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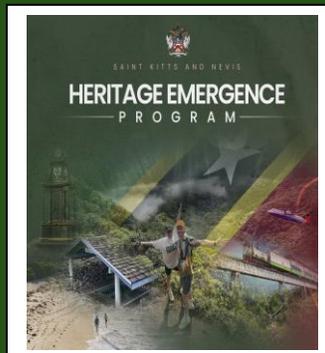
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Tourism continues to stand as one of the strongest pillars supporting the sustainable development of St. Kitts and Nevis. It is far more than an economic driver, it is a bridge that connects our culture, creativity, and community with the wider world. As we chart our path toward a resilient and inclusive future, our vision for tourism is one that harmonizes growth with sustainability, ensuring that every visitor's experience contributes positively to the lives of our people and the preservation of our natural and cultural heritage.

Our progress in sustainable tourism is guided by a deep respect for the environment, a commitment to empowering our citizens, and a focus on diversifying our offerings to reflect the authentic essence of our islands. From eco-conscious adventures to cultural immersion and heritage tourism, we are redefining what it means to visit St. Kitts and Nevis, making each journey a meaningful exchange between guests and our vibrant communities.

Equally vital to this mission are our nationals living abroad. The Kittitian and Nevisian diaspora continue to play an indispensable role in sharing our story with the world. Whether through advocacy, investment, or returning home to contribute their expertise, our global family embodies the same spirit of pride and innovation that drives our tourism sector forward.

In recognition of this invaluable partnership, the St. Kitts Tourism Authority and the Nevis Tourism Authority have joined forces to increase awareness of our Diaspora Campaign, an initiative recently launched in Canada and New York that celebrates our nationals abroad and deepens their connection to the destination. This campaign highlights the power of our people as ambassadors, storytellers, and bridge-builders, helping to expand our global footprint while reinforcing our shared identity and sense of belonging.

As we look to the future, I extend heartfelt thanks to every member of our diaspora for their unwavering support. Together, we can continue to shape a sustainable island future where tourism not only sustains livelihoods but also strengthens the bonds that connect us all.





Hon. Dr. Mark Brantley
Premier of Nevis and Minister of Tourism

Tourism: A Pillar of Our Sustainable Island Future

Greetings to our people,

Tourism is seen as one of the fastest growing and most resilient socioeconomic sectors of our times as highlighted by the World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO). Indeed, tourism has been propelling the growth of Nevis' economy; creating jobs, supporting livelihoods, and opening doors for locals to establish businesses that provide goods and services to our valued visitors. Undoubtedly, tourism remains a central pillar of our sustainable island future.

Beyond economic benefits, tourism has been a driver for the preservation of our natural environment, biodiversity and rich cultural heritage. Nevis, renowned for its untouched beauty, offers a rejuvenating escape for body, mind and spirit. Branded "Nevis Naturally", we are deeply committed to safeguarding our resources—not just for today's enjoyment but for the well-being of generations to come.

Many of our island's most treasured historic sites are government-owned and managed within a policy framework that promotes education, community engagement, and local enterprise. One such site, the famous Bath Springs, adjacent to the historic Bath Hotel, was recently enhanced to offer new amenities to guests. Visitors are welcomed warmly at our orientation centre, guided through serene gardens, and invited to soak in the therapeutic hot springs. This historic site—where Captain John Smith found healing for his crew in 1607 before sailing on to establish Virginia, the first American colony—is now managed with sustainable policies for environmental protection and harmonious access for both visitors and locals.

Our accommodation sector also leads the way in sustainable practices. From solar water heating and water recycling to electric vehicles and creatively repurposed materials, Nevisian tourism stakeholders are reducing carbon emissions and embracing their role in fighting climate change. These efforts are part of a larger commitment to building a greener, more resilient future.

Ensuring our guests can have farm-to-table experiences is very important to us. The Agriculture Department, through its marketing division, works closely with local farmers and hotels to best meet the demands for a steady supply of freshly grown produce. Farmers deliver their produce to the marketing division of the Agriculture Department which in turn sells produce to hotels and restaurants. This supports both local farmers and sustainable culinary tourism.



Tourism education is a top priority for the Ministry of Tourism. For over 20 years, we've engaged students across the island with tourism programmes designed to build awareness, inspire careers and stimulate our people to take ownership of the industry. This year, during our annual tourism awareness month dubbed 'Exposition Nevis' held in May, we aligned with the UNWTO's 2025 theme: "Tourism and Sustainable Transformation." This initiative focused on empowering our people to understand and embrace the power of tourism to propel Nevis forward. Ongoing Community-Based Tourism (CBT) training workshops in each Parish are empowering communities to develop creative and immersive CBT experiences. These initiatives attract visitors to villages offering authentic cultural exchanges while ensuring that tourism revenue reaches rural areas.

To our cherished Diaspora: there is tremendous opportunity for you to become actively involved in this journey. Now is the ideal time to invest in our island's future—whether by purchasing property for vacation rentals, building an eco-lodge, exploring a marine-based business, forming partnerships to develop boutique hotels, or becoming angel investors supporting innovative tourism businesses led by locals. However you decide to invest, your continuous involvement in shaping a more prosperous and sustainable Nation is essential.

As Premier and Minister of Tourism for Nevis, I remain fully committed to building a resilient, inclusive tourism industry working with our stakeholders. With collective collaboration in developing our tourism industry, embracing the Five Ps of sustainable development—People, Planet, Prosperity, Partnerships and Peace — we will continue to uplift our communities, protect our environment, and create lasting value for all.

Warmest regards,

Mark Brantley
Premier and Minister of Tourism



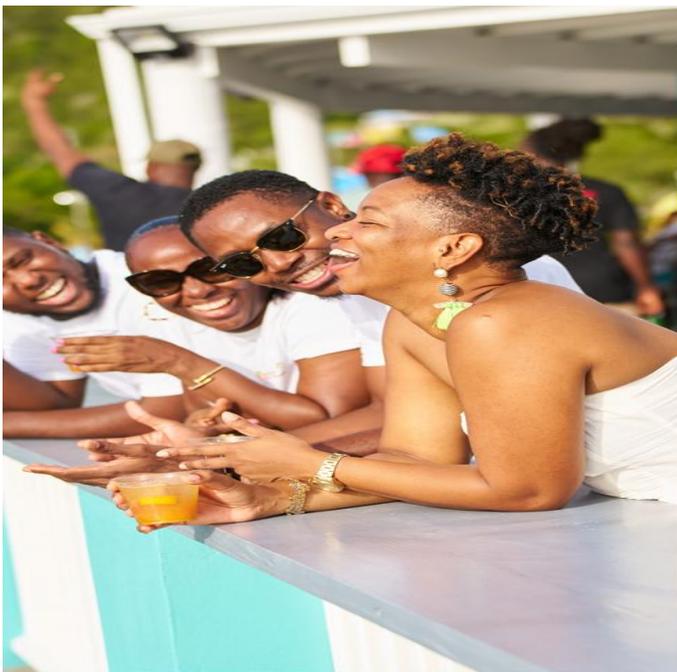
Kelly Fontenelle
CEO, St. Kitts Tourism Authority
Message

Tourism is one of the strongest pillars of St. Kitts and Nevis, connecting our culture, creativity, and communities with the world. Equally vital to this mission are our nationals living abroad. The Kittitian and Nevisian diaspora plays an indispensable role in sharing our story, strengthening our global presence, and fostering connections that help shape the future of our islands.

In recognition of this, the St. Kitts Tourism Authority and the Nevis Tourism Authority have launched the **Diaspora Campaign**, an initiative celebrating our nationals abroad and inviting them to become official Tourism Ambassadors. This program offers exclusive benefits, access to destination update webinars, and opportunities to actively participate in promoting St. Kitts and Nevis to the world.

