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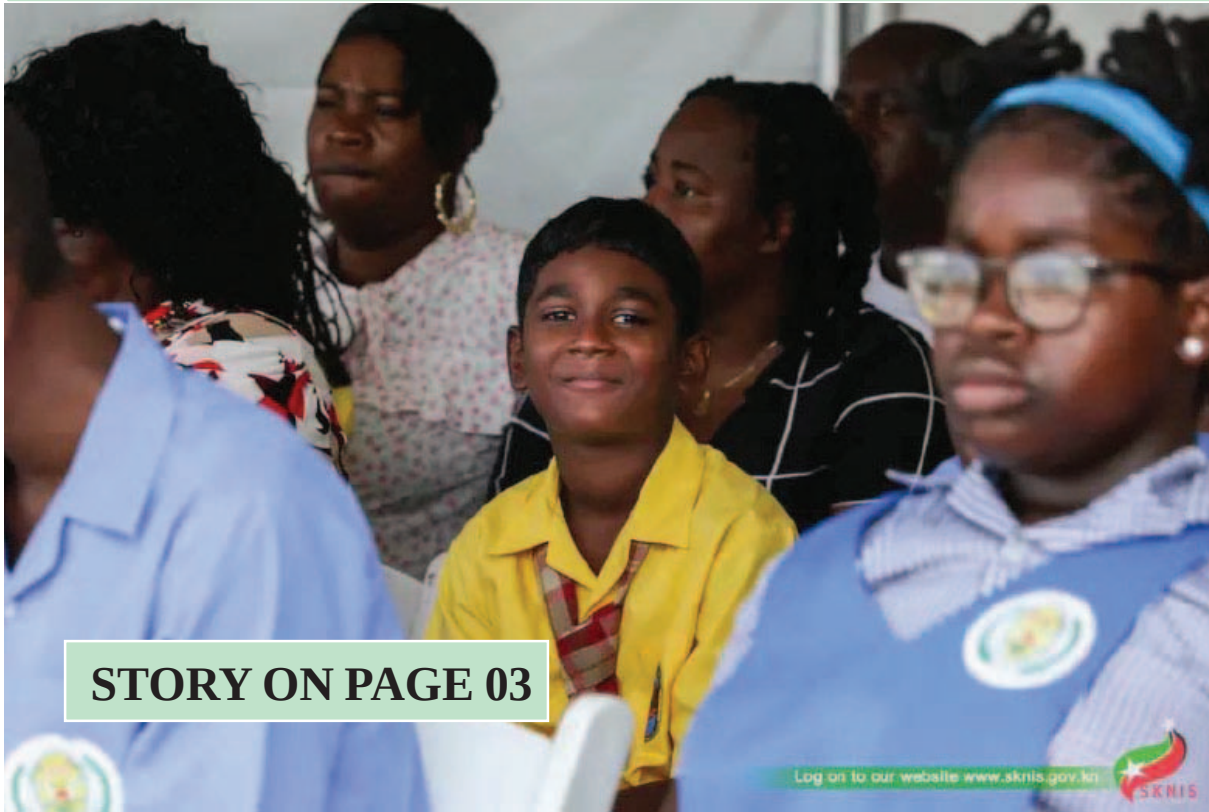
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Editorial

DO WE FEEL A DEEP SENSE OF NATIONAL PRIDE?

This week, our nation paused to observe National Heroes Day on September 16, to be followed by our 43rd Independence Anniversary on September 19 observing the theme, "One People, One Vision, Endless Possibility: Independence 43". Amid the ceremonies, speeches, flags and patriotic colours, perhaps we should pause and ask ourselves a simple but important question: Do we truly feel a deep sense of national pride?

For many, these occasions are eagerly anticipated holidays—a welcome break from school and work, an opportunity to attend an event, put on national colours or simply enjoy some downtime. However, beyond the time away from our daily routines, how deeply do we appreciate what these observances represent?

National Heroes Day gave us an opportunity to reflect on the men and women whose contributions helped shape our nation. Independence reminds us of the journey that brought St. Kitts and Nevis to nationhood. These are not merely dates on a calendar. They are reminders of where we came from, what was achieved and what remains possible.

Our education system, our homes and our interactions with one another should spark meaningful conversations about nation building. Paying homage to those who led the way should also cause us to consider how we can individually and collectively complement their gains and contribute to building a better and brighter nation for generations now and those yet to come.

National pride, after all, should be more than something we wear.

This week, we have another opportunity to display that pride through the National Colours Day observances. On Thursday, September 17, we signaled hope and liberty by wearing white. Then today, Friday, September 18, the eve of Independence, we observe Patriotic Day, when the national colours come together in a full display of national pride.

It is oh so amazing to see that pride on full display.

We proudly speak about the beauty of our homeland. We applaud our cuisine. We celebrate our hospitality.

THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS

ST. CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT

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In the Estate of **VINCENT BROWN** also known as **VINCENT BROWNE** late of Upper Market Street in the Town of Basseterre in the Island of St. Christopher, deceased

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MAKE APPLICATION FOR GRANT

NOTICE is given that after the expiration of 14 days of the second publication of this Notice application will be made to the Registrar of the Supreme Court for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicant **DENNIS ADOLPHUS STAPLETON** of #4 Elwick Close, Mossdale, Manchester 16 7LW, United Kingdom, who is the nephew of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 22nd day of April 2011.

Dated this 17th day of September 2026

Bryant & Liburd
Bryant & Liburd
Attorneys-at-Law
for **DENNIS ADOLPHUS STAPLETON**



We showcase our culture and speak proudly about the characteristics that make St. Kitts and Nevis special. We certainly know how to let it be known—loud and proud—that we are citizens and residents of this land.

But perhaps the challenge is to ask whether that same pride follows us beyond Independence celebrations.

Does it influence how we treat one another? Does it influence how we care for our communities, protect our environment, support our local

businesses, educate our children and contribute to national development? Does our love for country translate into a willingness to do our part, even when there are no cameras, celebrations or national colours in sight?

As we salute our National Heroes and celebrate 43 years of Independence, perhaps true patriotism begins when the colours come off and the work continues.

The final item on this year's National Colours Day schedule is Black on Friday, September 25, representing our African heritage.



Acting Prime Minister Dr. Geoffrey Hanley seen delivering the commemorative address during the National Heroes Day observance at the National Heroes Park, Conaree Village, St. Kitts, on Wednesday 16th September 2026. (Credit: SKNIS)

Acting PM Urges Present Generation To Carry Forward National Heroes Legacy

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETTERRE, St.Kitts (Thursday 17th September 2026) - Acting Prime Minister Dr. Geoffrey Hanley is questioning what history will say about the present generation, as he called on citizens to continue the work begun by the national heroes.

“Our national heroes did their part. Now the question is: What will history say of ours?”

Such sentiments were expressed while he delivered the commemorative address on Wednesday 16th September 2026, during the National Heroes Day observance at the National Heroes Park in Conaree Village, St. Kitts.

Speaking on behalf of Prime Minister Dr. Terrance Drew (who is currently overseas on medical leave), Dr. Hanley said the statues of the five national heroes at the Park stood as “enduring witnesses to our national journey.”

