

# the Humming Bird

A stylized hummingbird in flight, facing right, with its wings spread. It is positioned above the letter 'g' in the word 'Humming' and above the letter 'B' in 'Bird'. The bird is rendered in a light blue color.

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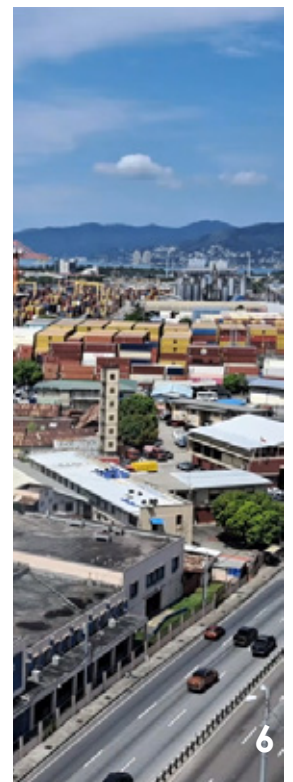
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# INTERNATIONAL DAYS

## 1 December

World AIDS Day

## 2 December

International Day for the Abolition of Slavery

## 10 December

Human Rights Day

## 18 December

International Migrants Day

# UPCOMING MEETINGS

## 1 DECEMBER 2023

The leading role of Latin American and Caribbean parliamentarians in building a new green and inclusive development model

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# REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON ACCELERATING

## SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND GREEN TRANSITION IN CARIBBEAN SIDS

Policy-makers and decision-makers emerged from a regional workshop on sustainable development, with improved skills to better incorporate the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and green transition opportunities into their work. The workshop entitled “Accelerating Progress towards the SDGs in the Caribbean: Sustainable and Green Transition Opportunities” took place in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, in November.

Almost eight years have passed since the international community agreed to take bold and transformative steps to achieve the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, a plan of action to secure the rights and well-being of everyone on a healthy, thriving planet.

Its implementation requires comprehensive actions at the global, regional and national levels. In the past three years, the COVID-19 pandemic, the war in Ukraine and climate-related disasters have exacerbated already faltering progress.





Over the last three years, the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA), ECLAC, the UN Office for Sustainable Development (UNOSD), in close coordination with RCOs/UNCTs have responded to capacity building requests from Caribbean small island developing states (SIDS). These agencies have made several efforts to strengthen national capacities in sustainable and green recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and other shocks, to enhance resilience and build back better towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The joint response by UNDESA and UN system partners included conducting national consultations in Antigua and Barbuda, Belize, Dominica, and Trinidad & Tobago. It also included implementation of country-specific capacity building activities in Dominica and Trinidad and Tobago.

An aerial photograph of a city, likely in the Caribbean, showing a dense urban area with various buildings, a large multi-lane highway with traffic, and mountains in the background under a blue sky with scattered clouds. The text 'A Hummingbird FEATURE' is overlaid on the right side of the image.

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FEATURE

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# THE CHALLENGES OF URBAN CENTRES

IN THE CARIBBEAN



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Urban communities in Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago have been expanding their built-up spaces at a faster rate than the growth of population. This is a sustainable development challenge globally and one that is a particular concern for Caribbean small island developing states (SIDS).



## THE CHALLENGES OF URBAN CENTRES IN THE CARIBBEAN

A new study from ECLAC Caribbean explores this phenomenon and provides analysis on the adverse effects on urban settlements' capacity to adapt to the impacts of climate change, such as increased vulnerability of critical infrastructure to climate disasters. It also examines the formation of informal settlements in risk-prone areas, the increase of impervious surfaces affecting floods' spatial patterns and increasing related risks, and the destruction of ecosystems affecting natural services critical to climate change adaptation.

