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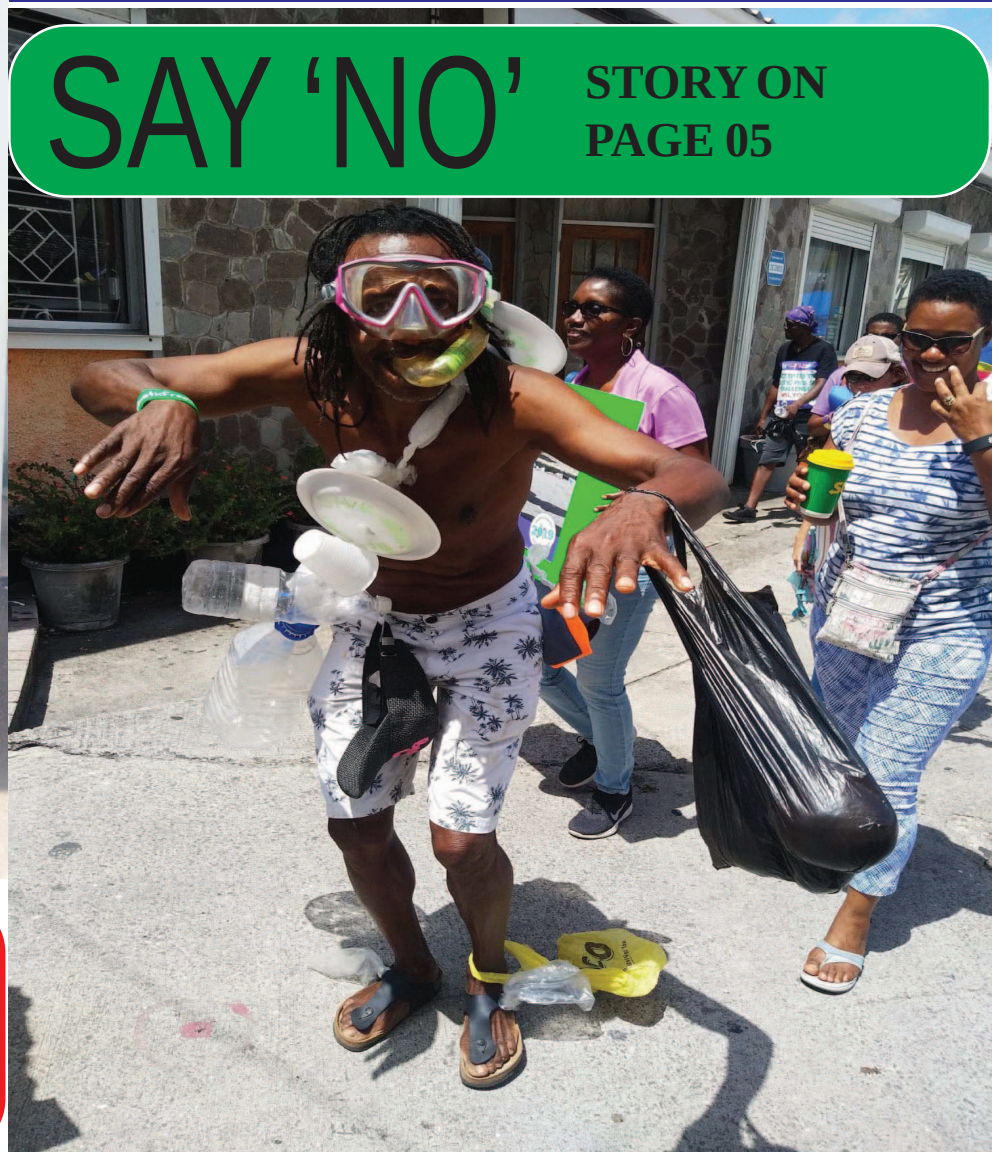


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Editorial

Awaiting the Music Festival Economic Impact Report

As the curtain fell on the 2025 edition of the St. Kitts Music Festival, the nation was left buzzing-not just from the electrifying performances, including the highly anticipated headliner Vybz Kartel, but also from the economic activity it helped to generate. Music lovers at home and abroad flocked to the Warner Park venue, eagerly anticipating what was promised to be a grand showcase.

Before the festival even began, organisers were proud to announce full hotel bookings and flights at capacity-clear signs of the inflow of visitors. Now, with the official attendance statistics released, we can quantify the success. According to preliminary figures revealed by Minister of Tourism Marsha Henderson, the three-night event attracted over 37,000 patrons in total-11,000 on Thursday, close to 16,000 on Friday, and just under 10,000 on Saturday.

These numbers represent a remarkable 76% increase in attendance compared to last year's festival. Minister Henderson attributes this growth to enhanced marketing, stronger partnerships, and the growing international appeal of St. Kitts as an entertainment destination. She also noted the improved accuracy in tracking attendance this year, thanks to the introduction of ticket scanning technology-despite a few hiccups, this system offered a more reliable method of data collection than in years past. Technology, clearly, is helping to elevate the planning and execution of such large-scale events.

What remains to be seen, however, is the economic impact assessment-a comprehensive analysis that is currently being finalised by the Ministry of Tourism. Slated for release by late August 2025, this report will provide critical insight into the festival's contribution to the local economy, especially within the hospitality industry and small business sector.

And this is where the real heartbeat of the festival lies-not just in the crowds and the concerts, but in the many local businesses that get a seasonal lift. The hairdressers, clothing boutiques, makeup artists, chefs,

Prime Minister Drew Champions National Lotteries Authority Bill To Keep Millions In The Federation

BASSETTERRE, Saint Kitts, July 31, 2025, (SKNIS) - Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, the Honourable Dr. Terrance Drew, championed the passage of the National Lotteries Authority Bill, 2025, emphasising its transformative potential to retain an estimated EC\$70 million in annual lottery revenue currently leaving the Federation.

The National Lotteries Authority Bill, 2025, establishes the National Lotteries Authority (NLA) as a body corporate, charged with managing all lottery operations within the Federation. It includes provisions for employment, social funding, regulatory compliance, and financial oversight. The Gaming Commission, under the Financial Services Regulatory Commission (FSRC), will continue as the chief regulator for all gaming activities, including oversight of the NLA.



In his address, Prime Minister Drew stated that the proposed NLA would establish a locally owned and professionally managed lottery system that prioritises transparency, accountability, and national development. He revealed that of the estimated EC\$70 million generated by the current lottery operations annually, only EC\$50,000 is paid to the Government - a situation he described as "shocking and unacceptable."

"We are not talking about EC\$7 million, but EC\$70 million leaving our country each year," Dr. Drew stated. "That is too much money leaving our Federation. This money can be kept here and help to further advance the lives of our people."

The new system, under the NLA, is projected to channel EC\$10 - \$15 million annually into critical social services, including the development of a National Health Insurance system and other social protection initiatives.

Dr. Drew noted that funds generated from the lottery will be

set aside before any other spending, and will no longer be absorbed into general revenue. The Bill also mandates that all lottery winnings, procurement, and salaries remain within the Federation to stimulate domestic economic activity and job creation.

"This would create a brand new sector in Saint Kitts and Nevis, and this will help us to achieve many of our national goals, especially in the areas of social security," the prime minister said. "A local subsidiary will be established. Approximately 20 nationals will be directly employed with many more receiving income as sales agents etcetera."

Citing examples from Grenada, Saint Lucia, Dominica, Guyana, and others, Dr. Drew emphasised that nationalised lottery models have delivered measurable benefits, including funding for education, health, sports, and disaster relief.

"The model we are adopting is the same. These countries have shown that exclusive national lotteries can be run successfully with strong public benefit and local control," Prime Minister Drew added.

With strong regulatory safeguards, transparent management, and guaranteed local reinvestment, the National Lotteries Authority Bill, 2025, represents a shift toward economic self-determination and greater equity for the people of Saint Kitts and Nevis.

bartenders, and transportation providers who prepare tirelessly behind the scenes-all play a role in the magic of festival week. In these moments, the creative and entrepreneurial spirit of Kittitians and Nevisians shines.

Indeed, when a local vendor sells handmade jewellery, or a young stylist books back-to-back appointments in the days leading up to the event, we are witnessing the real-time stimulation of the creative economy. These are examples of the tangible, human stories.

So while we await the official numbers and figures from the Ministry of Tourism,

what is already clear is that the 2025 St. Kitts Music Festival was a resounding success-artistically, logistically, and economically. The data will soon confirm just how impactful it was, but the buzz on the ground and the uplifted faces of small business owners tell us what we already know: this was more than just a music festival. It was an economic engine and a cultural celebration all rolled into one.