He highlighted the contributions of Sir Robert Llewellyn Bradshaw, Sir Caleb Azariah Paul Southwell, Sir Joseph N. France, Sir Simeon Daniel and Sir Kennedy Alphonse Simmonds, noting that each had, in his own way, enlarged



90-year-old The Right Excellent Dr. Sir Kennedy Simmonds, the Federation's first Prime Minister and the country's first and only living National Hero, looks on during the National Heroes Day observance at National Heroes Park, Conaree Village, St.Kitts on Wednesday 16th September 2026. (Credit: SKNIS)



the possibilities of the people of St. Kitts and Nevis.

“Different men, different eras, different political journeys. Yet history gathered them here because each, in their own way, enlarged the possibilities of our people,” Dr. Hanley remarked.

He said the history of St. Kitts and Nevis extended beyond Independence on September 19, 1983, pointing to the contributions of men and women who worked in the cane fields, endured enslavement, demanded dignity, opened minds, cared for communities, produced food, built businesses, served the public and raised families.

He said independence was not intended to mark the end of the country's national struggle.

“We sound it to remind ourselves that independence was never intended to be the conclusion of our national struggle. Independence gave us the authority to determine our own destiny. Every generation since has carried the responsibility to give that independence greater meaning,” Dr. Hanley said.

It was in this context that he posed the central question of his address.

“Our national heroes did their part. Now the question is: What will history say of ours?”

He then asked whether the present generation would protect the gains achieved by those who came before, expand opportunity, strengthen institutions, care for citizens and prepare children for a changing world. Will it say that when the responsibility came to us, we protected the gains that others sacrificed to achieve?” Dr. Hanley asked.

“Will it say that we expanded opportunity, strengthened our institutions, cared for our people, and prepared our children for a world vastly different from the one we inherited?”

He also questioned whether the generation would be remembered for choosing “togetherness over division, service over self-interest, and national progress over short-term convenience.”

“These are not abstract questions. They are the tests of leadership and citizenship in every generation,” Dr. Hanley said.

Addressing those who serve in public office, he said the monuments at the National Heroes Park should serve as standards against which leadership is measured.

“Leadership must always be about people,” he said. “It must be about leaving the country stronger than we found it. Widening opportunity, protecting the vulnerable and making decisions today that future generations will thank us for tomorrow.”

Dr. Hanley stressed that the responsibility for the country's continued development did not rest solely with government.

“That responsibility belongs not only to government but to all of us,” he said.

He also pointed to the courage of the people as a key part of the country's journey, saying that courage had carried the Federation “from chains to liberty, from colonial rule to self-government, from statehood to independence, and from one generation of nation-builders to the next.”

Hanley urged citizens to honour the national heroes through more than ceremonies and words.

“May we honour our national heroes not only with ceremonies and words but by continuing the work they began. May we be faithful stewards of their legacy,” he said.

In looking ahead to the generation that would one day assess the work of the present one, Dr. Hanley commented: “And when another generation stands here and looks back upon us, may they be able to say we too enlarged the possibilities of St. Kitts and Nevis.”

Front Page Photo: A section of the audience, including school students, at the National Heroes Day observance held at National Heroes Park, Conaree Village, St.Kitts on Wednesday 16th September 2026. Among those attending was this smiling student of the Halliday-Smith Primary School (formerly Irish Town Primary) as the Federation commemorated the lives and contributions of its five National Heroes. (Credit: SKNIS)

PM Drew Highlights Availability Of Hospital Specialists

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETTERRE, St.Kitts (Monday 13th September 2026)- Prime Minister Dr. Terrance Drew has highlighted the availability of specialist medical experts at the Joseph N. France (JNF) General Hospital, while expressing appreciation for the care he received there during the critical “golden hour” of his recent medical experience .

Speaking from Florida in his third medical update aired via video presentation on Sunday 13th September 2026, Dr. Drew-whose portfolio includes responsibility for health- spoke about the treatment he received at the local hospital before being transferred overseas for further medical attention.



“I want to reiterate my appreciation for the staff at JNF that did such an excellent job in making sure that the first hour, the golden hour, that I was well taken care of and was in a position to be able to travel so that when I travel, I would be in good stead to receive what other additional treatment I would need,” he said.

Dr. Drew specifically pointed to the availability of specialists at JNF, noting that the specialists who were available to him are also available to citizens of St. Kitts and Nevis.

“But I am so elated that JNF has come to the point where all those specialists were available to me and those specialists are available to any of our citizens in St. Kitts and Nevis,” Dr. Drew stated.

Dr. Drew, who is a trained medical doctor, disclosed that he had suffered a stroke, explaining that it was caused by a dissection of one of the arteries at the back of his brain, known as the vertebral artery.

“After all of the analysis, I suffered a stroke. This stroke was a dissection of one of the arteries in the back of my brain called the vertebral artery,” he said.

He said he had left the hospital in Florida and was continuing rehabilitation, including occupational therapy and physical therapy.

“I left the hospital in Florida and I am doing rehab, I am doing occupational therapy, I am doing physical therapy and the rehab is going extremely well,” he said.

“I think that I am doing much better mentally, psychologically and physically than the ailment would suggest,” Dr. Drew added.

The Prime Minister also thanked the medical professionals who assisted him in Martinique and Florida, as well as the officials and institutions involved in his treatment.

He expressed appreciation to the medical team in Martinique, the French Ambassador, the European Union Ambassador, the Honorary Consul of the Commonwealth of Dominica stationed in Martinique, Baptist Health in Florida, and the United States Embassy in Barbados.

Dr. Drew reiterated his thanks to God, stating: “But ultimately the greatest thanks goes to God Almighty. For without him I would not be here. and having suffered what I suffered and in such short order to be able to speak well, move well, participating in OT and PT and getting have already left the hospital and getting ready to leave the rehab

center and to just continue my OT and RT outside of the hospital setting. That alone is a great testimony in and by itself. So I want to thank God for all that he is doing and all that he has done.”

He said his general health had been good prior to the stroke, noting that his blood sugar, cholesterol and blood pressure were controlled and that his baseline health was “robust” and “strong.”

Dr. Drew said he was looking forward to returning to St. Kitts and Nevis and continuing his work.

“I look forward to returning to St. Kitts and Nevis, to lead the Cabinet, to lead Parliament, to lead my constituency- Constituency 8, and to continue to create the best St. Kitts and Nevis; not for some of us but for all of us,” Dr. Drew said.

Of note, in his first update on 3rd September, he said he began experiencing persistent nausea on Sunday 30th August which progressed into episodes of vomiting. Additionally, he pointed to experiencing pain on the left side of his neck, accompanied by a mild headache and dizziness.

Front Page Image (Video Screenshot): Prime Minister Dr. Terrance Drew seen while delivering his third medical update via video from Florida on Sunday 13th September 2026.

