

EMBASSY OF GRENADA

NEWSLETTER

Celebrating Culture, Diaspora Connection, and Diplomatic Excellence



**Celebrating
Grenada's 52nd
Independence
Anniversary
Grenada at
52: Anchored
in Faith,
Guided by
Purpose**

From the Desk of the Ambassador

Dear Friends of Grenada,

The first quarter of 2026 has been one of meaningful engagement, purposeful diplomacy, and continued service to Grenadians at home and abroad. As we celebrated Grenada's 52nd Anniversary of Independence under the theme "Grenada at 52: Anchored in Faith, Guided by Purpose," the Embassy remained committed to strengthening the bonds between our homeland, our diaspora, and our international partners.

During this quarter, we advanced Grenada's interests through a range of diplomatic and community engagements across Washington, D.C., the wider United States, and the hemisphere. At the Organization of American States (OAS), Grenada continued to advocate for issues of importance to small island developing states, including resilience, sustainable development, and regional cooperation. We also deepened bilateral relationships through strategic meetings and official engagements with partners across the Americas.

I was especially pleased to participate in activities that highlighted Grenadian culture, identity, and community spirit — from our Independence celebrations and Embassy open house to diaspora outreach initiatives and cultural showcases. These moments remind us that diplomacy is not only conducted in conference rooms, but also through people-to-people connection, heritage, and shared purpose.

The Embassy also continued to support humanitarian and social initiatives, including donations of firefighting equipment and mobility assistance devices destined for Grenada. These efforts reflect the compassion and generosity of friends of Grenada and members of our diaspora community who continue to contribute meaningfully to national development.

In addition, we were encouraged by the launch of the Diaspora Homecoming Programme in major U.S. metropolitan areas. This initiative represents an important step in strengthening engagement with Grenadians overseas and creating new pathways for investment, tourism, and national connection.

As always, our consular team remained dedicated to providing responsive and professional service to Grenadians requiring assistance, documentation, and support throughout the quarter.

I extend sincere thanks to our diaspora organizations, partners, friends of Grenada, and all those who continue to support the work of the Embassy. Your collaboration and commitment remain invaluable as together we continue building bridges between Grenada and the communities we serve."

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH SERVICE AND RECEPTION

There was no room at the St. John's Episcopal Church on Sunday February 15th as scores of Grenadians turned out to give thanks and celebrate Grenada's 52nd Independence. The Church Service, led by Rev. Joseph Constant was both inspirational and spirit filled. Ambassador's remarks focused on the theme chosen for this year referencing Grenadians being guided and anchored over the years and into the future. The reception was a true delight with a mix of food, culture and fellowship. The feature event being the launch of the Diaspora Homecoming by Ambassador Terrance Forrester. The homecoming programme is detailed on page 6

Scores of Grenadians turned out to the 52nd Independence Anniversary Church Service and Reception



AS PART OF THE INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATIONS THE EMBASSY HOSTED ITS OPEN HOUSE IN COLLABORATION WITH THINGS-TO-DO DC

The Embassy of Grenada came alive on March 13th with the sound of sweet steelpan music welcoming guests to the Embassy. This event exposed the beautiful building scheduled for rehabilitation and renovation while taking visitors on a tour of the warmth and culture of Grenada. Over 50 persons enjoyed an evening of music, dance, food, exhibit, and giveaways.



Embassy Highlights

New Artist in Residence 2026



Ms. Elizabeth Lander is the New Artist in Residence. Ms. Lander is a Grenadian Artist and Illustrator who has always been passionate about Art. She holds a Master's Degree in Illustration from the Camberwell College of Arts in the UK. In her work she uses a mix of watercolor and ink to create pieces that reflect her history, culture and life experiences. She describes her work as documentary image making, creating lifestyle editorial illustrations, illustrated maps and books for children. Her latest book 'Crazy for Cocoa' which was made in collaboration with the House of Chocolate, is all about cocoa and chocolate production in Grenada. She hopes that when her artwork is viewed, persons feel a sense of pride, appreciation and even nostalgia for her homeland.



Featured Piece: THE CARENAGE

DONATIONS TO THE ROYAL GRENADA POLICE FORCE FIRE FIGHTERS AND TO THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL SERVICES

On April 2, 2026 during a handover ceremony in Plainfield, New Jersey, the Embassy of Grenada received a specialized aerial ladder truck from the City of Plainfield Fire Department. This donation was made through the efforts of Retired Fire Chief of Prince George's County Fire and EMS Department - Mr. Frederick Fair, Mr. Frank Tidwell, retired Fire Chief of Plainfield New Jersey, Fire Chief Carlton Crawley, On Angels Wings. A detailed press release can be found on: <https://acrobat.adobe.com/id/urn:aaid:sc:US:2b9326aa-8718-4b7a-9e1e-c8499cc91254>

Through the efforts of Madame Ambassador, Mrs. Christine Francis, Chair of Project Accessibility, the Social Services Department received a number of accessibility devices to aid in the comfort and upliftment of persons struggling with various health issues in Grenada. Many individuals and organisations contributed cash and items towards this noble cause.



