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Hon. Dr. Terrance M. Drew
Prime Minister of Saint Christopher (St. Kitts) and Nevis

Health at Home and in the Diaspora

Health is the cornerstone of national development, and in St. Kitts and Nevis, we are committed to building a healthcare system that is modern, inclusive, and responsive to the needs of all our people, wherever they may reside.

As Prime Minister and Minister of Health, I am deeply proud of the strides we continue to make in transforming healthcare in the Federation. But health does not stop at the shoreline. It extends to every corner of our diaspora, where sons and daughters of the soil are advancing medicine, conducting research, training future healthcare professionals, and giving back through outreach and volunteerism. Your contributions are not only commendable, but they are also integral to the global footprint of St. Kitts and Nevis.

This edition of the Diaspora Digest, ‘Health at Home and in the Diaspora’ is a celebration of that connection. It is a recognition that good health is a shared responsibility, and that our vision of a Sustainable Island State must include partnerships that cross borders and strengthen our collective wellbeing.

I take this opportunity to thank the many health professionals in the diaspora who continue to give generously of their time, talent, and resources to support healthcare at home. Whether through medical missions, telemedicine, knowledge exchanges, or financial donations, you are helping to build a healthier Federation for all.

As we move forward with major healthcare reforms under the Sustainable Island State Agenda, we invite the diaspora to remain engaged, to partner with us, and to return not just with expertise, but with the hope and determination that have always defined our people.

Let us continue this journey, united in purpose, strong in spirit, and committed to the health of every citizen, everywhere.

Hon. Dr. Terrance M. Drew
Prime Minister and Minister of Health et al.
St. Kitts and Nevis





**Message from the Honourable Jahnel Nisbett
Minister of Health, Gender Affairs and Social Empowerment
Nevis Island Administration**

To our St. Christopher and Nevis family and friends abroad, I extend a warm Nevisian greeting from home.

It brings me great joy to use this medium to connect with you and share a glimpse of the progress we're making here on the island of Nevis and the Federation as a whole. Whether you left recently or decades ago or you're a descendant yet to visit our shores, I know that your heart remains close to this island that we all call home. As such, I am proud to update you on how we've been investing in the health and wellbeing of our people. Brick by brick and with a deep sense of purpose, we've committed to growing Nevis together.

This year has already brought many proud moments. One of the most significant is the designation of Charlestown as the first PAHO/WHO Age-Friendly City in the Eastern Caribbean. This recognition means we are not just talking about healthy aging, we are actively designing public spaces, services and support systems that make it easier for our older adults to thrive with dignity, inclusion, and independence.

At the clinical level, we've seen a strong response to our call for preventative screenings. In January, the Ministry of Health supported Urology Associate's Free Annual Prostate Screening Drive which welcomed 633 men, up from 500 the year before. Our Pap smear campaign also saw a major increase, with 145 women participating, including 16 first timers, a clear sign that our efforts to raise awareness are working.

Beyond screenings, we continue to make strategic investments in equipment and infrastructure. On the equipment side, we have added several important pieces across our facilities, thanks to the support of partners and generous donations. These additions allow us to deliver care more effectively and ensure a higher quality of service for those who depend on us.

Our facilities are also benefitting from key upgrades. Renovations to the Alexandra Hospital Pharmacy are well underway and on track for completion by the end of July. This will modernize how we store and dispense medication, improving patient flow and reliability. Right behind that, we'll be commissioning our newly expanded hospital kitchen in early August. This marks a significant milestone that will enhance meal services for patients, especially those with special dietary needs. At the neighbouring Flamboyant Nursing Home, we've taken a meaningful step toward sustainability by installing solar panels to reduce energy costs and support our Federation's march towards becoming a truly Sustainable Island State.

Mental health also remains a top priority. Through our Mental Health Enhancement Project, our team has been working to build a more compassionate system of care. Earlier this year, representatives from Nevis visited the



Republic of China (Taiwan) to observe innovative models of community-based mental health delivery. That visit has already begun to shape our local approach, from improving service delivery to integrating more holistic strategies into our behavioural health programs. At the reimagined Behavioural Health and Wellness Centre, therapeutic grow boxes have been implemented to create a calming space for clients to benefit from agricultural therapy as part of their healing journey. I must also highlight the recent addition of a treadmill and exercise bike as we continue to underscore the interconnectivity of physical and mental health and well-being.

At the heart of all of this is our belief that health education and empowerment must reach people where they are. This mantra is further underscored by programs such as our recently launched Menstrual Health Education Project that has trained community educators and guidance counsellors to lead discussions in schools and community groups. Another notable example was our decision to provide free mammograms to women during the month of March in recognition of international women's month. 66 women capitalized on this offer, ensuring early detection remains within reach for those who need it most.

This energy goes hand in hand with our public health campaigns. Whether it's running through the streets of Charlestown with our Fun Run in the Sun Relay for World Obesity Day or gathering youth in clinical workshops to spark their interest in health careers, we're constantly looking for ways to meet our people where they are.

Through collaboration with our partners, we have made it our business to bring much needed specialty services to our people. Partnering with groups such as the LAMAT Medical Mission, the Taiwanese health team, Vision For All Inc. and other regional and international experts, we have ushered in specialty services in audiology, dentistry, eye care, pulmonology, gastroenterology and mental health and others. In April alone, the Nevis leg of the LAMAT mission provided 196 audiology screenings, 101 dental exams, 42 fillings at no cost to the people of Nevis. These partnerships have been game changing for many families, especially those who would otherwise struggle to access such care.

To our diaspora, I invite you to partner with us. Whether it's through sharing your skills, supporting a project, making donations or simply helping to spread the word; your involvement matters. Your love for St. Kitts and Nevis is a resource as valuable as any.

There is more to do, so I welcome you to walk alongside us as we continue #GrowingNevisTogether.

With sincere thanks and warmest regards,



Honourable Jahnel Nisbett
Minister of Health, Gender Affairs and Social Empowerment
Nevis Island Administration





Message from the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Health to the Diaspora

Dear Kittitians and Nevisians abroad,

Even in your absence, we want you to know that your Ministry of Health is working tirelessly to ensure that all Kittitians and Nevisians, whether at home or abroad, can feel proud, safe, and confident in our evolving healthcare system. Our commitment to progress is unwavering, and it is with this spirit that I wish to share with you some of the key initiatives, plans, and programs we are currently prioritizing to strengthen our healthcare landscape.