Kudos to the organisers, the Ministry of Tourism, and all stakeholders involved for raising the bar yet again. We now eagerly await the formal report-and even more so, the opportunities it may help create for future growth in both tourism and the creative sectors.

Condor Explains Importance of National Productivity Council

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETTERRE, St. Kitts (Thursday 31st July 2025)- Chairperson of the newly installed National Productivity Council, Sam Condor, has underscored the importance of that committee in shaping the country’s economic direction and ensuring long-term sustainable development.

“I’m honoured to be appointed as the Chair of the Productivity Council. It came out as a result of the minimum wage which was introduced in January of 2024 and we had the second installment of that increase on the 1st of July this year. And so as a result, one



Chairperson of the newly installed National Productivity Council Sam Condor poses for a photo following the installment ceremony held on Tuesday 8th July 2025, at Government House, located at Camp Springfield having done an interview with this media house. (Spokesman Snap)

of the main recommendations about the increase in the minimum wage was to make sure that we have a National Productivity Council...I think [it] is an important organization, institution in terms of modernizing the economy and getting us to where we want to go.”

Condor—who is also the Chair of the National Minimum Wage Advisory Committee—made the remarks during an interview with this media house following the installation of the Council members during a ceremony held on Tuesday 8th July 2025, at Government House, located at Springfield in Basseterre.

The St.Kitts-Nevis Trades and Labour Union representative (workers representative) is Kevion Hodge Huggins, Floor Member of the SKNTLU executive committee.

Asked about what defines productivity, Condor explained: “Productivity is to make sure that you get maximum output from minimum input- and it’s not only in terms of labour, but in terms of capital as well. You want to make sure that you will get maximum output and you will get it from the minimum input that you’re making. That means that you’re increasing your production and you’re making [economic] progress.”

The Council is expected to meet monthly. According to



The St.Kitts-Nevis Trades and Labour Union representative (workers representative) of the National Productivity Council Kevion Hodge Huggins (left) accepts his instrument of appointment from Governor General Dame Marcella Liburd (Spokesman Snap)

Condor: “Well, we expect to meet once per month, but we’re hoping to meet by the end of July—we want to meet before August. We want to meet by the end of July and then we are scheduled to meet at least once per month to make sure that we are talking—especially in the early stages, because this is something new for St. Kitts-Nevis.”

Of note, the council met on Thursday 31st July 2025.

Condor also noted that regional collaboration is already underway saying: “In fact, just the other day we had a webinar - we had a conference with the folks out of Barbados. We’re learning from [them], we also have one scheduled for the Trinidad Productivity Council. And we want [to] tap into regional—what’s happening regionally because we believe that this is going to be a major input and it’s important that this is happening at a time [when] we just last night had an address from the Prime Minister about the national development moving forward, and this fits right into what it is he’s trying to achieve.”

As St. Kitts and Nevis moves forward with its national development agenda, the creation of the National Productivity Council is being seen as a critical step toward building a more competitive, efficient, and equitable economy- one that rewards effort, fosters innovation, and maximizes the potential of its people.

Condor also elaborated on the wide-ranging composition of the Council, which includes representatives from across both the public and private sectors: “It’s represented by the -well, it’s a public and private sector organization because we’re also looking at making sure that the public sector- we have to make sure that the productivity in the public sector is also at its highest level.”

He acknowledged growing concerns about public sector efficiency: “There are serious concerns about that at this time, and productivity is not only a concern for the private sector but the public sector as well, and we want to get the economy moving at its maximum efficiency.”

Condor, in speaking about the members of the council, highlighted that there are human resources representatives from both islands adding “so it’s a St. Kitts-Nevis National Productivity Council. We also have some representatives from the Eastern Caribbean Central Bank because we want to make sure that we have not only a national but a regional [perspective], to learn from what’s happening in other countries in the region.”

“We also have the Chamber of Industry and Commerce- and (cont’d on next page)

THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
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FEDERATION OF ST. CHRISTOPHER & NEVIS
ST. CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT
(PROBATE)

No. SKBHPB2025/

In the Estate of **JOAN ELIZABETH MANDRY**, late of
Vinalls Reading Road, Heckfield, Hook, RG27 0JZ,
United Kingdom, Deceased

And

IN THE MATTER of the Resealing of the Grant of
Letters of Administration with Will issued by the High
Court of Justice England and Wales

ADVERTISEMENT (RESEALING)

Notice is given that after the expiration of 8 days application will be made to the Registrar of the Supreme Court for the resealing of the Grant of Letters of Administration with Will of the estate of **JOAN ELIZABETH MANDRY**, late of Vinalls Reading Road, Heckfield, Hook, RG27 0JZ, United Kingdom, granted by the High Court of Justice England and Wales on the 5th day of June 2024 and amended and re-issued on the 29th day of July 2024.

Signed: *Kelsick Wilkin Ferdinand*
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Attorneys-at-Law for the Administrators
CHARLES ARTHUR MANDRY and
WILLIAM RICHARD MANDRY

Gov’t Replaces Old Law In Boosting Creative Economy For Money-Making Work Opportunities

By: Precious Mills

BASSETERRE, St. Kitts (Thursday 31st July 2025) - In a historic move to promote innovation, creative entrepreneurship and economic opportunities within the modern world , the government has passed into law the Industrial Designs Bill 2025, replacing the nearly century-old UK Designs Act of 1930.

“I want the people of St. Kitts and Nevis to hear me. You can make it in this world by being something other than a lawyer, a doctor, an accountant, a business person. You can be a musician. You can be a producer. You can create something new that the world has never seen,” commented mover of the bill Attorney General Garth Wilkin during the sitting of parliament on Thursday 31st July 2025.

As gathered, such an update aligns with international best practices and opens up economic opportunities for local artistes, entrepreneurs and all other creatives across the Federation, providing them with the legal framework to protect the visual and aesthetic elements of their work, both nationally and internationally.

Wilkin challenged the nation to rethink what success looks like, urging support non-traditional career paths.

“We have examples of that. Persons who have gone the non-traditional route. Let us not be constrained by the issues as to what success or what are the pathways to success. I have a classmate who I grew up with who became a dancer, who always wanted to be a dancer, went to the UK, and for over a decade was a dancer in the Lion King. That person didn’t give up on their

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you know, because the Chamber is responsible for the private sector, we want to make sure that they’re represented. We also have the union. The union is, like I said, a critical part of that as well, and we have representatives from the Ministry of Employment and Labour. So it’s a wide-ranging, comprehensive committee who will take charge of all the issues concerning workers’ productivity on the island.”

Front Banner Image: The St.Kitts-Nevis Trades and Labour Union representative (workers representative) of the National Productivity Council Kevion Hodge Huggins, Floor Member of the SKNTLU executive committee (left) and SKNT&LU General Secretary Precious Mills pose for a photo following the installation ceremony held on Tuesday 8th July 2025, at Government House, located at Springfield in Basseterre (Spokesman Snap)

dreams. They used their creativity and their talent to create a life for themselves and their families. That is what we’re encouraging people to do.”

Speaking about the importance of such a bill, he pointed out that “there are other pathways to success than the traditional means and we want our young people especially to dig deep into their creativity we are creating people naturally by birth we’re one of the most loved regions in the world because of our culture and our creativity or uniqueness or beautiful people we have Nobel laureates, we have famous authors, we have what some we have what some of the top musicians in the world from a tiny part of the globe [as a Caribbean region]...”

Wilkin painted examples of how Kittitians and Nevisians can now protect their designs and benefit economically. From a shoemaker in Gingerland who crafts sandals with cane field-inspired designs, to a St. Paul’s innovator creating a Caribbean-themed board game, the bill provides new legal pathways to safeguard their creative assets.”

He added: “The carved pattern and overall form of a chair, the colourful coral texture of a candle holder, the unique shape of a bottle-all of these are protectable industrial designs,” he explained. “This could apply to consumer devices, textile and fabric designers, merchandising

for tourism-all of those, with the passage of this bill, will be able to protect their intellectual property.”

As understood, the bill offers two official registration process namely a National Registration through the Intellectual Property Office (IPO) in Basseterre, offering initial protection for five years, renewable up to 25 years and also International Registration through the Hague System under the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), allowing a single application for protection in over 90 countries.

