs at Dredgers. Strictly Business made 137 for two off their 10 overs. Player of the match Kim George hammered 57, including nine sixes, Melvin Charles hit 40, and Jevon Howel struck 25.

In reply, Mix Up Stars were restricted to 58 for six off their 10 overs. Ashfield Weatherhead claimed two wickets for three runs, and Shaquan Reifer picked up two for 10.

The Buckley's 3Js prevailed by 35

runs against the Dredgers at Antigua Grammar School's playing field. The Buckley's 3Js made 77 for four off their 10 overs.

Nigel Fergus hit 24, and Randino Turner scored 23. Mervin Higgins bagged two for 11. In reply, the Dredgers were restricted to 42 for six off their 10 overs.

Loy Weste hit 20, player of the match Rodney Williams claimed two wickets for four runs, and Steve Martin took two wickets for seven runs.

Defending champions Wayne's Electrical Services Survivors and Alzarri and Sharon Joseph North Sails Antigua Female Flyers have advanced to the final of the ABSCA Women's 10-Overs competition.

The Survivors defeated Bravos Wholesale and Distributors Jennings Rockets by 28 runs at Dredgers. The Survivors made 84 for one off their 10 overs. Player of the match Grace Persaud hit an unbeat-

en 34, and Stacy Bright scored 30 not out.

In reply, the Rockets were restricted to 61 for six off their 10 overs. Patara Francis struck 17, while Menova Govia took two for 16.

The Female Flyers beat the Survivors by nine wickets at Dredgers. The Survivors were restricted to 54 for three off their 10 overs. Kimberly Anthony cracked 20 not out, while Christine Mills bagged three for 18.

In reply, the Female Flyers achieved victory by scoring 57 for one in 7.1 overs. Player of the match Makada Hector smashed 37 not out.

The Female Flyers also pulled off a 10-wicket win against Potters Uprising Cricket Team at Antigua Grammar School. Potters made 47 for one off their 10 overs. Tawana John hit an unbeaten 19, and Nolia Elvin also scored 19.

In reply, the Female Flyers coasted to victory by scoring 49 without losing any wickets in six overs. Player of the match Makada Hector struck an unbeaten 24, and Terez Parker scored 19 not out.

In another encounter, Potters defeated Jennings Rockets by 25 runs at Antigua Grammar School. Potters scored 78 for four off their 10 overs. Player of the match Nolia Elvin slammed 28 not out, and Jema Joseph hit 17. Dorn Collette picked up two wickets for eight runs.

In reply, the Jennings Rockets were restricted to 53 for three off their 10 overs. Kushana David struck 26 not out.

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Parish League to continue with matches in Sir Richie Richardson contest



Action in the Antigua Commercial Bank Caribbean Parish League Sir Richie Richardson 30-Over Championship will resume this weekend.

On Saturday, PIC Liberta Blackhawks will face Freetown at Ball Beef in Liberta. Pigotts will meet Police at Pigotts, and Sea View Farm will take on Stingray City Seatons at Sea View Farm.

On Sunday, Mahico will oppose the Liberta Blackhawks at Clare Hall, Freetown will tackle Police at Freetown, and Seatons will take on Pigotts at Seatons.

In the previous matches, the Liberta Blackhawks beat Seatons by nine wickets at Seatons. Batting first, Seatons tumbled to 88 all out. Adonis Hector scored 24.

Vishal Gobin grabbed four for 13, and Tiando Charles claimed three for 26. The Liberta Blackhawks achieved victory by scoring 91 for one.

The match between Pigotts and Mahico at Clare Hall was abandoned due to rain, while the encounter involving Freetown and Sea View Farm was not played due to a misunderstanding by the umpires.

Police beat Sea View Farm by 69 runs at Sea View Farm. Police made 223 for five off 25 overs. Deran Benta slammed 83, Malique Walsh struck 41, Michael

Harrilall made 36, and Shavon Moore hit 32. Dwayne Fordyce took two for 40.

In reply, Sea View Farm tumbled to 154 all out. Malique Jacobs slammed 87, and Dwayne Fordyce struck 22.

James Cornelius bagged four for 21, Malique Walsh claimed three for 17, and Janisen Richards took two for 14.