Putting People First

At the core of our efforts lies the well-being of the people we serve. Every decision we make, from enhancing emergency response mechanisms to expanding public health outreach programs, is driven by the desire to ensure that our citizens, both at home and abroad, have access to the best possible care when they need it most. We recognize that healthcare is not just about treating illness but also about creating a preventative and holistic system that nurtures long-term health.

Keeping You Informed

Transparency and communication are essential to fostering trust, and we are committed to keeping you informed about the progress we are making. Through regular media engagement and open communication channels, we ensure that the public, including you our valued diaspora, remains in the loop. We believe that when our people are well-informed, they are empowered to make better health decisions and support the Ministry's work in meaningful ways.

Prioritizing Mental Health

We understand that mental health is just as important as physical health, and in recent years, we have made it a priority to invest in mental health services and support. From expert-led training programs for healthcare professionals to the expansion of our network of local counselors, we are laying the foundation for a more robust mental health system across all communities. Mental wellness is at the forefront of our national agenda, and we are committed to ensuring that every individual has access to the care and resources they need to live healthy, balanced lives.

Investing in Quality and Care

Our vision for healthcare excellence is grounded in continuous improvement. We are actively investing in new medical personnel, upgrading healthcare infrastructure, and enhancing staff support to ensure that we are equipped to meet the evolving needs of our population. This includes the expansion of services, the introduction of advanced



medical technologies, and the training of healthcare providers to keep pace with global best practices. These efforts are designed to not only elevate the standard of care in the Federation but also create a healthcare environment where both patients and providers thrive.

Wherever you are in the world, we hope you feel connected to the ongoing progress in our healthcare system and assured that positive change is underway. We are driven by a shared sense of national pride, integrity, and an unwavering commitment to the health and well-being of all our people. The Ministry of Health is working for you, and we will continue to build a healthcare system that reflects the strength, unity, and resilience of our Federation.

With warm regards and best wishes,

Curtis A. Martin
Permanent Secretary
Ministry of Health
Saint Kitts and Nevis



RIDU In Focus



In this fifth edition of the *Saint Kitts and Nevis Diaspora Digest*, the Regional Integration and Diaspora Unit (RIDU) proudly casts the spotlight on a timely and vital theme: **Health at Home and in the Diaspora**. As the Federation continues its transformation under the Sustainable Island State Agenda, this edition affirms that health is not merely a domestic concern but a global call to action, one that extends across borders, communities, and generations.

Health is the cornerstone of development, and in Saint Kitts and Nevis, investments in healthcare reform, infrastructure upgrades, and community empowerment are gaining steady momentum. From the shores of Charlestown to the corridors of diaspora-led hospitals and clinics abroad, our people are building a culture of care together.

This issue showcases a series of thoughtful messages from the Honourable Prime Minister and Minister of Health Dr. Terrance Drew, Honourable Minister, Ms. Jahnel Nisbett of the Nevis Island Administration, and Permanent Secretary, Mr. Curtis Martin. Together, their statements echo a common refrain: our health system is evolving, and the contributions of our diaspora are invaluable to that progress. Whether through telemedicine, medical missions, or health education campaigns, our citizens abroad are key partners in this journey.

We invite readers to explore the compelling profiles of diaspora changemakers like Agnes Nisbett-Herbert, whose pioneering work in midwifery in the UK has earned national recognition and transformed maternal care for grieving families. Her story is a powerful reminder that the Saint Kitts and Nevis legacy of excellence extends far beyond our national borders.

Equally impactful is the spotlight on ASKaND (Association of Saint Kitts and Nevis Descendants) in Birmingham, England. Since its founding in 2022, ASKaND has become a vibrant cultural anchor and philanthropic force. Through their health and wellness initiatives, youth engagement programmes, and tangible donations, including medical-grade blood pressure monitors and sporting equipment, they embody the spirit of diaspora-driven development. Their influence has also inspired a new wave of young nationals reclaiming citizenship and even relocating to the islands, a testament to the group's generational impact.

This edition also lifts up the story of Dr. Daveen Wilkin, newly appointed Medical Chief of Staff, whose career exemplifies the rise of women in health leadership. Her journey from the A&E Unit at JNF to executive-level healthcare management underscores the importance of inclusive, strategic leadership in the nation's healthcare transformation.

Further, the digest features reflections on regional cooperation, including the outcomes of the 33rd Meeting of CARICOM Chief Medical Officers, where Saint Kitts and Nevis accepted the chairmanship of a Technical Working Group focused on public health and violence prevention. We also spotlight the DBSKN Mental Health Walk/Run, now a national movement promoting mental wellness through solidarity and community participation.

As Saint Kitts and Nevis prepares to host the Caribbean Nurses Organization Conference in 2026, the call goes out to all nurses in the diaspora to reconnect and recommit. Our upcoming calendar of health-related engagements (from ANSAR 2025 to free mammogram campaigns and youth mentorship clinics) makes it clear that our health agenda is inclusive, bold, and collective.

RIDU remains committed to building stronger bridges between nationals at home and abroad. In every article, profile, and message, the recurring theme is clear, **we are better together**. Our diaspora continues to demonstrate that no matter where you reside, your actions have the power to heal, uplift, and transform the Federation.

Let us all reaffirm our pledge to the health and well-being of our people. Together, we are forging a path where every citizen, everywhere, thrives.



Profile of a Diaspora Health Practitioner

Agnes Nisbett-Herbert

Agnes Nisbett, originally from St. Kitts and Nevis, migrated to England during the Windrush era. Coming from a long line of midwives in Gingerland, Nevis, she was inspired by her family legacy—especially that of her grandmother—to pursue a career in midwifery. After arriving in Britain, she furthered her education and trained as a midwife, quickly excelling in her field.



During her distinguished career, Nurse Nisbett made a groundbreaking contribution at Leicester Royal Infirmary by pioneering a dedicated s



pace for mothers who had experienced stillbirths. This innovative initiative, known as the Born Whilst Sleeping programme, provided a private sanctuary that allowed grieving mothers to process their loss, bond through shared experiences such as taking palm prints, and preserve mementos like their baby's clothes. Her compassionate approach set a new standard in remedial care and later became a model adopted across Britain.