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CASE NO. SKBHPB2026/	
In the Matter of the Letters of Administration -and-	
In the Estate of the late ESTELL VIOLET TYRELL of Conaree Village in the Parish of St. Peter, in the Island of Saint Christopher, deceased.	
ADVERTISEMENT OF GRANT OF LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION	
TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by RUDOLF MORTON, of Conaree Village, St. Kitts of Grant of Letters of Administration of the above named deceased who died on the 27 th day of January, 2023.	
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 10 th day of September, 2026	
Filed by:	<i>J. Harris Lake</i> Jarline Harris Lake Attorney-at-Law/Director ST. KITTS - NEVIS LEGAL AID AND ADVICE CENTRE West Independence Square Street Basseterre

PM Drew On Medical Illness: Multiple Situation Plans Keep G'ovt Functioning

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETERRE, St. Kitts (Monday, 13th September 2026) -Prime Minister Dr. Terrance Drew has disclosed that multiple contingency plans were already in place to ensure the continued functioning of Government in the event of an unexpected disruption, including his recent medical illness situation.

“This administration is a mature and serious administration. We have multiple contingency plans in place from the worst case scenario to a minor disruption.”

Speaking from Florida in his third medical update aired via video presentation on Sunday 13th September 2026, Dr. Drew said the administration had planned for various scenarios and had arrangements in place to maintain the operations of Government.

Dr. Drew explained that following his acute illness and the need to leave the country for medical care, he met with Cabinet while at the Joseph N. France (JNF) Hospital and outlined the plan for the delegation of his responsibilities.

“In this case, I suffered an acute illness and had to leave the country in short order to seek medical care. During that time, I was at the JNF hospital, I was able to meet with the whole cabinet and when I met with the cabinet, I was able to basically explain the plan to them and delegate responsibilities to the whole of cabinet,” he said.

He added: “So everything was in place, everything has been left in place and all of my responsibilities are delegated to the pertinent ministers...”

According to Dr. Drew, the arrangements have allowed for a smooth transition, with the Government continuing to function during his absence.

“I want to say thus far I’ve been monitoring. They are doing a very good job and the transition has been extremely smooth. The government has been functioning extremely well and this is

a matter of planning that took place from day one,” he said.

Dr. Drew further stated that the administration had prepared for different circumstances.

“So this administration is mature. It is competent and it takes no chances. Continue to put our people first and we continue to plan for rainy days and sunny days. Whatever the scenario, we are ready to deal with it as a mature administration,” he said.

He also thanked Deputy Prime Minister Dr. Geoffrey Hanley, who is serving as Acting Prime Minister, for ensuring the continued functioning of Cabinet and Government.

“I want to thank you, Deputy Prime Minister who is now the acting prime minister for making sure the cabinet continues to function, for making sure that the government continues,” Dr. Drew said.

He also expressed appreciation to the Cabinet for continuing to carry out its responsibilities during his absence.

“I want to thank the cabinet, the St. Kitts-Nevis Labour Party cabinet as we refer to ourselves as the A team, that even though I am out all the plans and everything that we have put in place, they continue to function very smoothly and that the government continues to remain stable and deliver to you the people of St. Kitts and Nevis,” he said.

Dr. Drew said the arrangements reflected the Government’s approach to planning for various scenarios, while expressing confidence in the continued functioning of the administration during his absence.

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

NEVIS CIRCUIT
A.D. 2026
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In the Estate of Conrad Sutton late of 3-5 Estate Contant, Cruz Bay, St. John's, USVI, deceased

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by **SUZAN SUTTON AND CARMEN SUTTON** of 3-4 Estate Contant, Cruz Bay, St. John, USVI for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicants who are the daughters of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 19th day of January, 2025.

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

Dated this 17th day of September, 2026.


Belya L. Nisbett
Nisbetts, Solicitors

Filed by: Nisbetts, Solicitors, whose address for service is Chapel Street, Charlestown, Nevis.

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Premier Brantley Delivers Keynote Address at St. Kitts-Nevis Association of Georgia Independence Gala

NIA CHARLESTOWN, NEVIS (September 14, 2026)- Premier of Nevis the Honourable Mark Brantley served as the keynote speaker at the St. Kitts-Nevis Association of Georgia's Annual Independence Gala Dinner on September 12, 2026, where he urged nationals living abroad to return home, invest and strengthen their connection to St. Kitts and Nevis.

The sold-out SKANAG gala, held in Stone Mountain, Georgia, brought together

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Premier of Nevis the Honourable Mark Brantley delivered the keynote address at the St. Kitts-Nevis Association of Georgia's Annual Independence Gala Dinner on September 12, 2026, in Stone Mountain, Georgia

Case Number :NEVHCV2021/0135

THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
FEDERATION OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS
NEVIS CIRCUIT
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NEVHCV2021/0135

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 5th April, 2001 registered in
Register Book 39 Folio 82

THE BANK OF NEVIS LIMITED

Applicant

and

BRIAN PEMBERTON
and
ORENCIA PEMBERTON

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 Bath Village, Nevis

on the 20th day of November 2026 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 or parcel of land situate at Farms Estate in the Parish of St. John in the island
of Nevis bounded and measuring as follows, that is to say:- On or towards the North East by lands
of Judith Parris 231.00 feet, On or towards the South East by a Private Road 83.12 feet, On or
towards the South West by a 12' Road Allowance bordering lands of the Estate of Frederick Parris
230.86 feet and On or towards the North West by remaining lands of Frank Parris 77.16 feet and
containing by admeasurement 18,500 square feet.

UPSET PRICE

The upset price for the above property shall be EC\$1,111,500.00.

Dated the 10th day of August, 2026.

Ass REGISTRAR



Case Number :NEVHCV2026/0069

THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
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NEVIS CIRCUIT
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NEVHCV2026/0069

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 27th February, 2009
registered in Register Book 47 Folio 69

THE BANK OF NEVIS LIMITED

Applicant

and

JOEL O'LOUGHLIN

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 Bath Village, Nevis

on the 20th day of November 2026 at 10:30 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.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

ALL THAT lot piece or parcel of land situate at Spring Hill Estate in the Parish of St. James in
the island of Nevis bounded and measuring as follows, that is to say:- On or towards the North
West by lands of Spring Hill Estate 141.95 feet; On or towards the North East by lands of
Spring Hill Estate 268.07 feet; On or towards the South East partly by lands of Nigel Hanley
121.33 feet and partly by a Road 11.83 feet and On or towards the South West by lands of
Spring Hill Estate 267.32 feet and containing by admeasurement 36,726 square feet.

UPSET PRICE

The upset price for the above property shall be EC\$165,267.00.

Dated the 10th day of August, 2026.

Ass REGISTRAR



Premier Brantley Delivers Keynote Address at St. Kitts-Nevis Association of Georgia Independence Gala

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Premier of Nevis the Honourable Mark Brantley, keynote speaker at the St. Kitts-Nevis Association of Georgia's Annual Independence Gala Dinner on September 12, 2026, greets gala attendees



Premier of Nevis the Honourable Mark Brantley, keynote speaker at the St. Kitts-Nevis Association of Georgia's Annual Independence Gala Dinner on September 12, 2026, greets gala attendees

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THE BANK OF NEVIS LIMITED

and

LEONARD GRANT and MERVIN GRANT

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 Bath Village, Nevis

on the 20th day of November, 2026 at 11:00 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 or parcel of land being Lot No. 3 situate at Colquhouns Estate in the parish of St. Thomas in the island of Nevis bounded and measuring as follows, that is to say:- On or towards the North by East partly by Lot Nos. 4 & 5, 61.67 feet and 53.55 feet; On or towards the East by the Public Road 39.59 feet; On the South by Lot No. 2, 104.95 feet; On the West partly by an access road and Octavia Hill 45.11 feet and containing by admeasurement 5,043 square feet.

