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Editorial

The Creative Economy-A Pillar of National Vibrancy For Sugar Mas Festivity

As we bask in the festive atmosphere leading up to the official opening of Sugar Mas 53, it is impossible to ignore the vibrancy, creativity, and cultural richness that define this season.

Our twin-island Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis, renowned for its lively traditions, transforms into a kaleidoscope of music, art and celebration at carnival time. The creative economy, exemplified during this period, is not only a reflection of our identity but also a powerful driver of social and economic development.

Each year, music stands at the heart of our Sugar Mas festivities. From pulsating soca beats that make you jump and wave to thought-provoking calypso narratives that tackle politics, social issues, and the humor of daily life, the artistic expressions of our people shine brightly. These genres of music are not just entertainment; they are vehicles of cultural storytelling and social commentary.

Calypso, in particular, continues to be a cornerstone of Sugar Mas, providing a platform for artistes to delve into the issues of the day, often blending satire with profound insights. These songs challenge us to think critically about our society, while also offering moments of humor and light-heartedness. On the other hand, soca infuses the season with energy and excitement, encouraging revelers to dance, celebrate and unite. Together, these art forms create a balance of reflection and celebration, embodying the spirit

of carnival.

The work of our musicians, producers, and performers underscores the importance of nurturing the creative economy. These artists pour their hearts and souls into their craft, often inspired by the dynamic environment of carnival. Their music does more than entertain; it fosters community, inspires pride, and contributes significantly to the economy through performances, recordings, and events.

Kudos must be given to the National Carnival Committee for its role in enhancing the creative landscape of Sugar Mas. This year, the timely deadline for the Road March competition has prompted a surge of participation from artists and bands. By setting clear parameters, the committee has not only encouraged creativity but has also ensured that fans and music lovers can fully engage with the festivities early-on! Initiatives like this help sustain a competitive and vibrant creative economy, fostering innovation and ensuring quality in the cultural output.

Beyond Carnival, the creative economy holds vast potential for St. Kitts and Nevis. It is an

industry that encompasses music, art, fashion, film, and more. With strategic investment and support, it can become a significant contributor to national development. From job creation to cultural tourism, the creative economy has the power to diversify our economy and elevate our global profile.

Sugar Mas is a shining example of what can be achieved when creativity and community intersect. The energy, color, and joy of this season remind us of the immense talent and potential within our people. As we gyrate to the rhythms of soca or reflect on the poignant messages of calypso, let us also remember to value and support the creative forces that make these experiences possible.

Investing in the creative economy is an investment in our identity, our future, and our ability to thrive in a rapidly changing world.

Let Sugar Mas 53 inspire us to celebrate and champion the creative spirit of St. Kitts and Nevis, not just during Carnival, but every day of the year.

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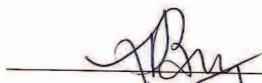
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PM Drew Raises Questions About CBI-Martinez Vetting

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETERRE, St. Kitts (Thursday 28th November 2024)- “How is it the Harris administration did not know that? Why was our country exposed?”

On the topic of the convicted fraudulent background of French investor Phillipe Martinez, such a line of questioning has been made by Prime Minister and Minister of Finance Dr. Terrance Drew, in relation to the vetting process of the Citizenship by Investment (CBI) programme and its association with Martinez under the past government.

His sentiments were made when quizzed by a local reporter during his monthly The Round Table session held on Wednesday 20th November 2024.

PM Drew addressed concerns about Martinez’s inclusion in the program, allegations of misconduct, and the handling of the program under the previous administration.

He outlined the timeline of Phillipe Martinez’s association with the CBI programme, noting that his involvement existed before

the present administration.

“When we met Mr. Martinez, when we got into office, it was already part of the CBI programme,” Dr. Drew stated. “Mr. Martinez, with MSR, was admitted to the programme in May of 2022. You’ll be fully aware that I was not the Prime Minister, and that it was another Prime Minister who admitted Mr. Martinez into our CBI programme.”

PM Drew highlighted that the government assumed due diligence processes were carried out before Martinez’s admission. However, subsequent checks revealed

serious issues.

“When we did our other due diligence, we discovered a checkered past for the MSR gentleman,” Dr. Drew said. “A checkered past that showed from our information that he was convicted for fraud. He was sentenced to five years in prison, according to our report, and he spent time in the United States and Europe.”

He questioned why the previous administration had not uncovered this information during its vetting process.

“...you would know that based on our standards in St. Kitts and Nevis, if a man or woman commits any type of offense, fraud, which is significant, he or she is bad from certain jobs. And in our CBI programme, when this is discovered, this is grounds to take serious action. The question becomes, and it’s perplexing. How is it the Harris administration did not know that? Why was our country exposed?”

He disclosed that Martinez later approached the government with a financial demand to resolve the matter.

“One of the things that was said to me and to the government was that if we wanted this to go away, we needed to pay \$40 to \$100 million US dollars,” Dr. Drew revealed.

He expressed outrage at the request, emphasizing its potential financial implications.

“How can a man enter my office saying...that I have to pay \$40 to \$100 million out of the government’s treasury to settle this case that a fraudster has brought forward, who should not have been in the first place?” ...\$100 million U.S. dollars, that is approaching a quarter of our annual budget.”

PM Drew emphasized his administration’s commitment to safeguarding the integrity of the CBI program, distancing themselves from Martinez and taking steps to strengthen oversight.

“I will never risk the integrity of our country or the PM’s office or the CBI programme with such a character,” he asserted.

Additionally, he outlined measures introduced under his administration to address issues within the programme.

“We are the only country that has made underselling a criminal offense. If you do that, you will have a record that reflects that you were involved in fraudulent activities,” he said.

PM Drew questioned the vetting process under the previous administration, asking, “Had he gone through the process, he would not have entered the program. How did we accept this man with this severely tied criminal record to be entered into our CBI programme?”

Dr. Drew also raised concerns about misinformation and alleged attempts to manipulate public perception.

“This gentleman has paid surrogates within the media, podcasts, all over, [and] does not care about the people of St. Kitts and Nevis. As is obvious, he is about himself and what he perceives he can get because the question becomes, if you care about St. Kitts and Nevis, why are you attempting to extort tens of millions of US dollars from the people of St. Kitts and Nevis through the treasury? Why? Is the question.”