For more than 40 years, Nurse Nisbett devoted herself to advancing the health sector, reflecting her lifelong commitment to service. Her

extraordinary contributions were recognized when she was awarded the Community Pride of Britain Award—a prestigious honour given annually to those who have performed remarkably in challenging situations.

In addition to her professional accomplishments, Agnes is a proud mother of two daughters and a grandmother to four grandchildren. Her legacy lives on through the countless lives she touched and the transformative impact of her pioneering work in midwifery.



Photos courtesy of Mrs. Nisbett-Herbert





ASKaND: Keeping the Spirit of Saint Kitts and Nevis Alive in Birmingham

In the bustling city of Birmingham, England, a passionate group is weaving a vibrant tapestry of cultural pride and community spirit. The Association of Saint Kitts and Nevis Descendants, fondly known as ASKaND, was formed in 2022 by individuals dedicated to preserving the rich heritage of Saint Kitts and Nevis. Their mission is clear: to ensure that the traditions, values, and stories of the islands are not only kept alive but passed down intact to future generations. What started as a small initiative has grown into a thriving community hub, attracting like-minded individuals eager to celebrate and contribute to their shared heritage.

ASKaND has quickly become a cornerstone of the Saint Kitts and Nevis Diaspora in Birmingham, organizing a diverse array of events that cater to all ages. During school

holidays, they host engaging activities for children, creating a love for their cultural roots from a young age. Their Health & Wellbeing Days provide valuable resources and information, while discussion forums tackle important topics such as "What it means to be of St Kitts-Nevis descent" and "What is a Healthy Relationships?" discussing themes around domestic abuse. These initiatives create spaces for learning, connection, and support, strengthening community bonds.

The annual Saint Kitts and Nevis Heritage Day, held every August, is a standout event. Inspired by the vibrant celebrations of Culturama in Nevis and Carnival in Saint Kitts, this day is a jubilant explosion of culture. Attendees enjoy heritage workshops, games with a Saint Kitts and Nevis theme, traditional

island food, refreshing drinks, and music that gets everyone moving. In just a few years, this event has become a highly anticipated event, drawing the community together in a celebration of shared identity and pride.

ASKaND's commitment extends beyond Birmingham to the islands themselves. The group has made significant contributions by donating essential equipment to support health and sports initiatives. Notably, they provided two medical-grade, portable blood pressure monitors with arm cuffs ranging from neonatal to large adult, enhancing healthcare access. Additionally, they donated 90 netballs to support the Federation's efforts to promote netball on the islands. These contributions reflect ASKaND's dedication to giving back to their homeland.



Blood Pressure Monitors (2023)



One of ASKaND's most remarkable achievements is its influence on younger generations. Since the group's formation, there has been a noticeable increase in young people seeking Saint Kitts and Nevis citizenship, reflecting a renewed connection to their heritage. Even more striking, several young individuals have taken the bold step of relocating to the islands, inspired by the strong sense of identity and community developed by ASKaND's activities. This trend highlights the group's success in making the culture and

heritage of Saint Kitts and Nevis resonate with the youth, encouraging them to explore and embrace their roots.

The Association of Saint Kitts and Nevis Descendants is more than a community group; it is a family dedicated to preserving the vibrant heritage of Saint Kitts and Nevis. Through their engaging events, meaningful contributions, and focus on community cohesion, ASKaND is ensuring that the diaspora remains deeply connected

to their roots. Their success in inspiring younger generations to embrace their heritage, seek citizenship, and even relocate to the islands is a testament to their impact. As ASKaND continues to grow, it remains a beacon of cultural pride and unity, creating a lasting legacy for the St Kitts and Nevis community in Birmingham and beyond.



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CELEBRATING WOMEN IN HEALTH

Breaking Barriers, Building Bridges



Dr. Daveen Wilkin

In the ever-evolving landscape of healthcare in Saint Kitts and Nevis, female physicians continue to break new ground, redefining what it means to lead, heal, and inspire. At the forefront of this quiet revolution is Dr. Daveen Wilkin, a distinguished anesthesiologist and healthcare administrator whose recent appointment as Medical Chief of Staff signals a powerful shift toward inclusive and strategic leadership in the Federation's health sector.

With over two decades of service, Dr. Wilkin's career is a testament to resilience, expertise, and an unwavering commitment to patient care. Her journey began in 2004 when she graduated with First Class Honours from the University of Medical Sciences Carlos J. Finlay in

Camaguey, Cuba. Recognized for her academic excellence, she was awarded a prestigious scholarship by the Cuban Government to pursue her chosen specialty. After a year of hands-on experience in the Accident and Emergency Department at the Joseph N. France General Hospital, Dr. Wilkin returned to Cuba to specialize in Anesthesiology, a discipline in which she would go on to lead with distinction.

Prior to her elevation, Dr. Wilkin served as the Head of Anesthesiology, where she was lauded for her clinical precision and effective departmental leadership however, her ambitions extended beyond the operating theatre. With a growing interest in the intersection of medical practice and health system

management, she pursued and earned a Master's Degree in Health Administration with a focus on Hospital Management from Walden University. This fusion of clinical expertise and administrative acumen now underpins her leadership as Medical Chief of Staff.

In her new role, Dr. Wilkin is tasked with providing strategic direction for medical staff, overseeing clinical operations, implementing medical policy, and fostering interdisciplinary collaboration. For her, leadership is not just about policy and procedure, it is about understanding the full spectrum of healthcare delivery. "By understanding both the clinical and administrative needs," she explains, "I help to align the organization's strategic goals



with the practical realities of healthcare delivery.”

Dr. Wilkin also brings a uniquely valuable perspective to her role, one shaped by her identity and experience as a woman in medicine. “As a female leader, I believe that I bring a unique perspective to the role of Medical Chief of Staff. My viewpoint and experiences allow for a different approach to

problem-solving,” she shares. Her approach is collaborative, empathetic, and holistic qualities that are increasingly recognized as essential in modern healthcare leadership.

Her appointment not only signals progress but also serves as an inspiration to the next generation of female medical professionals. Dr. Wilkin’s story underscores the importance of representation,

mentorship, and continuous learning in achieving both personal and institutional growth.