“This dual system gives local designers flexibility and access. That young man who created a board game in St. Kitts and Nevis can register through the Hague system. No one in the 90 participating countries can use his design. He can monetize it as his own.”

Additionally, designs that are made public without registration still receive three years of automatic protection, a provision designed to support creators who may lack the immediate means to register formally.

AG Wilkin emphasized that this legislation not only fulfills international obligations under the TRIPS Agreement and CARIFORUM-EU Economic Partnership Agreement, but also gives a much-needed legal boost to the growing “orange economy”-the sector driven by creative industries.

He credited the Intellectual Property Office, especially Mrs. Jihan Williams-Knight and her team, for their work in collaborating with WIPO and the European Union Intellectual Property Office to tailor the bill to the specific needs of St. Kitts and Nevis.

“This is not just another bill-it is an opportunity for that person sitting down in their house right now at 18 years old, thinking about what they’re going to do with their life, to create something special and sell it to the world.”

Among the eleven areas covered in the bill include: Definitions and scope of protection, Registration procedures (local and international), Rights of designers and licensing rules, Term of protection (5 years, renewable to 25 years), Unregistered design rights (3 years) and Remedies for infringement.

According to the Attorney General: “We continue to shape a modern and inclusive economy in this sustainable island state we envision. We must insist that our people use their intellect, their skills, and their creativity as a viable pathway to prosperity. This law gives them more of the legal armor they need.”

Front Banner Image used for illustration purposes only shows intellectual property protection areas (Credit: www.taylorporter.com)

Police Investigate Attempted Murder of Officer in St. Kitts, Fatal Shooting in Nevis

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETERRE, St. Kitts (Wednesday 30th July 2025) - The Royal St. Christopher and Nevis Police Force (RSCNPF) is investigating two separate July 2025 shooting incidents that occurred on back to back nights-an attempted murder of a male police officer in his 20s in St. Kitts and a fatal shooting in Nevis involving another

male in his 20s.

Injured is 24-year-old Talbert Warner while deceased is 27-year-old Xavier Dore of Pot Works.

The most recent incident occurred in Pond’s Pasture, St. Kitts, on the evening of Wednesday 30th July between 7:30 PM and 8 PM. Officers from the Violent Crime Unit (VCU) responded to a report of gunfire in the vicinity of Ritchen’s Food Business.

Preliminary investigations revealed that 24-year-old Talbert Warner, an RSCNPF member and resident of Verchilids Village, sustained a gunshot wound to the back of his left shoulder. According to initial reports, Mr. Warner had been seated beneath a tent among other patrons at the establishment, with his back turned to the main road, when multiple gunshots were heard. He was struck once in the back.

He was shortly thereafter transported to the Joseph N.

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Minister Clarke Encourages Public to Say No to Plastics as Ban Advances

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETERRE, St. Kitts (Thursday 31st July 2025) - Minister of Environment, Climate Action and Constituency Empowerment, Dr. Joyelle Clarke, is encouraging members of the public to actively say 'no' to plastic as the country phases into a stricter stage of its single-use plastic ban.

The call came while speaking in the National Assembly on Thursday 31st July 2025.

Recognizing the social nature of the shift, Dr. Clarke said: "We acknowledge that this is a behavioural change and behavioural change takes time, and transition is important. Hence, no one can say that they have been fined \$5,000 for distributing plastic."

"Just to make a brief statement by ministers on a few matters of environmental and sustainable development importance. First, I'd like to start again by reminding the listening audience members here in the gallery and Parliament of the pending single-use update to our single-

use plastic ban. Today, July 31st, happens to be the ban on the sale and distribution of plastic straws, of Styrofoam, Styrofoam food containers, and egg crates. So as of today, supermarkets, restaurants, etc., etc., should not be distributing Styrofoam food containers, and create small plastic straws," she highlighted during her opening remarks.

The Minister welcomed those who have already begun to comply.

"I welcome the institutions which have already transitioned their Styrofoam egg crates to cardboard, and we also welcome the transition even by our general public with our single-use plastic ban."

"I would say that as the Ministry of Environment, Constituency Empowerment, Climate Action, in partnership with Solid Waste Management Corporation as well as the Parks and Beaches Unit continues its mandate of pollution and waste management, we thank the people of St. Kitts and Nevis for the partnership in this single-use plastic ban," she said.

However, Dr. Clarke noted

that plastic usage still lingers in some areas.

"We do acknowledge that we're seeing pockets of plastic distribution mainly among our street vendors and our market vendors and we're hoping that the stock of plastic would eventually disappear."

She urged the public to continue playing their part: "We encourage partnership by the persons who are patronizing these businesses. Walk with your reusable bags. And when you are offered a plastic bag, just say no and remind that vendor that you are not supposed to distribute plastic bags."

She also shared a personal example: "I myself, in part of our spot checks, I've walked into small shops, and I have been offered plastic bags, and I'm saying-not supermarkets, small shops-and I'm saying 'Remember you no longer can distribute these plastic bags so please take them off your shelves and let's work towards getting rid of plastic waste here for St. Kitts and Nevis.'"

Minister Clarke concluded by reminding the public of the next key milestones in the plastic ban rollout: "I remind us also that August 31st will see the importation ban on plastic



plates, cups and cutlery and November 31st will see our final ban which is the sale and distribution of plastic plates, cups and cutlery."

Front Page Image Caption: Participant John Francis sent a message wearing plastic items including bottles, bags and Styrofoam plates while attending the 'March For a Plastic Free SKN' held in July 2019 (Spokesman Snap)

Police Investigate Attempted Murder of Officer in St. Kitts, Fatal Shooting in Nevis

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France General Hospital by fellow officers, where he was examined, treated, and remains in stable condition at the Surgical Ward.

No other injuries were reported. Both the scene of the incident and the hospital were processed by the Crime Scene Unit. Several items of evidential value were collected to aid the investigation. Further updates will be shared with the public as it progresses.

The RSCNPF urges anyone with information that can assist in solving this case, or any other criminal matter, to contact the VCU at 465-2241 or 662-3468, the Royal St. Christopher and Nevis Police Force, or the nearest Police outpost.

"Your voice can make a difference; give justice a hand," police say.

The night before, on Tuesday 29th July, police launched a homicide investigation following the death of a young man in the Liburd Hill area of Nevis.

Preliminary reports indicate that between 8 PM and 8:30 PM, officers from the Newcastle Police Station responded to a call regarding a suspected fatal accident along the Island Main Road, near the

Methodist Church in Liburd Hill.

Upon arrival, officers discovered Dore's lifeless body lying on the roadside near a damaged motor scooter.

Further assessment of the scene revealed multiple spent shells in the vicinity, prompting the immediate initiation of a homicide investigation. Upon examination, officers observed that Mr. Dore's body bore injuries consistent with gunshot wounds. The District Medical Officer was summoned to the scene and pronounced Dore deceased.

Initial inquiries suggest that Dore was travelling on his motor scooter toward his residence when, upon reaching the vicinity of the Methodist Church, he was ambushed and shot multiple times by an unknown assailant or assailants. He subsequently lost control of the vehicle, collided with a nearby utility box, and succumbed to his injuries on the scene.

The Crime Scene Unit of the RSCNPF processed the scene and collected some items of evidential value. Further inquiries are ongoing, and investigational updates will be appropriately issued as the case progresses.

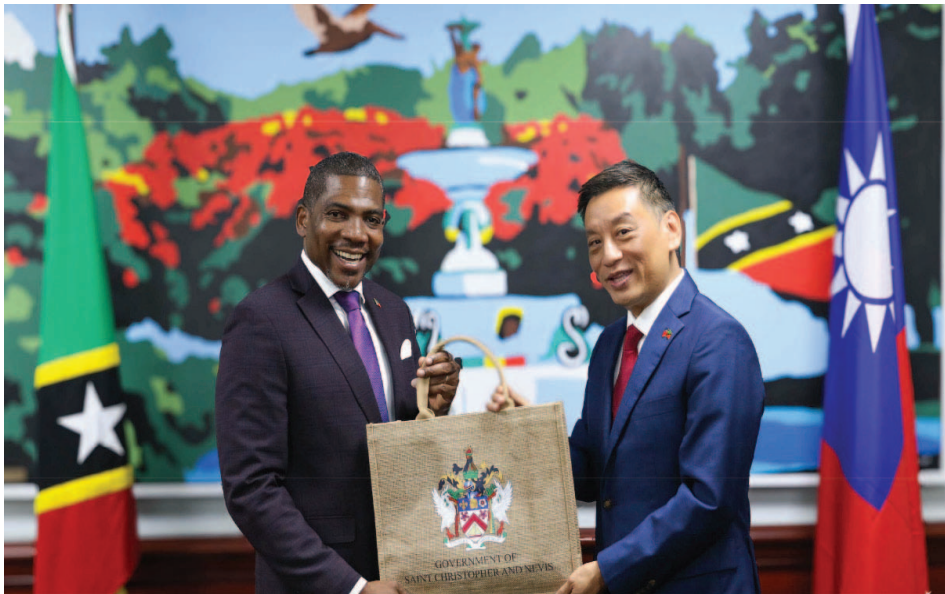
The RSCNPF urges anyone with information regarding this incident to contact the Newcastle Police Station, the Charlestown Police Station, or the nearest Police outpost.