We encourage all members of our diaspora to **sign up today** and help share the beauty, culture, and experiences of our islands. Visit <https://www.visitstkitts.com/diaspora-program> to register, and follow our social media pages for updates and engagement: **Instagram:** @stkittsnevisdiaspora | **Facebook:** *We Limin' St. Kitts & Nevis Diaspora Community*.

To our diaspora community, your pride, advocacy, and support continue to make a difference. Together, we can expand our reach, celebrate our heritage, and share the story of St. Kitts and Nevis with the world.



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Tourism: A Pillar of our Sustainable Island Future *By Andia M. Ravariere, CEO, Nevis Tourism Authority*

Welcome Message

It is both an honour and a privilege to extend warm greetings to our diaspora community through this edition of the Diaspora Digest. As the newly appointed Chief Executive Officer of the Nevis Tourism Authority, I embrace this opportunity with immense gratitude and a deep sense of responsibility to serve this beautiful island and its people.

Tourism has long been a cornerstone of Nevis's development - since being home to the first ever hotel in the Caribbean - shaping our economy, preserving our culture and creating opportunities for its people. Today, as we look toward a future defined by resilience and sustainability, tourism is not just an industry for us, it is a shared vision of how Nevis can thrive, while honouring its natural beauty, traditions and values that make Nevis so unique.

In recent months, we have been proud to launch several sustainability initiatives which include training programs that empower local businesses with tools to meet global sustainability standards. We have also been working with various organisations, including our hotel partners, to position Nevis as a leader in responsible travel. These efforts are just the beginning of our renewed journey and they underscore what is possible when we combine vision with action.

Whether you reside in the Americas, Europe, the Caribbean, or beyond, you are ambassadors of Nevis. Through your heritage, your stories, your investments and your unwavering love for home, the diaspora carries the essence of this island across oceans and generations. Your role in promoting Nevis abroad, encouraging visitors to experience our shores, or returning to contribute your talents and expertise, is immeasurable.

In the months ahead, the Nevis Tourism Authority is committed to amplifying our strengths while embracing innovation. We will prioritise sustainable development, ensuring that the growth of our tourism sector safeguards the island's pristine environment, uplifts our communities and offers authentic experiences that reflect our heritage. We envision Nevis not only as a destination to visit but also as a home to return to — a place where the bonds between locals and our global family are strengthened.

This is why your engagement is so vital. Our partnership with the diaspora is not symbolic; it is strategic and essential. Together, we can create opportunities that benefit both Nevisians at home and abroad, whether through investing in community-based tourism projects, mentoring young entrepreneurs, visiting and reconnecting with your roots, or simply sharing Nevis's story with your networks. Each action helps us build a stronger, more vibrant future.

I would like to personally extend an open invitation to our diaspora: let us walk this journey together. Your voice matters, your ideas matter, your continued love and advocacy for Nevis matter. With your support, we can position Nevis as a shining example of sustainable island living and a premier destination rooted in authenticity and passion.

On behalf of the Nevis Tourism Authority, I thank the Regional Integration and Diaspora Unit for this platform and I thank each of you for being an inseparable part of Nevis's story. Let us continue to build bridges across seas and generations, united by our pride in who we are and our commitment to the sustainable future of this wonderful island so many people call home.

With warm regards,



Andia M. Ravariere
Chief Executive Officer
Nevis Tourism Authority



RIDU In Focus



Tourism continues to stand as one of the most transformative forces shaping the Federation of Saint Kitts and Nevis, connecting our people, culture, and creativity to the world. Guided by the theme, “*Tourism: A Pillar of a Sustainable Island Future*,” this sixth issue of the Diaspora Digest celebrates the pivotal role tourism plays in driving our sustainable development, strengthening diaspora engagement, and fostering pride in our shared identity.

Tourism, as envisioned under the Sustainable Island State Agenda (SISA), is not only an economic engine but a living bridge linking our islands’ natural beauty and cultural heritage with the global Kittitian and Nevisian family. It supports livelihoods, empower communities, and provides a platform for our people at home and abroad to tell their stories, share their talents, and contribute meaningfully to national progress.

Under the stewardship of the Hon. Marsha T. Henderson, Premier Hon. Mark Brantley, Ms. Kelly Fontenelle, and Ms. Andia M. Ravariere, both the St. Kitts and Nevis Tourism Authorities continue to highlight the importance of balancing growth with cultural authenticity and environmental responsibility.

This issue also captures the vibrant energy of Independence 42, celebrated around the world under the national theme “*Perpetual Progress – A Sustainable Future in View*.” From the Caribbean to North America and Europe, nationals joined hands and hearts to honour four decades of nationhood, reaffirming that our sense of belonging extends far beyond our shores. From Ottawa to Basseterre, these activities reflected a single truth, the Kittitian and

Nevisian spirit remain strong, wherever we call home.

A highlight of this issue is the heartwarming homecoming of Chelsea and England footballer Cole Palmer, whose roots trace proudly to Saint Kitts. Fresh from victory at the FIFA Club World Cup, Palmer visited the Federation alongside his family, where he was greeted by Prime Minister Hon. Dr. Terrance Drew, Deputy Prime Minister Hon. Dr. Geoffrey Hanley, and Minister of Tourism Hon. Marsha T. Henderson.

Palmer’s visit symbolized the power of heritage and the unbreakable bond between the diaspora and home. His heartfelt words, reflecting pride in his Kittitian ancestry and excitement to explore the land of his grandfather, resonated deeply with nationals everywhere. His visit not only inspired young athletes but also embodied the Federation’s message that global success and national pride can coexist beautifully.

Looking to the future, the Regional Integration and Diaspora Unit (RIDU) is proud to announce the upcoming Saint Kitts and Nevis Diaspora Heritage Emergence Programme, set to launch in July 2026. This groundbreaking initiative will welcome young nationals abroad (ages 18–21) to participate in a one-week cultural immersion in Saint Kitts and Nevis exploring heritage sites, engaging in community projects, and connecting with mentors and youth leaders. Inspired by the successful Kosovo Emergence Programme, this project aims to foster identity, civic pride, and investment in national development among the next generation of the diaspora. By empowering youth to rediscover their heritage, RIDU continues to strengthen the

emotional and cultural bridges that unite our global family, a core tenet of the Sustainable Island State Agenda.

Each edition of the Diaspora Digest proudly shines a light on nationals making remarkable contributions around the world. In this issue, we feature Mr. Earle Warner, a proud Kittitian and the founder of Earth Wanderers – Last Minute Travel Deals, based in Mississauga, Canada. Through his passion for travel and photography, Mr. Warner promotes Saint Kitts and Nevis as a premier destination while remaining a pillar in the diaspora community. His story reflects the very essence of this issue’s theme as to how tourism and personal heritage intersect to create opportunities that are both meaningful and sustainable.

From tourism campaigns to cultural diplomacy, from youth empowerment to independence celebrations, RIDU continues to champion initiatives that connect nationals wherever they reside. Through close collaboration with overseas missions, diaspora associations, and national agencies, the Unit ensures that the diaspora remains an active partner in the Federation’s sustainable development journey.

As we celebrate the achievements, milestones, and unity reflected in this issue, RIDU reaffirms its commitment to advancing the vision of “*Tourism: A Pillar of a Sustainable Island Future*.” Together, at home and abroad, we are building a Saint Kitts and Nevis that is resilient, inclusive, and forever proud of its people. Each initiative, from the We Limin’ Campaign to the Diaspora Heritage Emergence Programme, demonstrates that sustainable development is not only about economic growth but also about people, purpose, and pride.



Reconnecting Roots: Launch of the Saint Kitts and Nevis Diaspora Heritage Emergence Programme

The Regional Integration and Diaspora Unit (RIDU) in the Prime Minister's Office is proud to unveil an exciting new initiative aimed at deepening cultural and national ties between Saint Kitts and Nevis and its young diaspora. The Saint Kitts and Nevis Diaspora Heritage Emergence Programme is designed to connect young Kittitians and Nevisians abroad ages 18 to 21 with the heart and soul of their ancestral homeland through an immersive one-week cultural experience.

