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UNION EDUCATION

FLASHBACK FRIDAY - Visitors from Germany are all smiles during a walk with well-known tour operator Annie Fontaine (third from right) as they get a lesson about the St. Kitts-Nevis Trades and Labour Union (SKNT&LU) while stopping outside the union headquarters at Masses House, Church Street, Basseterre, St. Kitts in December 2024. (Spokesman photo by Union General Secretary Precious Mills)



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Editorial

Stricter Penalties: A Welcome Step Towards Safer Roads

Last week, this publication called on all citizens and residents to reflect on the recent state of dangerous driving in St. Kitts and Nevis—a reckless behavior that has claimed too many lives.

Today, we commend the authorities for taking a firm and decisive step to address this persistent issue by increasing penalties for traffic offenses. This move is not only timely but sends a clear message to all drivers: careless and dangerous driving will no longer be tolerated.

The introduction of stricter penalties—along with the ticketed offenses— including separate charges for causing death and causing injury, signals that traffic offenses are being taken with the seriousness they deserve. For far too long, we have witnessed tragic accidents and lives cut short due to irresponsible behaviour on the road. Families have been left grieving, communities shattered and the nation collectively mourning lives lost in preventable incidents.

Reckless driving is not merely a matter of personal choice; it endangers the lives of every road user. It is heartening to see that the legal system is stepping up to reflect the gravity of these actions. Enhanced penalties serve not only as punishment but also as a strong deterrent. Drivers must now think twice before engaging in speeding, drunk driving or other dangerous behaviours that put others at risk.

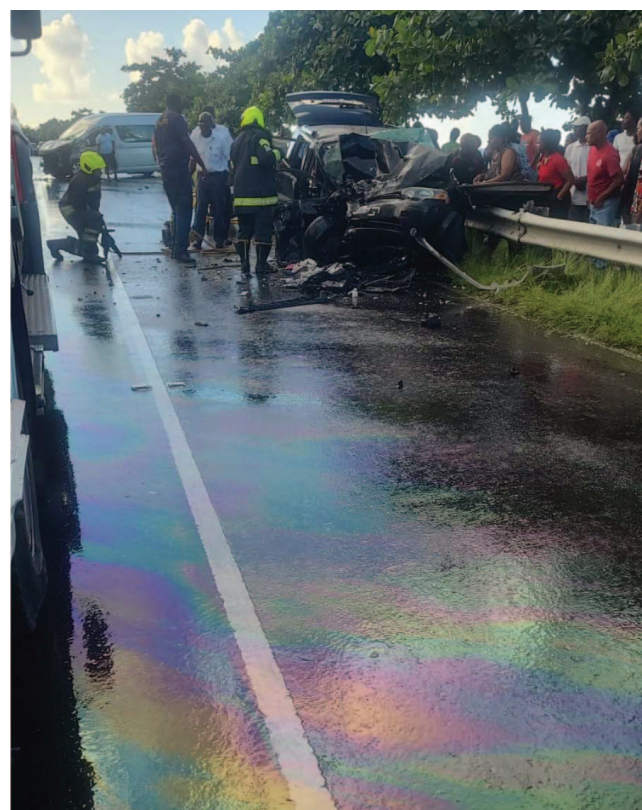
The decision to introduce separate charges for causing death and causing injury also reflects an understanding that not all offenses are the same and that the justice system must treat them

Bus Driver Charged with Five Counts of Causing Death, Including His Mother

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETERRE, St. Kitts (Thursday 23rd January 2025) - More than one month later, a bus driver on St. Kitts has been charged with six offenses following a tragic December 2024 traffic accident that claimed the lives of five individuals, including his mother.

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A look at the fatal accident scene involving the omnibus and a jeep -which took place on 11th December 2024- near the Brimstone Hill- which has seen the bus driver Jamie Herbert being charged with five counts of Causing Death by Dangerous Driving and one count of Causing Injury by Wanton Driving. First responders -Emergency Medical Service workers as well as officers from the Fire and Rescue Services are seen on the scene while onlookers standby.

accordingly. The lives lost on our roads are not mere statistics. They are people—parents, children, siblings, friends—whose absence leaves a void that cannot be filled. By holding drivers accountable for their actions through tailored charges, the law emphasizes the value of every life.

While we applaud this development, it is imperative that enforcement remains robust. The penalties must be accompanied by a consistent presence of law enforcement officers on the roads, equipped with the necessary tools to monitor and address traffic violations. Without active enforcement, even the most stringent laws risk becoming ineffective.

Education is another critical piece of the puzzle. Stricter penalties should go hand in hand with awareness campaigns to remind drivers of the responsibility they hold when behind the wheel. The message should be loud and clear: driving is a privilege, not a right, and it comes with an obligation to safeguard the lives of

others.

As a society, we all have a role to play. Reckless driving is not a government problem or a law enforcement issue alone—it is a societal concern. It requires a collective shift in attitude, where we prioritize safety over convenience, caution over carelessness and responsibility over recklessness.

Kudos to the authorities for implementing this much-needed measure. It is a step in the right direction and a testament to their commitment to improving road safety. Let us hope that this initiative achieves its intended purpose: reducing accidents, saving lives, and fostering a culture of accountability on our roads.

The loss of life due to dangerous driving is a tragedy that must never be normalized. Let these penalties serve as a sobering reminder to all drivers that the privilege of being on the road comes with an undeniable responsibility to protect the lives of others.



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Workers Union Official Highlights Importance of Group Representation

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETERRE, St. Kitts (Thursday 23rd January 2025)-The St. Kitts-Nevis Trades and Labour Union (SKNT&LU) and manufacturing company API Harowe Servo Ltd. recently engaged in discussions around the negotiation table towards signing a new Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA).

The agreement, which will cover the three-year period from 2025 to 2027, represents a significant step

in continuously securing improved conditions and rights for workers at the company-located in Sandy Point- which has been in operation for fifty (50) years.

The negotiation sessions were held from Monday 20th to Wednesday 22nd January 2025, at the St.Kitts Marriott Hotel.

The Union's delegation saw General Secretary Precious Mills, First Vice President Curtis Francis, Field Officer and executive committee member Sean Kelly(a field officer), executive committee member Vanessa 'Vandel' Browne (an employee of Harowe Servo), and Shop Stewards Yvette Francis and Jacqueline Francis, both Harowe Servo employees.



The St. Kitts-Nevis Trades and Labour Union (SKNT&LU) and manufacturing company API Harowe Servo Ltd. recently engaged in discussions around the negotiation table towards signing a new Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) which will cover the three-year period from 2025 to 2027

Representing the company were Harowe Servo's local General Manager Carol Evelyn, Human Resources Manager Sonia Edwards as well as representatives from its new parent company, Regal Rexnord based in the United States, Business Unit Manager-Specialty Products Group Matthew Rigerman and also Global Head of Human Resources Sujely Borjas.

Mills emphasized the significance of collective representation in the workplace, highlighting the critical role of the Union in securing workers' rights and fostering productive relationships with management.

"As a union, we want workers to understand the power of collective bargaining," she stated. "This gives us the authority to provide representation and address the needs of workers comprehensively."

She elaborated on the articles contained within Collective Bargaining Agreements, including provisions for pay increases, employment and job security, safety and health, maternity and paternity leave, compassionate leave, union security, and protocols for suspension and dismissal.

"The Union's role is comprehensive throughout the collective bargaining agreement," Mills explained. "All these articles address areas that are relevant to the workplace in fostering a productive and harmonious relationship between workers and management, monitored by union representation."