The Prime Minister reaffirmed his administration’s commitment to transparency and accountability.

“I will not allow a fraudster to drag my name... Any accusation that this administration has been complicit in wrongdoing is not just false; it’s absurd.”

Dr. Drew underscored the importance of the CBI programme to the national budget, noting that it contributes significantly to infrastructure, utilities, and social programs.

“The programme had become the mainstay of our current budget, meaning that 60 to 70 percent of what we pay for came from the CBI programme,” he explained.

He reiterated his administration’s stance on protecting the integrity of the programme.

“We will not be improperly pressured by questionable actors, wherever they might be,” he said. “The people of St. Kitts and Nevis deserve a CBI programme that operates transparently and in their best interests.”

Front Page Image: Prime Minister and Minister of Finance Dr. Terrance Drew seen speaking at his monthly The Round Table session held on Wednesday 20th November 2024 (Screenshot via Facebook/ St.KittsandNevisInformationService-SKNIS)

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BASSETERRE	4061084	K LAWRENCE/S KEENE FOR CHANEYRA	#13 NEW POND SITE BASSETERRE ST. KITTS
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Sustainable Development Official: Young People Conscious About Land Ownership

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETTERRE, St. Kitts (Thursday 28th November 2024)-Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Sustainable Development Sherilita 'Shez' Dore-Tyson has highlighted a growing trend of young people taking an active interest in land ownership.

During her appearance on the weekly 'In Focus' programme-hosted by the St.Kitts and Nevis Information Service-aired Wednesday 27th November 2024, she made such a data-driven observation as part of the themed discussion of 'COP29 Insights and the Path to Sustainability' when quizzed about land management.



Dore-Tyson pointed to census data revealing a demographic shift in attitudes toward land ownership.

"Well, in terms of the data we have, we have a young population, and young people are more land conscious than our seniors were back in the day. So now, I think we have over 2,224," she said.

She continued: "For a 68 square mile island, that is quite a challenge to meet the needs of all of these people. As a matter of fact, if you realize, 2,224-that's a town. That's a new town. So it's almost like a new community waiting to be established.

The Permanent Secretary underscored the Ministry's efforts to address the challenges posed by this surge in demand through equitable and accessible land distribution programmes.

"We had to find creative ways to ensure that land distribution is equitable, it's accessible, and we can do it in a fair way. We are not discriminating, but clearly we can't just do it across the board like that," she said.

Dore-Tyson went on to outline several initiatives tailored to meet the needs of various demographic groups.

"And so we have a number of programmes, for example, a young professionals programme. We are building the middle class. Again, this is based on statistics that we would have received," she noted. The programme targets individuals who are ready to build and are financially capable. "We have over 100 persons who have received land so far under that programme."

The Ministry is also seeing increased interest from specific occupational groups, including the military and police.

"We have a number of persons from the military and the police, the army, and so we are working as well with that group," Dore-Tyson said.

Additionally, she spoke about another trend being the growing demand among men, a group Dore-Tyson described as previously

underrepresented in land applications.

"The men are coming forward, and they're saying to me, 'PS, what happened to us?' These are the bus drivers, the construction workers, the men who are working on the street, the men who are working maybe in factories," she explained.

As gathered, in response to such feedback, the Ministry plans to make men a focus of land distribution efforts in 2025.

"We have the young professionals, we have the military, we have women because, you know, women carry the families. We're going to include men and some other subsets so we can start to spread it across as many aspects of the population as possible and as many demographics as possible."

Photo: Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Sustainable Development Sherilita 'Shez' Dore-Tyson during her appearance on the weekly 'In Focus' programme aired Wednesday 27th November 2024 (screenshot via Facebook/St.KittsandNevisInformationService-SKNIS)



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October 14, 2024

Request for quotations for one (1) JCB JS370 excavator along with a Hydraulic Rock Breaker and appropriate fittings

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- A warranty of at least one (1) year must be included in the accepted quotation.
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2. Evaluation and acceptance:

- Quotations will only be accepted from established businesses with proof of registration and a track record of supplying/selling large equipment.
- Quotations will be evaluated by senior personnel from the Public Works Department, with recommendations to be submitted to the Procurement Board.
- Quotations must be submitted by **Friday, December 6, 2024.**

3. Quotations must include the following:

- a. Technical specifications of the machine.
- b. Total costs and payment terms and conditions, including a payment structure of:
 - i. 40% deposit upon approval,
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- c. Shipment timeline from purchase to landing at the cargo port in Basseterre.
- d. Company background and eligibility to participate in this quotation.
- e. Vendors must be able to hold the price for at least three (3) months, pending purchase evaluations by the procurement board.

The hard copy of the completed Quotations shall be delivered in a sealed envelope to the office of:

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**George Gilbert (Mr.)
Director - Public Works Department**

New Project Aims To Strengthen Mental Health Care And Wellness Across St. Kitts And Nevis

BASSETTERRE, St. Kitts, November 27, 2024 (SKNIS) - The Ministry of Health in St. Kitts and Nevis took a major step today, November 27, 2024, to strengthen mental health support across the Federation with the official launch of the Mental Health Service Systems Enhancement Project.

This pivotal project, being pursued in collaboration with the Government of the Republic of China (Taiwan) and the International Cooperation and Development Fund (ICDF), seeks to advance mental health care by expanding mental health resources, building capacity for mental health professionals and enhancing accessibility to mental health services in St. Kitts and Nevis.

During the launch event at the St. Kitts Marriott Resort, Prime Minister and Minister of Health, the Honourable Dr. Terrance Drew, applauded the project that aims to normalise mental health and wellness in



the country and help eliminate the stigma associated with mental health disorders.

"Mental health is a fundamental human right," said Dr. Drew. "It is essential for personal development, and so collectively, the mental health of our people enables productivity and is essential for socio-economic development of our country as well."

Through the implementation of this project, Prime Minister Dr. Drew said it is the intention to reduce the gaps in prevention, screening, early detection and treatment of mental health disorders.

Noting that the delivery of quality mental health services is a priority for his administration, Dr. Drew said that "Through the implementation of this project we will automatically be increasing

"Mental health is a fundamental human right,"

-- PM Drew

the allocation of funds to mental health service delivery. So going forward we commit to gradually increasing the proportion of the annual health budget allocated to mental health services. With the buildout of the new hospital the Federation will also benefit from a new psychiatric unit."