The concept for this programme was inspired by the successful Kosovo Emergence Programme, introduced during the Ulpiana Forum in December 2024, where representatives from Saint Kitts and Nevis participated through the Global Diaspora Confederation. Kosovo's model demonstrated remarkable success in fostering national identity, increasing citizenship uptake, and creating pathways for diaspora engagement.

Adapting this proven model to the Saint Kitts and Nevis context will allow the Federation to nurture similar outcomes, building emotional, cultural, and civic bonds that last a lifetime.

Scheduled for July 2026, the Diaspora Heritage Emergence Programme will welcome diaspora youth to the twin-island Federation for a week-long cultural immersion. Participants will engage in an exciting mix of heritage tours, community volunteer projects, cultural workshops, mentorship sessions, and island exploration, designed to give them firsthand insight into life in Saint Kitts and Nevis.

The initiative's core objectives are to:

- ❖ Foster a deeper appreciation for the nation's culture and history among young diaspora members.
- ❖ Encourage long-term civic engagement and investment in national development.
- ❖ Strengthen the global Saint Kitts and Nevis diaspora network.

Beyond the personal connections forged through this initiative, the programme is expected to yield tangible national benefits which include:

- ❖ A stronger sense of identity and pride among the diaspora's next generation.
- ❖ Increased participation in national initiatives,

investments, and future homecoming programmes.

- ❖ Development of an enduring annual model for diaspora engagement that strengthens Saint Kitts and Nevis' position as a global leader in Small Island State diplomacy and cultural reintegration.

The next steps involve outreach to diaspora associations, identification of potential sponsors, and the recruitment of participants through a global call for applications. Planning for the 2026 launch will continue throughout 2025, ensuring that the inaugural cohort experiences the full vibrancy of Saint Kitts and Nevis, from Basseterre's historic streets to Nevis' lush landscapes.

This initiative represents a milestone in the Federation's ongoing efforts to reimagine the diaspora as an active partner in national development under the Sustainable Island State Agenda.

By investing in the youth of the diaspora, Saint Kitts and Nevis continues to demonstrate that connection, identity, and belonging are powerful tools for national transformation.





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HERITAGE EMERGENCE PROGRAM



This new initiative will bring together young Kittitians and Nevisians abroad, ages 18–21, for a one-week cultural immersion experience in July 2026. The programme aims to strengthen connections between the diaspora and the homeland by deepening cultural understanding and national pride. Through heritage tours, mentorship, and shared experiences, participants will celebrate what it means to be part of the St. Kitts–Nevis story.



Heritage Emergence Program



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FOR MORE INFORMATION..

Faces of the Diaspora

Introducing Mr. Earle Warner, Owner of *Earth Wanderers – Last Minute Travel Deals*



We are pleased to formally introduce **Mr. Earle Warner**, a member of our diaspora who resides in Mississauga, Ontario, Canada, and the proud owner of *Earth Wanderers – Last Minute Travel Deals*.

Originally from St. Kitts and Nevis, Mr. Warner migrated to Canada several decades ago and has remained deeply connected to his roots. A graduate of the former St. Theresa's Convent (now ICCS) and spent some years before retiring in the transit business where he

developed the love for exploring. A natural people's person, Earle also served on the Board of Director of ANSAR for many years. He is a professional photographer who documented most of the events in the St. Kitts and Nevis community over the years.

Through *Earth Wanderers*, he specializes in securing last-minute travel deals, with a particular focus on travel to St. Kitts and Nevis. Over the past year, he spent time with both tourism authorities in St. Kitts and Nevis reacquainting himself with the islands designing travel packages specifically for his clients in the diaspora.

Mr. Warner is a fully licensed travel agent under *Fora Travel* and is registered with the Travel Industry Council of Ontario (TICO), ensuring that his clients receive professional and regulated travel services.

We extend our best wishes to *Earth Wanderers* as the business continues to grow and serve travelers in Canada and beyond. We also look forward to warmly welcoming Mr. Warner's clients to St. Kitts and Nevis in the near future.

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St. Kitts and Nevis Diaspora Campaign “We Limin” 2025

The spirit of homecoming takes centre stage in 2025 as the St. Kitts and Nevis Diaspora Campaign “We Limin” invites nationals abroad to reconnect, rediscover, and reinvest in the twin-island paradise. This exciting initiative by the St. Kitts Tourism Authority (SKTA) and Nevis Tourism Authority (NTA) reflects the Federation’s broader vision of “Rethinking Tourism,” where sustainability, community, and inclusion drive the future of the industry.

“St. Kitts is looking ahead. Our destination is rethinking tourism and has established aggressive plans to reimagine our tourism product and continue driving positive impact in the year ahead,” *Hon. Marsha Henderson, Minister of Tourism, International Transport, Civil Aviation, Urban Development, Employment, and Labour.*

Under the theme “There Is No Place Like Home,” the campaign reminds every Kittitian and Nevisian that the beaches, breezes, and familiar warmth of home await. Through a range of

volunteer and travel incentives, nationals are encouraged to not only visit but actively contribute to the Federation’s development whether through community projects, cultural sharing, or tourism promotion.

The campaign’s core message is simple yet powerful: “*Come home, we limin!*” It blends nostalgia with national pride, fostering meaningful connections between the diaspora and the homeland while driving economic growth and sustainability.

Tourism remains the lifeblood of the Federation’s economy, providing livelihoods and opportunities for countless citizens. By engaging the diaspora directly, this campaign ensures that growth is inclusive and sustainable. Visitors from abroad are not just tourists, they are partners in nation-building, helping to promote local enterprises, preserve cultural heritage, and encourage environmentally conscious tourism.

Key features of the 2025 “We Limin” Campaign include:

- Volunteer for Tourism – Diaspora members can volunteer to promote local experiences and earn “Tourism Champion” status, unlocking access to exclusive island activities.
- Discounted Rates & Event Packages – Through partnerships with hotels and attractions, diaspora visitors will enjoy CARICOM or local rates and special event packages tied to major festivals.
- Diaspora Loyalty Programme – The proposed St. Kitts and Nevis Diaspora Club will reward members for visits and referrals, promoting repeat travel and sustained engagement.
- Collaborative Promotion – Outreach through webinars, diaspora newsletters, and joint events with associations across Canada, the UK, and the US will amplify the message of homecoming.

At its heart, the “We Limin” campaign demonstrates how



tourism can be a pillar of a sustainable island future connecting people, culture, and purpose. It embodies the Federation's Sustainable Island State Agenda, which champions community empowerment, environmental stewardship, and economic resilience.

By encouraging Kittitians and Nevisians abroad to come home, share their skills, and celebrate

their heritage, the campaign bridges the gap between diaspora and development. It proves that sustainable tourism is not only about attracting visitors but also about nurturing belonging, identity, and shared progress.

For more information, visit www.visitst Kitts.com/diaspora-program or email welimin@st Kittstourism.kn to sign up and access exclusive offers. Together, let's continue to make tourism not just an industry but a shared journey toward a sustainable island future.

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Building Bridges of Progress

St. Kitts and Nevis Diaspora in Georgia Deepens Ties with Home

The **St. Kitts and Nevis Association of Georgia, Inc. (SKANAG)** is a non-profit organisation dedicated to promoting unity, cultural awareness, and community empowerment among nationals and friends of St. Kitts and Nevis living in Georgia and the Southern United States. Through educational programs, cultural events, and charitable initiatives, SKANAG continues to serve as a proud extension of the Federation’s vibrant spirit abroad.

Formed as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organisation registered in the State of Georgia, SKANAG has been a unifying force for nationals of St. Kitts and Nevis living in the region. The Association continues to uphold its mission of promoting unity, education, and cultural enrichment, while creating a space for nationals and friends of the Federation to connect and give back. From scholarships and youth mentorship to community service and cultural showcases, SKANAG’s programs reflect the enduring values of generosity and pride that define the Kittitian and Nevisian spirit.