During this difficult time, the Police Force extends sincere condolences to Dore's family and all others affected by his untimely passing.

Prime Minister Drew Welcomes New Taiwanese Ambassador, H.E. Edward Tao

Basseterre, Saint Kitts, July 31, 2025 (PMO) - Prime Minister of St. Kitts and Nevis, the Honourable Dr. Terrance Drew, officially welcomed His Excellency Edward Tao, the newly appointed Ambassador of the Republic of China (Taiwan) to Saint Kitts and Nevis, during a diplomatic courtesy meeting today, July 31st.

Prime Minister Drew used the opportunity to express his confidence in the Ambassador's ability to continue the strong diplomatic work of his predecessor, H.E. Michael Lin, and reaffirmed the commitment of the Government of St. Kitts and Nevis to deepening the longstanding relationship with the Republic of China (Taiwan), which this year marks 41 years of diplomatic ties.

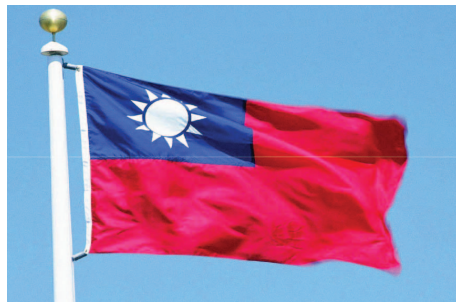


"Our countries have enjoyed a history of close cooperation, and we look forward to building on that foundation under your tenure," Prime Minister Drew stated.

The Prime Minister also acknowledged Taiwan's continued contributions to key national sectors, including agriculture, renewable energy, education, and health. He also reiterated the Government's support for Taiwan's meaningful participation in international organisations.



During the introductory meeting, Ambassador Tao conveyed greetings from the President and Premier of Taiwan and confirmed Taiwan's continued interest in strengthening bilateral collaboration. He also thanked the Government of St. Kitts and Nevis for its consistent support of Taiwan at the United Nations and other international fora.



The meeting also included updates on a number of ongoing projects and upcoming initiatives.

Case Number :SKBHCV2021/0052

EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS
SAINT CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

APPLICATION NO. SKBHCV 2023/0127

BETWEEN:

[1] THE BANK NEVIS LIMITED
(successor to the banking business
of Royal Bank of Canada in St Kitts)

and

[1] CATHERINE AGATHA WILSON
[2] RUBELETTE C. D. WILSON

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Applicant

Respondents

NOTICE OF SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION

The Property described below will be offered for sale by the Registrar of the High Court, St Kitts Circuit by PUBLIC AUCTION at the High Court of Justice, Basseterre, St Kitts

on Thursday the 25th day of September 2025, at
2:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: ALL THAT lot piece or parcel of land situate at New Road Housing Development in the Parish of St Peter and bounded and measuring as follows, that is to say:- On or towards the North by Lot No. 91A, 80.14 feet; On the East by Lot No. 90, 45.00 feet; On the South by Lot No. 89A, 80.14 feet and On the West by a Public Road, 45.00 feet and containing by admeasurement 3,606.00 square feet; all as the same is described in a Certificate of Title dated March 22, 2004 and registered in Book D3 Folio 154 of the Register of Titles of the Island of Saint Christopher.

SURVEY PLAN & SATELLITE MAP OF PROPERTY:



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GENERAL INFORMATION: The successful bidder: (1) must publicly declare on whose behalf he or she is bidding; (2) must pay at the time of sale a deposit of one fourth (25%) of his or her winning bid; and (3) must pay the balance within one month from the day of the public auction. The purchaser(s) shall be entitled, by law, to possession of the property after payment of the deposit. The purchaser(s) must pay Stamp Duty (statutorily 6% of the purchase price) and any Property Taxes accrued and unpaid at the time of the transfer of the property. It is recommended that the purchaser(s) instruct legal counsel to conclude the transfer process. Contact the Applicant/Mortgagee's Attorneys-at-Law, Kelsick, Wilkin and Ferdinand (869-465-2440 or law@kwfonline.com) or the High Court Registry (869-467-1102 registryskn@gov.kn) for more details

Dated the 1st day of July 2025

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OF THE HIGH COURT



St. Kitts and Nevis Makes History As recipient Of First German Vocational Training Visas

Basseterre, St. Kitts, Wednesday, July 30, 2025: In a groundbreaking achievement for the Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis, Dillon Simmonds of St. Kitts and Rodison Jeffers of Nevis have become the first individuals to be granted study visas by the German Embassy in Port of Spain, Trinidad, to participate in Germany’s compensated vocational training programme.



Dillon Simmonds of St. Kitts (c)

This historic milestone marks a significant step forward in international opportunities for local youth, particularly in Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET). The two successful candidates are scheduled to arrive in Hamburg, Germany, next week (First Week in August) to begin their training under a structured, paid vocational programme designed to equip participants with practical skills and hands-on experience in various trades.

Dr. Kertney Thompson, CEO, TVET Secretariat, shared. “The Ministry of Education and the SKN TVET Council are excited to hear of this tremendous milestone as we work assiduously to advance TVET and provide opportunities for nationals to advance their careers. The opportunity for Rodison Jeffers and Dillon Simmonds to advance their training in Germany, which is renowned for its advanced TVET system, is part of the GOSKN (Government of St. Kitts and Nevis) efforts to expand opportunities through local, regional, and international partnerships.” The programme represents a new chapter in international collaboration between St. Kitts and Nevis and Germany, offering youth a unique pathway to skilled employment, global exposure, and economic mobility.



Rodison Jeffers of Nevis (r)

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No. SKBHPB2025/

In the Estate of **DEBORAH JENITA AUDAIN** late of John England Village, in the Parish of St. Peters, St. Kitts, deceased.

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by **JOSEPH LIVINGSTON AUDAIN** of John England Village, in the Parish of St. Peters in the Island of St. Christopher, and **JENALIA DILONEE AUDAIN** of John England Village, in the Parish of St. Peters, in the Island of St. Christopher, for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the Applicants who are the husband and the daughter of the late **DEBORAH JENITA AUDAIN**, the deceased having died intestate on the 4th day of March, 2022.

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

Dated the 13th day of June, 2025.

M. Elizabeth A. Kelsick, Partner
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Attorneys-at-Law for the Applicants

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TDC Group Celebrates Excellence at 2025 Staff Cocktail and Awards Gala



Fellowship and excitement filled the Carambola Beach Club, on Saturday 19 July 2025, as staff from across the TDC Group gathered to celebrate and recognize outstanding performance and unwavering dedication, throughout the 2024-2025 financial year, for the annual Staff Cocktail and Awards Gala.

Cohosted by Ms. Xarielle Blanchette and Mr. Dominic Matthew, from the TDC Client Relations and Marketing Department, the evening featured homegrown cultural displays from the St. Peter's Actors and Sandy Point Moko Jumbies.

The energy of the event rose to another level with two inspiring underscoring the importance of the theme, "Together We Succeed, Together We Celebrate, Together We Are TDC."

The first was from Mr. Rene

Carayol, MBE. A globally recognized leadership coach and author, who connected with staff through storytelling referencing his profound experiences with business professionals and leaders including Nelson Mandela, former South African President. The second was by Nevisian and Youth Advocate, Pastor Ron Daniel, who drew parallels between corporate resilience and national spirit, inspiring staff to continue to live through the theme as they continue to provide a more than just service to the people of the Federation.

The motivational hype then set the tone for the highlight of the evening, the awards ceremony, recognizing the following employees and presented by Executive Directors and Senior Managers.