Mahico pulled off an eight-wicket victory over Seatons at Seatons. Seatons crashed to 69 all out. In reply, Mahico achieved victory by scoring 71 for two. Glenton Williams hit 37 not out.

Pigotts Crushers claimed a four-wicket win against the Liberta Blackhawks at Pigotts. The Liberta Blackhawks made 185 for six off 27 overs. Michael Greaves struck 90, while Shawn Harris claimed two for 32.

In reply, Pigotts achieved victory by scoring 186 for six in 25.2 overs. Xaveek Toppin slammed 73, and Demari Benta hit 46 not out. Ian Gore picked up two for 25.



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Lions off to winning start in defense of Super40 Championship

Caribbean Motor Works (CMW) New Winthorpes Lions made a successful start in defense of their title in the Antigua and Barbuda Cricket Association's (ABCA) Super40 Championship.

The Lions crushed the WES Rising Sun Spartans by 65 runs in their opening-round encounter at New Winthorpes. The Lions were dismissed for 183 in 28.1 overs after being sent in to bat.

Ishmael Peters slammed 42; there was a contribution of 39 extras, including 35 wides, and Captain Nino Henry struck 35. Kerique Mentore bagged five for 35, while there were two wickets for Jakeem Pollard and Trevorson Atley.

In reply, the Rising Sun Spartans were dismissed for 118 in 33 overs. Hilroy Andrew struck 38, and there was a contribution of 25 extras, including 23 wides. Nino Henry bagged three for 16, while there were two wickets each for Orandel Boston and Demari Benta.

The Pigotts Crushers beat the All Saints Pythons by seven wickets in a match that was reduced to 31 overs due to rain. Set a revised target of 171 in 31 overs, the Pigotts Crushers achieved victory by scoring the re-



**Captain of CMW New Winthorpes Lions
Nino Henry**

quired runs for the loss of three wickets with 15 balls to spare.

Opener Amahl Nathaniel slammed 68, and Xaveek Toppin struck 53. The All Saints Pythons made 149 for six in 31.3 overs after winning the toss and electing to bat. Captain Michael Marcellin struck 78.

The Jennings Tigers prevailed by 200 runs against Tertiary Institutions and School at Jennings. The Jennings Tigers made 259 for nine off their allotted 40 overs.

Matthew Miller slammed 73 off 63 balls, Jahiem Africa struck 47, Elijah

Peter cracked 38, and captain Glenton Williams scored 33. Xanden Hobson claimed four for 48, and Leonaldo Ducreay picked up two wickets.

In reply, Tertiary Institutions and School tumbled to 59 all out in 15.5 overs. Zavier Freeland grabbed six wickets for one run, while Glenton Williams and Nicolas Tappin each picked up two wickets.

The PIC Insurance Liberta Blackhawks won by default against the Bethesda Golden Eagles, who failed to show up for their encounter at Rising Sun in St. John's.

The other opening-round match between Empire Nation and the Bolans Blasters was abandoned as a no result due to rain at the Keithley Sheppard Recreational Park.

Empire Nation never got the chance to bat due to rain, which brought a premature end to the match with the Bolans Blasters at 120 for eight in 26.4 overs after winning the toss and opting to bat.

Javaughn James struck 35, and Richie Thomas scored 22. Left-arm seamer Yanique Watley claimed three for 22, and Ajharie Joseph picked up two for 47.

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second. Brion Ward of The Bahamas secured the bronze medal in 11.63 seconds.

Fenton had earlier secured a bronze medal in the final of the Girls Under-17 400 meters final. Fenton, who was the defending champion in the event, crossed the line in 52.62 seconds on day one of the regional athletics championships.

Last year's runner-up, Keyezra Thomas of The Bahamas, was second once more, clocking 52.58 sec-

onds, while Jamaica's Shameika McLean claimed the gold medal in 52.47 seconds. Zonique Charles delivers another outstanding performance, claiming a silver medal by securing second place with a throw of 46.27 meters in the under-17 girls' javelin final.

Maliek Francis delivers on the big stage, securing bronze in the under-20 boys' javelin throw with a personal best of 60.14 meters in the final.

Minister Matthew said the achievement reflected the dedication and discipline of

the athletes, noting that several team members recorded personal bests during this year's CARIFTA Games.