Prime Minister Dr. Drew expressed his appreciation to the Government of the Republic of China (Taiwan) for its partnership and investment in the overall wellbeing of citizens and residents. He further noted that this project symbolises the enduring friendship and fruitful collaborations between both nations.

The Mental Health Service Systems Enhancement Project runs for a period of three years, concluding in August 2027.



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Good Governance: Attorney General Wilkin highlights Government's achievements

BASSETTERRE, ST. KITTS, November 26, 2024 (MMS-SKN) — In its sustained effort to keep constituents abreast of the workings of their government, Constituency Number Five Labour Branch Executive had Attorney General, and Minister of Justice and Legal Affairs, the Hon Garth Wilkin, as the featured speaker at their Monthly Branch Meeting held on Sunday November 24 at the St. Anne's Anglican Church Hall in Sandy Point.

The St. Kitts Nevis Labour Party-led Government has done so much in the two years it has been in office, but Hon Wilkin observed that all it has done so far is going to start showing in 2025, adding that "I have every faith what we are doing is setting St. Kitts Nevis on an unbelievable path, and people are going to see it. So have faith."

The speaker, who was invited by the St. Kitts Nevis Labour Party's Caretaker for Constituency Number 5 Ambassador His Excellency Kenneth Douglas, told the meeting that the first thing that he did after reading Labour Party's manifesto was to create a Manifesto Legislative Agenda, and from a technical perspective based on the workings of the ministries, he created the Ministries Legislative Agenda.

"So there were two Legislative Agendas, one for the Manifesto and one for the Government generally, and we started to work," said the Attorney General. "First parliament sitting was October 25th, 2022 - that is only two years and less than one month ago, and we have already passed 58 Acts. We have been in parliament at least once a month for that period, so we have been in parliament 25 times so far."

Saying that they found the country in a mess and full of corruption, the Labour Party-led government had to put in laws that would bring good governance to the country. These included Integrity in Public Life, Anti-Corruption Act, Freedom of Information, Whistle Blower Protection, and the Ombudsman, among the things that are necessary for democracy to work properly.

"Then, crime," said the Attorney General. "It is an all society thing - we all know that, one: There is no silver bullet in solving crime, all of us have to do our part. So for our parliament perspective what we did was we strengthened the criminal justice system. We also implemented and strengthened the rehabilitation laws."

In giving a better perspective as it relates to the Judge alone trials, the Attorney General observed that nobody in Parliament objected when it was passed because it only affects 30 per cent of the matters. He pointed out that it was not about doing away with the juries, explaining that it was about certain matters like gang matters, where people could intimidate jurors.

"If the DPP has evidence that the jury will be contaminated and intimidated,



St. Kitts Nevis Labour Party's Caretaker for Constituency Number 5 Ambassador His Excellency Kenneth Douglas, addresses Branch's Monthly Meeting held on Sunday November 24 at the St. Anne's Anglican Church Hall in Sandy Point.



A member in the audience, standing at the back, poses questions to the head table during the Constituency Number Five Branch Executive Meeting Meeting.

and be fearful to give a proper verdict, they can apply to the judge for there to be a judge-only trial. It is not something that is going to happen throughout. So when you hear a lot of that talk, that talk is not true. It is very limiting in its scope, and it is something that is being done throughout the Caribbean."

Held under the theme 'Developing Our Community through ideas and Embracing the Challenges Together', the meeting was chaired by Branch Executive Chairman Mr Leroy Benjamin Jr. In the audience was a delegation from Constituency Number Seven led by Chairman of its Labour Party Branch Executive, Mr Nigel Williams.

The guest speaker, the Hon Garth Wilkin, took time to explain what the government has done in the area of the dreaded and wide-spread domestic violence. He advised that a victim now does not need to go to the High Court as was the case before, as they could take their case to the Magistrate's Court even without a lawyer to file their summons, and would be given a restraining order.

Other areas touched included the Cannabis Laws which the Government had to rationalise, while at the same time passing the Rastafari Rights Recognition Act, here noting that Rastafari is a recognised religion by the courts. He also told the meeting that Parliament also passed a new Consumer Protection Act, which a lot of people are still not aware that it gives them power to report on any suspected price gouging.

"We also entered into an agreement with the African Export-Import Bank, also referred to as Afreximbank," said Hon Wilkin. "It is a bank based in Africa, who has decided that the Caribbean is the Diaspora of Africa. They set aside US\$1.5 billion to loan to companies to do business in the Caribbean. So we passed that very early on."

Reporting that Barbados just got a US\$40 million project out of the Afreximbank,



Attorney General, and Minister of Justice and Legal Affairs, the Hon Garth Wilkin, addresses Constituency Number Five Labour Branch Executive Branch Monthly Meeting on Sunday November 24 at the St. Anne's Anglican Church Hall in Sandy Point.

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Good Governance: Attorney General Wilkin highlights...

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the Attorney General added: “We have two potential projects that already have approval that the Prime Minister will talk about in the Budget. One of them is an energy project, and the other one is a fish production project, which could potentially hire thousands of people. They are in their early stages, but they will fund that.”

In the area of housing, the Attorney General confirmed what Labour Party’s

Caretaker for Constituency Number 5 Ambassador His Excellency Kenneth Douglas had told the meeting, when he said that Sustainable Development has designated areas, among them one in Sandy Point, where they will do a cluster of houses.

“We made a commitment to the people of St. Kitts and Nevis that we will build 2,400 houses in the whole of St. Kitts,” Ambassador Douglas had told the meeting in his opening remarks. “We have identified a large patch of land at Burke’s Extension that we are going to be using for the purposes of building houses. Very shortly you will see backhoes and tractors there clearing off the land and as soon as that is finished, then we will start to build houses in that area.”

Ambassador Douglas noted that there are two activities still remaining on their calendar of events for this year. They are the annual children’s party and a breakfast, all which he hinted would be held with a difference. The next Branch General Meeting will be held on Sunday January 26, 2025.



Branch Executive Chairman Mr Leroy Benjamin Jr. (standing) delivers welcoming remarks. With him at the head table are guest speaker Attorney General, the Hon Garth Wilkin (right), and Ambassador His Excellency Kenneth Douglas.