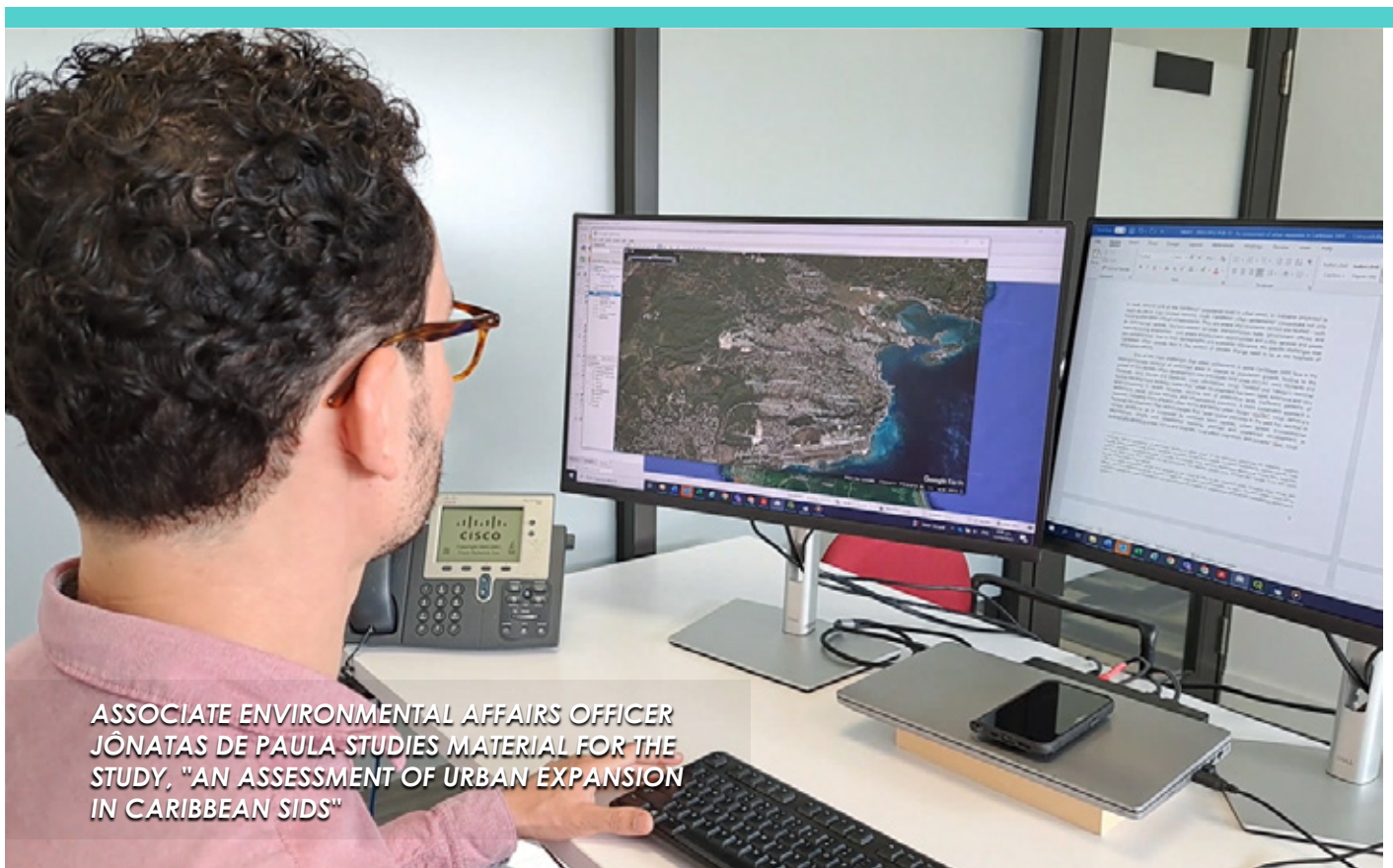
In 2018, around 70% of the Caribbean population lived in urban areas, an indicator projected to reach 82.5% in 2050 (United Nations, 2018). Caribbean urban settlements concentrate not only people, housing, and other critical infrastructure, but also vital economic sectors – such as commercial centres, tourism-related

services, transportation hubs, government offices, and manufacturing enterprises – as well as employment opportunities, and public services.

Due to the demographic and economic relevance of Caribbean urban settlements, their challenges in the context of climate change need to be at the forefront of adaptation efforts.

One of these challenges is a disproportionate increase of urbanized areas in relation to the population, leading to the spread of low-density urban settlements. This phenomenon has numerous adverse effects on climate change adaptation.

Firstly, it reduces the economic and operational efficiency of crucial infrastructure – roads, potable



ASSOCIATE ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS OFFICER JÔNATAS DE PAULA STUDIES MATERIAL FOR THE STUDY, "AN ASSESSMENT OF URBAN EXPANSION IN CARIBBEAN SIDS"



water distribution systems, sanitation, telecommunication, and power distribution, among others – and increases exposure to adverse events, leading to higher reconstruction and maintenance costs.

Secondly, unplanned rapid urban expansion can lead to the formation of informal settlements in high-risk areas, increasing the exposure of populations excluded from formal housing markets to natural hazards.

Thirdly, fast urban development leading to the increase of impervious surfaces in previously natural areas, affects water filtering and runoff-regulating functions, affecting aquifers and groundwater recharge, also potentially affecting spatial flood patterns and increasing flood risks at both a local and city level.

Finally, uncontrolled urban expansion often destroys important ecosystems, which natural services are required for climate adaptation, such as mangroves, riverine floodplains, and forest coverage in mountainous areas.

Titled “An assessment of urban expansion in Caribbean SIDS: The cases of Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago”, the study findings have implications or impacts on several sectors of public policies that should be considered across all geographic levels of planning. The consideration of these implications needs to take into account national and local circumstances so that specific and concrete policy actions can be formulated to address the impacts of these findings.

# CAYMAN CHRISTMAS

## HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! At least in the Cayman Islands.

The Caribbean may not get the cold winter snow, but once the fresh northwestern breezes are felt in this archipelago, it's the tell-tale sign that the holiday season has officially started.