Mills underscored the importance of Union Shop Stewards at the workplace made possible via a CBA, describing them as the "eyes and ears" of the Union on the job.

"They are the point of contact for the workers on behalf of the Union and the essence of the CBA," she added.

Mills also used the opportunity to stress the broader value of group representation and the unity of workers in achieving shared goals.

"We want workers here in St. Kitts and Nevis to truly understand the importance of being united in the workplace," she said. "Your togetherness is your strength, and with the presence of the Union, you are stronger for it."

While acknowledging that workers often focus on pay increases as a priority, Mills encouraged them to see the "priceless value" of being unionized members.

"It's about more than just a paycheck increase. It's about security, fairness, and having a voice."

The official signing of the Collective Bargaining Agreement will follow soon, with a representative from the Ministry of Employment and Labour expected to participate in the ceremony.

Mills noted that additional details will be shared after the signing, marking the culmination of what she described as a



Notice is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of The Bank of Nevis Limited ('the Company') will be held at Occasions, Pinneys By-pass Road, Nevis on Thursday 27th February 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

Notice is also given that the thirty-sixth Annual General Meeting of The Bank of Nevis Limited ('the Company') will be held at Occasions, Pinneys By-pass Road, Nevis on Thursday 27th February 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

Please note that the record date for shareholders entitled to receive notice of meeting is 29th January 2025.

CINDY C.T HERBERT (MRS)
Secretary

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Bus Driver Charged with Five Counts of Causing Death, Including His Mother

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Jamie Herbert (of Newton Ground), the driver of the omnibus involved in the fatal crash with a jeep -which took place on 11th December, was formally charged- thirty (36) days after-by police on 17th January 2025, with five counts of Causing Death by Dangerous Driving and one count of Causing Injury by Wanton Driving.

The charges stem from the deadly collision that occurred along the island main road near Brimstone Hill. The charges were laid at the Sandy Point Police Station.

The accident, which took place between 7:15 AM and 7:45 AM, involved an omnibus carrying five passengers and a jeep

with a driver and a passenger. Tragically, the collision resulted in the deaths of three individuals and caused critical injuries to others.

Police confirmed that the victims of the crash included: Ms. Rozina Herbert of Sandy Point, who was a passenger in the omnibus and the mother of the driver, Jamie Herbert, Mr. Dijorn Davis of Old Road, who was driving the jeep, Mr. Ian Jules of St. Paul's (a passenger in the jeep) and Ms. Belinda Paul of Sandy Point, a passenger in the omnibus.

This media house understands that Rozina Herbert is the bus driver's mother.

Ms. Herbert succumbed to her injuries after being transported to the Joseph N. France General Hospital. Mr. Davis, who underwent emergency surgery for extensive injuries, later passed

away. Both Mr. Jules and Ms. Paul were pronounced dead at the scene.

The fifth victim, Mr. Malique Rawlins of Newton Ground, initially survived the crash but succumbed to his injuries while warded in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) at the Joseph N. France General Hospital on December 12th, 2024, bringing the total number of fatalities to five.

[Jamie] Herbert and another passenger from the omnibus sustained minor injuries and were treated and discharged. However, the collision resulted in the six charges against Mr. Herbert:

The charges reflect both the severity of the accident and its tragic consequences for the victims and their families.

Authorities continue to emphasize the importance of road safety and careful driving to prevent such tragedies. The investigation into the circumstances of the crash is ongoing, with a focus on ensuring accountability and addressing the factors that led to the accident.

The collision has sparked public discourse, particularly regarding the emotional and legal challenges faced by the accused, who lost his mother in the same incident.

Some individuals who know the driver describe him to be a quiet person.

Front Page Image: Jamie Herbert (Police Photo)



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collaborative and productive process.

As the SKNT&LU and Harowe Servo move closer to formalizing the agreement, the Union's leadership remains committed to championing the rights of workers and demonstrating the indispensable role of collective representation in creating fair and equitable workplaces.

Front Page Image: (Right end clockwise) Union Team: Executive committee member Sean Kelly (a field officer), General Secretary Precious Mills, First Vice President Curtis Francis, Field Officer and executive committee member Vanessa 'Vandel' Browne (an employee of Harowe Servo), and Shop Stewards Yvette Francis and Jacqueline Francis, both Harowe Servo employees; Management Team: Harowe Servo Ltd. Human Resources Manager Sonia Edwards, Regal Rexnord Global Head of Human Resources Sujely Borjas; legal counsel representative Damien Kelsick, Harowe Servo General Manager Carol Evelyn and Business Unit Manager-Specialty Products Group Matthew Rigerman at Regal Rexnord seen gathered at the negotiation table on Wednesday 22nd January 2025 at the St. Kitts Marriott Hotel (Spokesman Snap)

EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS
SAINT CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

CLAIM NO. SKBHCV2016/0172

ST KITTS NEVIS ANGUILLA NATIONAL BANK LIMITED

and

**AUSTIN JULIUS
and
GERALDINE JULIUS**

- Applicant

- Respondents

NOTICE OF SALE

The Property described below will be offered for sale by The Registrar of the Supreme Court by public auction at the Charles Amory Building, Fortlands, Basseterre, St Kitts on the 30th day of January 2025 at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

The successful bidder will be required to pay at the time of sale a deposit of one fourth of his accepted bid and the balance within one month from the day of sale.

Possession of the property will be given to the purchaser on payment of the deposit. Any taxes due on the said property must be paid by the Purchaser.

The Purchaser will, after payment in full of the purchase price, obtain from the High Court of Justice, a Certificate of Title to the property.

The Property will be available for inspection prior to the date of sale by appointment with the Registrar of the Supreme Court.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

ALL THAT lot piece or parcel of land with building thereon known as Lot No. 221 situate at Saddlers Housing Project, in the Parish of Saint John, in the Island of Saint Christopher bounded and measuring as follows, that is to say:- On the North by Lot No. 216, 40 feet; On the South by a Public Road 40 feet; On the East by Lot No. 222, 75 feet; and On the West by Lot No. 220, 75 feet and containing by admeasurement 2,999.2 square feet, all as the same is described in a Certificate of Title dated the 5th day of January, 1994 and registered in Book T2 Folio 18 of the Register of Titles of the Saint Christopher Circuit in favour of AUSTIN JULIUS and GERALDINE JULIUS both of Saddlers, in the Island of Saint Christopher as Registered Proprietors thereof.

UPSET PRICE

The Upset price for the above property shall be **EC\$242,612.00**

Dated the 23 day of November 2024

Registrar of the Supreme Court



Crime Rate Falls In St. Kitts And Nevis As Police Seek To Sustain Positive Gains In 2025

Basseterre, St. Kitts, January 23, 2025 (SKNIS): The Royal St. Christopher and Nevis Police Force (RSCNPF) is set to build on gains achieved in 2024, which resulted in a decrease in reported crime, improved community engagement, and the successful hosting of many incident-free international events.

“The year 2024, was a productive year for the police,” said Commissioner of Police, James Sutton. Mr. Sutton’s comments were made on the January 22, 2025, edition of InFocus. He was supported on the programme by Deputy Police Commissioner, Cromwell Henry, and Assistant Commissioner of Police, Travis Rogers.

As it relates to the crime statistics, Deputy Commissioner Henry indicated that reported crimes decreased 11 percent in 2024, when compared to figures recorded in 2023. The statistics for major crimes were down in almost every category. These include homicides which dropped from 31 to 28, a 10 percent reduction. Firearm-related offences saw a 39 percent reduction falling from 31 to 19; malicious damage reduced by 30 percent; bodily harm/woundings fell 11 percent from 161 to 144; larcenies decreased by 12 percent, break-ins were reduced by one percent, while drug possession saw a five percent reduction. There were slight increases in sexual offences up six percent, moving from 68 to 72, while robberies were up eight (8) percent from 39 to 42.