UPSET PRICE

The upset price for the above property shall be ECS\$279,334.00.

Dated the 11th day of August, 2026.

Registrar

Registrar

nationals from Georgia and other states across the United States to celebrate the Federation’s 43rd Independence Anniversary, heritage and national pride while fostering community connections and recognizing contributions to St. Kitts and Nevis and its diaspora.

As the featured speaker, Premier Brantley used his address to encourage members of the diaspora to rekindle their connection to the country of their birth and ancestry and to consider returning home to live and invest.

His appeal reflects a longstanding priority of the Nevis Island Administration to deepen engagement with Nevisians overseas and create practical pathways for their return and participation in the island’s development. To that end his administration has established a dedicated Diaspora Unit within government to streamline processes for members of the diaspora wishing to return home or invest in Nevis.

The Premier has also promoted initiatives aimed at encouraging nationals abroad to bring their skills, experience and resources back to Nevis, including the Returning Nationals and Diaspora Investment Programme announced by his government to incentivize members of the diaspora to return home and create employment opportunities.

His participation in the Georgia gala therefore provided an opportunity to reinforce the message that nationals living overseas remain an important part of Nevis’ development and are encouraged to see the island not simply as a place of birth or ancestry, but as a place to live, invest and contribute to its future.

Government Delivers 19 New Homes in Stapleton Village as Housing Expansion Continues Across St. Kitts

Basseterre, St. Kitts, September 11, 2026 (PMO) — Nineteen families in Stapleton are now proud homeowners following the official handover of newly constructed homes by the National Housing Corporation (NHC), marking another significant milestone in the Government of St. Kitts and Nevis' ongoing drive to expand homeownership and strengthen communities across the country.

The keys were presented during an official ceremony on Thursday, September 10, where Acting Prime Minister and Minister of Human Settlement, Hon. Dr. Geoffrey Hanley, underscored that the development represents far more than the physical construction of houses. Delivering remarks on behalf of Prime Minister and Parliamentary Representative for St. Christopher Eight, the Honourable Dr. Terrance Drew, as well as in his capacity as the Minister with responsibility for the NHC, Dr. Hanley described the occasion as one where government policy becomes deeply personal.



"These nineteen homes represent new beginnings. Nineteen families with greater security. Nineteen assets that can appreciate in value. Nineteen opportunities to build equity, to leave something for children and grandchildren, and to establish a stronger financial foundation for the future," the Acting Prime Minister said.



Dr. Hanley noted that Prime Minister Drew has consistently championed homeownership as a critical avenue through which ordinary citizens can acquire meaningful assets, build wealth and create an inheritance for future generations.

He said the Government's approach to housing is therefore rooted not only in providing shelter, but in expanding ownership, economic empowerment and long-term financial security for families.

The Stapleton development forms part of a broader housing construction programme now progressing in communities across St. Kitts, including Ottley's, Harry Phipps, Gillard's Meadow, Race Course, Newton Ground and Sandy Point, along with urban housing initiatives in East and West Basseterre and construction on privately owned lots.

Dr. Hanley reported that by the end of 2025, more than 260 homes had been constructed by the NHC since the administration took office. For 2026, the Corporation has constructed 50 homes, with an additional 102 currently under construction, alongside several duplex and multi-storey apartment developments, many of which are expected to be completed before the end of the year.

"We have said that we were given a mandate to build, and the evidence must be visible in communities and measurable in the number of families whose circumstances are changing," Dr. Hanley stated.

The Acting Prime Minister also highlighted the improved construction standards incorporated into the Stapleton homes. The structures utilise reinforced construction, steel, eight-inch blocks and concrete roofs as part of the Government's emphasis on stronger and more climate-resilient housing. The concrete roof design also provides homeowners, where technically appropriate and properly approved, with the possibility of expanding their homes upward in the future.

"What you receive today is not the final form of your home. It is your foundation," Dr. Hanley told the beneficiaries, noting that homeownership should create opportunities for families to continue building and improving their circumstances over time.



Special recognition was also given to the local contractors, tradespeople and workers who contributed to the development, many of whom are from the St. Peter's community. Prime Minister Drew, Dr. Hanley noted, has remained firm in his position that public investment in housing should simultaneously create jobs, income and opportunities for local skilled workers.

"These homes were built for our people, and by our people, and that is something worth celebrating," Dr. Hanley said, after inviting the contractors, masons, carpenters, plumbers, electricians, painters, labourers, equipment operators and other workers present to stand and be recognised.

He added that development should leave behind more than physical infrastructure, but should also strengthen the capacity of citizens through employment, skills development, experience and greater opportunities to participate in future projects.

The ceremony also comes as the National Housing Corporation celebrates its 30th anniversary. Established in 1996 as the successor to the Central Housing Authority, the NHC has played a central role in expanding and improving the country's housing stock. Over its institutional life, the Corporation has delivered more than 3,000 homes and distributed more than 5,000 residential lots.

While congratulating the 19 beneficiaries, Dr. Hanley also reminded them that homeownership carries significant responsibility, particularly the obligation to honour their mortgage commitments.

"The key you receive today is both a privilege and a responsibility. Please do not take it for granted," he said.

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Government Delivers 19 New Homes in Stapleton Village as Housing Expansion Continues Across St. Kitts

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He urged the new homeowners to budget responsibly, prioritise their mortgage payments and communicate early with the relevant authorities should genuine financial difficulties arise. He explained that responsible repayment not only protects an individual homeowner's investment, but also supports the sustainability of the housing programme and allows the NHC to continue assisting other families awaiting their opportunity.

The Acting Prime Minister further encouraged the beneficiaries to maintain and improve their properties, foster positive relationships with their neighbours

and help create a safe, caring and well-maintained community.

He extended appreciation to the Board, management and staff of the NHC, the Ministry of Housing and Human Settlement, contractors and tradespeople, and all agencies and partners that contributed to completing the development. Dr. Hanley also recognised Prime Minister Drew and his Cabinet colleagues for their continued advocacy for an approach to housing and national development that places ownership and empowerment within the reach of ordinary citizens.

Concluding his remarks, Dr. Hanley told the new homeowners that the significance of the keys handed to them extends far beyond the doors they open.

"A key may be small enough to fit into the palm of your hand, but today it



unlocks something enormous: it unlocks security, independence, equity, dignity and possibility."

The Stapleton handover represents another step in the Government's wider housing expansion, as construction continues across communities with the stated aim of raising housing standards, expanding ownership and empowering more families throughout St. Kitts and Nevis.



NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the sixty-six Annual General Meeting of Carib Brewery (St. Kitts & Nevis) Ltd. will be held at the Caribbean Confederation of Credit Unions, Wilkin Street, Forlands, Basseterre St. Kitts, on 12th October 2025 at 5 o'clock in the afternoon for the following purposes: -

- To receive the Financial Statements for the year ended December 31st 2025, and the Reports of the Directors and Auditors thereon.
- To declare a Dividend.
- To appoint Auditors and authorize the Directors to fix their remuneration.