Mr. Earle Kelly, Chairman/CEO was the first to be recognized for his years of dedicated service, leadership, and contribution to the overall growth of the Group. Mr. Kelly took the opportunity to reflect on his journey with the company and offered sound words of advice and encouragement and inspired all present to continue to give their best to ensure that the Group continues a path of success.

The 2024 -2025 honourees were then singled out for their yeoman contribution to the company:

Octavia Caines, TDC Home and Building Depot (St. Kitts)

Daverill Roberts, TDC Home and Building Depot (St. Kitts)

Denise Huggins, Administration (St Kitts)

Ira Bertie, TDC Home and Building Depot (Nevis)

Aslyn Broadbelt Warner, Human Resources Department

Don Boncamper, Strategic Research and Planning Department

Mitchell Gumbs, St. Kitts Masonry Products

Employees who have given 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 and 40 years of service were presented with personalized plaques for

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THE LAND REGISTRY FEDERATION OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS SAINT CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT

A.D. 2025

TITLE BY REGISTRATION ACT CAP. 10.19

SKBLRD2025/0037

In the Matter of section 144 of the Title by Registration Act Cap.10.19, and in the matter of an Application by PAULINE BOWES for the issue of a new Certificate of Title for a lot of land containing 2,600 square feet situate at Molyneux Project, in the Parish of Christ Church, St. Kitts to replace a lost Certificate of Title recorded in Register Book F2 Folio 166

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR REPLACEMENT OF LOST CERTIFICATE OF TITLE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that PAULINE BOWES of 52 Richmond Road, Thornton Heath CR7 7QB, United Kingdom, the Administrator of the Estate of Elizabeth Richardson also known as Elizabeth Maynard late of Molyneux Project, Saint Kitts and Flat 17 Haven Lodge, 2 Wolfencroft Close, London SW11 2LD, United Kingdom has applied to the Registrar of Titles for the issue of a replacement Certificate of Title in lieu of the following Certificate of Title on the basis that the said original Certificate of Title has been irrecoverably lost by misadventure, namely a Certificate of Title dated 1st November, 1990 and registered in Book F2 Folio 166 of the Register of Titles for St. Christopher, the land contained in said Certificate of Title being ALL THAT plot piece or parcel of land known as Lot No 19 situate at Molyneux Project in the Island of Saint Christopher and bounded and measuring as follows, that is to say:- On or towards the North by a Public Road leading to the Island Main Road 36.45 feet, On or towards the East by Lot No 18 - 65.74 feet, On or towards the South by Lot No 15 - 40.40 feet and On or towards the West by Lot No 20 - 65.40 feet and containing by admeasurement 2,600 square feet. Any person who may be in possession of the aforesaid Certificate of Title or may have any information that may lead to its recovery is asked to contact Gonsalves Parry of Suites 26A & B, Sands Complex, George Street, Basseterre, St. Kitts, Attorneys-at-Law for the Applicant.

Dated the 10th day of July 2025

Gonsalves Parry
GONSALVES PARRY
Attorney-at-Law for the Applicant



Case Number :NEVHPB2024/0024



IN THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
FEDERATION OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS

NEVIS CIRCUIT

A.D. 2025
(PROBATE)

Submitted Date:24/07/2025 16:54

Filed Date:25/07/2025 08:30

Fees Paid:2.00

In the Estate of late of **WILLIAM LIBURD** of
Brown Hill, in the parish
of St. John' in the Island of Nevis, deceased

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

TAKE NOTICE that an application for a **Grant of Letters of Administration De Bonis Non** has been filed by EDRIS LIBURD of Brown Hill, in the parish of St. John' in the island of Nevis, presently residing at 1655 Flatbush Ave. A210 Brooklyn, New York, United States of America, the natural daughter and next of kin to WILLIAM LIBURD (who died on the 16th day of December, 1989) following a Grant of Letters of Administration dated the 14th day of May, 1997 which was granted to Edna Dulcina Liburd (*now deceased*) the wife of William Liburd and the mother of the applicant Edris Liburd.

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

Dated this 24th day of July 2025.

Leonora L. Walwyn
Leonora L. Walwyn

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Filed by Leonora Walwyn WalwynLaw D. R. Walwyn Square Charlestown Nevis. Attorneys-at-Law

The Registry is at Prince William Street, Charlestown in the island of Nevis Federation of St. Christopher and Nevis), telephone number 869 469 0504 . The office is open between 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Mondays to Fridays except Public Holiday

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their years of commitment.

Impact Awards

- Octavia Caines Impact Award - Punctuality and Attendance
- Kurtney Glasgow, TDC Automotive Division (St. Kitts)
- Kitwana Olugbala, TDC Thrifty Car Rentals (Nevis)

- Daverill Roberts Impact Award for Rising Star
- T'Ranjai Benjamin, Information Technology Department (St Kitts)
- Leeann Paul, TDC Thrifty Car Rentals (Nevis)

- Denise Huggins Impact Award for Going Beyond the Call of Duty
- Kurtney Glasgow, TDC Automotive Division (St. Kitts)
- Calvin Smithen, TDC Home and Building Depot, Nevis

- Ira Bertie Award for Making A Difference in Our Community
- Dominic Matthew, TDC Client Relations and Marketing Department (St Kitts)
- Narissa Stevens, TDC Home and Building Depot (Nevis)

- Aslyn Broadbelt-Warner Service Excellence Awards
- Winner - Temra Letang, Human Resources Department
- Runner Up - Vera David, TDC Home and Building Depot (Nevis)

- Don Boncamper Sales Excellence Award
- Winner - Naricia Jeffers, Strategic Planning and Research (St. Kitts)
- Runner Up - Ira Bertie, Home and Building Depot (Nevis)
- Mitchell Gumbs Manager of the Year Award
- Winner - Gloria Esdaille Robinson, Human Resources Department
- Runner Up - Don Boncamper, Strategic Planning and Research Department
- Jacques Cramer Employee of The Year Award
- Winner - Andrea James Wattley, Human Resources Department
- Runner Up - Janel Dias Jones, TDC Insurance Company Limited

- The Department of the Year Award
- The Human Resources Department

The curtains came down on an evening that represented the heart and soul of TDC. Each award, remark, and recognition reflected the gratitude of all staff whose dedication will continue to help shape the company's legacy.

Picture - Andrea James-Wattley, Senior Human Resources Officer, in the TDC Human Resources Department accepting the Employee of the Year Award from Mr. Earle Kelly, TDC Chairman/CEO

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that DARYL SARGEANT LAKE of Fiennes Avenue, Mc Knight in the Parish of St. George in the Island of St. Christopher, in the Federation of St. Christopher and Nevis, through his Solicitors WALWYN LAW has applied to the Registrar of Deed for Vesting Deed in his favour in respect of 1.0861 Acre of land situate at Douglas Estate in the Parish of St. John in the Island of Nevis and bounded and measuring as follows, that is to say:- ALL THAT lot piece or parcel of land situate at Douglas Estate in the parish of St. John in the island of Nevis bounded and measuring as follows:-On or towards the North East by lands of Maude Williams 174.91 feet; On or towards the South East by remaining portion of Douglas Estate 291.53 feet and 40.32 feet; On on or towards the South West by Caribbean Sea 24.59 feet, 75.43 feet, 74.60 feet; On or towards the West by Caribbean Sea 111.13 and On or towards the North West by lands of Elza Isles 128.42 feet and containing by admeasurement 1.0861 Acres all as same is set forth and described on the survey plan made by Hilton Lawson and copied by Simeon Hill, Licensed Land Surveyors of the Federation of St. Christopher and Nevis.

Dated the 19th day of June 2025

Registrar

Case Number :SKBHPB2025/0090

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ST. CHRISTOPHER / NEVIS

(ST. KITTS CIRCUIT)

THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT

FEDERATION OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS

SAINT CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

A.D. 2025

(PROBATE)

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In the Estate of SYLVIE VERONICA

JAMES late of Ponds Pasture, Basseterre in

the Island of Saint Christopher, deceased

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by ALTHEA JAMES formerly of Ponds Pasture, Basseterre in the Island of Saint Christopher but presently residing at 145 Yeats CT, Tyrone GA 30290, for a Grant of Probate of the Will of the above-named deceased who died on the 29th day of October, 2022 without revoking a will bearing the date of 20th day of July, 1991 wherein the applicants are named as executors.

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 3rd day of February, 2025.