As Saint Kitts and Nevis works to fortify its healthcare system and meet the demands of a changing world, leaders like Dr. Daveen Wilkin stand as a beacon proving that when women lead in medicine, communities thrive.

Dr. Joylette Woodley Fassale



Dr. Joylette Woodley Fassale (*Fay-sal*) is a distinguished daughter of St. Kitts, hailing from Sandy Point and the middle child of five (5) siblings. She is the daughter of the late Mr. Moses and Mrs. Maureen Woodley.

Dr. Woodley’s educational journey began at the Epworth/Maurice Hillier Memorial Junior School, followed by her secondary education at Sandy Point High School, and later, the Clarence Fitzroy Bryant College (CFBC).

Dr. Woodley’s medical journey is both inspiring and impactful. She is a proud graduate of the Higher Institute of Medical

Sciences “Carlos J. Finlay”, Camaguey, Cuba, where she earned her MD with honors in 2005. She returned to St. Kitts for two years, serving her community not only as a doctor but as a mentor for the Methodist Boy’s Brigade before returning to Cuba for specialized training in general surgery, from 2007-2012.

In 2014, Dr. Woodley became the first female general surgeon to practice in St. Kitts and Nevis. Prior to returning home (2012-2014), she served as a general surgeon at the Victoria Hospital in Castries, St. Lucia, and Head of the Anatomy Department at the St. Helen Medical University in Vieux Fort, St. Lucia.

In addition to her clinical expertise, Dr. Woodley is recognized for her pioneering work in the healthcare field. She opened the first Foot Clinic, where specialized therapy is offered for diabetic patients and those with poor circulation.

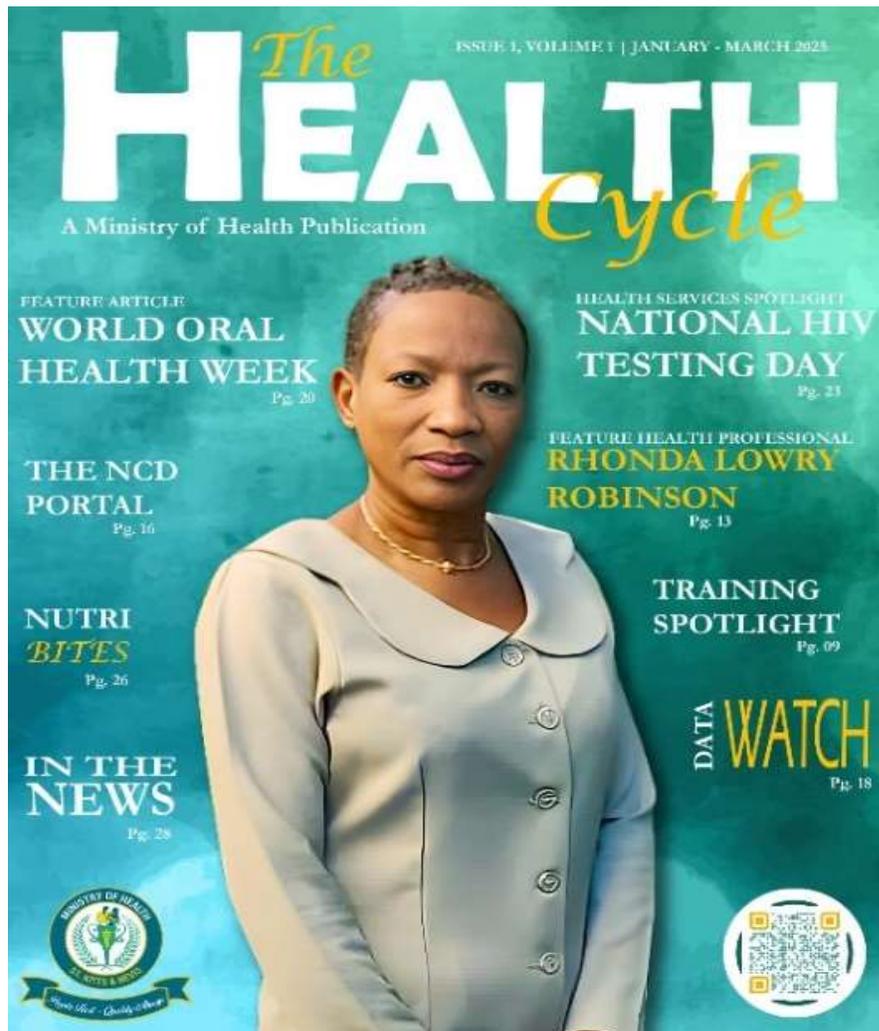
Beyond her medical career, Dr. Woodley has showcased remarkable creativity. While pursuing her studies as a doctor she co-designed the St. Kitts and Nevis National Wear for both men and women in the year 2003. A design that has gained significant recognition and praise whenever it is worn.



Throughout her career, Dr. Woodley has held several leadership roles, including:

- President of the St. Kitts Nevis Medical and Dental Association
- Chief of Surgery at the J.N. France Hospital
- Head of the Enrichment Program for Medical Doctors, at the J.N. France Hospital.
- Head of Emergency Medical Services at the J.N. France Hospital
- CEO of Oasis Medical Consultants, located at South Independence Square, Basseterre
- Proctor at Windsor University
- Host of the health talk show *Health Wise* on ZIZ TV

Dr. Woodley is also a devoted family woman, she is married with a 16-year-old daughter. Her achievements and contributions to both the medical field and her community have made her an influential figure in St. Kitts and Nevis.



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33rd Meeting of Chief Medical Officers was convened by CARICOM Secretariat

May 5-6, 2025, Barbados

Prepared by: Dr. Hazel Laws, CMO



Executive Summary of Key Takeaways

Attendees included Chief Medical Officers (CMOs) from CARICOM Member States — among them Dr. Hazel Laws, CMO of Saint Kitts & Nevis — as well as representatives from the CARICOM Secretariat, PAHO advisors, CARPHA officials, and other regional stakeholders.

The CMOs and technical experts received comprehensive updates on health issues of regional significance, including:

1. Epidemiological updates on communicable disease that pose a threat to CARICOM member states (MS) and CARPHA's 10 interventions to mitigate the risks posed by the infectious diseases that were mentioned.