The St. Kitts and Nevis diaspora in Georgia continues to stand as a model of civic engagement, cultural pride, and partnership with the Federation. This spirit of unity was on full display during a recent meeting between the Prime Minister of St. Kitts and Nevis, the Honourable Dr. Terrance Drew, and members of the St. Kitts and Nevis Association of Georgia, Inc. (SKANAG).

The meeting brought together SKANAG’s leadership and members of the Picnic Committee, as well as representatives of the SKN Scholars, a youth-driven initiative led by President Taj James. The Regional Integration and Diaspora Unit (RIDU) within the Prime Minister’s Office, was pleased to organize this meeting as it reinforces the government’s commitment to deepening diaspora relations through continuous dialogue and collaboration.

During the discussions, Prime Minister Drew outlined several of the Government’s priority areas aligned with the Sustainable Island State Agenda, including:

- Renewable Energy Development
- Digital Government Transformation
- Land and Urban Renewal

These developments underscored the government’s vision of a modern, sustainable Federation where technology, innovation, and citizen participation play central roles.

Prime Minister Drew commended SKANAG’s leadership for its long-standing role in maintaining strong ties with the homeland. He encouraged the Association to continue expanding its outreach and to collaborate with other diaspora communities across the United States.

In remarks following the meeting, SKANAG President Richard “Junie” Caines reaffirmed the Association’s commitment to “connecting generations of Kittitians and Nevisians” through programs that celebrate heritage and foster community engagement. *“We celebrate our heritage while making meaningful contributions to the communities we call home,”* Caines said.



As SKANAG continues its 2025 program of activities, including expanded scholarship initiatives and community outreach, the Association stands ready to work in closer alignment with national development priorities. SKANAG

represents an organisation that has long championed the causes of education, community upliftment, and cultural preservation among nationals in the Southern United States.

From Georgia to Basseterre, the message is clear, the bond between

St. Kitts and Nevis and its diaspora remain strong, rooted in shared heritage and a collective vision for the future.

To learn more about SKANAG or to get involved, visit www.skanag.com or email info@skanag.com.



Celebrating 42 Years of Independence

St. Kitts & Nevis Marks Milestone with Unity, Culture & Forward Vision

On September 19, 2025, the Federation of Saint Kitts and Nevis commemorated its 42nd anniversary of independence, under the theme “Perpetual Progress – A Sustainable Future in View: Independence 42.”

This year’s celebrations encompassed a rich mix of ceremonies, community events, cultural showcases, and diaspora engagement all highlighting both national pride and a forward-looking vision of sustainable growth.

Long before the date itself, the Independence Planning Committee launched a robust Independence 42 Calendar filled with more than 40 events spanning August to October.

These included:

- A Memorial Service for the 1970 MV Christena disaster (August 1) to honor lost lives and reflect on national memory.
- Cricket matches in the Caribbean Premier League (mid-August)
- Tree-Planting Competition, titled “Deep Roots, Strong Nation,” held on August 30, as a symbolic act of growth and sustainability.
- A series of radio and television “CONVERSATIONS” forums on food security, tourism, diaspora engagement, and public health.
- Community-level National Colours Day observances, encouraging citizens to dress in green, yellow, black, and

red in the lead-up to the big day.

- National Service of Gratitude and Gratitude and Gospel Concert (September 14)
- On National Heroes Day (Sept 16), communities paused to honour the nation’s major figures and their lasting legacies with the Wreath Laying and Recognition Ceremony.
- The 42nd Independence Day Parade itself on the evening of Sept 19 at Warner Park Cricket Stadium (6:00 pm – 9:00 pm) featuring displays by armed and unarmed units, including a special drill by the 4th West India Regiment.
- Post-Independence festivities extending into October, such as the Night of Dance (Oct 26).

Together, the calendar reflected a deliberate balance of reflection, national pride, cultural expression, and aspirational dialogue.

The heart of the national celebrations unfolded at Warner Park, Basseterre, where the Independence Day Parade showcased the discipline of the Defence Force, police and cadets, and included a signature drill display by the 4th West India Regiment. Accompanying events in Nevis and local flag-raising ceremonies across communities reinforced the inclusive spirit of the day.

In his national address, Prime Minister Dr. Terrance Drew framed independence not as a static

milestone but as “a living journey” one in which progress must be measurable, tangible, and inclusive. He pointed to newly rebuilt roads, improved infrastructure, and ongoing efforts under the Sustainable Island State Agenda as examples of how independence becomes real in everyday life.

Similarly, Premier Mark Brantley delivered an inspirational message urging citizens to see beyond historical narratives, to embrace the present challenges and build a resilient future. He emphasized that independence means “owning our nation’s progress,” stewarding resources thoughtfully, and fostering social cohesion.

The celebrations extended beyond the Federation’s shores. In Philadelphia, a flag-raising ceremony at City Hall was accompanied by a proclamation from Mayor Cherelle L. Parker declaring September 19 as Saint Kitts and Nevis Independence Day. In that event, officials from the Caribbean-American community and local government reaffirmed the importance of the diaspora’s contributions.

Regional bodies also sent warm felicitations. The OECS Commission commended the Federation for leadership in regional integration and sustainable innovation and noted that the day’s events would include award presentations and the customary “Toast to the Nation.”



The Caribbean Community (CARICOM) issued formal congratulations to the people and government of St. Kitts and Nevis on the occasion of the 42nd hosting receptions and cultural events.

The Embassy of Taiwan in Saint Kitts and Nevis participated in the 42nd Independence Day reception, signaling diplomatic friendship and mutual respect.

The Saint Kitts and Nevis High Commission, Ottawa hosted a church service and reception to mark this most auspicious occasion and invited persons in the Canadian diaspora to a townhall meeting where the Honourable Prime Minister Dr. Terence Drew and Senior Minister Dr. Denzil Douglas were the guest speakers. Diaspora Ambassador Dr. Christine Walwyn also participated in the event.

Independence celebrations in Saint Kitts and Nevis have always been

anniversary. In her message, CARICOM Secretary-General Dr. Carla Barnett commended the federation's continued role in regional integration and echoed deeply cultural, and 2025 was no exception. Across the federation, communities hosted concerts, cultural shows, fairs, local parades, and food festivals. Such events not only celebrate heritage but also serve as platforms for emerging artists and local traditions to flourish.

The nation used the occasion of the 42nd Anniversary of Independence not just to reminisce, but to elevate a forward-looking narrative. The theme "Perpetual Progress – A Sustainable Future in View" underscores:

- Sustainability and stewardship, as the government weaves environmental, social, and economic goals into the path ahead.
- Infrastructure as independence in action

the focus on "perpetual progress" in national development.

The Embassy of Saint Kitts and Nevis in Washington, D.C., also engaged diaspora communities, improvements in roads, flood defenses, and connectivity were cited as tangible reflections of sovereignty.

- Regional and global positioning, as the Federation emphasizes technology, climate resilience, and diplomatic ties to strengthen its voice on larger stages (e.g. in the OECS).

RIDU joins in commemorating Saint Kitts and Nevis' 42nd Anniversary of Independence and takes the opportunity to remind us that independence is not a finish line, but an evolving journey of responsibility, innovation, unity, and shared progress for both us at home and in the diaspora.





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Saint Kitts and Nevis Independence 42 Celebrated in Canada – Diaspora Community Gathers in Thanksgiving and Reflection

In a heartfelt display of national pride and unity, Kittitians and Nevisians across Canada gathered for a special Service of Thanksgiving to mark the 42nd Anniversary of Independence of Saint Kitts and Nevis. The ceremony, held at St. George on Yonge Anglican Church, brought together members of the diaspora, diplomatic representatives, and friends of the Federation in a moving celebration of faith, culture, and patriotism.

The service opened with a musical prelude by organist Mr. Michael Leach, followed by the presentation of flags by young representatives Maia-Jolie Griffin and Leland Stroble-Griffin, symbolizing the continuity of heritage and national identity among younger generations.