NOTE: A member entitled to attend and vote at this meeting is entitled to appoint a proxy to attend, and on a poll, to vote on their behalf. Such proxy need not also be a member.

The Transfer of Books and Registrar of Members will be closed from 21st September to 12th October 2026 inclusive.

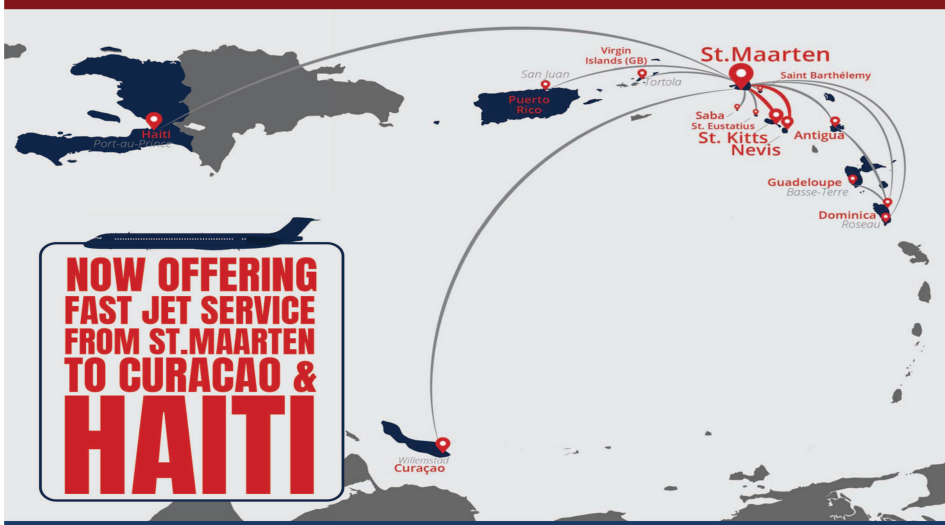
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Warm words on Canada's EU 'associate membership' but no guarantees

Katya Adler
Europe editor
BBC News

The EU constitution rules that possibility out as Canada is geographically outside Europe.



But in a speech on Thursday to the European Parliament, Canada's Prime Minister Mark Carney said: "Canada and Europe should secure our strategic autonomy through deep cooperation in the full range of strategic capabilities."

Mark Carney was responding – extremely warmly – to an invitation by European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen for Canada to become the EU's first associate member.

The EU and Canada already have a far-reaching trade deal (Ceta) in place but Carney insisted additional cooperation on energy and economic security, on critical and raw materials, education, tech and AI innovation, and defence would help safeguard all countries involved.

Canada and the EU feel increasingly squeezed by the superpowers USA on the one side and China on the other – and

by tech giants, too, that seem to operate supranationally.

The idea of associate EU membership, Carney emphasised, would not be to form a third superpower or to create a bloc against anyone else.

"We do not pursue zero sum deals," he said. Instead he suggested like-minded nations should club together to create a new form of multilateral global governance in an increasingly turbulent world where – in the minds of some others – might is right.

Only by countries joining forces and shunning isolationism, Carney suggested, could they close key capability gaps, build strength and ensure national sovereignty.

This last may have been a nod to upcoming elections across Europe and the continent's increasingly powerful nationalist politicians.

Their slogans – whether "Italy First" or "France for the French" or "Make Poland Great Again" – echo Donald Trump's call to Make America Great Again.

Carney's words were

hopeful and warm; the applause in the European Parliament rapturous and apparently heartfelt.

Not so across the Atlantic. On Wednesday, Donald Trump dismissed the EU associate membership proposal out of hand, threatened to impose "very heavy tariffs" if the agreement came to fruition and warned he may view it as a "hostile act".

But the US president is the unintentional matchmaker for this EU-Canada love-in.

Traditionally, America is trade partner and defence ally number one for Canada and the EU.

But Ottawa is currently embroiled in what it calls an escalating trade "war" with the White House. Both Canada and the EU have been stung by what they view as Washington's weaponisation of trade tariffs.

They also fear they can no longer fully rely on the US to have their back in terms of security and defence.

Canada is not alone among Europe's far-flung allies, now seeking to cosy closer to the EU, as they worry the US is becoming too unpredictable a partner. Japan and South Korea show an interest in sheltering under the EU umbrella too.

For its part, the EU has recently hastened to secure a list of trade deals – with India, Indonesia and Japan for example – to intentionally diversify relationships.

But there is no guarantee Canada's associate membership of the EU will ever get off the ground, never mind become a blueprint for other countries, like the UK wanting closer relations stopping short of full EU membership.

Any deal would have to be approved by each one of the EU's 27 countries.

No legal precedent exists, negotiations would be lengthy and potential conflicts of interest loom, over steel tariffs for example.

A suggestion in May by Germany to make Ukraine – a country desperate for full membership of the European Union as soon as possible – an associate member was rejected by others in the EU.

Some, including France's government, want to avoid EU non-members securing "too good" a deal. They fear eurosceptic forces at home and abroad could then encourage voters to clamour to leave the bloc.

In the end, "associate membership" is just a label. Buffeted by adverse winds – from China, the US and Russia, the normally rigid rules-based EU is coming under serious pressure to show more flexibility in accommodating countries wanting to stand by its side.

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Hyrox athlete apologises for continuing race after soiling herself

Ella Kipling
BBC Sport

Joanna Wietrzyk said she was "genuinely sorry to everyone who was affected"

An Australian athlete who faced criticism for continuing to compete in a Hyrox event after soiling herself has apologised and said she will retroactively withdraw from the race.

Joanna Wietrzyk offered her "sincere apology" for the incident during the indoor fitness competition in Beijing on Saturday, saying she should have "made a different choice" and exited the event.

Footage of Wietrzyk competing after soiling herself raised concerns about hygiene, leading Hyrox co-founder Moritz Fürste to apologise for the handling of the situation.

In a statement shared on Thursday, Wietrzyk said: "I know my actions had an impact beyond myself, and I am genuinely sorry to everyone who was affected."

Hyrox apologises for allowing race to continue after athlete soils herself

How Hyrox became the latest sporting craze

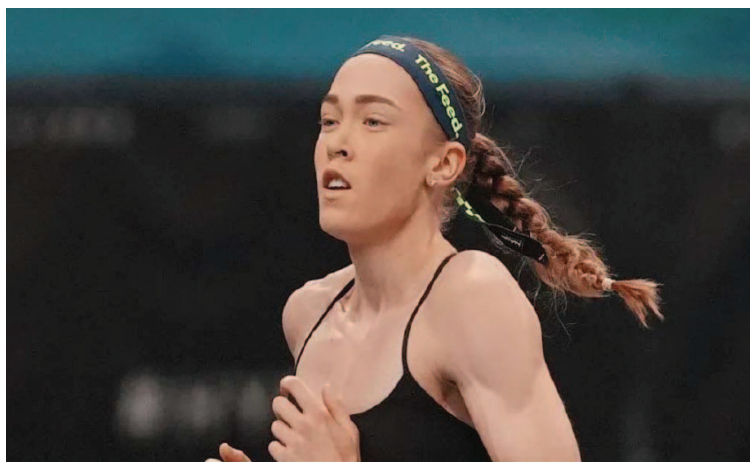
After the backlash, Wietrzyk, who won the race in Beijing, said she would forfeit her win.