A significant accomplishment highlighted was the resolution of 16 out of the 28 homicides recorded in 2024. The remaining cases are under investigation. The continued reduction in crime and the 57 percent resolution rate of murder underscores the dedication of the men and women of the RSCNPF in ensuring justice for the affected families.



Photo: Commissioner Sutton (centre) flanked by Deputy Commissioner Henry (left) and Assistant Commissioner Rogers

“Detection helps prevention,” the deputy commissioner stated. “If a (cont’d on page 14)

EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS
SAINT CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

APPLICATION NO. SKBHCV2022/0124

IN THE MATTER OF AN APPLICATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 94 OF THE TITLE BY REGISTRATION ACT, CAP. 10.19 OF THE LAWS OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS SEEKING FORCEFUL ENTRY OF A MORTGAGED PROPERTY

AND

IN THE MATTER OF A CERTIFICATE OF TITLE DATED APRIL 18, 2006 REGISTERED IN BOOK F3 FOLIO 208 OF THE REGISTER OF TITLES FOR THE ISLAND OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER

BETWEEN:

REPUBLIC BANK (EC) LIMITED

and

JACINTHA FINCH

- Applicant

- Respondent

NOTICE OF HEARING

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Applicant, Republic Bank (EC) Limited, filed on December 30, 2024, a Notice of Application for Permission to Forcefully Enter Mortgaged Property, Affidavit in Support of Notice of Application and Draft Order.

A hearing has been scheduled in the captioned matter at the High Court situated at Charles Amory Building (the building directly in front of the Cenotaph), Fortlands, Basseterre, St Kitts on **February 6, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.** The Respondent must attend the said hearing otherwise the High Court can proceed in her absence. The Hearing may be held by Zoom.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE the Applicant has filed the attached proceedings on the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court Electronic Litigation Portal. The authorization code for the Respondent to access these proceedings is as follows: **xsdyke**. The proceedings can only be accessed through the Electronic Litigation Portal. If you do not have an attorney-at-law and need assistance in accessing the Electronic Litigation Portal please contact the Service Bureau at the High Court office.

Dated January 21, 2025

Kelsick, Wilkin & Ferdinand

Attorneys-at-Law

THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
FEDERATION OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS
NEVIS CIRCUIT
TITLE BY REGISTRATION ACT, CAP 10.19
A.D. 2024
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In the matter of Section 92 of the Title by Registration Act, Cap. 10.19

and

In the matter of an Application to settle Articles of Sale of the Respondent's property comprised in a Certificate of Title dated 9th July, 2008 registered in Register Book 46 Folio 283

THE BANK OF NEVIS LIMITED

Applicant

and

HAZEL HYACINTH CHAPMAN

Respondent

NOTICE OF SALE

The Property described below will be offered for sale by The Registrar of The Supreme Court by public auction at the Court House, Charlestown, Nevis on the **21st** day of **February** 2025 at **10:00** o'clock in the forenoon.

The successful bidder will be required to pay at the time of sale a deposit of one fourth of his accepted bid and the balance within one month from the day of sale.

Possession of the property will be given to the purchaser on payment of the deposit. Any taxes due on the said property must be paid by the Purchaser.

The Purchaser will, after payment in full of the purchase price, obtain from the High Court of Justice, a Certificate of Title to the property.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

All that lot piece of parcel of land situate at Bath Estate in the Parish of Saint John in the Island of Nevis bounded and measuring as follows, that is to say:- On the North by a public road 94.00 feet; On the East by lands of Ursula Huggins-Whitney 58.61 feet; On the South by Lot No. 27, 104.00 feet; On the West by a public road 48.61 feet and On the North West by a public road 14.18 feet and containing by admeasurement 6,045 square feet.

UPSET PRICE

The upset price for the above property shall be EC\$344,415.00

Dated the **13th** day of **January**, 2024.

M. Flemming

REGISTRAR

Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court
High Court of Justice

January 20, 2025

CDB Approves USD 7 Million Grant for Agricultural Initiative in Haiti's Northwest



BRIDGETOWN, Barbados - The Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) has approved a USD 7 million grant to launch a transformative agricultural project in Haiti's Northwest Department (NWD). Building on the successes of the Community-Based Agriculture and Rural Development Project (CBARDP), this new initiative aims to tackle ongoing challenges such as poverty, food insecurity, and increased vulnerability caused by political instability and climate change.

Launched in 2016 with an USD 8 million grant co-financed by CDB and Welthungerhilfe, the CBARDP created over 19,000 short-term jobs in the NWD through improving water management infrastructure and systems. The project also provided training in climate smart agriculture and established Water User Associations to ensure the sustainability of these systems, achieving fee collection rates of 70 to 100% for fully operational schemes. At the time, nearly 46% of households in the NWD were facing severe food insecurity, well above the national average of 30%. Independent evaluations revealed that 75% of beneficiaries saw their incomes double or triple, while crop yields increased by up to 600%. Farmers shifted to cultivating higher-value, nutritious crops, improving access to urban markets, reducing child malnutrition, and enhancing overall community well-being.

A further 3,000 people will benefit from the new project, which will build on these achievements by further improving water management and access to over 300 hectares of land for agriculture, with the aim of doubling the number of crop cycles per year and increasing productivity by 50%. Other plans include improving equitable access to agricultural resources, expanding irrigation and drainage systems, enhancing farm roads, and implementing watershed protection measures such as reforestation and flood control. The project will also rehabilitate the Ministry of Agriculture Natural

Nevis Unveils Exciting New Returning National/Diaspora Investment Policy Offering Substantial Concessions

NIA CHARLESTOWN NEVIS (January 22, 2025) - The Nevis Island Administration (NIA) has launched an exciting new Returning National/Diaspora Investment Policy which boasts a comprehensive package of fiscal concessions offering significant benefits for returning nationals and investors.

This initiative is designed to encourage and attract retirees, nationals, persons with ancestral roots in Nevis, and members of the Diaspora to return to Nevis to live and invest.

The concessions include exemptions on Customs Duties for personal items, vehicles, construction materials, furniture, and tools for business

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Resources and Rural Development's Extension Unit Office in the region to better support local farmers.

The participatory approach that defined CBARDP will continue, ensuring active community involvement throughout all stages, from needs assessment to implementation and operations.

Noting that Haiti's NWD continues to face challenges, including declining arable land, erratic rainfall, and prolonged droughts, CDB's Director of the Projects Department (Ag), Mr. L. O'Reilly Lewis, emphasised that CBARDP reviews highlighted the need for expanded investments in climate smart agricultural.

"Promoting climate-smart agriculture remains a high priority for the region's sustainable development. This project will scale up the successes of CBARDP and consolidate the gains already achieved. We will also focus on promoting gender equity by ensuring women's active participation in livelihoods, income generation, decision-making, and leadership roles," Mr. Lewis said.

CDB has previously provided grant funding for initiatives in Haiti, which included training on developing Geospatial Information System maps and creating mini-grid specifications for integration into future Requests for Proposals.

This new initiative will further strengthen CDB's commitment to supporting sustainable agricultural development, resilience, and economic stability in Haiti's Northwest Department.