2. Update regarding implementation of CARPHA's Pandemic Fund for pandemic preparedness and response. CARPHA & CDB received Pandemic Fund Grant of 16 million dollars, and this project

was implemented one and half years ago. To date, 50 activities have started. There are four main objectives of the Pandemic Fund (PF)

- Surveillance and early warning systems
- Laboratory Systems-testing, biosafety, building capacity nationally and regionally, sample transportation,
- Human Resources for Health / Workforce capacity - FELTP
- Regional Coordination

3. Progress of negotiations on WHO's Pandemic Agreement: an international instrument on Pandemic Prevention, Preparedness and Response. This resolution was approved at the 79th World Health assembly in May 2025 in Geneva.

4. CARPHA's innovations for enhancing regional health security.

5. PAHO's cervical Cancer Elimination initiative (90- 70-90).

6. CROSQ's Front of Package labeling consultations.

The attendees of the meeting also benefitted from an update on the Strategic Plan and Logic Model using the Public Health approach to address Crime and Violence. A robust discussion followed the presentation.

It was decided that Saint Kitts & Nevis will serve as chairperson for the Technical Working Group (TWG) addressing this issue and St. Lucia will serve as Deputy Chair; other members of the TWG will include - Haiti & SVG + PAHO, CARPHA, IMPACS.

The next steps include:

1. Conduct situation analysis/ desktop review/ consultations
2. Utilize socio-ecological models to identify risks and protective factors.
3. Determine interventions and strategies
4. Widespread adoption



The timeline for the deliverables will be re-visited with a focus on interventions.

In summary, the Chief Medical Officers derived significant value from the technical information and data presented,

which will inform and guide public health efforts within their respective Member States.



Save the Date



St. Kitts-Nevis Nurses Association

St Kitts and Nevis will host the Caribbean Nurses Organization Conference from October 24-November 1, 2026.

This will be held at the St. Kitts Marriott Hotel, Frigate Bay, St. Kitts. An invitation is extended to all nurses in the Diaspora to sign up and be part of this Conference. Kindly contact the chairperson at 869-665-3603 for more information.





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ANSAR 2025: A Celebration of Caribbean Unity in Toronto

The Anguilla, Nevis, and Saint Kitts Associations Reunion (ANSAR) was held from May 23–25, 2025, at the Chelsea Hotel in Toronto, Canada. Over the course of three vibrant days, the sights, sounds, and exquisite flavours of the islands were brought to life through Caribbean cuisine, crafts, music, dance, and cultural entertainment.

Attendees travelled from across the globe—including the USA, UK, Bermuda, Grenada, St. Lucia, Jamaica, Trinidad, the Virgin Islands, Saint Kitts, Nevis, and Anguilla—to join their Canadian counterparts for a memorable, educational, and fun-filled weekend rooted in cultural pride and diaspora connection.

Each event offered something truly special. The Marketplace showcased creative designs,

hand-crafted products, and island ingenuity. The Opening Ceremony featured remarks from the Federal Minister of Tourism, Hon. Marsha Henderson, the Premier of Nevis, Hon. Mark Brantley, and Mr. Seymour Hodge, who represented the Premier of Anguilla. The Saint Kitts Tourism Authority also introduced its exciting "Come Home" Program to the diaspora audience.

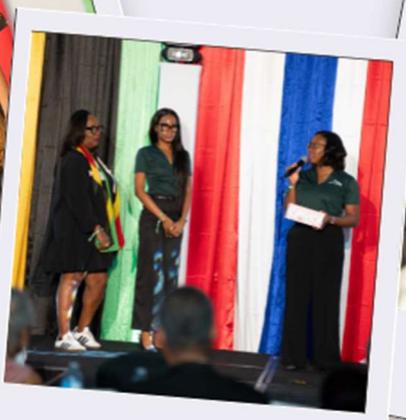
Throughout the weekend, Elder Troy Southwell served as Master of Ceremonies and delivered a moving and timely message during the Sunday Church Service, followed by a luncheon featuring greetings from Diaspora Ambassador H.E. Dr. Christine Walwyn and a powerful keynote by Dr. Jasmine Hodge-Jackman.

The weekend concluded with a spectacular Cultural Show attended by over 250 guests. The crowd was treated to dazzling designs from Caribelle Batik, electrifying performances by Infamus, Delly Ranks, and Hollywood, and an exhilarating display from the Washington, D.C. masqueraders, who had the audience on their feet to the pulse of the kettle drum and the rhythmic moves of our dynamic duo African dancers.

As the curtains closed, the Saint Kitts Tourism Authority surprised guests with a grand giveaway for a trip for two, including airfare and accommodation.

The ANSAR spirit lives on, and anticipation is already being built for the next reunion in two years' time. The final location is yet to be confirmed, but all signs (and whispers) point to Nevis!







**PERPETUAL PROGRESS - A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE IN VIEW:
INDEPENDENCE 42**

From Vision to Victory: The Walk That's Changing Mental Health in the Federation



In a nation where conversations around mental health have long been muted by stigma and silence, the Development Bank of St. Kitts and Nevis (DBSKN) Mental Health Walk/Run has emerged as a powerful symbol of hope, healing, and unity. Every May, just before sunrise, Frigate Bay Lawn transforms into a living tapestry of resilience, a sea of T-shirts, sneakers, signs, and silent strength. People walk in memory of loved ones lost, run beside friends fighting unseen battles, and show up for themselves, their families, and their communities.

What started as a simple idea, a spark of passion rooted in empathy has now become a national movement bringing

together hundreds of participants from every corner of the Federation and creating a safe, sacred space for open dialogue and connection. With each step taken, the DBSKN Mental Health Walk/Run is reshaping culture, replacing silence with conversation, and stigma with solidarity. It is driven by a shared purpose: to break the silence, uplift those struggling, and build a society where mental wellness is recognized as essential, not optional. For many, it's more than a walk/run, it's the first step toward healing, belonging, and lasting change.

The Beginning: 2024



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DBSKN MENTAL HEALTH WALK
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In 2024, the quiet morning air at Frigate Bay Lawn buzzed with anticipation as over 200 participants from all walks of life; from school children and corporate teams to retirees and athletes, gathered. Branded under the uplifting theme 'Take a stride heal Inside', the Federation came to walk, run, and most importantly, to raise their voices for a cause too often hidden in silence: mental health. The scenic route was filled with vibrant banners, support stations, and cheers of encouragement which later concluded at Majors Bay where participants were treated to refreshments, information booths and entertainment.