The congregants proudly sang both the Canadian National Anthem and the National Anthem of Saint Kitts and Nevis, affirming the strong bonds between the Federation and its host nation, Canada.

Warm welcome remarks were delivered by Mr. John Allen, Honorary Consul General, followed by a Call to Worship by Reverend Dwight Thomas and a Prayer for Saint Kitts and Nevis by Canon Derek Stapleton.

In a special highlight, His Excellency Samuel Berridge, High Commissioner of Saint Kitts and Nevis to Canada introduced Her Excellency Dr. Christine Walwyn, Diaspora Ambassador, who delivered a message on behalf of the Hon. Dr. Terrance Drew, Prime Minister of Saint Kitts and Nevis. The Prime Minister's message commended the diaspora for their steadfast support and reaffirmed the Government's commitment to deepening engagement with nationals abroad as part of the Sustainable Island State Agenda.

The service featured a blend of scripture readings, hymns, and musical renditions including solos by Mr. Ryan Allen, Ms. Tricia Williams, and Ms. Virgil Hodge. Hymns such as "My Faith Looks Up to Thee," "We Hail Thee Now O Jesus," and "The Love of Jesus Calls Us" inspired reflection and gratitude.

Reverend Thomas delivered a thought-provoking homily, encouraging the congregation to draw strength from faith and unity in shaping the future of the Federation. Prayers of the People were led by Ms. Joan Warner-Griffin, and the entire assembly joined in reciting The Lord's Prayer.

The ceremony concluded with the joyful hymn "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee", a fitting finale

celebrating love, unity, and divine guidance. Reverend Stapleton offered the final blessing, after which attendees gathered for a reception in the Parish Hall, sharing fellowship and stories of home.

Special acknowledgments were extended to:

- His Excellency Samuel Berridge, High Commissioner
- Her Excellency Dr. Christine Walwyn, Diaspora Ambassador
- Mr. John Allen, Honorary Consul General
- Mr. Onsley Kervin Lloyd, Counsellor
- Ms. Tara Hodge, Consulate of Saint Kitts and Nevis
- Reverends Dwight Thomas, Leonard Leader, and Canon Derek Stapleton
- Members of NEVCAN, SKNAT, and SKNCOC, among others

Their collective efforts ensured the event's success, fostering a sense of belonging and pride among nationals in Canada.

This year's thanksgiving service stood as a profound reminder that, no matter where they reside, Kittitians and Nevisians remain united by faith, love of country, and commitment to nation-building.

Through song, prayer, and fellowship, the diaspora reaffirmed that "though far apart, we stand as one Federation under God."





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COLE PALMER ARRIVES TO HERO'S WELCOME IN ST KITTS

(Article contributed by the St. Kitts Tourism Authority)

Chelsea and England footballer, Cole Palmer, arrived to a hero's welcome in St. Kitts last night, fresh from lifting the trophy with his fellow Chelsea team mates at the FIFA Club World Cup final in New York on Sunday.

The Caribbean Island holds a special place in Palmer's heart, as the birthplace of his grandfather, Sterry Palmer. He proudly wears the flag of St. Kitts and Nevis – alongside the England flag – on his football boots to honour his family's roots. The gesture has delighted Kittitians, who have taken Palmer into their hearts, with his "cold" goal celebration copied by schoolchildren across the island.

The Deputy Prime Minister of St. Kitts and Nevis, Dr. Hon. Geoffrey Hanley, and the Minister of Tourism, Hon. Marsha T. Henderson, were on hand to greet the football star on arrival at the airport and, alongside a troupe of traditional Masquerade performers,



Palmer and his family were given an authentic Kittitian welcome.

The trip, which marks the first time the 23-year-old has visited St. Kitts, is an opportunity for Palmer to explore the lush and enchanting island with his father and grandfather, in a special moment for the family.

Cole Palmer said: *"Landing in St. Kitts off the back of winning the Club World Cup felt really special. It's where my grandad's love for football started. The island's beautiful and really chilled. I can't wait to explore the mountains, rainforest and sea - and to try out the food!"*

The Prime Minister of St. Kitts and Nevis, Hon. Dr. Terrance Drew said: *"Cole Palmer's visit to St. Kitts and Nevis is a powerful reminder of the strength and pride of our diaspora. His presence and mentorship will inspire the next generation to believe that global success is possible, no matter where you come from. We are proud to welcome him home and*

deeply grateful for his commitment to our young people and to the development of sports in our Federation."

The Minister of Tourism for St. Kitts and Nevis, Hon. Marsha T. Henderson, said: *"It's an honour to welcome Cole Palmer and his family to St. Kitts. The Palmers already have a special connection to the island and that will only grow as they spend time exploring our lush rainforests, picturesque mountains and stunning waters, and savouring our rich culture and cuisine. "After Cole's heroic performance at the FIFA Club World Cup, St. Kitts is the perfect place to enjoy a relaxing break and reconnect with family - vibrant yet uncrowded, with a vibe that is a mix of adventure and zen. We hope this will be the first of many visits for him."*





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Flag Raising Ceremony – Ottawa, Canada

The National Flag of St. Kitts and Nevis rose to a place of prominence at the Marion Dewar Plaza, City Hall, Ottawa on Friday 19th September 2025, in observance of the 42nd Anniversary of the Independence of the Federation of Saint Kitts and Nevis. Mayor Mark Sutcliffe issued a Proclamation declaring the special day in Ottawa.

Deputy Mayor Sean Levine speaking on behalf of Mayor Sutcliffe acknowledged the role played by the smaller high commissions and embassies in Ottawa contributing to the strengthening of relations between the St. Kitts and Nevis and Canada thereby enriching the cultural diversity of the City of Ottawa. He acknowledged the role played by nationals of St. Kitts and Nevis in this regard.