FEDERATION OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS
TITLE BY REGISTRATION ACT, CAP. 10.19
SAINT CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT

A. D. 2025

SKBLRD2025/0001

In the Matter of Section 144 of the Title by
Registration Act, Cap. 10.19.

and

In the Matter of the Certificate of Titles registered in
Register Book F3 Folio 582, F3 Folio 583 and F3
Folio 584 in the names of **RALPH SCHALLER
AND MARIANNE SCHALLER.**

NOTICE FOR REPLACEMENT OF LOST CERTIFICATE OF TITLE

It is hereby notified that an application has been made to the Registrar of Titles in Chambers for an Order for the issue of new Certificate of Titles in lieu of a lost Certificate of Titles dated 14th day of October, 2006 and registered in the Register of Titles at Book F3 Folio 582 of Saint Christopher circuit for ALL THAT lot piece or parcel of land known as Lot No. 5, 6, 7, & 8 situate at **FRIGATE BAY HOUSING DEVELOPMENT DA/14** in the Parish of St. George, in the Island of Saint Christopher and bounded and measuring as follows, that is to say:- **ON** or towards the North North East, East and South East by Lands of Frigate Bay Development, 174.0 feet, 154.8 feet, 90.8 feet, 69.4 feet and 66.2 feet; **ON** or towards the South by Lot No. 9, 175.4 feet and 122.1 feet and by a Public Road, 38.0 feet and 78.8 feet and **ON** or towards the West by Lot No. 4, 114.1 feet and 123.0 feet and containing by admeasurement 78,706 square feet, all as the same is delineated and set forth on the plan by T.R. Molyneaux License Land Surveyor in December, 1982 and copied by J.R. Buchanan License Land Surveyor dated 19th June, 2006.

AND Certificate of Title dated 14th day of October, 2006 and registered in the Register of Titles at Book F3 Folio 583 of Saint Christopher circuit for ALL THAT lot piece or parcel of land known as Lot No. 4 situate at **FRIGATE BAY HOUSING DEVELOPMENT DA/14** in the Parish of St. George, in the Island of Saint Christopher and bounded and measuring as follows, that is to say:- **ON** or towards the North by an open area, 91.7 feet; **ON** or towards the East by Lots Nos. (5, 6, 7 & 8), 237.1 feet; **ON** or towards the South by a Proposed Road, 146.4 feet and **ON** or towards the West by a Lot No. 3, 209.1 feet and containing by admeasurement 26,147 square feet, all as the same is delineated and set forth on the plan by T.R. Molyneaux License Land Surveyor in October, 1982 and copied by J.R. Buchanan License Land Surveyor dated 19th June, 2006.

AND Certificate of Title dated 14th day of October, 2006 and registered in the Register of Titles at Book F3 Folio 584 of Saint Christopher circuit for ALL THAT lot piece or parcel of land known as Lot No. 9 situate at **FRIGATE BAY HOUSING DEVELOPMENT DA/14** in the Parish of St. George, in the Island of Saint Christopher and bounded and measuring as follows, that is to say:- **ON** or towards the North by Lots Nos. (5, 6, 7 & 8), 122.1 feet and 175.4 feet; **ON** or towards the East by Road No. 1 to Basseterre, 138.6 feet; **ON** or towards the South by Lot No. 10, 116.1 feet and **ON** or towards the West by a Proposed Road, 53.6 feet and 46.8 feet and containing by admeasurement 15,528 square feet, all as the same is delineated and set forth on the plan by T.R. Molyneaux License Land Surveyor in December, 1982, copied by C.R. Esdaille License Land Surveyor in September, 1987 and recopied by J.R. Buchanan License Land Surveyor dated 19th June, 2006.

Any person knowing the whereabouts of or having any information concerning the said Duplicate Certificate of Titles which may lead to its recovery is requested to notify the Registrar of Titles at North Independence Square Street, Basseterre, St. Kitts or Henderson Law Chambers, Attorney-at-Law, Unit 7 The Sands Complex, Bay Road, Basseterre, St. Kitts.

Dated the 10th day of January, 2025.


HENDERSON LAW CHAMBERS
Unit 7 The Sands Complex, Bay Road
Basseterre, St. Kitts

Nevis Unveils Exciting New Returning National/Diaspora Investment Policy Offering Substantial Concessions



Nevis is a stunning paradise perfect for living, thriving, and investing

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startups. Special provisions also apply to those investing in priority sectors such as specialized medical care with emphasis on diagnostic services; information technology/ICT development; hotel development,

alternative/green energy consultations, sales and installation; light manufacturing; professional services including accounting, auditing, construction management, and architecture; call or contact center operations; agro-processing; recycling and waste

disposal; and agriculture, among others.

For individuals of Nevisian descent who do not hold a St. Kitts and Nevis passport but can demonstrate ancestral ties through a parent, grandparent, or great-grandparent, the Alien Landholders License (ALHL) fee of 10 percent on real estate purchases will be waived. These applications will be processed within 14 days.

Applicants starting or acquiring businesses on Nevis will benefit from additional incentives, including corporate tax exemptions, reduced work permit fees for foreign workers (where local skills are unavailable), and waived or discounted business license fees. A minimum investment of US\$100,000 is required to qualify for these business concessions.

While the policy offers generous exemptions, Value Added Tax (VAT), Customs Service Charges, and Environmental Levy (where applicable) remain payable. Additionally, duty-free concessions cannot be combined with VAT reduction days.

The NIA is committed to ensuring the success of this policy by fostering economic growth, attracting investment, and strengthening ties with the Nevisian Diaspora. The overarching goal is to create a streamlined, attractive, and seamless process for re-integration and investment into Nevis.

To facilitate this, the NIA has established a dedicated unit under the Ministry of Finance to address all aspects of the policy. This unit will serve as a one-stop shop, providing direct support and acting as a liaison for individuals wishing to return to Nevis.

For more information, individuals can contact the Ministry of Finance on Main Street, Charlestown, via email at finance.nevis@niagovkn.com or by calling 1(869)469-0078/469-5521.

Case Number :SKBHPB2024/0160

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ST. CHRISTOPHER / NEVIS
(ST. KITTS CIRCUIT)

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
FEDERATION OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS
SAINT CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT
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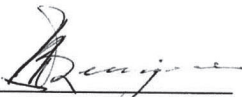
In the Estate of the late ETELIA A. BOYD of Sandown Road in the Parish of St. George, in the Island of Saint Christopher, deceased

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by HESKETH W. BENJAMIN, Attorney-at-Law for JUDY BOYD of Sandown Road in the town of Basseterre in the Parish of St. George in the Island of Saint Christopher and STAFFORD PHIPPS of Bamboo Terrace, Molyneaux, in the Parish of Christ Church, in the Island of Saint Christopher for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicant who are the children of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 23rd day of March , 2024.

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 17th day of OCTOBER ,2024

Filed by: 
Hesketh W. Benjamin
Attorney-at-Law
Chambers
West Independence Square Street
Basseterre
St. Kitts

FEDERATION OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS
SAINT CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT
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In the Matter of section 144 of the Title by Registration Act Cap.10.19, and in the matter of an Application by CHARLES WEBBE for the issue of a new Certificate of Title for a lot of land containing 11,895.82 square feet situate at Lot No. 93 Cedar Grove Housing Development, Parish of St. Peter in the Island of St. Christopher, to replace a lost Certificate of Title recorded in Register Book Z2 Folio 342

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR REPLACEMENT OF LOST CERTIFICATE OF TITLE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that CHARLES WEBBE of 3286 Pending Circle Ladson, South Carolina 29456, United States of America 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 25th day of September 2000 and registered in Book Z2 Folio 342 of the Register of Titles for St. Christopher, the land contained in said Certificate of Title being ALL THAT lot piece or parcel of land being Lot No. 93 of Cedar Grove Housing Development situate in the Parish of St. Peter in the Island of St. Christopher and containing by admeasurement 11,895.82 square feet and bounded and measuring as follows, that is to say:- On the North by Road No. 1, 78.50 feet; On the East by Lot No. 92, 86.76 feet and Lot No. 91, 84.28 feet; On the South by a Service (unpaved) Road, 76.58 feet and On the West by Lot No. 94, 142.00 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 C 26 A & B, Sands Complex, George Street, Basseterre, St. Kitts, Attorneys-at-Law for the Applicant.

