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FROM THE DESK OF THE AMBASSADOR



My Fellow Grenadians,

As we close out the second quarter of 2025, I'm honored to share a few reflections. This has been a period of immense activity and progress, both here in the United States and back home on our beautiful Spice Isle. Your energy and support continue to be the driving force behind everything we do.

I start with a big thank you. The heart of this mission is our diaspora community, and your engagement this quarter has been incredible. In May, we were delighted to participate in the Grenadians United in Virginia (GUIV) Annual Gala. It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate with Grenadians who traveled from New York, Maryland, D.C., New Jersey, and Baltimore... This event, now in its 27th year, is a testament to the power of our community to come together for a common cause, having previously supported organizations like the Grenada Patient Kidney Foundation and the Sickle Cell organization. We also had a highly successful virtual consular outreach in June, with over 80 people participating. The thoughtful questions about consular matters showed us how deeply connected you remain to Grenada. These events are more than just service—they're about reinforcing the bonds that keep our community strong, no matter the distance.

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This quarter was also marked by a significant visit from our Prime Minister, Hon. Dickon Mitchell. During a brief trip to the U.S. Capital in May 2026 for official meetings with the U.S. Secretary of State, the Prime Minister insisted on meeting with our diaspora community in the DMV area. He hosted a successful open house at the Embassy, where he shared updates on Grenada, including Project Polaris, and reassured those wishing to return home that a modern, state-of-the-art healthcare facility is being established. As he so powerfully stated: "Your contributions, whether through your work here or through remittances and investments back home, are invaluable. You are a vital force for progress, and your role in Grenada's journey is indispensable." The overwhelming response and lively exchange with the Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Hon. Joseph Andall, was a true highlight.

Here in Washington, D.C., our diplomatic work has been in full swing. We've been tirelessly working to ensure Grenada's voice is heard on the international stage. In June, the Embassy participated in the OAS General Assembly in Antigua and Barbuda. Grenada's delegation, led by Minister Joseph Andall, addressed key issues like the crisis in Haiti and mental health in the Americas. Our efforts also secured a new cooperation agreement between the Development Bank of Latin America and the Caribbean and the Trust for the Americas. This agreement will train 200 young people in Grenada in digital literacy, artificial intelligence, and entrepreneurship, a project endorsed by the OAS and the Government of Grenada.

As we move forward to Q3, we must also address a critical issue: hurricane season. We are now in a period of heightened risk, and I urge everyone to take proactive steps to help ensure the safety of your family and friends back home. Please encourage them to review their emergency plans, secure their homes, and have essential supplies ready. Our community's strength is in our ability to prepare and care for and protect one another, especially in times of need. A simple phone call or message can make all the difference.

Looking ahead, the various diaspora groups have an exciting lineup of events planned. We'll be hosting yet another Open House and will support community groups in relaunching Family Day, and producing a cultural evening with poetry and drama; and I personally invite you to join in. These are wonderful opportunities to connect with our team, our community leaders, our nationals and friends, and celebrate our shared Grenadian heritage. Please stay tuned for more details on these and other upcoming initiatives in your area - on our website and social media.

Thank you once again for your passion and your unwavering belief in the future of Grenada. Together, we will continue to build a stronger, more resilient, and more prosperous nation.

Grenadians United in Virginia (GUIV) hosts Annual Fundraising Gala

On May 17th 2025, The Grenadians United in Virginia Diaspora (GUIV) Group held its Annual Gala, celebrating 27 years of bringing Grenadian Diaspora and Friends together. Grenadians from New York, Virginia, Maryland, DC. New Jersey, Baltimore all make the long drive into Norfolk Virginia for this 'Grand Annual Affair'. For the second time, Ambassador Francis and Mrs. Francis were honored guests at the Gala which is always held to support an organization in Grenada.

The Grenada Patient Kidney Foundation, The Sickle Cell are among two of the organizations that have benefited from the hard work and sacrifice of the members of GUIV.

A Room in the Castle

What a performance!

Rachel Oneika Phillips made us all proud with her awesome performance as Queen Gertrude in '*A Room in the Castle*' performed at the Folder Shakespeare Library Theatre. Along with her fellow actresses and Directors, cast and crew, this show thrilled the audience with both humor and eager anticipation for the next scene. Following the splendid performance on April 6th, H. E. Tarlie Francis along with Hon. Desima Williams, President of the Senate of Grenada and Dr. Merle Collins, renowned author, poet and literary icon, and some Diaspora supporters and friends shared moments of congratulations to Oneika and her theatre crew. This was an occasion of great pride and enjoyment for all present. Thank you Oneika!



**EMBASSY WELCOMES HUNDREDS TO DESTINATION GRENADA AT PASSPORT DC
AT THE UNIVERSITY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIAUDC STUDENT CENTER
4200 CONNECTICUT AVE. NW, WASHINGTON DC**

The Embassy of Grenada in Washington DC's participation in Passport DC and the Around the World Embassy Tour 2025 held on Saturday May 3rd 2025 was a great success. Destination Grenada was beautifully decorated with tropical flowers, fruits, and spices, staffed with friendly folks to engage the continuous lines of visitors eager to learn of the tri-island paradise, sample all the fruits, soak up the information and walk away with the giveaways. Thousands touched down on Passport DC - Grenada, had their passports stamped and left with promises to visit again, this time, the real thing. Gratitude must be publicly expressed to Ms. Gabby G. Jenifer, PMP| Logistics Consultant, who poured her heart into decorating the booth and leading the team for Passport DC. More visitors will be touching down in Pure Grenada soon!!!