This marked the debut of the DBSKN's Mental Health



Walk/Run, an initiative now described by many as one of the Federation’s most significant and timely social movements.

Behind it all was Chantelle Rochester, the bank’s Integrated Marketing and Communications Manager, whose determination to address a growing public health concern sparked what would become a national awakening.

“I knew we had a unique platform that could do more than just finance dreams, we could help heal communities. So, I approached our General Manager, Mr. Laurinston Matthew, with an idea: a Mental Health Walk/Run that would bring people together, raise awareness, and raise funds to support the cause. Mr. Matthew not only supported the concept he gave me the audience of our Board of Directors. Their collective approval gave us the green light to make it happen, and so, the first-ever DBSKN Mental Health Walk/Run was born,” said Rochester.

The funds raised during the 2024 event were used to create a mental health education grant in the sum of Ten Thousand Eastern Caribbean Dollars (XCD10,000.00), awarded to an outstanding national committed to the field.



SCAN ME TO VIEW THE 2024 DBSKN MENTAL HEALTH GRANT RECIPIENT

The first recipient was Mr. Davin Francis, a final-year clinical psychology student at Jackson State University. Davin has amassed a wealth of experience and contributions in the field, serving both at home and abroad. His dedication to empowering others through mental wellness has already made a tangible difference and we are proud to have supported his journey.

The Growth: 2025

By its second year in 2025, the DBSKN Mental Health Walk/Run had grown beyond all expectations, drawing over 500 participants, surpassing its inaugural turnout. This powerful show of support confirmed what organizers and advocates had long believed: this is no longer a one-time event, but a movement of national significance. Across St. Kitts and Nevis, people are clearly yearning for change for healing, for visibility, and for safe, inclusive spaces to speak openly about mental health.

This growth was made possible by the unwavering commitment of over 40 partners whose support turned a grassroots initiative into a national force. Their financial, logistical, and moral contributions have been instrumental in helping the movement reach every corner of the Federation.

Building on that momentum, DBSKN is preparing to relaunch its Mental Health Education Grant in October 2025, alongside several new initiatives focused on: Supporting individuals currently facing mental health challenges, empowering those who are passionate about making a difference in the field and expanding access to mental health education, training, and services across the Federation.

Excitement is already being built for the 2026 Walk/Run, which is projected to be the largest and most impactful to date. With continued community buy-in and growing Diaspora interest, the future of this movement is bright and inclusive.

To be part of this life-changing initiative, you can donate, sponsor, or volunteer. Every contribution moves us closer to a society where mental health is treated with urgency, care, and compassion.

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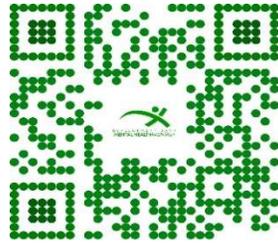
Final Thoughts

Mental wellness is not a destination; it is a daily walk. And at DBSKN, we believe that

every step matters. We are proud to be a financial institution that not only funds dreams but also fosters hope, healing, and humanity. As we look ahead to the 2026 Mental Health Walk/Run and beyond, we do so with open arms and open hearts. We walk for those who can't. We

walk until the silence ends. We walk for resilience, for our nation, and for the generations to come.

We've taken the first steps. Now, we invite you to join us on the journey!



SCAN ME TO VIEW THE 2026 DBSKN Mental Health Walk Run Pre- Registration Form



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Mental health is an essential component of overall well-being and human development. Globally, one in every eight people lives with a mental health condition, affecting individuals across all ages, genders, and socio-economic backgrounds. Despite growing awareness, mental health continues to be underfunded and stigmatized,

with millions lacking access to appropriate care. The World Health Organization (WHO) has called for urgent investment in mental health systems that are accessible, inclusive, and Community-based.

Small island developing states like St. Kitts and Nevis face unique mental health challenges.

Limited resources, social stigma, and the impacts of economic stress, climate change, and migration contribute to a growing need for mental health support. Locally, mental health conditions such as depression, anxiety, and substance use disorders affect a significant portion of the population—often silently.



The Government of St Kitts and Nevis, being cognizant of its role in ensuring the general wellbeing of the citizens and residents of the Federation, embarked on the significant community and social development milestone in ensuring health services were accessible to all in an environment of equity and assurance. Such was the vision

of the Dr. Arthur Lake Mental Health Day Treatment Center; a critical step toward ensuring that individuals receive the support they need in an environment of dignity, compassion, and hope. In this vein, the Treatment Centre was conceptualized to address the growing concerns of the steady increase of individuals with mental health issues in the Federation

identified not only in the overcrowded Psychiatric Unit at the Joseph N. France Hospital, but the mentally ill individuals in our community who roam the streets.

It was envisioned that the Centre would provide a safe haven for this vulnerable population in the provision of a comprehensive package care by specialized



personnel. Each day, the staff delivers comprehensive services—including psychiatric evaluations, counseling, medication management, group therapy, and skills training—to help clients lead fuller, healthier lives. Clients are also provided clean clothing, hot meals and

occupational therapy with the ultimate outcome of reintegration into the general community. The Centre also offers family support and psychoeducation, ensuring a holistic and inclusive approach to mental wellness. It is important to note that the Centre

operates only during the daytime for clients with stable mental health illnesses. Clients in acute phases and/or requiring intensive treatment continue management at the JNF Hospital.



In relation to the physical infrastructure, the Centre spans 2,713 sq feet and is laid out with the following: a lobby, consultation rooms, shower and

sanitation, laundry room, kitchen, doctor's office, nurses station, male and female bathrooms for both staff and clients, a strong room,

storeroom, outdoor spaces including backyard gardening, lawns, footpaths and craft production zone.



The completion of this Project was spearheaded by an established Committee of key stakeholders. Technical support was sought from the Pan American Health Organization through training, development of a standard operating procedure manual and other relevant support in keeping with international trends and standards. More recently, the Centre has received support through agencies such as the Republic of China, Taiwan's International Cooperation and Development Fund (ICDF) Mental Health Service System Enhancement Project. This three-year project aims to create awareness and reduce stigma surrounding mental health,

educate the population on mental health, and highlight the importance of self-care through a holistic approach.