Dated the 20th day of January 2025.


ANTHONY E. GONSALVES K.C.
GONSALVES PARRY
Attorneys-at-Law for the Applicant

Former Namibian first lady warns of fraudsters using her face

**Khanyisile Ngcobo &
Damian Zane
BBC News**

Namibia's former First Lady Monica Geingos has released a video message warning people that fraudsters are using her name and likeness to target unsuspecting citizens.

Manipulated clips circulating for some time on social media appear to show her asking people to invest in a foreign exchange (forex) scheme.

There have been many victims, including one woman who was swindled out of her retirement savings, a spokesperson for Mrs Geingos told the BBC.

The former first lady's team have been raising the issue for almost two years, but this is the first time Mrs Geingos has made an appeal in person as the volume of fake messages has "gotten worse over the past two months".

Mrs Geingos' husband, Hage Geingob, was Namibia's president from 2015 until he died in office last year.

In Thursday's video message, the lawyer and businesswoman said she was asked to make a public appeal in person as the problem had become "ubiquitous... across social media platforms".

There are a large number of accounts on TikTok, Instagram and X that look at first as if they belong to her - using her profile image and a handle that is very similar to her name.

People are also being contacted directly.

"Recently, someone received a video call purportedly of me convincing them to invest in some kind of weird forex scheme," Mrs Geingos said.

"I'm not a forex person, I'm not on any social media platform asking for any money or giving any loans out or whatever you're being told."

She urged people not to "communicate with these fake accounts" but to report them.

The TikTok clips have used



Getty Images The former first lady of Namibia is seen with a smile on her face in a head shot taken at an event. Getty Images Monica Geingos has released a video warning people of scams using her likeness



National Caribbean Insurance Company Limited having made sworn deposition that **policy number 73527 on the life of Janice Mills has been lost** and having made an application to the Directors to grant a special policy, notice is hereby given that unless an objection is raised within one month of the date hereof, the special policy asked for will be issued.

Dated: 20/1/2025

By Order,

Diana Williams-Humphrey
General Manager



National Caribbean Insurance Company Limited having made sworn deposition that **policy number 64787 on the life of Marcia Richardson has been lost** and having made an application to the Directors to grant a special policy, notice is hereby given that unless an objection is raised within one month of the date hereof, the special policy asked for will be issued.

Dated: 20/1/2025

By Order,

Diana Williams-Humphrey
General Manager



National Caribbean Insurance Company Limited having made sworn deposition that **policy number 61374 on the life of James Herbert has been lost** and having made an application to the Directors to grant a special policy, notice is hereby given that unless an objection is raised within one month of the date hereof, the special policy asked for will be issued.

Dated: 20/1/2025

By Order,

Diana Williams-Humphrey
General Manager



National Caribbean Insurance Company Limited having made sworn deposition that **policy number 56101 on the life of Joseph Liburd has been lost** and having made an application to the Directors to grant a special policy, notice is hereby given that unless an objection is raised within one month of the date hereof, the special policy asked for will be issued.

Dated: 20/1/2025

By Order,

Diana Williams-Humphrey
General Manager



National Caribbean Insurance Company Limited having made sworn deposition that **policy number 53917 on the life of Ernest Pistana has been lost** and having made an application to the Directors to grant a special policy, notice is hereby given that unless an objection is raised within one month of the date hereof, the special policy asked for will be issued.

Dated: 20/1/2025

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genuine footage of Mrs Geingos speaking dubbed with a voice that sounds like hers. The bank account details and phone numbers provided are all Namibian.

A screengrab taken from a fake TikTok account showing Monica Geingos appealing for money. The text says: "This opportunity currently open for only interest candidates".

Images showing Namibia's former first lady like this one have appeared on TikTok

Mavis Elias, the former first lady's executive assistant, said that "the most susceptible to this type of activity are those that are driven by what they see".

She said that her office had been inundated with messages from people who had been defrauded - large amounts have been involved in some cases.

"At this juncture, it's just a concern [over] the fact that it's gotten worse over the past few months.

"That is distressing because it means that the more accounts are being made and the more people are becoming susceptible to it, the more people lose their hard-earned money," Ms Elias said.

These types of scams have become a "widespread threat in Africa and... internationally", according to Craig Pedersen, a cyber-security expert at South African company TCGForensics.

He told the BBC that while several reports suggested the scams were being run from South Africa, they now appear to be "globally spread".

Mrs. Geingos is not the only high-profile person whose image and voice has been manipulated.

In South Africa, well-known figures such as wealthy businessmen Johann Rupert and Patrice Motsepe as well as President Cyril Ramaphosa have been caught up in similar

There have been many victims, including one woman who was swindled out of her retirement savings...

at South Africa's Wits University, echoed this, saying she had come across numerous videos online using a celebrity's likeness.

People are urged to be "more cautious with investments" and scrutinise any suspicious communication they receive - especially from well-known figures.

"Ultimately the consumer needs to become more distrusting of celebrity endorsements - particularly with regards to investments," Mr Pedersen said.

schemes to trick people out of their money.

"Scammers frequently use celebrities in their scams to lull their victims into a false sense of confidence and to encourage the victim not to ask too many questions," Mr Pedersen said.

Dr Thembekile Olivia Mayayise, an expert in this field



National Caribbean Insurance Company Limited
having made sworn deposition **that policy number 55923 on the life of Uklin Richardson has been lost** and having made an application to the Directors to grant a special policy, notice is hereby given that unless an objection is raised within one month of the date hereof, the special policy asked for will be issued.

Dated: 20/1/2025

By Order,

Diana Williams-Humphrey
General Manager



National Caribbean Insurance Company Limited
having made sworn deposition **that policy number 66023 on the life of Melford Galloway has been lost** and having made an application to the Directors to grant a special policy, notice is hereby given that unless an objection is raised within one month of the date hereof, the special policy asked for will be issued.

Dated: 20/1/2025

By Order,

Diana Williams-Humphrey
General Manager



National Caribbean Insurance Company Limited
having made sworn deposition **that policy number 79343 on the life of Xavien David has been lost** and having made an application to the Directors to grant a special policy, notice is hereby given that unless an objection is raised within one month of the date hereof, the special policy asked for will be issued.

Dated: 20/1/2025

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Diana Williams-Humphrey
General Manager



National Caribbean Insurance Company Limited
having made sworn deposition **that policy number 64835 on the life of Taheba Heyliger has been lost** and having made an application to the Directors to grant a special policy, notice is hereby given that unless an objection is raised within one month of the date hereof, the special policy asked for will be issued.

Dated: 20/1/2025

By Order,

Diana Williams-Humphrey
General Manager



National Caribbean Insurance Company Limited
having made sworn deposition **that policy number 57316 on the life of Michael Hazel has been lost** and having made an application to the Directors to grant a special policy, notice is hereby given that unless an objection is raised within one month of the date hereof, the special policy asked for will be issued.