**FIRE TRUCK DONATION
TO THE R.G.P.F. AND
ACCESSIBILITY DEVICES
TO THE MINISTRY OF
SOCIAL SERVICES**

Diplomatic Engagements

Strengthening Relations



Q1 2026 Diplomatic Highlights

During the quarter, Ambassador Tarlie Francis participated in numerous diplomatic discussions. Increased challenges in diplomatic relations promoted engagements that enabled Grenada to enhance its relationships and foster connections through its continuous diplomatic efforts.

**Building bridges
through diplomacy**

AT THE OAS

This quarter saw the launch of **A CALL FOR ENTRIES** - The Permanent Mission of Grenada to the OAS and the OAS Art Museum of the Americas announced an open call to artists in Grenada to submit works of modern and contemporary art. The winning entry will be incorporated into the permanent art collection of the OAS AMA in Washington DC USA.



A CALL FOR ENTRIES



Call for Entries

The deadline for Entries is August 1, 2026. This initiative aims to strengthen the OAS AMA permanent art collection by expanding its representation of all OAS Member States. Details for entry is posted on our web and facebook pages. The launch took place at a reception held on February 18 2026 at the OAS Headquarters.



MEXICO WORK VISIT

H. E. Tarlie Francis visited Mexico City, Mexico on a work visit for the first time since his appointment as Ambassador-designate of Grenada to the United Mexican States.

The visit took place from April 7th to 12th and involved engagements with officials in the the Mexican Ministries of Culture, Health, Tourism, and Environment and Natural Resources.

This visit marked the 51st anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Grenada and Mexico and reiterated the bonds of cooperation between both countries.

Deputy Consul General, Mr. Kerry Frank accompanied Ambassador Francis on his visit to Mexico.

CARICOM CORNER

H. E. Tarlie Francis formed part of Grenada’s Delegation for the 50th Heads of Government Conference (CARICOM) in St. Kitts and Nevis - February 24 to 27, 2026.

The Conference welcomed and engaged with distinguished guests H.E. Adel bin Ahmed al Jubair, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Member of the Council of Ministers and Climate Envoy of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Dr. George Elombi, President and Chairman of the Board of Directors, Afreximbank, Her Excellency Noura bint Mohammed Al Kaabi, Minister of State – Foreign Affairs, United Arab Emirates, His Excellency Marco Rubio, Secretary of State, United States of America and Honourable Shirley Botchwey, Commonwealth Secretary-General.

This meeting was a very meaningful one for the region where the call for unity echoed throughout. This call for unity was anchored in a join statement issue by the CARICOM Heads following its meeting with the Secretary of State to the United States of America, Marco Rubio.

Other topical issues included the CARICOM Single Market and Economy (CSME), CARICOM Industrial Policy, Reparations, UWI Indigenisation process, the situation in Haiti, Regional Security, Finance and Governance, Border Issues, External Trade and the Bid to Host COP 35.



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IMPACS STUDY TOUR

From March 9 - 12 2026 the United States Homeland Security hosted, through the CARICOM IMPACS Study Tour. The delegation comprised Mr. Timothy Antoine, Governor of the Eastern Caribbean Central Bank (ECCB) along with colleague, Dr. Emefa Seword, along with a delegation from Grenada comprising of Mr. Deon Moses, Vice Chair of the Investment Migration Agency (IMA), Mr. Thomas Anthony, FIMC, Chief Executive Officer, Investment Migration Agency, ASP Elyan Purcell, Chief Immigration Officer, Immigration and Passport Department Grenada. Following this very important study tour, the visiting delegation met at a luncheon hosted by H. E. Francis. Other invited VIPs were Mrs. Allyson McKithen, Vice President, International Programs, TCMA | Executive Director, World Trade Center, Mr. Nazim Mowla, Advisor to the Embassy of Guyana in Washington DC and Mr. Damian Dolland (missing from photo), Lead Strategic Advisor and Project Consultant, Project Polaris.

**DISCUSSIONS ON INVESTMENT
MIGRATION AGENCY'S NEW
PERSPECTIVE**

DIASPORA HOMECOMING PROGRAMME

JUNE 21ST TO JULY 5TH 2026

Grenadians everywhere are being encouraged by the homeland to 'come home'. A series of events have been planned to engage the Grenadian Diaspora focused on reconnecting and contributing to building Grenada. For details visit: <https://homecoming.gd/>



LAUNCHED IN THE DMV METROPOLITAN
AREA AND IN HOUSTON USA



FEATURED EVENTS:

Tuesday, June 30

Diaspora Forum Day 1: Vision 75 Investment Round Table

The Prime Minister lays out a bold 22-year national vision and the role of the diaspora in shaping Grenada's future.

Wednesday July 1

Diaspora Forum Day 2: Coming Home Business Forum & Networking

A practical day for those planning to return or invest. Q&A sessions, one-on-one engagements, and a vibrant marketplace.

Thursday, July 2

Diaspora Forum Day 3: Round Table & Professional Exchange

Interactive sessions bringing visitors and residents together across key professional sectors.

July 3

Diaspora Homecoming Gala

Red carpet reception. Recognition of newly conferred citizens. Cultural village with culinary pavilions, fashion, music, and dance. Formal gala dinner.

July 4 & 5

Coconut Fest, Community Celebrations & Farewell

Coconut Fest in St. Mark. Salaka/Tivoli Drummers. National Thanksgiving service, closing reflections, and presentation of Homecoming outcomes. Forward Together.

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