It cannot be understated that the Mental Health Day Treatment Centre stands as a vital lifeline for individuals living with mental illness in our community. As the only dedicated facility of its kind on the island, the Centre provides structured, compassionate care that empowers clients to manage their conditions, regain independence, and reintegrate into society with dignity. However, the Centre's needs are growing. As mental health challenges rise, especially among our youth, unemployed

adults, and the elderly—so too does the demand for resources, modern equipment, and therapeutic programming. Support from the diaspora can assist in maintaining critical services including the expansion of group therapy and vocational training programs, upgrading of recreational and sensory therapy spaces, provision of meals and transportation for clients in need, offering continued education and training for staff and launch outreach campaigns to reduce stigma and increase early help-seeking. With the dedicated staff and committed clients, this support has the potential to transform lives.

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GSIS 2025 and its Significance!

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Part 1



The hosting of the Global Sustainable Islands Summit (GSIS 2025) by the Government of Saint Kitts and Nevis, in collaboration with Island Innovation, a global network promoting innovation, sustainability and development for island nations, from May 27 – 29 was indeed laudable. The signal event was held at the St. Kitts Marriott Resort and drew over 200 delegates from several island nations around the world. It demonstrated the Government's commitment towards its Sustainable Island State Agenda (SISA) and was an actionable strategy to advance

SISA. More importantly though, the people of Saint Kitts and Nevis need to understand the significance of GSIS 2025 and its relevance to the promotion of SISA. Sustainability should not just be a buzz word but have meaning and impact on the daily lives of citizens of this country.

What is Sustainable Development?

Sustainable Development refers to actions, processes and systems designed to meet present needs without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. It incorporates three

(3) critical elements, often dubbed the triple bottom line. It focuses on environmental, economic and social considerations to ensure long-term wellbeing. This concept is intricately linked to the seventeen (17) Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) created by the United Nations in 2015 to end poverty, protect the planet and ensure that all people enjoy health, justice and prosperity by 2030. The GSIS therefore aligns with the SDGs to advance development in Small Island Developing States (SIDS) and serves as a vehicle for experts to share their vision



and air their concerns to achieve a better world.

The Seven Pillars of the SISA

The Government has outlined seven pillars as part of the SISA which align with the SDGs mentioned above and help to advance the global journey

towards achieving growth, development and an improvement in the quality of life for people everywhere. These pillars also pinpoint the strategy the nation will pursue to accomplish the SISA by 2040, namely Pillar 1- Energy transition, Pillar 2 - Water

Security, Pillar 3 - Food Security, Pillar 4 - Sustainable Industries, Pillar 5 - Sustainable Settlements, Pillar 6 - Circular Economy, Pillar 7 - Health and Social Protection. The GSIS sought to explore these pillars and highlight critical areas to be addressed.



GSIS Plenary Sessions - Day One

The Plenary Sessions which were held from May 27 – 29 were preceded by two salient activities: the Youth Forum from

May 25 – 26 which facilitated the sharing of youths’ perspectives on climate change and resilience, hazards and risks and their vision of a sustainable future. On May 26, delegates of the summit journeyed across the

waters to learn more about the geothermal project in Nevis. The geothermal project is a national one aimed at providing clean renewable energy for the people of Saint Kitts and Nevis.





The plenary sessions focused on a range of topics including:

- The Official Opening Ceremony which featured Prime Minister the Honourable Dr. Terrance Drew, Premier of Nevis the Honourable Mark Brantley and Minister of Sustainable Development et al, the Honourable Dr. Joyelle Clarke.
- Water Conservation and Management in the face of Climate Change featuring Minister of Public Utilities, Infrastructure et al, the Honourable Konris Maynard.
- Women at the Forefront:

Developing Inclusive Sustainable Solutions

- It Takes a Village: Capacity-Building in Small Island Developing States (SIDS)

Immersive Experiences

Practical, immersive experiences designed to give delegates a bird's eye view of sustainability in action were also featured. Sustainability Spotlights 1 and 2, namely Island Resilience Across Regional Contexts and Cultivating Connections: Bridging Tourism and

Agriculture for a Greener Future, shed insights on sustainability initiatives taking place in island nations such as Saint Kitts and Nevis and the Marshall Islands.

The Zero-Waste Project Runway Interlude, the SISA Milestone Promotion and the Cultural Presentation featuring the Brotherhood Drummers, all grounded the first day's session by highlighting the culture of Saint Kitts and Nevis, the sourcing of local resources, and efforts to foster inclusion and authenticity.





The choice of the Saint Kitts Eco-Park as the venue for the afternoon's session was a dramatic climax for the opening day as through the Scenic Railway Tour, delegates were able to see how this attraction was developed out of a historical aspect of sugar production and manufacturing for the betterment of our people today.

Critical Issues Confronting St. Kitts and Nevis

Water Conservation and Management, a topic addressed

at GSIS 2025 and one of the Spotlights at the summit, Bridging Tourism and Agriculture for a Greener Future, are salient issues facing St. Kitts and Nevis, and greatly influence our nation's future development. Therefore, the Government of St. Kitts and Nevis should continue focusing on these areas.

Conclusion

The tenets of sustainability discussed at GSIS 2025 which ensure that livelihoods for the

people are secured, the environment is preserved, our culture is promoted, and partnerships are developed, augur well for SISA and stand as outstanding case studies.

In this series, successive articles will highlight the comprehensive topics covered during GSIS 2025 with experts from Saint Kitts and Nevis, other Caribbean countries and SIDS.