Wietrzyk said in a social media post: "I want to offer my sincere apology to the people of China, my fellow competitors, the spectators and the HYROX organizers for what happened during the race in Beijing."

She wrote in a social media post that she was "completely fit and healthy" at the start of the race, and had "no reason" to expect any illness.

"Looking back, I regret the decision to not have stepped off the track. I recognize that I should have made a different choice. I take responsibility for my decision to continue and am deeply sorry for the discomfort and disruption it caused," Wietrzyk continued.

Hyrox insisted it had "clear biocontaminant and medical



Getty Images Joanna Wietrzyk wears a black sports bra and a dark headband with the words 'the feed' printed in green letters. Her hair is tied back into a plait and she is mid-run. Getty Images



Getty Images A view from the stands of Beijing's National Speed Skating Oval which is hosting a Hyrox event. There are dozens of athletes running around the track, with barriers to separate the lanes. Getty Images

Hyrox was founded in Germany in 2017 and has become a global sensation in recent years



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A site meeting will be convened on Thursday 27th August 2026.

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Tenderers or their representatives are invited to the Tender Opening.

Eligibility

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TDC's CEO Encourages New Scholarship Awardees To Make Opportunity Count

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETTERRE, St. Kitts (Monday 14th September 2026)- A total of sixteen (16) students entering public secondary schools across St. Kitts and Nevis have been inducted into the TDC Warren C. Tyson Memorial Scholarship Programme, with the new scholars being encouraged to make the most of the opportunity and strive for excellence.

The students were recognised during the annual Induction Ceremony held on Saturday 5th September 2026 at the TDC Training Room located Fort Street, under the theme, 'A Legacy of Learning, A Future of Possibility, The Next Generation of Excellence.'

Of note, eight students have received the Warren C. Tyson Scholarship Award while another eight received the TDC Financial Services Excellence Award.

Welcoming the new scholars to the TDC family, Chief Executive Officer Nick Menon told the students that their selection was the result of hard work, discipline and determination.

"Your place here today through hard work, discipline, and determination. You stayed focused, put in the effort, and demonstrated the promise that brought you into this very special family," Menon said.

He encouraged the students to recognise the responsibility that comes with receiving the scholarship, reminding them that their success would be built through consistent effort.

"Education opens doors, it creates opportunities, it gives you the tools to shape your future, and in time, to help shape the future of others but remember, a scholarship is not a reward, it's a responsibility," he said.

Menon urged the scholars to approach their studies one step at a time, saying: "Success is built much like a house. One block at a time, for you, it will be one assignment completed, one chapter read, one good

decision, one more effort when giving up would be much easier."

He said that while those individual actions may appear small, consistency would help the students to build something "strong and lasting."

"Use this opportunity well, remain curious, work consistently, treat others with respect, and as you progress, remember always to reach back and help someone else move forward," Menon told the students.

Menon also highlighted the longstanding investment made through the scholarship programme, which began in 1981 and was named in honour of TDC's first chairman.

According to Menon, the programme welcomes eight students annually entering public secondary schools across the Federation, six from St. Kitts and two from Nevis.

To date, he said, 279 students have passed through the programme, with TDC's

total investment exceeding \$6 million.

"This program is about much more than numbers. It's about young lives being shaped, doors being opened, and possibilities becoming real," Menon said.

The new Warren C. Tyson Scholarship Award recipients are Ivandria Weekes (Charlestown Primary School)- Charlestown Secondary School; Syian Jones (Violet O. Jeffers Primary School)- Gingerland Secondary School; Kailah Harris (Beach Allen Primary School)- Basseterre High School; Nazaiye Williams (Cayon Primary School)- Cayon High School; Anicq Huggins (Tyrrell Williams Primary School)- Charles E. Mills Secondary School; Leraine Langley (St. Paul's Primary School)- Denzil L. Douglas Secondary School; K'Jahnel Williams (Bronte Welsh Primary School)- Verchilds High School and Aurianna Cranston (Beach Allen Primary School)-

Washington Archibald High School.

Recipients of the TDC Financial Services Excellence Award are: Izariel Webbe (St. Thomas Primary School)- Charlestown Secondary School; Kaheim Pemberton (Elizabeth Pemberton Primary School), Gingerland Secondary School; Zadoiah Pennyfeather (Dean Glasford Primary School)- Basseterre High School; Jannie Simon (Joshua Obadiah Williams Primary School)- Cayon High School; Kevinique Powell (Newton Ground Primary School)- Charles E. Mills Secondary School; Avandi Connor (Dieppe Bay Primary School)- Denzil L. Douglas Secondary School; Dakiri Gibson (Dr. William Connor Primary School)- Verchilds High School and Dionis Raposo (Halliday Smith Primary School)- Washington Archibald High School.

Also addressing the students was the Deputy Chief Education Officer in the Ministry of Education, Roger Woodley, who urged them to take the opportunity seriously as they transition from primary to

secondary school.

"We want you to do well. Your parents are here, they want you to do well. We all want you to do well," Woodley said, encouraging the students to pay particular attention to their classes, homework, assignments and tests.

He reminded them that their selection reflected the recognition of their potential.

"There are lots of persons who could have been chosen, but among them all, you were the ones that were selected. It says that there's something special in you. Somebody saw something special in you and decided to give you this chance," he said.

Woodley further encouraged the students to put in extra effort, do what is right, show good manners and listen to their teachers.

"When you succeed, we all succeed," he said.

He congratulated the recipients and expressed appreciation to TDC Group for its continued partnership with the Ministry of Education in supporting students.



Displaying their certificates following the Warren C. Tyson Memorial Scholarship Induction Ceremony held on Saturday 5th September 2026 at the TDC Training Room, are (front row, seated from left): Leraine Langley of Denzil L. Douglas Secondary School; Nazaiye Williams of Cayon High School; Kailah Harris of Basseterre High School and K'Jahnel Williams of Verchilds High School. (Back row, standing from left): Aurianna Cranston of Washington Archibald High School; Anicq Huggins of Charles E. Mills Secondary School; Ivandria Weekes of Charlestown Secondary School; and Syian Jones of Gingerland Secondary School. The students are among the 2026 recipients of the Warren C. Tyson Scholarship Award. (Photo courtesy TDC)