Another member in the audience, the lady standing, addresses the head table giving suggestions on how the Sandy Point area and its environs could be better improved for the benefit of all people.

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In the Estate of **Patricia K. Wroblewski**, late of 2424 SE Tropical East Circle, Port St. Lucie, Florida 34952, United States of America, deceased.

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF PROBATE

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by **KERRY JEAN LAZAK-TOSUN** residing at 55 Schmeelk Place, Copiague, New York, 11726, United States of America for a Grant of:

Probate of the Will, for the part of the estate in St. Kitts, of the above-named deceased who died on the 1st day of January 2022 without revoking a Will bearing the date of 12th day of April 2018 wherein the Applicant is named sole Executor.

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

Dated this 7th day of November 2024.

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SAINT CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT

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IN THE MATTER of Section 144 of the Title by
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And
In the Matter of the Certificate of Titles registered in
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PHILLIP and SYLVIA PHILLIP** AND Register Book D3
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NOTICE FOR REPLACEMENT OF LOST CERTIFICATE OF TITLE

It is hereby notified that an application has been made to the Registrar of Titles for the issue of a new Certificate of Titles in lieu of lost Certificate of Title at Book Q2 Folio 199 of the Saint Christopher Circuit in favor of **SYLVIA PHILLIP** of Bird Rock Housing Development. ALL THAT lot piece or parcel of land being Lot No.2 of Frigate Bay Housing Development in the Parish of St. Peters in the Island of St. Christopher bounded and measuring as follows, that is to say: - On or towards the North by Lot No.1 of the Frigate Bay Development 172.0 feet; On or towards the East by a Development Road, 104.6 feet; On or towards the South by Lot No.3 of the said Development; 187.2 feet; and on or towards the West by a Development Road 99.9 feet and containing admeasurement 18,234 square feet all as the same is delineated and set on the plan by J.S. Napier, Licensed Land Surveyor dated June, 1976.

AND Certificate of Title dated 18th day of August, 2004 and Registered in the Register of Titles at Book D3 Folio 388 of the Saint Christopher Circuit for all that lot of land hereditaments and premises known as Lot No.194 of Bird Rock Housing Development in the Parish of St George in the Island of St. Christopher containing by a measurement as follows:- On the North by Lot No. 193, 85.9 feet; On the South by Lot No.195 82.6 feet; On the East by Heron Street 40.00 feet; and on the West by Lot No.192 40.0 feet and containing a measurement of 3364.4 square feet all as the same delineated and set forth on the plan by T. R. Molyneaux in December, 1974 and copied by T.R. Molyneaux in October,1983 and recopied in May, 2004 Licensed Land Surveyor annexed thereto has been reported lost and Applications will be made to the Registrar of Titles for the issue of new Certificate in lieu thereof.

Any person knowing the whereabouts of or having any information concerning the said duplicate Certificates which may lead to its recovery is requested to notify **SYLVIA PHILLIP** of Bird Rock Housing Development, Bird Rock, St. Kitts or Tel No. 869 – 465 –

Dated the 12th day of November, 2024.

Sylvia Phillip

SYLVIA PHILLIP



OECS Heritage Tourism Network Takes Shape with Regional Consultation in St. Kitts and Nevis

OECS Media Release

November 28, 2024

A significant step forward in the development of heritage tourism across the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) was taken earlier this month with a regional consultation designed to establish the OECS Heritage Tourism Network. The workshop was held from November 6 to 8, 2024, and brought together key stakeholders from National Trusts and related institutions from across the OECS Member States. They discussed and refined the plans for the network's structure and implementation.

The consultancy, funded under the 11th European Development Fund (EDF) Regional Integration Through Growth Harmonisation and Technology Programme, is a continuation of efforts to enhance competitiveness in the tourism sector. The initiative seeks to build a robust network that will empower institutions to offer sustainable, heritage-driven tourism products while preserving the cultural and historical integrity of the region.

This consultation follows the first phase of the Heritage Tourism project, which provided essential technical assistance to institutions to develop viable historic tourism products. This second phase, launched in April 2024, focuses on creating a more permanent framework for collaboration among National Trusts and similar bodies. The goal is to improve the sector's capacity to offer heritage tourism products that are both authentic and economically viable.

Officer in Charge of the OECS Economic Development and Regional Integration Division, Joel Richards, stated in the opening remarks:

"The initiative also forms part of a broader focus by the Commission on the Tourism Sector, one of the single most important sectors for OECS Member States. In this regard, the Commission is also in the closing stages of developing an OECS Sustainable Tourism Policy and a Niche Tourism Marketing Strategy for the OECS."

The consultancy culminated in agreements on several important outcomes:

- * **Completion of the OECS Heritage Tourism Action Plan**, outlining key actions for the next five years.
- * **Finalization of the draft MoU** to officially establish the network.
- * **Consensus on engaging the tourism sector** to ensure widespread participation in the network's activities.
- * **Agreement on the formal launch** of the OECS Heritage Tourism Network

Maria Fowell, Senior Technical Specialist for Tourism at the OECS Commission, remarked on the accomplishments from the workshop,

"The discussions that came out were to me the most successful part of the workshop - the commitment that they undertook to come together for this network, the commitment that they made to make their contributions to the network, and the commitment that they made to be able to pool resources to improve the heritage tourism product."

Participants took a field trip to some historic sites including Brimstone Hill Fortress in Saint Kitts and The Baths in Nevis to highlight the region's rich cultural heritage and tourism potential. This was hosted by the St. Kitts Tourism Authority and the Nevis Ministry of Tourism.

By fostering greater collaboration among OECS Member States, the OECS Heritage Tourism Network aims to improve knowledge-sharing, enhance skills, and create mutually beneficial support mechanisms to sustain the preservation of historic sites. Additionally, the network will explore innovative financing models that generate revenue to further protect these invaluable heritage assets.

President of the Anguilla National Trust Council, Avon Carty, commented on her experience,

"It gave me some insight into the work that's being done throughout the OECS and it gave me an opportunity to perhaps see how we can move further in the direction of the OECS Network so that we're not feeling as if we're walking alone."