Rénel Edwards

Law Offices of Sylvester Anthony

Solicitors for the Estate SYLVIE VERONICA JAMES

Filed by The Law Offices of Sylvester Anthony, Chambers, Unit C16 The Sands Complex, Bay Road, Basseterre, Saint Kitts. Telephone (869) 466-5834; Facsimile (869) 466-6851. E-mail lawoffices@sylvesteranthony.com.

The Court Office is at Sir S.W. Tapley Seaton Annex, East Independence Square Street, Basseterre, Saint Kitts Telephone number is 467-1102. The office is open between 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Mondays to Fridays except public holidays.

Haynes Smith Ms. Caribbean talented Teen Returns To St. Kitts For 2025 Edition

Basseterre, St. Kitts -

The Haynes Smith Youth Club is proud to announce the triumphant return of the Miss Caribbean Talented Teen Pageant to its birthplace - St. Kitts- for the highly anticipated 2025 edition. After meaningful consultations with franchise holders and regional stakeholders, the Club has confirmed that the pageant will be hosted at the prestigious Marriott Hotel Ballroom in Frigate Bay on Monday, December 29, 2025, at 7:00 PM sharp.

This decision follows a *Reigning Ms Caribbean Talented Teen Queen, Kaitlyn Wilson.*



competitive regional bidding process, during which several territories submitted compelling proposals. Ultimately, St. Kitts was chosen for its historic connection to the pageant, alignment with the event's long-term goals, and its strong support from the community. "Bringing the Miss Caribbean Talented Teen Pageant back to St. Kitts is more than a logistical decision "it's a return to our roots," said Antonio Maynard, Executive Producer of the pageant. "This event is a cultural institution in the Caribbean and a national treasure in St. Kitts. We're excited to deliver an

unforgettable experience that reflects the caliber and creativity our contestants are known for."

The 2025 production will be led by the Haynes Smith Youth Club and its local organizing committee, in partnership with key national agencies and private stakeholders. As such, the committee believes a vital element of this year's success is a partnership with the National Carnival Committee, whose collaboration ensures the pageant is fully integrated into the cultural calendar and receives the prominence it deserves. Plans are already underway to secure top-tier accommodations, craft an engaging activity calendar, and deliver a show that exemplifies regional pride and artistic excellence. "Our commitment is to excellence - not just in entertainment, but in empowering Caribbean youth through culture and performance," noted Lawson Archibald, Chairman of the Pageant Committee. "This return signals a renewed energy. We're raising the bar in every aspect" from production quality to the opportunities we offer our young queens," he said.

Meanwhile, Monique Lescott, Public Relations Officer of the Pageant Committee, spoke to the significance of the pageant to St. Kitts and Nevis. "The return of the pageant to St. Kitts and Nevis means everything to us. When it was missing from the Carnival lineup in 2024, there was a real sense of loss," said Lescott. "This event is a national treasure, and thanks to several proud and committed citizens who stepped up to support us, we're bringing it home. We've already begun early preparations to ensure the 2025 production meets-and exceeds-our high standards. Whether you join us in person or via pay-per-view, you're in for a spectacular show."

As part of its ongoing commitment to growth and regional inclusion, the Haynes Smith Youth Club is also announcing a significant increase in the grand prize, with this year's winning contestant receiving EC\$13,500.00. A new EC\$1,000.00 prize will also be awarded for the Most Engaging Promotional Video, which will be featured on the Club's official social media platforms in the lead-up to the event.



The Government of St. Kitts and Nevis Invites Contractors to Bid on the following Project:

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Tender Documents can be obtained at the Public Works Department, Wellington Road, Basseterre, St Kitts, as of Thursday 7th August, 2025 for a non-refundable fee of EC\$2,500.00 each.

Completed bid shall be delivered in sealed envelope to the office of:

**Director of Public Works Department
Wellington Road, Basseterre, St Kitts
at or before 1:00pm Friday 3rd October, 2025**

Contractors or their representatives are invited to the Tender Opening.

Eligibility

It is mandatory that Contractors be locally registered in the Federation of St Kitts & Nevis. Business License MUST be presented before receipt of Tender Document.



DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

TDC Group continues to champion cultural advancement through sponsorship of the C51 Senior Calypso Monarch Competition

The TDC Group continues its proud tradition of supporting cultural advancement by once again signing on as the official sponsor of the highly anticipated Culturama 51 Senior Calypso Show in Nevis.

The event, a staple on the annual Culturama calendar, is scheduled to take center stage at the Nevis Cultural Complex on Friday 2nd August 2025, at 8 p.m. It will feature a mix of young and seasoned Calypsonians from across the island, as they compete for the coveted monarch title.

“The Senior Calypso Show is one of the cornerstones of Culturama, showcasing not only the lyrical and musical talents of our people but also their ability to address social and civic issues through song,” said Mr. Ernie France, General Manager Nevis Operations. “We are honoured to continue our corporate support where culture, commentary, and creativity are on full display.”

This year’s event promises to be another thrilling night of rhythmic storytelling, insightful satire, and high-energy performances, as seasoned Calypsonians and rising stars go mic to mic in a battle for lyrical supremacy.

As a longstanding corporate partner in national



Picture - C50 Culturama Calypso Monarch King Astro

development, the TDC Group views the sponsorship as an extension of its cultural and social responsibility agenda, aimed at preserving Nevisian heritage while advancing the performing arts.

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St. Kitts and Nevis

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1. Manage the receipt and safe custody / storage of declarations from Public Officials
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5. Advise and assist senior management of public institutions to adopt and enforce practices and procedures necessary to prevent or reduce the occurrence of corrupt activities.
6. Provide ethics advice and guidance regarding the Code of Conduct and Conflict of Interest issues.
7. Generally, to assist the CEO and the Commissioners in the conduct of their duties under the Act.
8. Engage in other areas of work assignments of the Commission, as deemed necessary.

QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE:

- Bachelor's Degree in Accounting, Law, Auditing or other relevant fields
- Professional certifications such as CIA, CFE would be an asset
- At least three (3) years experience in auditing and or compliance reviews
- Proven knowledge of anti-corruption issues, policies, laws and practices
- Knowledge of current best practices in Ethics and Compliance programs and policies

APPLICATIONS WITH SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS AND CURRICULUM VITAE ARE TO BE MAILED TO:

The Secretary
Integrity Commission
P. O. Box 948
Basseterre, St. Kitts.

Or emailed to: admin@iplskn.org

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS: 22nd AUGUST, 2025.

P.O. Box 948, Delisle Walwyn & Co. Ltd Building, Top Floor, Liverpool Row, Basseterre, St. Kitts, W.I.
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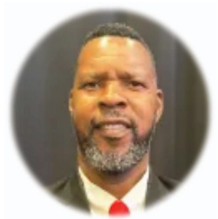
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Op-Ed

Cooperatives in the Caribbean: A proven path to decent work and sustainable development

Cooperatives are helping Caribbean communities tackle climate change, economic uncertainty, and inequality by creating decent jobs and strengthening local economies.



Joni Musabayana

Director, ILO DWT and Office for the Caribbean

The Caribbean is at a critical juncture. Climate change is battering our shores, global economic shocks are testing our resilience, and social inequalities continue to leave too many behind. Amid these challenges, a powerful and time-tested solution quietly transforming our communities: cooperatives. The 2025 International Year of Cooperatives, and the 103rd International Day of Cooperatives on July 5th offer a pivotal global moment to reflect on their impact and renew our commitment to their potential.

The cooperative model has deep roots in the Caribbean, dating back to the early 20th century. Cooperatives across sectors from finance and agriculture to fisheries and retail have contributed to creating decent work, fostering inclusive growth, and building sustainable local economies. Today, cooperatives thrive in countries like Belize, Dominica, Guyana, Jamaica, Suriname and Trinidad and Tobago. What makes their story remarkable is how they've adapted through decades of change, from economic upheavals in the 1980s to the urgent climate crisis we face now, always grounded in democratic governance, shared ownership, and collective well-being.

The International Labour Organization (ILO) has been a steadfast and strategic partner throughout this journey. Since opening its Caribbean Office in Port of Spain in 1969, the ILO has worked alongside national institutions and stakeholders to strengthen cooperative policy and practice. It was in the 1970s that the ILO, with support from the Danish International Development Agency, started strengthening cooperative institutions across the region. A landmark moment came in 2000, when the ILO and the Caribbean Confederation of Credit Unions convened a regional conference of Ministers of Cooperatives, laying the groundwork for harmonized cooperative legislation and long-term development strategies that continue to guide

the work on cooperatives in the region today.