Dated: 20/1/2025

By Order,

Diana Williams-Humphrey
General Manager

January 20, 2025

CDB Approves USD 7 Million Grant for Agricultural Initiative in Haiti's Northwest



BRIDGETOWN, Barbados - The Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) has approved a USD 7 million grant to launch a transformative agricultural project in Haiti's Northwest Department (NWD). Building on the successes of the Community-Based Agriculture and Rural Development Project (CBARDP), this new initiative aims to tackle ongoing challenges such as poverty, food insecurity, and increased vulnerability caused by political instability and climate change.

Launched in 2016 with an USD 8 million grant co-financed by CDB and Welthungerhilfe, the CBARDP created over 19,000 short-term jobs in the NWD through improving water management infrastructure and systems. The project also provided training in climate smart agriculture and established Water User Associations to ensure the sustainability of these systems, achieving fee collection rates of 70 to 100% for fully operational schemes. At the time, nearly 46% of households in the NWD were facing severe food insecurity, well above the national average of 30%. Independent evaluations revealed that 75% of beneficiaries saw their incomes double or triple, while crop yields increased by up to 600%. Farmers shifted to cultivating higher-value, nutritious crops, improving access to urban markets, reducing child malnutrition, and enhancing overall community well-being.

A further 3,000 people will benefit from the new project, which will build on these achievements by further improving water management and access to over 300 hectares of land for agriculture, with the aim of doubling the number of crop cycles per year and increasing productivity by 50%. Other plans include improving equitable access to agricultural resources, expanding

irrigation and drainage systems, enhancing farm roads, and implementing watershed protection measures such as reforestation and flood control. The project will also rehabilitate the Ministry of Agriculture Natural Resources and Rural Development's Extension Unit Office in the region to better support local farmers.

The participatory approach that defined CBARDP will continue, ensuring active community involvement throughout all stages, from needs assessment to implementation and operations.

Noting that Haiti's NWD continues to face challenges, including declining arable land, erratic rainfall, and prolonged droughts, CDB's Director of the Projects Department (Ag), Mr. L. O'Reilly Lewis, emphasised that CBARDP reviews highlighted the need for expanded investments in climate smart agricultural.

"Promoting climate-smart agriculture remains a high priority for the region's sustainable development. This project will scale up the successes of CBARDP and consolidate the gains already achieved. We will also focus on promoting gender equity by ensuring women's active participation in livelihoods, income generation, decision-making, and leadership roles," Mr. Lewis said.

CDB has previously provided grant funding for initiatives in Haiti, which included training on developing Geospatial Information System maps and creating mini-grid specifications for integration into future Requests for Proposals.

This new initiative will further strengthen CDB's commitment to supporting sustainable agricultural development, resilience, and economic stability in Haiti's Northwest Department.

SAGICOR LIFE (EASTERN CARIBBEAN) INC.

Oreta Williams of Ottley's Village, St. Kitts, Being Beneficiary, having made sworn deposition that **Policy No. 055405561** issued by **Sagicor Life Inc.** and assumed by Sagicor Life (Eastern Caribbean) Inc. **on the life of Michael Russell Crawford (deceased)** has been lost and having made application to the Directors to grant a duplicate of the same, notice is hereby given that unless objection is raised within one month of the date hereof, the duplicate policy asked for will be issued.

Dated: **20th January, 2025.**

By Order

Andrew Greaves
Corporate Secretary


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SAGICOR LIFE EASTERN CARIBBEAN INC

Morella Griffin of Eden Brown, Nevis, being Administrator, having made sworn deposition that **Policy No. N323419** issued by **British American Insurance Company** and assumed by Sagicor Life (Eastern Caribbean) Inc **on the life of Benilda Jeffers (deceased)** has been lost and having made application to the Directors to grant a duplicate of the same, notice is hereby given that unless objection is raised within one month of the date hereof, the duplicate policy asked for will be issued.

Dated: **20th January, 2025.**

By Order

Andrew Greaves
Corporate Secretary


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SAGICOR LIFE (EASTERN CARIBBEAN) INC.

Amy Browne of 222 Crown Heights Wat, Grovetown, Georgia, USA, having made sworn deposition that **Policy No. K1003003649** issued by **British American Insurance Company** and assumed by **Sagicor Life (Eastern Caribbean) Inc.** on her life has been lost and having made application to the Directors to grant a duplicate of the same, notice is hereby given that unless objection is raised within one month of the date hereof, the duplicate policy asked for will be issued.

Dated: **06th January, 2025.**

By Order

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ILO-supported initiative will enhance JHWU ability to advocate for equitable labour rights and an end to child labour.

KINGSTON, JAMAICA (ILO News) - Thirty executive officers and members of the Jamaica Household Workers Union (JHWU) are participating in a specialized training programme designed to enhance their technical knowledge and understanding of industrial relations.

Designed and delivered by the Hugh Shearer Labour Studies Institute (HSLSI) at the University of the West Indies, Mona Campus, the programme is made possible through the technical and financial support of the International Labour Organization (ILO) Caribbean Office. The collaboration underscores the importance of advancing workers' rights in Jamaica.

"Through investments in education and capacity-building initiatives, the ILO is helping to empower unions such as the JHWU so they can participate meaningfully in processes for sustainable improvements in labour standards that benefit their members and their communities," explained Resel Melville ILO Caribbean Programme Officer for the Regional Initiative against Child Labour.

The training marks a major step towards fulfilling the JHWU's mission of empowering its members with enhanced technical knowledge of industrial relations. With domestic workers often vulnerable to exploitation, the practical learning opportunity seeks to equip the union's leadership with tools to advocate more effectively on behalf of its members. By strengthening their negotiating skills and deepening their understanding of labour rights, the union aims to foster fairer workplace practices and better protections for household workers across the country.

The training will also give specific focus to topics on fundamental principles and rights at work, particularly freedom of association and the elimination of child labour. The JHWU is seen as a vital partner in the national efforts to eradicate child labour and its worst forms, and are valued as

Jamaica Household Workers' Union strengthening expertise in industrial relations



Office of the Integrity Commission

St. Kitts and Nevis

NOTICE TO PUBLIC OFFICIALS Re: 2024 DECLARATIONS

The year 2024 has concluded, and it is a fitting moment to start organizing your supporting documents in respect of your Declaration. Please be reminded that the deadline for filing your 2024 Declaration of Income, Assets, Liabilities, and Private Interests is April 30, 2025.

Please note that public officials who have resigned, retired, or otherwise left Office after April 22, 2023 are still required to file declarations with the Integrity Commission for a period of two (2) succeeding calendar years, after that person has ceased to be a public official, otherwise than by reason of his or her death.

Public officials in Nevis, who are mandated to file at the federal level, are reminded that the deadline is the same date (April 30, 2025).

The appropriate Declaration Forms can be downloaded via the website <https://www.iplskn.com>.

All for your guidance.

Albert Edwards

CEO

Integrity Commission

P.O. Box 948

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Dated the 10th day of January 2025.

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Press Release
January 23, 2025

The Development Bank of St. Kitts and Nevis Supports Plastic Ban with Reusable Shopping Bags

In a proactive move to support the Government’s ban on single-use plastics, the Development Bank of St. Kitts and Nevis (DBSKN) has announced the distribution of reusable shopping bags to the public. This initiative aligns with the bank’s commitment to promoting environmental sustainability and supporting national policies aimed at safeguarding the natural environment.

The Honorable Dr. Joyelle Clarke, Minister of Environment, Climate Action & Constituency Empowerment, recently emphasized the importance of the ban on single-use plastics, describing it as a decisive step towards the Government’s unwavering commitment to protecting the environment and fostering a sustainable future for the twin-island nation.