Director of the Montserrat National Trust, Sarita Francis, said, "The sites that were shown in Nevis were very interesting. We see the challenges they are having which are similar to what some of us are experiencing in the Caribbean. But it's the spirit of the Nevis Conservation Society, the spirit in which they want to do a lot with what they have, what they've been doing, and the successes they have achieved. We all share similar experiences and it's rewarding for us to learn from each other."

As part of the process, the workshop emphasized the importance of engaging local communities, tourism operators, and policymakers in advancing heritage sites for potential UNESCO World Heritage designation. With growing interest in cultural tourism, the network's development is poised to unlock new opportunities for sustainable economic growth while safeguarding the region's rich history.

The establishment of the OECS Heritage Tourism Network represents a pivotal moment in strengthening the region's tourism offerings, positioning heritage and cultural tourism as key drivers of sustainable economic development in the Caribbean.

Chinese companies apologise for ‘shrunk’ sanitary pads

Koh Ewe
BBC News



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A wave of anger has swept Chinese social media over the length of sanitary pads

Major sanitary pad makers in China are apologising after being accused of selling pads that are shorter than advertised.

It comes amid a storm of anger after viral social media videos showed Chinese women measuring the lengths of sanitary pads from popular brands - showing that most of them fell short of what was stated on their packaging.

The uproar has extended into broader grievances about women being short-changed by feminine hygiene products, which have a history of safety scandals in China.

Chinese women have taken it upon themselves to call out quality concerns in sanitary pads, the most commonly used feminine hygiene product in the country.

In one of the earliest videos, posted on 3 November, a user on Chinese social media platform Xiaohongshu examined nine brands of sanitary pads with a measuring tape, showing that they all fell short of the length stated on their packaging.

“Will cutting a few centimetres help you strike it rich?” the user wrote in her video.

The revelations soon ignited widespread criticism, with consumers accusing sanitary pad makers of being deceitful.

“The inflated sanitary pad length is just like the insoles under men’s feet,” reads one popular Weibo post.

amid the uproar, an investigation of over 20 different sanitary pads by Chinese news outlet The Paper found that nearly 90% of the products were “shrunk”, measuring at least 10mm shorter than claimed on their packaging. Tucked within most of them were even shorter absorbent layers, which are meant to soak up menstrual flow.

The Paper also reported that while national standards for sanitary pads specify that the products can measure within 4% of advertised lengths, they do not specify the length of the absorbent layer in sanitary pads.

Following a torrent of complaints, authorities said they were revising the current national standard on sanitary pads, according to local media.

Met with enquiries and complaints from customers about the discrepancy in its sanitary pad lengths, the popular Chinese brand ABC further stoked outrage after its customer service reportedly responded to a complaint by saying “if you cannot accept [the length difference] then you can choose not to buy it”.

ABC said in a statement in mid-November that it was “deeply sorry” for the “inappropriate” response, and promised to improve its products to achieve “zero deviation”. Other companies including Shecare and Beishute have also issued apologies.

Chinese state media has also weighed in on the controversy, criticising manufacturers for cutting corners.

“As a daily necessity for women, quality of sanitary pads is directly related to the health and comfort of the user,” reads a Xinhua article. “The problems existing in some products on the market cannot be ignored.”

Sanitary pads are the most commonly used feminine hygiene product in China, where the market is valued at \$13bn (£10bn). However, the products have also made headlines over the years for safety issues.

In 2016, police busted a massive “fake sanitary towel” operation in southeast China, where millions of sanitary pads were manufactured in a factory without proper hygiene measures and packaged as popular brands. In 2021, popular feminine hygiene brand Space 7 apologised and vowed an investigation after a woman claimed she found a needle in one of its sanitary pads.

The wave of anger also reflects broader grievances felt by women over the quality of products meant for them.

“Is it that hard for sanitary pads to tackle women’s needs?” reads a trending hashtag on Weibo.

Another trending phrase that has caught on amid the blowback encapsulates the outrage: “Sanitary pads yield a centimetre; women yield for a lifetime.”

Hospital porters strike called off at 11th hour

BBC News



Getty Images Generic image of a medic wearing blue work trousers pushing a medical

trolley along a hospital corridor. The medic’s top half is not shown.Getty Images

More than 60 porters who are members of Unite voted for strike action in November

A strike by hospital porters who accused managers of imposing “diabolical” toilet break rules has been suspended following “last ditch talks”, a union has said.

Staff at University Hospital Southampton (UHS) previously told the BBC they had to ask for permission to go to the toilet, with women having to request extra time if they had their period.

They were set to walk out on Thursday but Unite said the action was suspended “to allow hospital management to resolve the outstanding issues”.

Joe Teape, chief operating officer at UHS, said they were “committed to working with portering representatives to resolve this dispute”.

“Our porters are an essential part of the successful running of our organisation,” he said.

“We are pleased that today’s planned industrial action has been postponed.”

Chief people officer Steve Harris

previously said he had commissioned a review into the culture within the department, and said porters were entitled to breaks.

“No-one in the organisation is required to essentially inform their supervisor or their manager when they’re menstruating,” he added.

Unite said more than 60 porters had been due to strike for 24 hours over workplace bullying and harassment.

“Following last minute talks at [conciliation service] Acas, Unite has agreed to suspend today’s strike action,” said a spokesperson for the union.

“This was made as an act of good faith and to allow hospital management to resolve the outstanding issues that have created this dispute.”

Unite said action planned on each Friday and Monday in December and January would go ahead as planned from 6 December if “hospital management fails to agree to take action to resolve the problems at the heart of the dispute”.

November 25, 2024

Export-Import Bank of the U.S. Signs \$800 Million Memoranda of Understanding with Barbados and Saint Kitts and Nevis Governments to Support Strategic Investments

Export-Import Bank of the United States (EXIM) President and Chair Reta Jo Lewis today signed two significant memoranda of understanding (MOUs) with the governments of Barbados and Saint Kitts and Nevis, securing a total of up to \$800 million in potential financing to support financing in cybersecurity, renewable energy, and critical areas for the region's long-term growth and sustainability.

“These agreements are a symbol of the U.S.’s deepening partnership with Barbados and Saint Kitts and Nevis and the entire Eastern Caribbean region,” said Chair Lewis. “The agreements send a signal to the market that EXIM is eager to finance meaningful projects that support new business opportunities in key sectors across the United States and the Eastern Caribbean. This is what strategic partnerships between

the U.S. and our key allies look like.”

