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GRENADA'S AMBASSADOR IN THE U.S.

Her Excellency Yolande Yvonne Smith is Grenada's Ambassador Extraordinary & Plenipotentiary to the United States of America and Grenada's Permanent Representative to the Organization of American States (OAS).

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NEW CONSULAR HOURS

To better accommodate busy schedules, we have opened up consular hours to include all five (5) business days from 10 AM to 1 PM. Consular services will continue to be by appointment ONLY. Schedule [online](#) or by calling the office.



NAVAL HOSPITAL VISITS GRENADA

USNS Comfort Naval Hospital to visit Grenada September 15 – 20, 2019. Doctors will provide seven basic categories of medical services and surgeries on ship, at the National Stadium, and at the Trade Center. First come first served.

FOR MORE DETAILS CONTACT
THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH



NEW NATIONALS AND FRIENDS DATABASE

In an effort to reach more of our Nationals and Friends, we are revamping the email database. Please visit our website and [sign up](#) before 12/31/19 to continue receiving email notices regarding events, news, etc.



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DIASPORA

ENGAGEMENT EVENT

The Government of Grenada recognizes the importance of the diaspora in terms of their human, social, economic, and cultural capital, and great potential to the development of Grenada.

Recognizing that with a population of approximately 107,000 inhabitants, the Grenadian diaspora outnumbers its domestic population, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Embassy of Grenada and the International Organization for Migration (IOM) will jointly host an initiative, inviting nationals in the diaspora to partner in nation-building.

As part of a series of public discussions in major diaspora cities, the engagement on **Sunday, September 29, 2019 from 2:00 – 7:00 PM** will feature a visiting delegation led by Honorable Peter David, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Labour, His Excellency Derick James, Ambassador for Diaspora Affairs and Mrs. Trisha Mitchell-Darius, IOM Project Coordinator.

This engagement will serve as an opportunity to learn about the Government's partnership for technical assistance with the United Nations Migration Agency; to review the new diaspora website; to encourage participation in the Grenada skills survey; and to seek feedback on the draft **Grenada Diaspora Engagement Policy**, which is on our website for [download](#) and review.

Please [RSVP](#) by registering to attend.



The Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Grenada)
The Embassy of Grenada to the United States of America
& the International Organization for Migration
invite you to a discussion forum

DIASPORA FOR DEVELOPMENT
GRENADIAN DIASPORA
"Partners in Nation-Building"

- Consultation on Grenada's draft diaspora engagement policy
- Launch of diaspora skills survey
- Meet & greet with Foreign Minister Hon. Peter David

SUNDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER 2019
Venue: Jack Morton Auditorium, Media and Public Affairs Building
George Washington University, 805 21st Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20052
Metro Stop: Foggy Bottom (GWU) - Farragut West Station - Farragut North Station





From the Desk of the Ambassador

HER EXCELLENCY YOLANDE Y. SMITH

A LOOK BACK AT MY FIRST NINE MONTHS IN WASHINGTON

This is a great time to be representing Grenada abroad. A time when our nation is making tremendous strides and taking leadership roles on pressing issues such as climate change and resilience building. A time when we are not just talking the gender parity talk but also walking the walk.

On January 24th, I presented credentials to the Secretary General of the OAS and immediately took up chairmanship of the Inter-American Council of Integral Development.

During celebrations to commemorate our 45th anniversary of independence in February, I had an opportunity to connect and reconnect with nationals and friends in the D.C. metro area, Virginia Beach and New York.

On April 8th, I presented credentials to President Trump and commenced my engagement with the U.S. Department of State and Congress on the U.S.-Caribbean 2020 Initiative.

In July, I met with heads of Grenadian organizations in the metro area to discuss diaspora outreach, educational opportunities, fundraising initiatives, and the new database. Coming out of that meeting, I will be instituting somewhat of an open door policy to give nationals an opportunity to meet with myself and the staff. Although one-on-one meetings will be by appointment only, we will host monthly, Saturday open houses to engage and network with nationals and friends visiting Washington, D.C.

That said, I encourage you all to call or stop by Grenada's house in Washington during **First Friday's** open door hours, starting November 1st, and for Saturday open house events. For more information visit the [website](#).

We hope to post internship opportunities in the next issue.

The staff and I look forward to a very meaningful partnership.

GRENADA AT THE OAS

Chairing the Inter-American Council for Integral Development from January to June 2019.

The Inter-American Council for Integral Development (CIDI) is an organ of the Organization of American States (OAS) that reports directly to the General Assembly and has decision-making power in matters of partnership for integral development. It is also a forum for inter-American dialogue on issues of hemispheric interest related to such matters.

Grenada had the honour of chairing CIDI from January to June 2019, under the theme of Sustainable Development and Resilience Building. Four of Ambassador Smith's meetings featured panels of experts discussing topics such as Innovative Financing for Resilience Building for Sustainable Development, and Building The Resilient Economies of the Future: The Blue, Green and Orange Economies.

Under Grenada's chairmanship the OAS hosted the Fourth Meeting of Ministers and High-level Authorities of Social Development (IV REMDES) in Guatemala City, Guatemala. Information on the Grenada SEED Project was distributed at the Seventh Plenary Session under the topic "Promoting the potential of information and communications technologies (ICTs) as a tool for inclusion and overcoming poverty.

On June 28, 2019, Ambassador Smith presented CIDI's annual report to the Ministers of Foreign Affairs during the 49th Regular Session of the General Assembly in Medellin, Colombia. On July 10, 2019, she handed over the chairmanship to Guatemala.

Chairing the Permanent Council from July to September 2019.

The Permanent Council (PC) is an organ of the OAS that reports directly to the General Assembly. All member states have the right to be represented on this Council. The Chairmanship of the Council rotates every three months.

Grenada is the current chair, following the United States of America. Since Grenada assumed the Chairmanship directly following the 49th Regular Session of the General Assembly in June, the task of the distribution of mandates fell to Grenada.

One such mandate was the constitution of a high-level commission on the situation in Nicaragua. Ambassador Smith held consultations with the regional coordinators of South America, Central America, CARICOM and the USA and Canada in order to form the Commission. She presented the resolution to establish the commission on August 28, 2019 and it was approved by the PC. Among the topics to be discussed during Grenada's chairmanship are the situation in Venezuela and the Elections of the Secretary General and the Assistant Secretary General.