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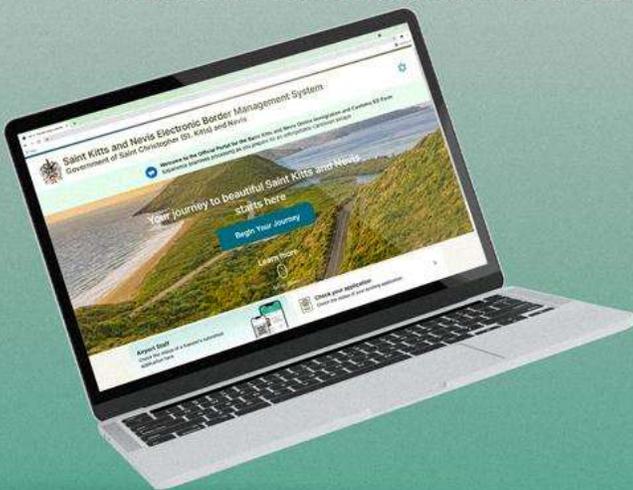
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PRE - ACTIVITIES

FRIDAY JUNE 6TH

- SOCA TEASER
Venue: H&M Seafood From the Heart

FRIDAY JUNE 13TH

- SOCA TEASER
Venue: Queen City Bar & Garden

SUNDAY JUNE 15TH

- CALYPSO TENT
Venue: Kaiso Bar

FRIDAY JUNE 20TH

- LAUNCH AND REVEAL OF C51 SENIOR PAGEANT CONTESTANTS / PARTICIPANTS
Venue: Charlestown Waterfront

SUNDAY JUNE 22ND

- CALYPSO TENT
Venue: Dew Drops

SATURDAY JULY 5TH

- NIGHT MARKET
• SOCA TEASER
Venue: Artisan Village

SATURDAY JULY 12TH

- C51 BAR CRAWL - POWERED BY CARIB
Venue: Around the Island

SUNDAY JULY 13TH

- CALYPSO TENT
Venue: Mems Pizzeria

THURSDAY JULY 17TH - 27TH

- ST. KITTS & NEVIS RESTAURANT WEEK

SATURDAY JULY 19TH

- OPENING OF CULTURAL VILLAGE
• SOCA MONARCH SEMI-FINALS
Venue: Cultural Village

SUNDAY JULY 20TH

- TDC KAISO SEMI-FINALS
Venue: David Freeman Center of Excellence

WEDNESDAY JULY 23RD

- FIRST FEDERAL COOPERATIVE CREDIT UNION & GREENHOUSE BAND JUNIOR KAISO FINALS
Venue: Cultural Village

CORE ACTIVITIES

THURSDAY JULY 24TH

- OPENING OF CULTURAMA
Venue: NEDACS Cultural Complex

SUNDAY JULY 27TH

- MS. CULTURE SWIMWEAR AND MR. KOOL CONTEST
Venue: NEDACS Cultural Complex

MONDAY JULY 28TH

- POETS IN THE SQUARE
Venue: War Memorial Square
- NATIONAL BANK GROUP PANORAMA CONTEST
Venue: NEDACS Cultural Complex

TUESDAY JULY 29TH

- POETS IN THE SQUARE
Venue: War Memorial Square
- REPUBLIC BANK MR. AND MS. TALENTED YOUTH PAGEANT
Venue: NEDACS Cultural Complex

WEDNESDAY JULY 30TH

- POETS IN THE SQUARE
Venue: War Memorial Square

THURSDAY JULY 31ST

- POETS IN THE SQUARE
Venue: War Memorial Square
- NATIONAL BANK GROUP SOCA MONARCH FINALS
Venue: Cultural Village

FRIDAY AUG. 1ST

- POETS IN THE SQUARE
Venue: War Memorial Square
- TDC SENIOR KAISO FINALS
Venue: NEDACS Cultural Complex

SATURDAY AUG. 2ND

- CULTURAMA 51 ART, CRAFT & FOOD FAIR
Venue: Malcolm Guishard Recreational Park

SUNDAY AUG. 3RD

- BANK OF NEVIS MS. CULTURE QUEEN PAGEANT
Venue: NEDACS Cultural Complex

MONDAY AUG. 4TH

- EMANCIPATION J'OUVERT JUMP UP

TUESDAY AUG. 5TH

- CULTURAMA 51 GRAND STREET PARADE AND LAST LAP
Venue: Charlestown

FRINGE ACTIVITIES

SATURDAY JULY 12TH

- HEAT WAVE WET FETE
Venue: Cultural Village

SUNDAY JULY 20TH

- AGNOLA PRODUCTIONS
Venue: NEPAC

FRIDAY JULY 25TH

- PURPLEZ PARTY PALOOZA
Venue: Dew Drops
- WIN ENTERTAINMENT BINGO
Venue: Cultural Village

SATURDAY JULY 26TH

- EMPIRE SPORTS CLUB AQUATIC EXTRAVAGANZA
Venue: Charlestown Ferry Terminal
- TROPIXX
Venue: Malcolm Guishard Recreational Park

WEDNESDAY JULY 30TH

- RHYTHMZ DANCE ENSEMBLE
Venue: NEPAC

SATURDAY AUG. 2ND

- 5 IN 1 WET FETE
Venue: Cultural Village

SUNDAY AUG. 3RD

- NEVIS EQUESTRIAN CENTRE HORSEBACK RACING
Venue: The Old Mariner's Pub Cades Bay

MONDAY AUG. 4TH

- FIRST FEDERAL COOPERATIVE CREDIT UNION MS. CARIBBEAN CULTURE QUEEN PAGEANT
Venue: NEDACS Cultural Complex
- HERBERTS BEACH AFFAIR
Venue: Herberts Beach



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RIDU Welcomes Diaspora Representatives at 2025 St. Kitts Music Festival



Amidst the revelry and rhythm of the 2025 St. Kitts Music Festival, the Regional Integration and Diaspora Unit (RIDU) was honoured to host representatives from several diaspora organisations throughout the three-night event.

This special occasion brought together leaders and members from the following groups:

- * SKNaND – Birmingham, UK
- * SANAS – UK
- * SKNAT – Canada
- * SKANAG – Atlanta, USA

* Nevisians for Nevis – New York, USA

* St. Kitts and Nevis Cultural Association of Montreal – Canada

* St. Kitts Association – Florida, USA

* Leeds Carnival – UK

* Willful Skilful – St. Maarten

While the festival delivered world-class entertainment, it also served as a meaningful platform for connection, collaboration, and celebration. Diaspora representatives were

able to engage directly with RIDU and with each other, strengthening ties and sharing insights on their respective efforts in support of nation-building.

A memorable time was had by all, and we extend heartfelt thanks to the organisations that accepted our invitation. We eagerly look forward to hosting our diaspora family again during the 2026 edition of the St. Kitts Music Festival.

Let the music and the connection continue!



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20th September 2025

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26th September 2025

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