The MOU between EXIM and the government of Barbados, in the amount of up to \$500 million in financing, was signed by Chair Lewis and Prime Minister Mia Mottley in the Office of the Prime Minister with Ambassador Roger Nyhus. Areas for cooperation and procurement included renewable energy, cybersecurity, water and sanitation and maritime domain awareness.



“The United States Embassy in Bridgetown is proud to have played a leadership role in making these agreements possible,” said U.S. Ambassador to Barbados, the Eastern Caribbean and the OECS, Roger Nyhus. “EXIM and Chair Lewis are incredible partners who care about this important part of the world. The MOUs signed today are tangible examples of the commitment made by the United States to economic development, security, and a shared future with the countries of the Eastern Caribbean.”

The MOU between Saint Kitts and Nevis, providing access to up to \$300 million in financing was signed by Chair Lewis and Prime Minister Terrance Michael Drew at the U.S. Embassy in Bridgetown, hosted by Ambassador Nyhus. Areas for cooperation and procurement included renewable energy, cybersecurity, critical minerals and infrastructure.

Since 1991, EXIM has supported \$23 million in transactions in Barbados and Saint Kitts and Nevis. These new agreements will further strengthen the region's long-term growth and sustainability, while supporting American jobs.

During her visit to Barbados, Chair Lewis held a business roundtable discussion with government officials, private sector leaders, trade associations and regional partners to explore new opportunities for U.S. businesses and exporters, with the goal of deepening economic ties between the United States and the Caribbean and creating American jobs. Tomorrow, Chair Lewis is scheduled to meet with representatives from the Barbadian Defence Forces and the Regional Security System, both important regional security partners.

The visit to Barbados from Chair Lewis, the first black woman to lead EXIM, came during the 100th anniversary birthday celebrations of Rep. Shirley Chisholm, the first black member of Congress and a Barbadian American, and days before Barbados Independence Day.

ABOUT EXIM: The Export-Import Bank of the United States (EXIM) is the nation's official export credit agency with the mission of supporting American jobs by facilitating U.S. exports. To advance American competitiveness and assist U.S. businesses as they compete for global sales, EXIM offers financing including export credit insurance, working capital guarantees, loan guarantees, and direct loans. As an independent federal agency, EXIM contributes to U.S. economic growth by supporting tens of thousands of jobs in exporting businesses and their supply chains across the United States. Learn more at www.exim.gov.



Traffic Operation On Nevis Yields Remarkable Results

On November 25th, 2024, officers of Royal St. Christopher and Nevis Police Force (RSCNPF) conducted an immensely successful vehicle check point (VCP) operation at Beach Road, Nevis.

During the operation, approximately two hundred and sixty (260) vehicles were meticulously checked for various traffic offences. Our officers' vigilant efforts led to the issuance of one hundred and fifteen (115) traffic tickets for offences identified during the checks. In addition, seventy-three (73) dark tints were removed from vehicles, two (2) motor vehicles were impounded, and one (1) individual was arrested for violations.

The RSCNPF remains steadfast in our mission to ensure the safety of our roads and uphold the rule of law. We are eternally grateful to the general public for their cooperation during this and all other traffic operations, in particular. We encourage everyone to adhere to traffic regulations for a safer environment for all.

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Child Labour

31 governments, business and trade union organizations issue joint statement to eradicate child labour in Latin America and the Caribbean

Ten commitments mark a decade of joint efforts towards a future without child labour in the region.

19 October 2024

BRASILIA (ILO News) - In a key milestone, 31 representatives of governments, business organizations and trade unions have reaffirmed their unwavering commitment to eradicate child labour in Latin America and the Caribbean.

The joint statement of the Network of Focal Points was issued on October 18, 2024, in the framework of the Tenth Anniversary of the Regional Initiative Latin America and the Caribbean Free of Child Labour. The achievement signals the consensus reached through social dialogue and tripartite commitments across the region to prevent and eradicate child labour, as well as protect those participating in permitted adolescent labour.

The ten key commitments underscore the importance of social dialogue and the strengthening of public policies as fundamental components in the fight against the injustice of child labour. Their reaffirmation is highlighted in the statement: “With more than 8 million reasons to maintain our commitment, we join in this declaration,

convinced that with a joint effort we can achieve a region free of child labour.”

This effort not only highlights the essential role of strategic alliances between governments, business organizations and trade unions, but also places an importance on the creation of the Regional Child Labour Observatory, an essential tool for monitoring the child

labour situation in the region. “This digital platform will provide up-to-date and relevant information to support the decision-making of all actors involved in the eradication of child labour,” the statement said.

The joint statement reiterates the unity of the 31 countries, as well as employers’ and workers’ organizations, to ensure that no child is left behind in this vital struggle.

The Regional Initiative Latin America and the Caribbean Free of Child Labour is a space where 31 countries, together with employers’ and workers’ organizations, act in an articulated and tripartite manner to achieve the first generation of people free of child labour in the region. The Programme operates with technical support from the International Labour Organization.

The Regional Initiative is currently made up of: Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, Uruguay and Venezuela, together with the International Organization of Employers (IOE) and the Trade Union Confederation of the Americas (CSA).

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In the Estate of MASEFIELD O'LOUGHLIN late of 1993 Oak Valley Road Dodge in the city of Dekalb in the State of Georgia United States of America, deceased

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by IRVING S. WILLIAMS of 5081 Miners Creek Circle in the City of Lithonia in the State of Georgia a retired in The United States of for a Grant of

(a) Probate of the Will of the above-named deceased who died on the 22nd day of October, 2009 without revoking a Will bearing the date of the 10th day of May, 2010 wherein the applicant is named sole executor.

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

Dated this 25th day of November, 2024.

Filed by Leonora L. Walwyn Solicitor of WalwynLaw Attorneys-at-Law whose address for service is Walwyn Corporate Offices Victoria Road Basseterre in the island of St. Christopher

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MOENV reaffirms government commitment to plastic reduction

The government is working across all sectors to formulate plastic reduction policy measures in line with global standards, the Ministry of Environment said in a statement Nov. 25.

The ministry's remarks came following the opening of the fifth session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee of the UN Environment Program the same day in Busan, South Korea. The seven-day event aims to develop an international legally binding instrument by 2024 to address the full plastic lifecycle, including production, design and disposal.