Jamaica topped the medals table at the CARIFTA Games for the 40th straight time after amassing 71 medals at the 53rd staging of the regional event, which ended on Monday.

The island's junior athletes, who started the third and final day of the games with 43 medals, added another 28 for the total that saw 28 gold, 27 silver, and 16 bronze.

Trinidad and Tobago came

second with 35 medals, comprising nine gold, 11 silver, and 15 bronze, and the Bahamas finished in third place with 30 medals, comprising eight gold, 12 silver, and 10 bronze.

Next was Barbados with 17 medals, comprising six gold, three silver, and eight bronze, and Guyana finished with six medals, including four gold, a silver, and a bronze, to round out the top five.

Antigua and Barbuda finished sixth with five medals, comprising two gold, a silver, and two bronze.

Antiguan athletes return from CARIFTA Games to warm welcome

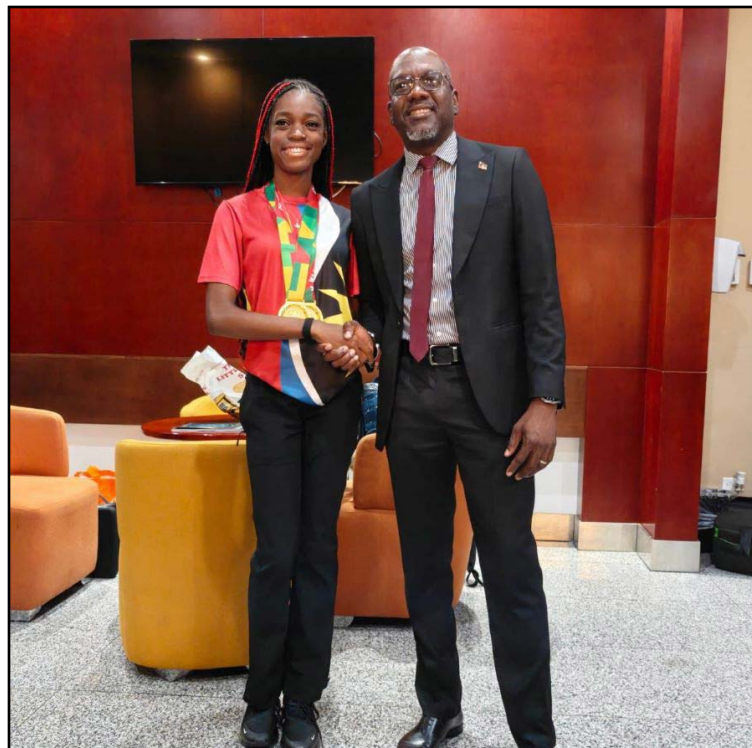


The Minister of Education, Sports, and Creative Industries, Honourable Daryll Matthew, center, poses with members of the Antigua and Barbuda CARIFTA team at the V.C. Bird International Airport on Tuesday. (Photos courtesy of the Ministry of Sports)

The Antigua and Barbuda athletes who attended the 53rd CARIFTA (Track and Field) Games in Grenada returned home to a warm welcome from officials of the Ministry of Education, Sports, and Creative Industries on Tuesday.

The Minister of Education, Sports, and Creative Industries, Daryll Matthew, led the ministry's officials in showering praise on the nation's athletes that finished sixth in the medals count from a field of 22 countries at the three-day CARIFTA Games, which took place at the Kirani James Athletics Stadium in St. George's from April 4 to 6.

High praise was singled out for 16-year-old Tyra



The Minister of Education, Sports, and Creative Industries, Honourable Daryll Matthew, right, congratulates Tyra Fenton.

Fenton, who completed the sprint double by winning the Under-17 Girls' 100 and 200-meter finals.

Fenton captured her country's second gold of the games on the final evening, winning the 200 meters final in 23.39 seconds. Jael Peters of Trinidad and Tobago was second in 23.95, and the Bahamas' Keyezra Thomas was third in 24.03 seconds.

Fenton copped Antigua and Barbuda's first gold medal by winning a photo finish in the 100 meters final on Saturday.

Fenton clocked 11.30 seconds, the same time as Jazae Johnson of The Bahamas, but Fenton secured the gold when their times were separated by thousandths of a

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