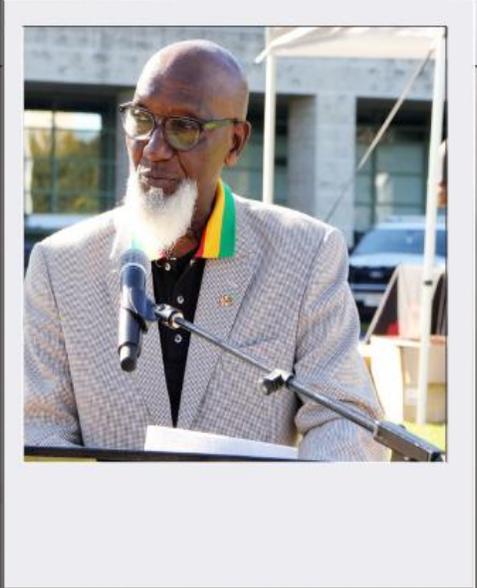
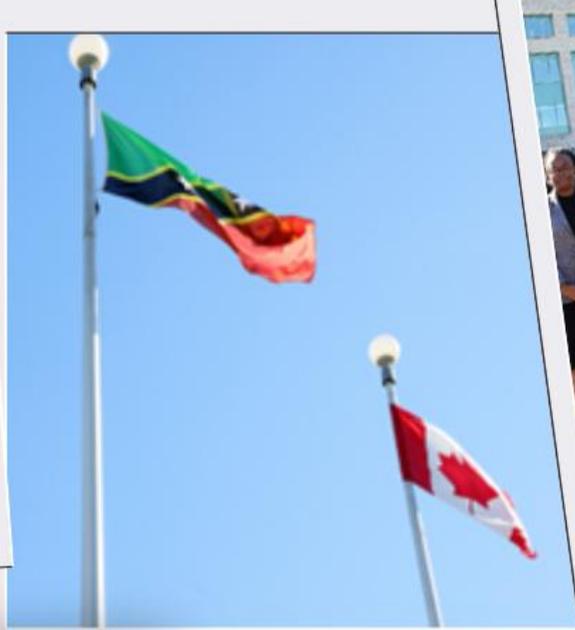
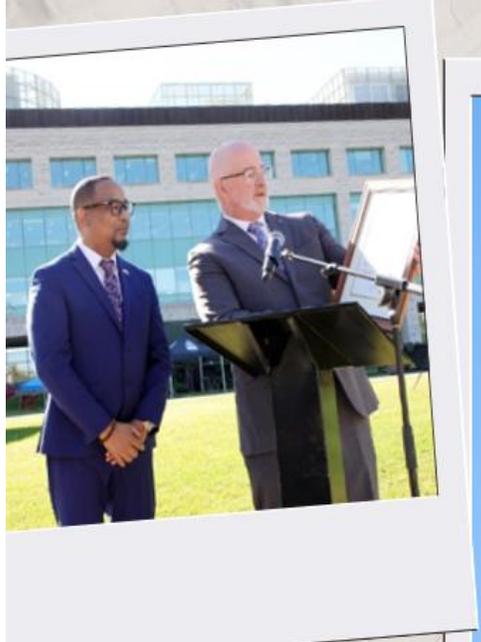
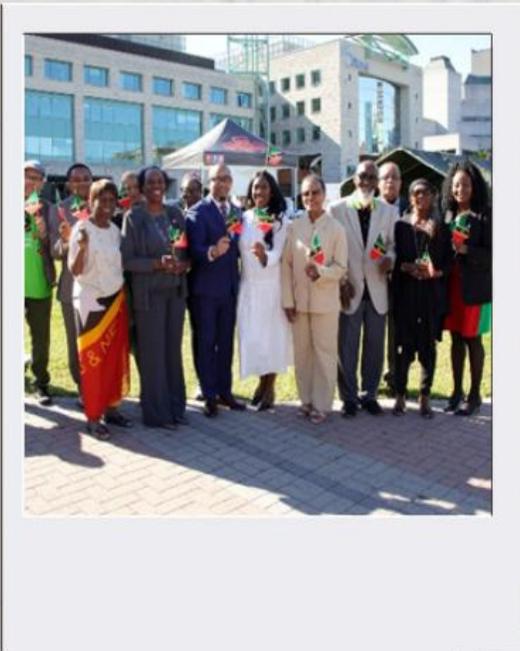
In receiving the Proclamation St. Kitts and Nevis' High Commissioner to Canada, His Excellency Samuel Berridge thanked City Hall for the special designation and underscored the important role played by the High Commission in strengthening ties between the Governments of St. Kitts and Nevis and Canada, using Ottawa as its center of diplomatic engagement. He focused on the nation's ambitious flagship initiative; the Sustainable Island State Agenda (SISA), which aims to transform the twin-island federation into a sustainable island state by 2040. High Commissioner Berridge described the SISA as the solid platform on which St. Kitts and Nevis' diplomatic engagement is based.

Mr. Anthony Martin, a national of St. Kitts and Nevis living in Canada for over five decades spoke on behalf of the diaspora in Ottawa highlighting the role of the diaspora in contributing to the development of their native land and their adopted home.

The rendition of the National Anthem of St. Kitts and Nevis was performed by Ms. Virgil Hodge, one of St. Kitts and Nevis' prominent reggae artists who recently performed at the 2025 St. Kitts Music Festival.

The ceremony ended with a brief networking session among members of the Diplomatic, Consular Corps, City Officials and the St. Kitts and Nevis Diaspora in Ottawa.







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SAINT KITTS TO WELCOME NEW PROPERTY

(Article contributed by the St. Kitts Tourism Authority)

THE WEDGE

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The St. Kitts Tourism Authority is proud to announce the groundbreaking of The Wedge Boutique Hotel, a distinctive new property set to redefine hotel accommodation on the island. Designed to seamlessly blend the comfort of at-home living with the personalized service of a boutique hotel, The Wedge will offer an immersive hospitality experience tailored for today's discerning traveller.

Scheduled to open in February 2027, the property will feature 18 thoughtfully designed suites including nine two-bedroom and nine one-bedroom units, each outfitted with fully equipped kitchens, smart home technology, and contemporary design features.

With its family-friendly ambiance, housekeeping, room service, front desk and concierge services, The Wedge will cater particularly well to multi-generational families seeking both comfort and convenience. Other amenities will include a rooftop bar and lounge and on-site parking.

Beyond the accommodation offering, the development will include seven commercial spaces on the ground level. Envisioned as a vibrant retail promenade featuring luxury boutiques, cafés, and duty-free shops, creating a dynamic and walkable destination for both visitors and locals.

The hotel's prime location on Zenway Boulevard in the Frigate

Bay area will offer guests easy walking access to a variety of shops and restaurants, including Frigate Bay Marina and the lively beach bars along "The Strip." Guests can also stroll to nearby beaches on both the Atlantic Ocean and Caribbean Sea sides of the island.

Kelly Fontenelle, Chief Executive Officer of the St. Kitts Tourism Authority, expressed excitement about the project's potential: "The concept of The Wedge Boutique Hotel reflects the growing demand for accommodation that feels like home while delivering elevated hospitality," said Fontenelle. "Multi-generational families continue to choose St. Kitts, and this property arrives at exactly the right time to meet their needs while



enhancing our destination’s diverse offerings.”

Hamir Sabnani, Owner of the Wedge Boutique Hotel, added: “The Wedge Boutique Hotel is designed to transform the hospitality sector in St. Kitts,

offering visitors a unique, at-home experience rather than traditional accommodation. Diverse property options afford the destination to attract a diverse group of travelers who all share a common interest in experiential travel and authentic vibes.”

With this development, Saint Kitts continues to position itself as a premier Caribbean destination where innovation, culture, and comfort converge.

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A Proud Milestone for St. Kitts and Nevis: Celebrating 42 Years of Sovereignty and Shared Progress

(Article submitted by the Consulate General of the Federation of Saint Christopher (St. Kitts) and Nevis – New York, USA)

As the twin-island Federation of **St. Kitts and Nevis commemorated 42 years of independence**, nationals and friends across the United States came together in celebration, from New York to Washington, D.C., and beyond. This year's observances coincided with the participation of The Honourable Prime Minister Dr. Terrance M. Drew and his delegation at the 80th Session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA), marking another proud moment for the Federation on the global stage as a sovereign nation.

Throughout the month, a vibrant Independence Calendar of Activities unfolded across the U.S., featuring cultural exhibitions, wellness gatherings, galas, community church services, and youth-led programs, each reflecting our nation's enduring spirit, resilience, creativity and bold vision.

Kicking Off: Pre-Independence Link-up

The month of festivities began on September 13, 2025, with a lively Pre-Independence Link-Up hosted by Ms. Alicia Herbert. Nationals and friends gathered in the proud colours of the flag and enjoyed performances by Kaution Krew, DJ Chico, DJ Fire, DJ Abied, and the Up Frunt Band. The event set the tone for a season of togetherness and cultural pride, underscoring St. Kitts and Nevis' commitment to sustainability and the growth of its creative economy while promoting our artists and culture on the world stage.

Youth and Vision at Monroe University

On September 19, 2025, the Consulate General of St. Kitts and Nevis in New York, under the purview of the Embassy of St. Kitts and Nevis to the United States, proudly joined the St. Kitts and Nevis Students Association at Monroe University for a vibrant student-led Independence celebration.

Mr. Kressell Daniel, Deputy Consul General, extended appreciation to Associate Dean Mr. St. Clair Thompson for his enduring support and partnership, while emphasizing the alignment between the students' academic pursuits and the Government's Sustainable Island State Agenda, championed by Prime Minister Dr. Terrance Drew. The event showcased the readiness of the next generation to help steer St. Kitts and Nevis toward becoming a 100% sustainable island state.

On the same day in Philadelphia, nationals gathered proudly for a Flag Raising Ceremony, a moment of solemn reflection and patriotic pride. The Federation's flag was raised high as the national anthem played, reaffirming the strength of identity, resilience, and unity among the St. Kitts and Nevis diaspora community in Pennsylvania. This ceremony served as a powerful symbol of the enduring bond that connects nationals abroad to their homeland.