Chairman of DBSKN, Mr. Shavon Douglas, emphasized the bank’s alignment with national priorities, stating, “This initiative reflects DBSKN’s unwavering commitment to aligning with national policies and addressing global environmental challenges. By investing in environmental stewardship, we aim to foster a culture of responsibility and resilience in our nation. This effort is a testament to our belief that development and sustainability must go hand in hand for the long-term prosperity of our people and our country.”

DBSKN’s General Manager, Mr. Laurinston Matthew, shared the bank’s enthusiasm for the initiative, stating, “As a financial institution rooted in the development and well-being of St. Kitts and



National Assembly Meets On Thursday, January 30, 2025

Basseterre, St. Kitts, January 23, 2025 (SKNIS): Notice has been given for a sitting of the National Assembly to be held at the National Assembly Chambers, Government Headquarters, Basseterre, on Thursday, January 30, 2025, at 10 a.m.

The Order Paper and other Papers will be issued at a later date.

The National Assembly will be broadcast live on ZIZ Radio (96 FM) and participating radio stations. It can also be viewed live on TV Channel 5 in St. Kitts and Channel 98 in Nevis. It will also be streamed live at www.zizonline.com.

Copies of Bills are posted when they become available on the website (sknis.gov.kn) of the St. Kitts and Nevis Information Service under the section: Bills.

Nevis, our commitment goes beyond just financing we believe in actively supporting initiatives that safeguard our nation’s future.”

He added that the distribution of reusable shopping bags is more than just a symbolic gesture; it’s a call to action for our citizens to adopt practices that reduce waste and protect our environment.

Explaining the motivation behind the initiative, the bank’s Integrated Marketing and Communications Manager Chantelle Rochester said, “As a development focused institution, we recognize the importance of addressing environmental challenges that directly impact our communities. The decision to distribute reusable shopping bags is rooted in our belief that small, intentional actions can create meaningful change.

The reusable shopping bags, featuring eco-friendly designs, will be distributed at DBSKN branches from January 24th, 2025. By offering a sustainable alternative to single-use plastics, the bank hopes to inspire lasting changes in behavior among individuals and businesses.

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Jamaica Household Workers’ Union strengthening expertise in industrial relations

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frontline actors in ensuring that domestic work is recognised and respected as Decent work.

Held on Saturday 30 November, the initial workshop covered a range of topics to equip participants with vital skills and knowledge. Sessions included an introduction to Jamaica’s labour laws led by Lauren Marsh, Head of HSLSI, and a deep dive into

the disciplinary and grievance processes by Gillian Corrodus, Divisional Director at the Ministry of Labour and Social Security.

In sessions resuming in January 2025, the ILO will also be directly involved in the training with Resel Melville, Programme Officer RILAC conducting sessions on child labour and the principles of freedom of association, as well as addressing decent work and the care economy.

Participants will also explore contemporary trends in industrial

relations, and the essentials of geriatric care-highlighting the union’s commitment to broadening and deepening the scope of knowledge for its members, as part of its longterm mandate of ensuring fair and just working conditions and wages for domestic workers, and protecting the rights of women who provide domestic service.

EU 'could consider' UK joining pan-Europe customs scheme

Faisal Islam & Dearbail Jordan

Economics editor and business reporter - @faisalislam



*EPA Maros Sefcovic addressing colleagues at a European Summit. EPA
The EU's new trade chief says a trade deal could be up for discussion in reset talks*

The European Union's new trade chief responsible for post-Brexit negotiations has told the BBC a "pan-European [customs] area is something we could consider" as part of "reset" discussions between the UK and EU.

Maros Sefcovic referred to the idea of Britain joining the Pan-Euro-Mediterranean Convention (PEM).

These are common rules that allow parts and ingredients for manufacturing supply chains to be sourced from across dozens of countries in and around Europe and North Africa to be used in tariff-free trade.

Downing Street has indicated such an agreement would not cross the government's "red lines" for its relationship with the EU.

The BBC understands the UK government has begun consultations with business over the benefits of the PEM plan that could help cut red tape and improve trade. No final decision has been made yet.

The Conservatives did not pursue PEM as part of its post-Brexit deal, but some businesses have said it will help the UK rejoin complex supply chains that have been hit by customs barriers.

Speaking at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Mr Sefcovic said the idea has not been "precisely formulated" by London yet and the "ball is in the UK's court".

Under the Brexit deal, UK goods sold to the bloc are not subject to tariffs provided they are made with a certain percentage of materials from Britain or the EU.

If a UK clothing manufacturer makes garments mainly from textiles it has sourced from Turkey - which is not in the EU - and sells them into the EU, the firm importing the goods would pay a tariff.

But if the UK joined the PEM Convention - of which Turkey is a member - the

firm buying the products would not pay tariffs.

William Bain, head of trade policy at the British Chambers of Commerce, said joining PEM "would reduce paperwork and costs for many UK firms as it would align rules and regulations on both sides in relation to the sourcing of components and raw materials used in exports".

Speaking at Cabinet Office Questions, Europe Minister Nick Thomas-Symonds said: "We don't currently have any plans to join PEM."

However, a Number 10 spokesman did not rule out future membership of PEM.

"The arrangement that's been discussed is not a customs union," he said, when asked if PEM membership would cross the red lines set out in Labour's manifesto for EU ties.

"Our red line has always been that we will never join a single market, freedom of movement, but we're just not going to get ahead of those discussions."

Dame Emily Thornberry, chair of the Commons Foreign Affairs Committee, said the post-Brexit agreement negotiated by the Tories had "all kinds of holes" in it.

"Within that agreement there is a mechanism for improving it, and we need to seize that opportunity," she told the BBC's Today programme.

"We need to make sure that within the constraints of the vote to leave the European Union, we nevertheless do everything that we can to get rid of barriers to trade with our nearest neighbours and the people who we trade with the most."

Mr Sefcovic also said that a full-scale veterinary agreement that helped reduce frictions on farm and food trade should be reviewed.

Single market treatment for UK food and farm exports would mean "we would have to have the same rules and we have to upgrade them at the same time, we call it dynamic alignment", he said.

Dame Emily described the current agreement as "uneven and difficult".

"At the moment the reality is that for reasons of capacity, food coming in from the EU isn't really checked and yet food from Britain is checked a lot going into the EU," she said.

The EU-UK fisheries deal is also due to expire next year. "A solution for fisheries is very important for the EU, again, we communicated this on multiple occasions," Mr Sefcovic said.

Youth mobility

He also said he was surprised at how a European Commission proposal on youth mobility had been "spun" in the UK.

The scheme would allow 18 to 30 year-olds from the EU to travel, work and study in the UK for a period, "with reciprocity for young UK nationals", according to the European Commission.

Both Labour, when it was in opposition, and the then-Tory government rejected the idea, stating that free movement within the EU had ended with Brexit.

But Mr Sefcovic said it was hoped the scheme would "build bridges for the future for the European Union and the UK".

"That was the idea," he said. "[But] we've been a little bit surprised what kind of spin it got in the UK.

"It is not freedom of movement," Mr Sefcovic added. "We have been very clear what we've been proposing."

Nevertheless, Mr Sefcovic said that relations between the UK and the EU were "definitely" in a better place and his British counterpart Nick Thomas-Symonds was "on speed dial".

Prime Minister Sir Keir Starmer will attend a defence and security focused EU summit next month.