During a press event in Taipei City, MOENV Minister Peng Chi-ming said the ministry is closely monitoring INC-5's progress, and will review the

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Minister of Environment Peng Chi-ming outlines the government's plastic reduction measures at a press event Nov. 25 in Taipei City. (Courtesy of MOENV)

government's 2018 plastic reduction goals and set new targets accordingly. The ministry is working on a bill to integrate the Waste Disposal Act and Resource Recycling Act for reuse of

plastics in the circular economy, he added.

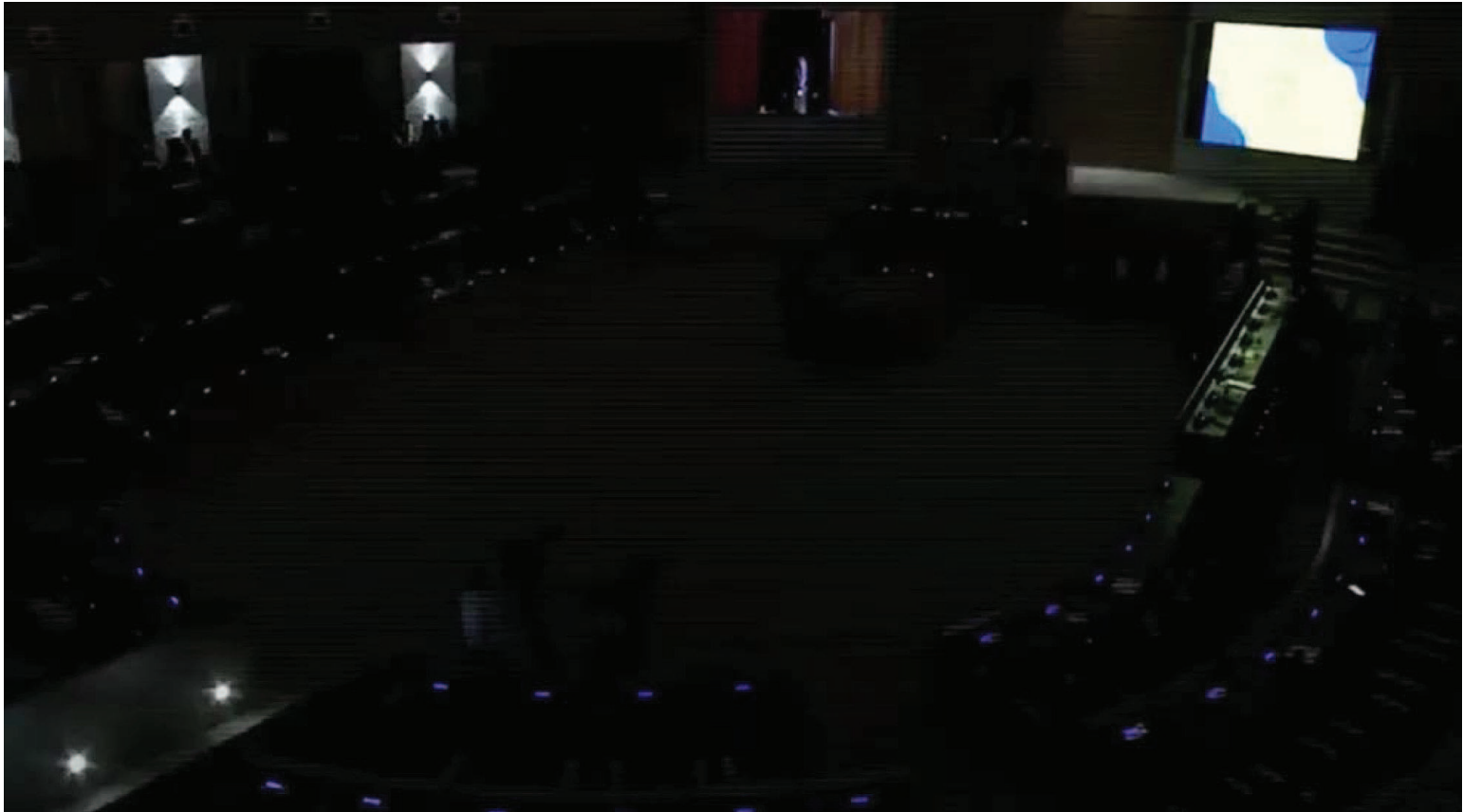
According to the MOENV's Resource Circulation Administration, the UN plastics treaty seeks to reduce consumption of single-use plastics and develop replacements, as well as establish specific design requirements for plastic products that lead to an increase in their recyclability, among other goals. Following the future implementation of the treaty, the administration will take inventory of current regulations and formulate new measures in response.

As part of this work, the MOENV set up a plastics alliance earlier this year to coordinate public and private sector action, formulate policy guidelines and offer technical support for local firms adapting to the global plastics treaty, the ministry said. (SFC-E)

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Zimbabwe parliament hit by power cut during budget speech

Shingai Nyoka - BBC News, Harare



ZBC News Very limited lighting as members of parliaments sit in darkness.ZBC News President Emmerson Mnangagwa and other top officials were in parliament for the budget speech

A power cut plunged Zimbabwe's parliament into darkness as Finance Minister Mthuli Ncube was finishing his budget speech.

The lights flickered and died, leaving top officials like President Emmerson Mnangagwa, Vice-President Constantino Chiwenga and members of parliament sitting in the dark.

The outage is a symptom of Zimbabwe's ongoing crisis, with daily 12-hour blackouts driven by a prolonged drought that is

crippling energy generation at the Kariba Dam, the country's main power source.

As the lights went out, opposition MPs shouted that the outage was an apt metaphor for the country's state of affairs.

George Manyaya, a spokesperson from Zimbabwe Electricity Supply Authority (Zesa) told local news site ZimLive that the blackout had not been planned.

He said parliament had its own dedicated electricity supply which is exempt from power cuts.

He said the blackout had happened because of a lightning strike.

Before the lights went out, Ncube said the agricultural sector would contract by 15% this year because of the drought.

He, however, projected that the economy would grow by 6% next year due to the forecast of above-average rainfall - which would also serve to improve the supply of electricity.