Meanwhile, in Washington, D.C., the Embassy of St. Kitts and Nevis hosted a series of diplomatic and diaspora events, highlighting the Federation's

international partnerships, reaffirming the shared vision between the overseas missions and nationals abroad.

KANA's Independence Community Breakfast & Recognition

On September 20, the Kittitians Abroad Network Association (KANA) hosted its signature Independence Breakfast, celebrating the Federation's culinary traditions and honouring outstanding nationals for their community contributions. This year's honorees included Pelham Warner for his contributions to sports, Vernon Benders for developing musical talent, and Abena Amory for her outstanding vocal artistry.

Gala Evening: Vision, Gratitude, and the Future

The Black-Tie Independence Gala on September 26, 2025, held under the distinguished patronage of Prime Minister Dr. Terrance M. Drew and Mrs. Diani Prince-Drew, brought together nationals and friends for an elegant evening of reflection and gratitude. Hosted in collaboration with KANA and the New York St. Peter's Alumni and Friends (NYSPAF), the event featured a keynote address from Prime Minister Drew, who expressed deep appreciation to the diaspora for its steadfast contributions to the nation's development.

The Prime Minister shared updates on the Sustainable Island State Agenda and the ASPIRE Programme, which empowers youth through financial



literacy, entrepreneurship training, and innovation. Prime Minister Drew also outlined progress in renewable energy, healthcare, education, and the near completion of a desalination plant, reinforcing the Federation’s commitment to climate resilience.

Prime Minister Drew proudly referenced a United Nations study recognizing St. Kitts and Nevis as having one of the most loyal diasporas in the world, a moment that resonated deeply with attendees

A Voice on the World Stage

On September 27, 2025, the diaspora turned out in impressive numbers to support Prime Minister Drew as he delivered St. Kitts and Nevis’ address to the 80th Session of the UN General Assembly.

The Prime Minister’s speech powerfully focused on climate change and environmental justice, global governance and financial reform, and the urgent need for collective global action. Prime Minister Drew joined fellow leaders in calling for fairness and equity, while acknowledging the complex geopolitical challenges facing the world today, challenges that have evolved significantly since the end of the Second World War.

A Service of Thanksgiving

On Sunday, September 28, 2025, a moving Thanksgiving Service was held at Crawford United Methodist Church, hosted by the Kittitian American Benevolent Association (KABA) in collaboration with:

- The Consulate General of St. Kitts and Nevis in New York
- The Embassy of St. Kitts and Nevis to the United States

- The Permanent Mission to the Organisation of American States (OAS)
- The Permanent Mission to the United Nations (UN)
- The St. Kitts and Nevis Diaspora and Associations

With strong representation from CARICOM Member States, the service commemorated 42 years of sustainable progress. Performances by EBJ Harmonics, five-time champions of the St. Kitts and Nevis Panorama competition, and the patriotic anthem “Proud to Be” by Mrs. Noma Francis-Dolphin filled the sanctuary with pride.

Prime Minister Drew expressed heartfelt gratitude to nationals serving at home and abroad for their contributions to shaping a sustainable future. The Prime Minister also emphasized how local associations, businesses, and communities continue to take the lead in areas such as renewable energy, blue economy, agriculture, and education, reinforcing the Federation’s commitment to a greener, more resilient future.

Tourism Takes Center Stage: “We Limin Diaspora Campaign”

During the week of celebrations, the St. Kitts Tourism Authority, in collaboration with the Nevis Tourism Authority, proudly launched the “We Limin Diaspora Campaign” in New York City, with the support of the Consulate of St. Kitts and Nevis and regional diaspora groups. The campaign was officially introduced at the 42nd Independence Gala and the Church Reception following the Thanksgiving Service.

The initiative aims to strengthen tourism engagement and reaffirm the diaspora’s crucial role in promoting the Federation as a global destination of choice.

Culminating in Art and Heritage

The Independence festivities concluded on October 2, 2025, with the Liamuiga Oualie Arts Foundation (LOAF) showcase, titled “A Taste of the Sugar Experience.” This event was generously sponsored by Mr. Joshua Williams, an NFL cornerback and proud son of St. Kitts and Nevis.

The showcase celebrated the Federation’s rich artistry and culinary heritage and featured:

- EBJ Harmonics Steel Orchestra
- Art & Photography by Kacey Jeffers
- Cultural Expressions by Carol Ottley
- Gastronomic Showcase by Chef Stephan

A highlight of the season was the musical presentation by EBJ Harmonics during their U.S. tour. Band leader M.J. Byron noted that the tour raises awareness of the Federation’s growing creative economy and the immense artistic talent originating from the islands. Their captivating steel pan rhythms brought a distinctly Kittitian and Nevisian spirit to each celebration, reminding all in attendance that our culture remains one of our most powerful exports.

The Diaspora’s Enduring Role

These celebrations were not confined to New York or Washington, D.C. Events were held across the United States, reflecting the Federation’s far-reaching community of nationals and



friends. The Consulate and Embassy acknowledge the indispensable role of the diaspora in national

development through initiatives such as the Diaspora Policy, which empowers Kittitians and Nevisians around the world to actively contribute to the Federation's

economic, cultural, and social growth.

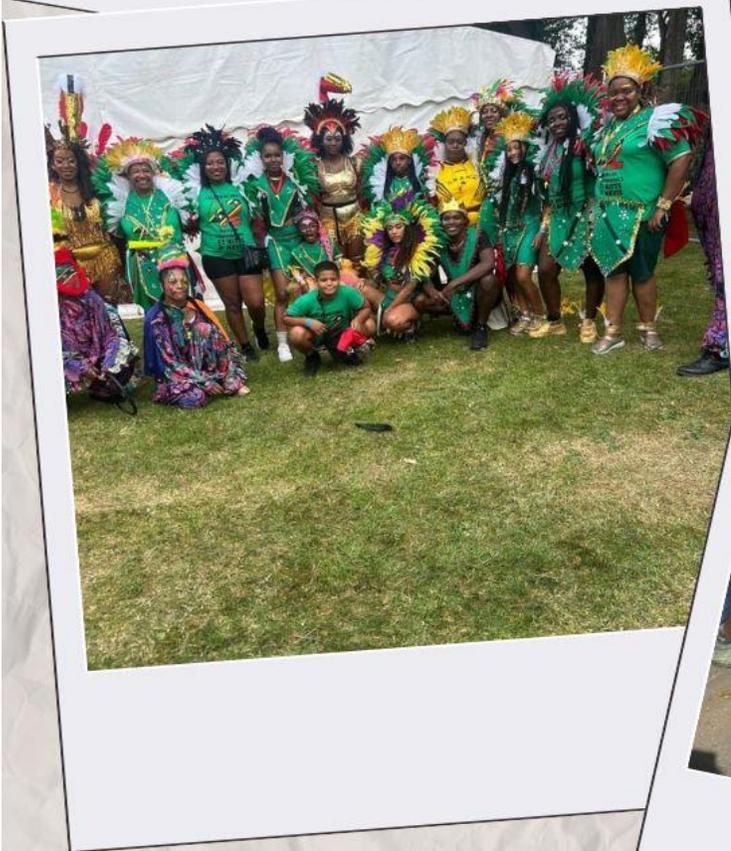
SKN Looking Ahead

As we celebrate 42 years of independence, the Consulate General of St. Kitts and Nevis in New York, operating under the purview of the Embassy of St. Kitts and Nevis to the United States, extends sincere appreciation to all nationals,

associations, and partners for their loyalty, and continued service to the nation. Together, we are charting a future defined by resilience, sustainability, creativity, and national pride, wherever in the world Kittitians and Nevisians call home.



A Photo Glimpse of Manchester's Carnival 2025



St. Maarten Diaspora Celebrates Saint Kitts and Nevis' 42nd Anniversary of Independence

The Regional Integration and Diaspora Unit (RIDU) was pleased to collaborate with the Saint Kitts and Nevis community in St. Maarten in celebration of the nation's 42nd Anniversary of Independence, held under the theme "Perpetual Progress – A Sustainable Future in View: Independence 42."