PRIME MINISTER HOLDS MEET AND GREET WITH DMV DIASPORA

On June 6th 2025, Hon. Dickon Mitchell, Prime Minister of Grenada and Hon. Joseph Andall, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Export Development visited the Embassy of Grenada in Washington DC to hold a 'meet and greet' with the Grenadian Diaspora in the DMV area. Although it was short notice, Grenadians responded overwhelmingly to this invitation and participated in a lively exchange with Prime Minister and Foreign Minister. Prime Minister Mitchell updated the Diaspora on the current issues happening in Grenada which included the Project Polaris, reassuring Grenadians wishing to return to Grenada that work is underway to establishing a modern, state-of-the-art Healthcare facility on the island. A question and Answer session and opportunities for photos with the Prime Minister and the Foreign Minister closed a very fruitful evening.





CONSULAR DESK



In this quarter, the Consular Services desk held two major activities:

1. Consular Outreach for Diaspora in Boston Massachusetts

As part of Caribbean Heritage month, the Embassy of Grenada in Washington DC organized a Consular Outreach activity on June 8th and 9th in Boston Massachusetts. Consul General Michael Brizan, New York and Dr. Wendell Cornwall, Counselor, Washington Mission, met with Grenadians residing in the Boston area to provide support and answer questions/address concerns raised. The Outreach was held in collaboration with the organizer Authentic Caribbean Foundation of the National Caribbean American Heritage Month celebrations.

2. Virtual Consular Outreach

A second Consular Outreach for Diaspora was held on Monday, June 23, 2025, targeting person all over the United States of America and other regions via zoom platform. This was a highly successful event with participation of over 80 persons recorded. Following the presentation by Mr. Marlon Joseph, Career Diplomat at the UK Office, attendees posed questions and were provided with clear and honest answers. Mr. Joseph was supported by Consul General, Michael Brizan, New York and Dr. Wendell Cornwall, Washington Mission. The Washington Mission will continue to engage the Diaspora on these issues to provide continuous updates and give a platform for Consular matters to be addressed.

We thank all participants for engaging as we continue to serve the Diaspora in the United States of America.

ORGANISATION OF AMERICAN STATES (OAS)

CAF - Trust for the Americas signs agreement to support Youth Innovation in Grenada

The Development Bank of Latin America and the Caribbean, and the Trust for the Americas signed a new cooperation agreement on June 25th 2025 in St. John's Antigua, while at the OAS General Assembly. This agreement "*Strengthening the Digital Entrepreneurial Ecosystem in Grenada*" will run from July 2025 to June 2026 and will train 200 young people between the ages of 17 and 34. The training will cover the areas of digital literacy, artificial intelligence, and entrepreneurship. This agreement began with conversations and meetings with the Washington Mission, a visit to Grenada to meet potential partners by Institutional Relations Manager of Trust for the Americas and concluded with the signing ceremony at a breakfast meeting organised by the Trust. This project is endorsed and supported by the OAS and the Government of Grenada, evidenced by the support expressed at the signing ceremony.



OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA

The 55th General Assembly of the Organization of the American States was held in Antigua and Barbuda from June 26th to 27th 2025.

The theme for the General Assembly was "Building Resilient and Inclusive Economies in the Americas". Among the many issues discussed, two key issues tabled were the crisis in Haiti and mental health in the Americas.

The Grenada delegation was led by Hon. Joseph Andall, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Export Development and included H. E. Tarlie Francis, Ambassador & Permanent Representative

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ARCHITECTS PRESENT DRAWINGS



On April 22nd, 2025, James McDonad and Associates Architects presented the first schematic drawings to H. E. Tarlie Francis at the Embassy's Conference room. Following the first presentation, the Embassy has received two revised schematic revisions which includes edits from Mr. Cecil Gittens, Grenadian Architect consulted for the Embassy Renovation and Restoration Project.



CONGRATULATIONS TO AISHA BRAVEBOY- COUNTY EXECUTIVE ELECT - PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTRY

The Embassy of Grenada records congratulations to Ms. Aisha Braveboy, newly elected County Executive, Prince George's County, Maryland.

On June 3, 2025, Ms. Braveboy was elected to office, and was sworn in as County Executive on June 19, 2025. Ms. Braveboy has a long and successful history in public service, serving in her own law practice and her longest service so far as States Attorney. The Embassy of Grenada congratulates Ms. Aisha Braveboy, a daughter of Grenada through her parents. We wish you every success and continued support in your service to Prince George's County, home for many Grenadian Diaspora.



JUNETEENTH PRESENTATION OF PROJECT POLARIS

On June 19th, Juneteenth, the commemoration of the emancipation of enslaved peoples in the United States. H. E. Tarlie Francis shared an evening with H. E. Jean Bosco Barege, Ambassador of Burundi on the invitation of Dr. Haideh Sabet, Associate Professor of Neurology, Georgetown University Medical Center and her family at her home in Virginia. Juneteenth was an invitation for reflection on black history and prayer for the present and future generations.

This invitation also presented an opportunity for the presentation Project Polaris to an audience of over 50 persons from Universities, medical faculty, students and faith communities.



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