As well as relations with the UK, Mr Sefcovic acknowledged that the EU needed to be "extremely cautious and responsible" in addressing trade with the Trump administration in Washington but said he was willing to negotiate.

He added that while the EU did have a surplus in goods such as cars, the US had a surplus in services.



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Crime Rate Falls In St. Kitts And Nevis As Police Seek To Sustain Positive Gains In 2025

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person knows that he/she has a high chance of being caught if they commit a crime, then they are less likely to try - and so we believe that detection is a good form of prevention so we deliberately set out to detect these crimes in order to prevent further crimes."

Commissioner Sutton expressed his gratitude to the government for providing

the essential tools, resources, and training that empower the men and women of the RSCNPF to fulfill their mandate. He also extended his thanks to local, regional, and international law enforcement partners, as well as the community, for their ongoing support and cooperation. He assured that the positive momentum would carry forward into

2025.

"The public can expect the police to be more forceful in the enforcement of our laws because it is important to send that strong message to persons out there," he said. "In order to be safe, we have to be firm, but professional. We cannot abuse people. We have to show people the respect that they deserve when enforcing the laws."

A greater police presence and the deployment of additional technology tools will help to enhance citizen security in 2025.

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Notice 1: VAT Filing Deadline Extended

The Inland Revenue Department (IRD) is committed to supporting our valued clients and ensuring compliance. As such, we have extended the Value Added Tax (VAT) filing deadline to January 22, 2025. This extension accommodates all taxpayers as we address technical challenges impacting the usual effectiveness and efficiency of filing through the SMARTS system.

We appreciate your patience and cooperation as we work diligently to resolve these issues.

Notice 2: Update Prices on Shelves for VAT Reduction

The IRD reminds all VAT-registered taxpayers to update the prices displayed on their shelves to reflect the recent VAT rate reduction from 17% to 13%. This adjustment must be completed by February 17, 2025.

Clear and accurate pricing ensures

transparency for customers and supports compliance with VAT regulations.

For assistance or further clarification, please contact the Inland Revenue Department. We are here to guide you and address your concerns.

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ORDIANANCES, 1906
SCHEDULE A**

**To the Magistrate,
District "A"**

To the Superintendent of Police.

I, Rayza Ruiz Rigondeaux now residing in George Street, Newtown in the town of Basseterre, do hereby give you notice that is my intention to apply on 02nd day of April, 2025, to the District Magistrate at Basseterre for a Retail Liquor Licence in respect of my premises in La Cubanita's Store in George Street in Newtown in Basseterre.

Dated this
23rd day of January, 2025.

Signed: R.R. Rigondeaux

**LIQUOR LICENCES
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SCHEDULE A**

**To the Magistrate,
District "A"**

To the Superintendent of Police.

I, Alfred Saroufim now residing in Seaview Gardens Apartment 6 #12, Camps in the town of Basseterre, do hereby give you notice that is my intention to apply on 02nd day of April, 2025, to the District Magistrate at Basseterre for a Retail Liquor Licence in respect of my premises in Maggie's Coffee Shop in #3 Seaview Garden in Basseterre.

Dated this
16th day of Janaury, 2025.

Signed: A. Saroufim

Buttler rejects calls for Afghanistan boycott



Image source, Getty Images

Jos Buttler has been England's white-ball captain since 2022

Published BBC Sport

England's match against Afghanistan at the Champions Trophy next month should go ahead despite calls for a boycott, says captain Jos Buttler.

A cross-party letter, signed by nearly 200 UK politicians, was sent to the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) calling for England to refuse to play in response to the Taliban regime's assault on women's rights.

Female participation in sport has effectively been outlawed since the Taliban's return to power in 2021.

Speaking publicly on the issue for the first time, Buttler said: "Political situations like this... as a player you're trying to be as informed as you can be.

"The experts know a lot more about it, so I've been trying to stay in dialogue with Rob Key [ECB managing director of men's cricket] and the guys above to see how they see it.

"I don't think a boycott is the way to go about it."

What is the background?

Calls for a boycott grew at the start of January with the sending of the cross-party letter. Labour MP Tonia Antoniazzi said England's players should use their "power" to "make a difference".

Prime Minister Sir Keir Starmer said the government was speaking to international counterparts on the issue but Culture Secretary Lisa Nandy later said the game should go ahead, adding that boycotts are "counterproductive".

"They deny sports fans the opportunity they love and they can very much penalise the athletes and sportspeople who work very, very hard to reach the top of their game," she told the BBC earlier this month.

International Cricket Council (ICC) regulations state full membership is conditional upon having women's cricket teams and pathway structures in place.

However, Afghanistan's men's team have been allowed to participate in ICC tournaments seemingly without any sanctions.

The ICC is keen to use its position and the sport of cricket to influence change in the country and does not believe it should punish players for government policy.

ECB chief executive Richard Gould wrote to the ICC, calling for more action from the global governing body after what he called "gender apartheid".

He stopped short of calling for an immediate boycott but did ask the ICC to place "immediate condition" on Afghanistan's full member status to provide women's cricket by a certain date.

'I'm led by the experts'

England, who played Afghanistan at the 2022 T20 World Cup and the 2023 50-over World Cup, are in India for a white-ball tour which begins on Wednesday.

They are scheduled to play Afghanistan in Lahore on 26 February. The Champions Trophy, which is being held in Pakistan and Dubai, begins on 19 February.

"The players haven't really worried too much about it," Buttler said.

"These things, you're trying to educate yourself and read up on these things.

"There's been some good stuff written about it that I've tapped into and I've spoken to quite a few people to try to gather expert opinion. I'm led by those experts on situations like this.

"But certainly as a player, you don't want political situations to affect sport.

"We hope to go to the Champions Trophy and play that game and have a really good tournament."

Man Utd at risk of PSR breach, club tell fans



General view of Old Trafford stadium

Image source, Getty Images

Old Trafford hosted Manchester United v Rangers in the Europa League on Thursday night

Published BBC Sport

Manchester United have written to fans to warn them that the club are at risk of breaching spending rules and ticket prices could rise as a result.

In a letter to fan groups, United said they must "act now".

Under the Premier League's profit and sustainability rules (PSR), clubs can lose up to £105m over three years.

"If we do not act now, we are in danger of falling to comply with PSR/FFP requirements," the club said in the letter.

"We are currently making a significant loss each year - totalling over £300m in the past three years. This is not sustainable.

"We will have to make some difficult choices. That has included a significant reduction to our workforce as well as cuts across many areas of spend across our club.

"We do not expect fans to make up all the current shortfall - but we do need to look at our ticketing strategy to ensure we are charging the right amount, and offering the right discounts, across our products for our fans."

The club letter was in response to a letter from fans groups The 1958 and Fan Coalition 58 urging United to "consider the long-term implications of ticket price increases".

In September, United reported a net loss of £113.2m in the year to 30 June.

It followed losses of £28.7m in 2022-23 and £115.5m in 2021-22, and took total losses over the past five years to over £370m.

United were accused of exploiting fans after taking the mid-season decision to raise matchday ticket prices to £66 per game, with no concessions for children or pensioners.

The ticket pricing announcement came after the club confirmed the cost of paying off former boss Erik ten Hag and his staff was £10.4m, while the cost of paying a release clause to bring in his replacement Ruben Amorim was £11m.

In November, United revealed they had spent £8.6m as part of a redundancy programme that had led to about 250 employees losing their jobs.

Last season Everton had a 10-point deduction reduced to six on appeal in February for breaching PSR for the three-year period to 2021-22.

Nottingham Forest were also charged with PSR breaches last season and were docked four points in March.