On Saturday, September 20th, 2025, the Philipsburg Cultural Center became the setting for the Saint Kitts and Nevis Independence Jam, which brought together nationals and friends of the Federation. The evening featured electrifying performances by Skillful Band, Motion Style Band, Jam Boyzz, Grand Masters Band, and DeeJay Vybz, among others.

From 7 p.m. until 1 a.m., the venue pulsed with the rhythms of home, from Soca to Calypso and modern Caribbean beats. The event, which offered free entry with food and drinks on sale, was more than a celebration; it was a vibrant expression of unity, cultural pride, and belonging.

Lending support to diaspora organisations remains a key commitment of the Honourable Dr. Terrance Drew, Prime Minister of Saint Kitts and Nevis, who continues to champion efforts to strengthen connections with nationals abroad. Through the work of the Regional Integration and Diaspora Unit, the Government reaffirms its dedication to ensuring that the diaspora remains a vital partner in advancing national

development and the Sustainable Island State Agenda.

"Our diaspora represents one of our greatest strengths, a global family bound by heritage, patriotism, and a shared vision for progress. As we celebrate under the theme 'Perpetual Progress – A Sustainable Future in View,' we recommit ourselves to forging a path where growth is balanced, resilient, and sustainable for generations to come." - Prime Minister Dr. Terrance Drew.

RIDU extends heartfelt appreciation to the organisers, performers, and patrons who made this year's Independence celebration in St. Maarten a resounding success.

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Independence 42: The Saint Kitts and Nevis Spirit Shines Across the United Kingdom



From Bedford to Birmingham, Leeds to Manchester, the Saint Kitts and Nevis diaspora across the United Kingdom united in a spirited celebration of the Federation's 42nd Anniversary of Independence under the national theme, "*Perpetual Progress: A Sustainable Future in View – Independence 42.*"



Throughout September, diaspora associations and friends of the Federation hosted a range of activities, from thanksgiving services and dinners to cultural gatherings, reflecting both the pride and progress of nationals abroad. These moments of fellowship were not only opportunities to celebrate but also to reaffirm shared values of unity, resilience, and national

pride hallmarks of the Kittitian and Nevisian spirit.

The highlight of the UK Independence celebrations took place on Friday, 19th September 2025, when the Saint Kitts and Nevis High Commission to the United Kingdom hosted an evening of reflection and festivity in London. The day began with a solemn Evensong Service at Westminster Abbey, where the flag of Saint Kitts and Nevis was proudly flown in the heart of the British capital, a poignant symbol of the Federation's enduring identity and global recognition.

Following the service, a Dinner Reception was held at the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) Building's Delegates Lounge, bringing together nationals, descendants, and friends of Saint Kitts and Nevis from across the UK. The event was chaired by Counsellor Thouvya France, who extended a warm welcome on behalf of the High Commission, expressing appreciation for the diaspora's consistent commitment to preserving and promoting the nation's heritage.



In his official remarks, His Excellency Kevin M. Isaac, High Commissioner of Saint Kitts and Nevis to the United Kingdom, delivered the Prime Minister's Independence Address on behalf of The Honourable Dr. Terrance Drew. The message was directed to the diaspora community, celebrating their role as ambassadors of progress and unity while encouraging continued collaboration toward national development.



The evening concluded with fine dining and cultural fellowship, where guests reflected on the



Federation’s journey and the accomplishments of its people both at home and abroad.



In addition to the High Commission’s signature event, several diaspora organisations across the UK hosted independence-themed dinners, dances, and thanksgiving services throughout the month.

Highlights included:

- *Saturday, 30 August* – St. Kitts-Nevis and Friends Association (Bedford): Independence Dinner and Dance
- *Sunday, 7 September* – Leeward Islands People’s Association (Manchester): Thanksgiving Service
- *Friday, 19 September* – Evensong Service and Reception, Westminster Abbey & IMO (London)
- *Saturday, 20 September* – Friends Associations (Birmingham & Northants): Dual Independence Dinners
- *Sunday, 21 September* – St. Kitts and Nevis

Association (Leeds): Thanksgiving Service

- *Saturday, 27 September* – Leeward Islands People’s Association (Manchester): Independence Dinner and Dance

These celebrations showcased a deep sense of belonging and cultural preservation within the UK diaspora. The coming together of communities, whether through worship, dance, or dinner, demonstrated how nationals continue to carry the Federation’s flag high, weaving together stories of migration, resilience, and success.



The High Commission expressed profound gratitude to all who contributed to the success of the Independence 42 celebrations, acknowledging the dedication of diaspora associations, volunteers, and partners across the United Kingdom. The mission reaffirmed its commitment to fostering ongoing engagement between the diaspora and the homeland, recognizing that each event strengthens the bridge between citizens abroad and those at home.

The celebrations are far from over, the St. Kitts and Nevis Association in Leeds is already preparing for its Annual Dinner Ball on Saturday, November 1, 2025, continuing the momentum of pride and patriotism that defined this year’s Independence observances.



The Independence 42 activities across the UK have once again proven that distance does not dilute devotion. Whether through formal ceremonies in Westminster Abbey or community dinners in Manchester and Birmingham, the diaspora remains a vital part of the Saint Kitts and Nevis story advancing the Federation’s vision of “*Perpetual Progress*” and contributing to the Sustainable Island State Agenda in their own unique ways.





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SKN Leadership Engages Nationals in Canada: Building a Sustainable Future Together

Following his address at the 80th Session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA80), Prime Minister of Saint Kitts and Nevis, the Hon. Dr. Terrance Drew, journeyed to Toronto, Canada, to meet with nationals residing in the diaspora. The Townhall Meeting, hosted by the St. Kitts and Nevis High Commission (Ottawa) and the Consulate General (Toronto), was held on Monday, September 29, 2025, at the Park Hyatt Hotel.

Accompanied by Senior Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Rt. Hon. Dr. Denzil Douglas, and Diaspora Ambassador, Dr.

openly about the strides we are making back home and listened carefully to the concerns and ideas shared, whether about flights, infrastructure, or simply how each person can give back to the land that raised them,” said Prime Minister Drew.



He continued, *“I am always inspired by the passion of our people abroad. Your love for home is real, and your willingness to play a role in our nation’s future strengthens my belief that together, no challenge is too great.”*

Christine Walwyn, Prime Minister Drew engaged in a spirited and heartfelt discussion with members of the diaspora community. Topics ranged from national development priorities, including infrastructure, connectivity, investment opportunities, and contributions to nation-building, to ways nationals abroad can support ongoing initiatives back home.



The event formed part of the nation’s continued efforts to strengthen engagement with citizens abroad under the theme: “Engaging the SKN Diaspora and Global Community: Building a Sustainable Future.”



The Townhall Meeting was part of a broader diaspora engagement mission, reaffirming the Government’s commitment to inclusive development and the active participation of nationals living overseas in shaping the nation’s sustainable future.

“Together with Senior Minister Dr. Denzil Douglas and our Diaspora Ambassador, Dr. Christine Walwyn, we spoke





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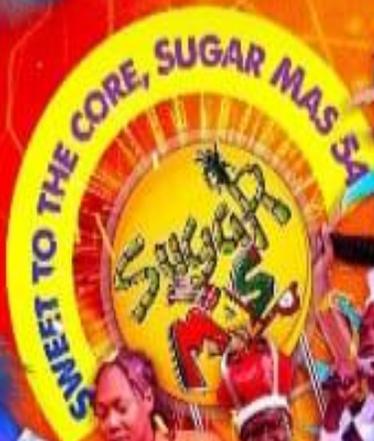
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- SAT 13 DEC**
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- TUE 16 DEC**
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- WED 17 DEC**
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- FRI 19 DEC**
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- TUE 23 DEC**
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