The technical support of the ILO to advancing cooperatives continues to evolve in the region. Today in Dominica and Bermuda new cooperative policies are being developed in consultation with local stakeholders to enhance resilience and adapt frameworks to current challenges. In Guyana, capacity strengthening of support institutions is revitalizing cooperatives. The ILO is partnering with the FAO-led FISH4ACP initiative to strengthen artisanal fisheries cooperatives promoting sustainable shrimp harvesting and advancing the inclusion of women in the industry. In Suriname, agro-cooperatives are receiving tailored support for strengthening pineapple-producing cooperatives under the Joint Programme Accelerating Sustainable and Inclusive Economic Transformation in Suriname (ASTA) and Council of Cooperatives is being strengthened. In Belize, indigenous communities are reinforcing their local social and solidarity economy entities through initiatives like the EU-funded ILO PROSPER Project that positions cooperatives and other local actors as key drivers of their inclusive and sustainable development.

These initiatives demonstrate the ILO's longstanding commitment to people-centred development. Grounded in the Promotion of Cooperatives Recommendation, 2002 (No. 193), the ILO recognizes cooperatives as critical to advancing its mandate for decent work, social justice, and sustainable development. Building on this foundation, the ILO has expanded its vision to include the wider social and solidarity economy (SSE), where cooperatives continue to play a central role. The adoption of the ILO Resolution on Decent Work and the Social and Solidarity Economy in 2022 and the follow up strategy and action plan (2023-29) are clear manifestation of that commitment.

The true success of cooperatives is best seen in the livelihoods they create and the communities they strengthen. It's the fisherman in Dominica who gained access to finance securing his family's future through his credit union. It's the 30 agro-cooperatives in Suriname that have expanded their networks, modernized their practices and increased incomes of their members through targeted support. These are not isolated cases. They are how cooperatives work through economic democracy to empowering their members and uplifting their communities.

Governments, in consultation with social partners, and in line with ILO Recommendation No. 193 and the 2022 Resolution on decent work and the SSE can adopt laws and policies that foster a conducive environment for cooperatives to thrive. These should uphold fundamental principles and rights at work, ensure fair competition, and recognize the unique role of cooperatives in advancing decent work and social justice.

National development plans and inclusive financing mechanisms can incorporate cooperatives and the wider SSE, especially in key sectors like agriculture, fisheries, renewable energy, care and digital services, where they support sustainable livelihoods and community resilience.

Cooperatives can play a transformative role in employment creation, skills development, formalization, and social inclusion. Documenting and sharing evidence of their impact can inform policy and encourage replication.

Education and training systems can integrate cooperative principles and practices in curricula, preparing young people to lead the cooperatives of tomorrow. Targeted investments in capacity-building, institutional support and partnerships can expand the reach of cooperatives and SSE entities that empower workers, reduce inequalities and enhance resilience. These efforts should be supported through coherent national, local, and regional strategies, in coordination with international organizations and financial institutions providing technical and financial support.

In 2025 and beyond, let's build on the long and successful history and move towards a renewed commitment to ensure that the cooperative movement continues to drive a brighter, fairer Caribbean future.

Why the government wants your pet dog and cat poo

Michelle Roberts
Digital health editor, BBC News



Getty Images A cat reclines next to a sleeping dog
Some pets might be carrying hard-to-treat superbugs

The UK government will soon be asking lots of cat and dog owners to collect and send their pets’ poo for laboratory testing. Experts worry that some domestic animals might carry hard-to-treat superbugs - bacteria that have become resistant to common antibiotics.

The world-first study will monitor healthy pets, not just those that are ill, to spot which bugs might pose a threat.

They can spread to people through close contact with pets, such as kissing and stroking, as well as handling poo, research suggests.

In many cases the bacteria do no harm, but some can lead to serious issues, including bloodstream infections or sepsis.

Poo samples

Over half of UK adults own pets and live with them in a shared environment, meaning that bacteria, including resistant bacteria, can spread easily between animals and people, says the government’s Veterinary Medicines Directorate.

Several studies have shown pets and owners can potentially swap pathogens, including the hospital ‘superbug’ MRSA.

Scotland’s Rural College will run the study over four years.

Prof John Berezowski, who is one of the researchers, said they would work with pet owners and their vets to explore how best to collect all the poo samples.

“This initiative is critical for a better understanding of the transmission and maintenance of antimicrobial resistance in our pets,” he said.

The World Health Organization classes antibiotic resistance as one of the greatest public health threats facing humanity.

Drug-resistant infections kill more than 1.2 million people a year globally, with the figure projected to rise to 10 million by 2050 if no action is taken, it says.

To prevent transmission, experts recommend owners practise good hygiene, including washing their hands after petting their dog or cat and after handling their waste.

If a pet is unwell, owners might consider isolating them in one room to prevent the spread of bacteria throughout the house, and clean other rooms thoroughly.

Antimicrobial resistance (AMR) arises when organisms that cause infection evolve ways to survive treatments.

Without effective antibiotics, even minor surgery and routine operations, such as caesarean sections when giving birth, could become high-risk procedures if serious infections can’t be treated.

China offers parents \$1,500 in bid to boost births

Osmond Chia
Business reporter, BBC News
Reporting from Singapore



Getty Images A woman, in a beige coat, holding a baby, who is wearing a white coat with turquoise trim and a white woollen hat, in a park in Fuyang, east China’s Anhui province,16 January, 2025.
Getty Images

Parents in China are being offered 3,600 yuan (Â£375; \$500) a year for each of their children under the age of three in the government’s first nationwide subsidy aimed at boosting birth rates.

The country’s birth rate has been falling, even after the ruling Communist Party abolished its controversial one-child policy almost a decade ago.

The handouts will help around 20 million families with the cost of raising children, according to state media.

Several provinces across China have piloted some form of payouts to encourage people to have more children as the world’s second largest economy faces a looming demographic crisis.

The scheme, which was announced on Monday, will offer parents a total of up to 10,800 yuan per child.

The policy will be applied retroactively from the start of this year, Beijing’s state broadcaster CCTV said.

Families with children born between 2022 and 2024 can also apply for partial subsidies.

The move follows efforts by local governments to boost birth rates in China.

In March, Hohhot - a city in the northern region of China - started offering residents up to 100,000 yuan per baby for couples with at least three children.

Shenyang, a city northeast of Beijing, offers 500 yuan a month to local families with a third child under three.

Last week, Beijing also urged local governments to draft plans for implementing free preschool education.

The country is among the world’s most expensive places to have children, in relative terms, according to a study by China-based YuWa Population Research Institute.

Raising a child to the age of 17 in China costs an average of \$75,700, the study found.

In January, official figures showed that China’s population fell for a third year in a row in 2024. China recorded 9.54 million babies born in 2024, according to the National Bureau of Statistics.

That marked a slight increase from the year before but the country’s overall population continued to shrink.

The country’s 1.4 billion population is also ageing fast, adding to Beijing’s demographic concerns.



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Could aluminium become the packaging 'champion'?

MaryLou Costa
Technology Reporter



Meadow Cans being filled with a blue liquid. Meadow Some packaging firms are betting on aluminium

In front of me is a line-up of aluminium cans, but not a drink in sight.

Instead, these cans have been designed to hold toiletries like shampoo, shower gel and hand wash, condiments like ketchup and household cleaning products.

I'm at the London research and development centre for Meadow, a start-up that has developed a new packaging system.

Their idea is to move products currently packaged in plastic to aluminium cans.

The founders believe it could be the next big step in reducing the amount of plastic packaging in the world, thanks to the high recycling rate of aluminium cans compared to plastic - 81% vs 52%, according to figures from the National Packaging Waste Database.

Meadow has taken the typical aluminium drink can and tweaked it, so that it will slot into a cannister, which can be equipped with all sorts of dispensing options.

So depending on the contents, you could have a pump, a squeeze top, spray nozzle, screw top lid or other options.

The can itself has a sealed top and crinkles at the edges to make it clear the contents aren't to be drunk.

When the can is empty, it can be taken out for recycling, and replaced with a new one.

Aluminium can manufacturer Ball, which already offers recyclable aluminium packaging for shampoos and lotions, has invested in Meadow and will offer the system to the big personal care brands it works with.

"We realised the greenest container already exists - the aluminium can. So we thought, what do we need to do, to take it to new industries?" says Victor Ljungberg, Meadow's co-founder and chief executive, who is based in Stockholm, Sweden.