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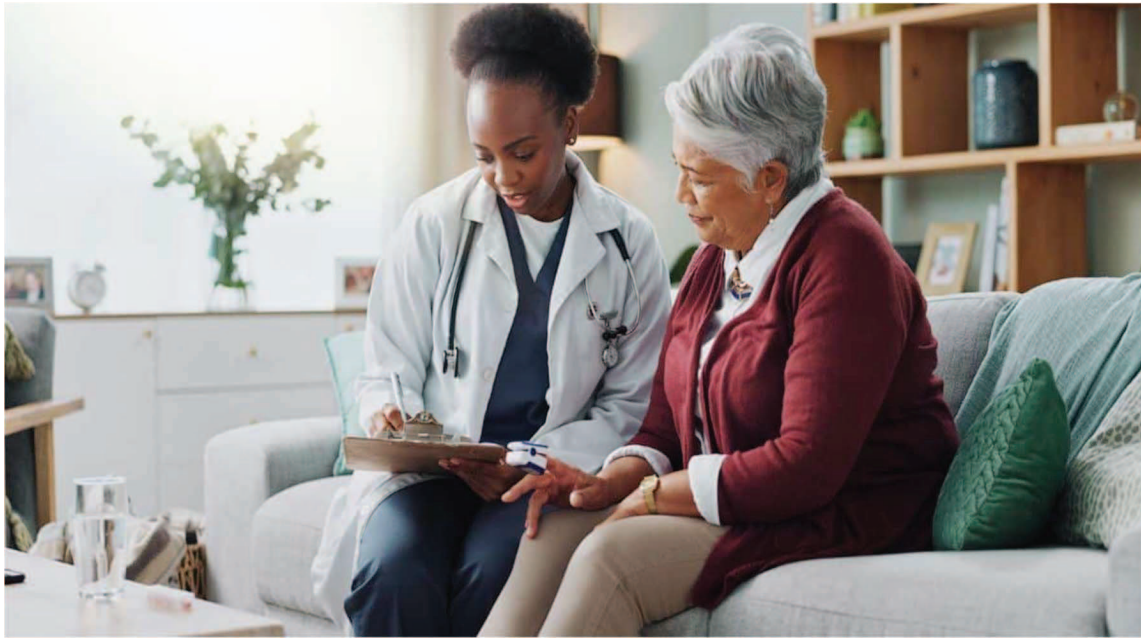
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Recognizing the warning signs of a stroke and acting quickly can save a life

September, 2026 — Stroke is a leading cause of serious disability and death. Recognizing symptoms quickly and seeking immediate medical attention can dramatically improve outcomes. Mayo Clinic experts emphasize that knowing the warning signs of stroke and acting fast can save brain function and lives.

"Time is brain when it comes to stroke treatment," says Josephine Huang M.D., a neurologist at Mayo Clinic in Florida. "The sooner a person receives medical care, the greater the chance of reducing long-term disability and improving recovery."



Stroke occurs when blood flow to the brain is disrupted, either by a blockage in an artery or by bleeding in the brain. Mayo Clinic experts say both types of stroke require immediate medical evaluation because prompt treatment can significantly improve recovery and reduce long-term disability.

Symptoms

Stroke symptoms often appear suddenly and may include facial drooping, arm or leg weakness, slurred speech, language difficulty, vision problems, dizziness or loss of balance.

Mayo Clinic experts encourage people to remember these warning signs:

- Balance: Sudden onset of loss of balance or coordination.
- Eyes: Sudden vision problems or loss of vision in one or both eyes.
- Face drooping: One side of the face appears uneven or numb.
- Arm weakness: Sudden weakness or numbness in one arm.
- Speech difficulty: Trouble speaking or understanding speech.
- Time: Immediate medical attention is critical.

Treatment

Rapid treatment can restore blood flow to the brain and reduce permanent damage. Mayo Clinic experts stress that emergency evaluation should begin as soon as symptoms appear, not after they worsen or disappear. If a stroke is caused by a blood clot, doctors may use clot-busting medications or perform minimally invasive procedures to remove the clot and reopen blocked blood vessels in the brain.

"These are what we call endovascular procedures," Dr. Huang says. "Doctors thread a guidewire through a blood vessel to remove the clot and restore blood flow to the brain."

For hemorrhagic strokes caused by bleeding in the brain, treatment focuses on controlling blood pressure, reversing blood-thinning medications if needed, and sometimes relieving pressure on the brain surgically.

Prevention

Certain risk factors can increase stroke risk, including high blood pressure, diabetes, smoking, obesity, high cholesterol, sedentary lifestyle and atrial fibrillation. Mayo Clinic experts note that nearly 90% of strokes may be preventable through risk factor management and healthy lifestyle changes.

Experts encourage regular health screenings, physical activity and healthy eating habits to help lower stroke risk. "Identifying these risk factors and making sure they are treated appropriately goes a long way toward preventing stroke from happening in the first place," says Dr. Huang.

Hyrox athlete apologises for continuing race after soiling herself

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procedures in place".

It said "an unforeseen situation arose" during which protocols became blurred, "creating ambiguity in how they were applied and understood".

In a statement posted on Instagram, Fürste committed to "improving event processes" to "prevent situations like this from happening again".

After Wietrzyk's identity was shared online, Hyrox said anyone sending abuse or threats to the athlete would be banned from any future events.

It said on Monday: "There is no place in our community for threats of violence or encouragement to harm an athlete."

In each Hyrox race, participants alternate between running a kilometre and doing fitness exercises, including a sled push, burpee jumps, indoor rowing, and lunges while carrying a sandbag.

The competition has exploded in popularity since it was founded in 2017 in Hamburg, Germany, and is now held across the world. The sport debuted in mainland China in late 2024.

Some have questioned why those officiating the competition in Beijing last weekend did not intervene when the athlete soiled herself, given that Hyrox penalises acts including "spitting, nostril clearing, littering, and water abuse".



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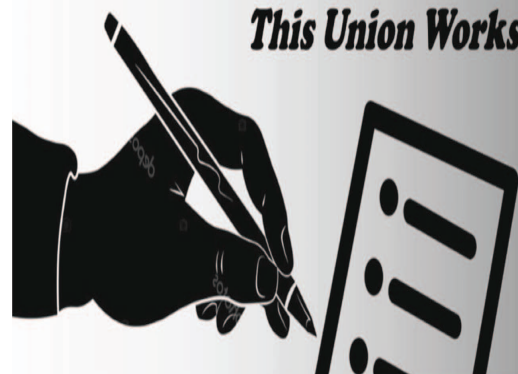
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PRESS RELEASE
SEPTEMBER 17, 2026

2X Global and Caribbean Development Bank Advance Gender-Smart Finance in the Caribbean



MONTREAL, Canada – The drive to advance gender-smart investing in the Caribbean region is moving forward – on the global stage in Montreal and on the ground in the Caribbean.

On the opening day of the 2X Global Summit 2026 in Montreal, Canada, the recently announced partnership between the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) and 2X Global took centre stage, spotlighting the Caribbean GEMS: Gender Equality for Market Sustainability (GEMS) Project.

With implementation already underway, senior officials from both institutions came together in person for the first time to highlight progress and the next phase of Caribbean GEMS, which aims to strengthen the ecosystem for financing women and women-led businesses across the Caribbean.

The collaboration announced by CDB in March 2026, builds on a partnership that began when CDB joined 2X Global in 2023 and marks an important next step in advancing gender-lens investing across the Caribbean.

Lisa Harding, Division Chief, Private Sector Division at CDB, highlighted the project’s potential to shape the Region’s investment landscape.

“Caribbean GEMS represents an important step in strengthening the Region’s investment ecosystem and ensuring that women-owned and women-led businesses have greater access to the capital and support they need to grow,” said Harding. “By combining 2X Global’s international

expertise with CDB’s regional knowledge and reach, we are developing practical solutions that can help investors identify opportunities, to address barriers and unlock more gender-smart capital across the Caribbean.”