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TDC and Harris Paints Launch Revolutionary Systexx Paint Product

Basseterre, St. Kitts - A revolutionary innovative new paint product, Systexx, has made its entry in St. Kitts and Nevis following a soft launch on Wednesday 20th November 2024, by TDC and Harris Paints, its Regional paint partner.

The event was held at TDC Training Room on Fort Street in Basseterre, welcomed contractors, architects, homeowners, and design enthusiasts to experience the groundbreaking benefits of the premium paint system that combines wall covering functionality with a smooth and vibrant finish offering durability, versatility, and aesthetic appeal.



Mr. Rasmus Gullander, Founding President of NORDIC - LOOK, conducting a Systexx Demonstration

Mr. Gerardo Duran Quesada, Head of Business Unit ISC - Export Harris Paints International Limited, along with Mr. Rasmus Gullander, Founding President of NORDIC - LOOK, the company behind the cutting-edge technology, showcased the attributes of the product in real time, its ease of application, superior adhesion, and resistance to wear and tear, as well as its innovative features, including:

* **Enhanced Durability:** Ideal for high-traffic areas, it offers long-lasting performance that maintains its flawless appearance over time

* **Eco-Friendly Composition:** Low Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) levels, which makes it an environmentally responsible choice

* **Customizable Finishes:** Available in a wide range of textures, patterns, and colours to suit diverse styles and preferences

Mr. Glenville Jeffers, TDC Executive Director, shared his enthusiasm:

"We are thrilled to collaborate with Harris Paints to bring this revolutionary product to the local market. Systexx is more than just a paint; it's a complete solution for those looking to transform both residential and commercial spaces with colour, beauty, resilience, and sustainability."

Mr. Gerardo Duran Quesada, Head of Business Unit ISC - Export Harris Paints International Limited, remarked: "Our goal is to provide exceptional products that meet the evolving needs of customers. Systexx is a testament to our commitment to excellence, and we are excited to see how it elevates projects throughout St. Kitts and Nevis."

This launch is part of a broader initiative to introduce high-quality, globally recognized products to the local market that delivers superiority and performance to customers across the Federation.



Attendees at the Systexx Paint Product Soft Launch

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42 all out - Sri Lanka record their lowest Test score



Eight of Sri Lanka's batters were out for three runs or fewer in Durban, including five ducks

Jonty Colman

BBC Sport journalist

First Test, day two, Durban

South Africa 191: Bavuma 70; A Fernando 3-44, Kumara 3-70

Sri Lanka 42: K Mendis 13; Jansen 7-13

South Africa lead by 149 runs

Sri Lanka were bowled out for 42 by South Africa in Durban - the lowest Test total in the history of their men's team.

Replying to South Africa's first innings 191, Sri Lanka were all out after 13.5 overs on day two of the first Test.

Marco Jansen returned career-best Test figures of 7-13 from 6.5 overs, with Gerald Coetzee (2-18) and Kagiso Rabada (1-10) claiming the other wickets.

Sri Lanka's men's previous lowest Test innings was 71 against Pakistan in Kandy in 1994.

On only eight occasions has a team been bowled out for fewer than 42 runs in men's Test cricket.

Kamindu Mendis (13) and Lahiru Kumara (10) were the only batters to reach double figures.

Their innings lasted 83 balls, the second shortest in men's Test history when a team has been bowled out.

The lowest was by South Africa, who were bowled out for 30 from 75 balls by England at Edgbaston in 1924.

Sri Lanka need to beat South Africa in both matches of the two-Test series and also defeat Australia in both Tests in the New Year to secure their place in the final of the World Test Championship.

Three wins and a defeat from these final four Tests of the two-year cycle could be enough for a place in the final.

South Africa can also reach the final and winning both Tests against Sri Lanka and a clean sweep in two Tests against Pakistan in December and January will guarantee their place.

Three wins and a draw from those four Tests could also be enough for the Proteas.

Sri Lanka sit third in the World Test Championship standings, with South Africa fifth.

St. Kitts & Nevis To Represent at The World Aquatics Swimming Championship

THE ST. KITTS NEVIS AQUATICS FEDERATION WILL BE SENDING ONE ATHLETE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE WORLD AQUATICS CHAMPIONSHIP (25M) TAKING PLACE IN BUDAPEST THIS DECEMBER

ST. KITTS & NEVIS - The World Aquatics Swimming Championship is set to take place at the Duna Arena in Budapest, Hungary, and from December 10 to December 15, 2024, athletes will compete in heats, semifinals, and finals. The St. Kitts Nevis Aquatics Federation will be represented by one athlete, Jonathan Essien, who will participate in the 50m and 100m butterfly events.

"We are thrilled to send Jonathan this year," stated SKNAF President Eldon Thomas. "Jonathan has been training in Sweden, where he lives and studies, and he has shown remarkable progress. With access to excellent pool facilities in Sweden and through



Jonathan Essien and James Weekes

hard work, dedication, and close collaboration with our National Swim Coach, James Weekes, he has truly excelled. We couldn't be prouder to have him represent us this year."

The competition will span six days, featuring morning sessions for heats and evening sessions for semifinals and finals, all hosted at the esteemed Duna Arena.

The event will showcase various distances in butterfly, backstroke, breaststroke, freestyle, and the individual medley.

Order of Events:

<https://www.worldaquatics.com/competitions/3433/worldaquatics-swimming-championships-25m-2024/schedule?phase=All>

More Event Information:

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TDC Home and Building Depot (St. Kitts) supports the St. Kitts Tennis Association Renovation Project

Basseterre, St. Kitts - The TDC Home and Building Depot in St. Kitts and the St. Kitts Tennis Association have partnered to upgrade the Warner Park Tennis Complex facilities.



The retail store has donated supplies and fencing materials to the tennis fraternity to further ensure a much safer, and secure environment for players of all ages and skill levels. The new fencing is part of a renovation project that is expected to boost participation in local tennis, a sport that continues to grow in popularity within the Federation.

The partnership also supports the Association's efforts to host local and regional tournaments, enhance playing experience, improve safety, and position the Association to host homegrown and Regional competitive events.

TDC's support underscores its continued investment in the development of tennis by contributing to individuals and organizations that inspire excellence through the advancement of Sports.

Picture - Young tennis player warming up during a practice session at one of the Tennis Courts at Warner Park