Meadow hopes its dispenser will attract new product lines to aluminium packaging

Aluminium has strong recyclability credentials; it is considered to be infinitely recyclable, compared with plastic, which loses its quality after being recycled several times.

It is also lighter than glass, so the energy needed to

transport aluminium cans is significantly less than glass bottles.

The wine industry has already trialled full size aluminium bottles, with organic brand Vinca rolling them out in March through Tesco. Aldi this year also launched an own-label wine in an aluminium bottle.

More industries are set to make the jump, as new EU packaging and waste regulations come into effect in January 2030, stating that all packaging should be at least 70% recyclable. By 2038, the minimum level of recyclability for packaging will jump to 80%.



Getty Images Worker at an aluminium recycling plant. Producing aluminium is energy intensive

So what might hold back aluminium?

Producing new aluminium is energy intensive. It requires almost twice as much energy to produce as glass.

Calculating the environmental impact of aluminium versus glass is complicated and often the best choice depends on what is being shipped.

Price is definitely a factor, according to Mark Lansley, the owner and chief executive of Broadland Drinks, which supplied the aluminium-bottled wine to Aldi, and has another similar launch planned this year.

Aluminium, explains Mr Lansley, is a third lighter than glass, saving about 900 grams of CO2 emissions - but is four times more expensive.

He admits to absorbing the extra cost alongside Aldi in the name of innovation, but says that aluminium becoming more widely adopted relies on its cost coming down.

"We've got to get over this cost. We've got to sell the benefits and better spell out the lower carbon footprint that aluminium has," says Mr Lansley.

Consumers will also need to adapt to different looking packaging.

Mr Lansley says the wine industry already tackled this challenge when it introduced screw tops, but when it comes to packaging, there are just some situations where only a glass wine bottle will do.

"Aluminium bottles are lighter and don't shatter, so they are much better for a picnic, or by the pool. But then you've got tradition, and what folks are used to.

"You might be opening a bottle of wine to celebrate with friends, or as a reward and relaxation. A glass bottle of wine is embedded in that culture," says Mr Lansley.

Vinca Two wine bottles made with aluminium stand next to a glass of red wine. Vinca

A lot of what consumers associate with their favourite brands has been intentionally driven by those brands, and changing that could take a lot of convincing too, notes Jamie Stone, packaging expert at global innovation consultancy PA Consulting.

"Big brands have spent decades and invested billions in educating customers on distinctive packaging - think of the iconic Heinz ketchup bottle, a bottle of Flash spray, or Kikkoman soy sauce," Mr Stone, who is London-based, points out.



Some winemakers are experimenting with aluminium bottles

"Aluminium can't easily make shaped packs. That's a challenge when shape forms a key part of brand identity and consumer recognition. Think how many everyday products - like sauces, shampoo, washing up liquid, or moisturisers - rely on squeezable packaging. Aluminium, being rigid, removes that functionality."

He adds: "In many categories, consumers want to see the product they're buying, whether it's the colour of a juice, the consistency of a lotion, or the thickness of a sauce. Aluminium's opacity removes that visual connection."

Mark Armstrong is a design director at creative agency Marks, which has designed packaging for Starbucks. He says one reason we haven't seen aluminium packaging become the norm, is that manufacturers have long-established plastic packaging lines.

These would require significant modification or replacement to handle aluminium, at a high cost. And, most food-grade aluminium needs internal lacquer or polymer coatings, which must also meet recyclability guidelines, Mr Armstrong adds.

"Aluminium is arguably the champion of recyclable materials. But the options for dispensing and resealability often rely on a secondary plastic material. This then compromises the recyclability for consumers if it requires them to separate out materials to be recycled, which greatly weakens the appeal," says Mr Armstrong.

Innovations in plastic's sustainability also can't be ignored, from the development of ones that can be infinitely recycled, to those that are biodegradable.

For that reason, Jayne Paramor, sustainable packaging lead at sustainability consultancy Anthesis, argues that plastic may still end up as brands' packaging of choice.

"Plastics remain highly suited to many packaging applications due to their durability, inertness and design flexibility," says Ms Paramor.



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The changes come relative to the squad that faced Australia in the recent five-match T20I series in the Caribbean, with fast bowler Shamar Joseph, along with batters Keacy Carty, Alick Athanaze and Johnson Charles being drafted into the squad for Alzarri Joseph, Evin Lewis, Brandon King and Shimron Hetmyer respectively.

Alzarri Joseph has been granted rest for the T20 leg of the

Pakistan home series to manage his workload ahead of a busy schedule of cricket for the rest of the year, after full participation in the recent tour of the UK and the home series against Australia. Lewis has been ruled out of the series with an injury and will return home for monitoring ahead of the 50 over leg of the series.

Shimron Hetmyer and Brandon King both sustained side strains in the fifth and final T20 international against Australia in St. Kitts, causing Hetmyer to be ruled out of the series, while King is still being assessed to determine his availability for the 50 over leg of the series which bowls off on August 8 in Trinidad.

West Indies Squad for T20I Series vs Pakistan:

- Shai Hope (Captain)
Jewel Andrew
Alick Athanaze
Jediah Blades
Keacy Carty
Johnson Charles
Roston Chase
- Matthew Forde
Jason Holder
Akeal Hosein
Shamar Joseph
Gudakesh Motie
Sherfane Rutherford
Romario Shepherd
- Team Management:**
Head Coach: Daren Sammy
Team Manager: Rawl Lewis
Assistant Coach (Batting): Floyd Reifer
Assistant Coach (Bowling): Ravi Rampaul
Assistant Coach (Fielding): Rayon Griffith
Physiotherapist: Dr Denis Byam
Strength & Conditioning Coach: Ronald Rogers
Massage Therapist: Fitzbert Alleyne
Team Analyst: Avenesh Seetaram
Media & Content Officer: Jerome Foster

Match Schedule - West Indies vs Pakistan T20I Series
1st T20I: July 31 - Broward County Stadium, Florida
2nd T20I: August 2 - Broward County Stadium, Florida
3rd T20I: August 3 - Broward County Stadium, Florida
All matches begin at 8:00 PM local time.

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Reuters Nigeria's Super Falcons captain Rasheedat Ajibade holds the Womens Africa Cup of Nations trophy as supporters cheer behind her. *Reuters*
Captain Rasheedat Ajibade brought the trophy home from Morocco on Monday

Nigerian President Bola Tinubu hailed the women's national football team for their victory at the recent Women's Africa Cup of Nations (Wafcon) at a grand celebratory reception where he promised them gifts and cash rewards.

Hosting them at Aso Rock, the presidential residence, on Monday, Tinubu announced each player would get \$100,000 (£75,000) plus a three-bedroom apartment.

The 24-woman squad cheered when they heard the news, but there have been criticism in the past that prizes promised by Nigerian governments have not materialised.

Nigeria's Super Falcons - as the team is known - defeated hosts Morocco 3-2 on Saturday in a stunning second-half comeback, clinching their 10th Wafcon title.

Tinubu said the victory was a "triumph of courage, determination and consistency" adding that at some point he "didn't want to watch the match" because of the stress.

"Today, you returned home as champions of Africa," he said. "We could not be prouder."

On their arrival at the main airport in the capital, Abuja, the team were welcomed by traditional dancers, drummers, journalists and government officials. They were then escorted to the presidential residence in a convoy.

Tinubu conferred national honours, the Officer of the Order of the Niger, to all the players and staff, saying this was "on behalf of a grateful nation".

Captain Rasheedat Ajibade said that her team's victory was for "every young girl in our villages, towns and cities who dares to dream".

She also outlined her vision for the Super Falcons to become the best team in the world but said this can only happen with continued support from the football federation and government.

The Super Falcons have won 10 of the 13 editions of Wafcon since it began in 1998. The president described the latest win as a "milestone in the history of sport".

While the players celebrated the extra gifts from the president, in the past, both the men's and women's national football teams in Nigeria have had repeated issues with the authorities over delayed payment of bonuses and salaries.

The government has only just honoured its three-decade promise of new homes for the victorious men's team, the Super Eagles, which won the 1994 Africa Cup of Nations.

The Super Falcons have several times been involved in sit-in protests during major tournaments over pay issues, including after their 2023 Women's World Cup run.

There has also been concerns over pay disparities, and in recent years, fans have called for them to be paid the same as the Super Eagles.

Ahead of their final match on Saturday, Tinubu reportedly approved players' match allowances and bonuses, including backdated payments, adding that this would be the standard practice in the future.

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