Under Caribbean GEMS, 2X Global is supporting the development of a Gender Lens Investing Acceleration Toolbox and Digital Academy tailored to the Caribbean context and aligned with internationally recognised 2X Global standards. The initiative will equip investors with practical tools to strengthen access to investment and advisory support for women-owned and -led enterprises across the Caribbean.

The Toolbox will be accompanied by hands-on training for key stakeholders including governments, development financial institutions, investors and private sector partners on the application of the 2X Criteria and gender lens investing practices. The Digital Academy will contain practical learning modules, Caribbean specific case studies, tools and resources to help stakeholders apply gender lens investing practices to their unique operating contexts. The US\$350,000 technical assistance programme is financed through the Bank’s Special Development Fund (SDF) and as part of its Gender Equality Action Plan 2025-2027.

Reflecting on the 2026 Summit theme, ‘Grounded Capital. Global Partners’, 2X Global CEO, Jessica Espinoza highlighted the project as an example of the enduring strength of the 2X Global network: bringing together diverse actors to advance gender-smart investment globally.

“The strength of the 2X Global community is not simply in bringing people together, it is in what happens when those connections translate into more,” said Espinoza, adding:

“This partnership with CDB is a powerful example of that and, we hope, a model for future regional and national collaborations. By combining 2X’s global knowledge and standards with CDB’s deep regional insight and influence, we can help build an investment ecosystem better equipped to recognise opportunities, address barriers and unlock capital for women across the Caribbean.”

Photo caption (left to right): 2X Global CEO Jessica Espinoza and Lisa Harding, Division Chief, Private Sector Division at CDB, celebrate the Caribbean GEMS: Gender Equality for Market Sustainability (GEMS) Project and the 2X Global-CDB partnership at the 2X Global Summit in Montreal, Canada, on September 16, 2026.



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London misses out to Nairobi in World Athletics bid



General view of the London Stadium athletics track

Image source, Getty Images

The London Stadium hosted the World Athletics Championships in 2017

By Ffion Wynne
BBC Sport Journalist

London has missed out to Nairobi in the bid to host the 2029 World Athletics Championships.

The decision, which means an African city will host the event for the first time, was confirmed at a World Athletics council meeting in Budapest.

World Athletics president Sebastian Coe said Nairobi had presented "a compelling and emotional bid".

"We were fortunate to have four outstanding bids for 2029 and 2031, and this was not an easy decision for the council," said Coe.

"With this decision today, we continue to fulfil our mission of growing athletics worldwide with the hosting of our World Athletics Championships in Asia, Africa and Europe over its next three editions.

"Nairobi presented a compelling and emotional bid, and taking the World Athletics Championships to Africa for the first time will be historic.

"It was important that the World Athletics Championships should come to Africa when we had the right host, the right bid and the right circumstances. Nairobi has demonstrated emphatically that this is their moment."

The London Stadium, home of Championship club West Ham United, was the proposed host venue for the UK bid.

The stadium was also used for the 2012 Olympic Games and the yearly London Diamond League, and also when the city last hosted the Worlds in 2017.

The UK's bid was led by Athletic Ventures, which consisted of UK Athletics, London Marathon Events and the Great Run Company.

Jack Buckner, CEO of UK Athletics and co-founder of Athletic Ventures, said: "We are deeply disappointed that the 2029 World

Athletics Championships will not be held in London. We believed we had an outstanding bid which would genuinely take the sport to new levels.

"We would like to thank the Government, the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, the Mayor of London and UK Sport for their fantastic support for our bid. Our thanks also to the London Stadium, West Ham United and our many stakeholders for their commitment and hard work to put the bid together.

"Our congratulations go to Nairobi and we wish the organising committee all the best for a great event in 2029."

Rome was the other city to miss out, as World Athletics also confirmed that Munich would host the 2031 event for the first time.

Nairobi, the capital city of Kenya, submitted a bid for the 2025 championships but missed out to Tokyo.

The city's Kasarani Stadium is being renovated before the Africa Cup of Nations (Afcon) in 2027, which strengthened its case as a host venue.

Kenya finished second in the medal table at the 2025 edition, winning seven gold

medals and 11 in total.

Those behind the bid had secured £45m in public money, and were confident of replicating the commercial success of the 2017 event.

However, there had been uncertainty over whether West Ham would grant permission for the London Stadium to be used. That was finally confirmed last month, but only shortly before the bid had to be formally submitted.

Another issue may have been the fact that nearly 10,000 seats were empty at Birmingham's 23,000-seater Alexander Stadium for the European Athletics Championships last month, with some fans blaming the cost of tickets.

Lord Coe has refused to be drawn on whether either were factors in the decision, preferring instead to focus on Kenya's rich tradition in distance running, and the fact Nairobi will make history by hosting Africa's first world championships. However, the spate of doping scandals in Kenyan athletics in recent years will also lead to some scrutiny over whether it is an appropriate host.

Britain is still hosting the Grand Depart of the men's and women's Tour de France cycling races in 2027, and then the men's Euros in 2028, and is bidding for the 2035 Women's World Cup. But at a time when government is also interested in a possible Olympic bid for 2040, today's decision is undoubtedly a blow.

"That was my dream"

World indoor 400m champion and British record holder Amber Anning was in the stands as a fan for the 2017 championships, and although she expressed her disappointment to miss out on the experience of a home event as an athlete, added that Nairobi was a chance for something "really special".

"There was a lot of disappointment, honestly," Anning told BBC Sport.

"That was our dream. In 2017, I saw that we have the best crowds, the best atmosphere. So I would say it is a bit unfortunate that we weren't able to get the bid.

"But seeing how Botswana was for the World Relays this year, I think it will be really special to have it in Africa for the first time. It's going to leave a legacy, so while it was not the result we wanted, it's still a chance for another country and another generation to inspire. It's an honour."

Greg Rutherford, who memorably won Olympic gold in the long jump as part of Super Saturday at the London 2012 Games, echoed Anning's sentiments.

Rutherford said it was a "bitter pill to swallow" for London to miss out but praised the strength of Nairobi's bid and highlighted the need for change.

"We've seen over the years how well we can put on these incredible championships - 2017 was massive, record amounts of people through the doors, bums on seats watching some amazing performances," Rutherford told BBC Sport.

"We also saw that in 2012 but at the same time, we are seeing something that is going to change the lay of the land.

"Of course there is real disappointment but equally, it's going to be incredible to finally see this event in Africa.

"I think what may have harmed it [London's bid] is that we had hosted one so recently, and Nairobi's bid was a very strong one. They are looking to invest into Africa so there is more chance for their nations to have the opportunity like this going forward and I do think we need to see change at times."

Meanwhile, a spokesperson for Sadiq Khan, the Mayor of London, said: "The Mayor is disappointed that London will not host the 2029 World Athletics Championships. London put forward an outstanding bid, and he thanks all the partners who supported it.

"Sadiq congratulates Nairobi. Their selection means that the World Athletics Championships will be held in Africa for the first time ever in what is a landmark moment for athletics. He wishes them every success in 2029.

"London remains the sporting capital of the world, and the Mayor will continue working to bring more of the world's biggest events to our city."