Here's a roundup of the best Christmas sights and sounds happening across the Cayman Islands, in case you live there, or plan to visit.

There is Christmas Caroling on Saturday 2 December, 4:30-5:30pm at the Crescent, Camana Bay.

Dart's Growing Communities programme is hosting Carols in Dart Park, a Christmas activity on Saturday 2 December, in the Dart Park amphitheatre. The Cayman

Food Bank team will be on site to collect food, household supplies, vouchers and toys.

National Trust for the Cayman Islands will host a traditional Caboose Christmas breakfast on Saturday 2 December, 8:30-10:30am at the Mission House, Gun Square Road, George Town.

The Cayman Turtle Centre hosts Breakfast with Santa on 2, 16, and 23 December, 8:30-10am. Attendees can enjoy games, treats, Christmas music, and Santa Claus himself.

Radiance Dance Studio presents Peace, Love, Joy at the Harquail Theatre, Sunday 3 December, at 5pm.



Centre Pointe Dance Studio presents a magical collaboration with Spark Cayman presents A Starry Night on Sunday 3 December, 4-7pm at Pedro St. James Great Lawn.

Compass Media hosts its first annual King of the Road – Food Truck Extravaganza, a thrilling showdown where food truck vendors showcase their prowess and creativity on Saturday 9 December, from 5:30-11pm at Compass Centre Parking Lot. Food truck vendors will showcase their talents and win over the taste buds of judges and attendees. Musicians Limited Performing Arts returns with Sparkle & Shine performance on Sunday 10 December from 4-6pm at Harquail Theatre.

Cayman Turtle Centre invites all to gather for a Wanderlust Brunch on Sunday 10 December, 11:30am to 2:30pm at Schooner's Bar and Grill, Cayman Turtle Centre.

Christmas at the Castle 'A celebration under the stars' takes place on Sunday 10 December, 6-9pm at Pedro St. James, Savannah. Part of the proceeds will be donated to Meals on Wheels.

Sing along with the Cayman National Choir and the Cayman National Orchestra as the Elmslie Memorial Church hosts the annual Christmas Carol Concert on 12 and 14 December, 7:30-8:45pm.

Cayman Music School presents its Sing-along spectacular with Christmas and Disney songs, performed by your

favourite characters. 13 and 14 December at Harquail Theatre, starting at 6pm.

Compass Media presents its Christmas Craft Fair on Saturday 16 December, from 2-6pm at Compass Centre Parking Lot. It's a local craft fair where attendees can explore and purchase unique, handcrafted gifts, perfect for giving to loved ones.

Jingle Ryde takes place on Saturday 16 December, 4-6pm at the Crescent, Camana Bay. And, of course, as always at this time of year, incredible displays of Christmas lights at local homes can be seen for free, including the ever-popular Bodden home on South Church Street and the Crighton home on Shamrock Road.



# ECLAC FAMILY

## LONG-SERVICE STAFF

Here are photos of the staff members who received long-service awards.





Heartiest congratulations go out to several ECLAC Caribbean staff members, who were recently recognized for their years of service to the United Nations.

At a brief long-service award ceremony, staff members received certificates, signed by UN Secretary-General, Antonio Guterres.

In presenting the awards, ECLAC Caribbean Director, Diane Quarless, reminded staff to celebrate the formidable organization that they serve. "We are privileged to be part of this global family; to be instruments of peace and champions of development. We are especially fortunate to serve our own people here in the Caribbean, as members of the most respected regional commission in the UN System, ECLAC.

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**I take this opportunity to express heartfelt thanks to the members of the Port of Spain family who have been recognized today for having given long and dedicated service to the UN.”**

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# EXPERT GROUP MEETS ON MIGRATION TRENDS

## IN THE CARIBBEAN 2000 TO 2020



The expert group meeting (EGM) discussed the study “international migration and sustainable development in the Caribbean, analyzing data trends from 2000 to 2020,” which took place virtually in September.

Attended by experts from various Caribbean member and associate States, including migration experts from the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and the Sir Arthur Lewis Institute of Social and Economic Studies (SALISES) of the University of the West Indies (UWI), the meeting emphasized the need for high-quality data in understanding migration trends and impacts. Encouraging the collection, analysis, and dissemination of such data, the discussed study underscores the importance of

accurate, reliable, and comparable information. Furthermore, the study advocates for leveraging various data sources, including national censuses and administrative data, while emphasizing the necessity of gender-inclusive and comprehensive approaches that consider irregular migrants, forced migrants, and trafficked persons often excluded from conventional data collection sources.

The main conclusions and recommendations drawn from the analysis of international migration and sustainable development in the Caribbean reveal a demographic transition resembling patterns observed in developed nations. Declining birth rates, surpassing or falling below death rates, contribute to slower population growth and an increasing proportion of older

individuals. While this transition offers potential socioeconomic benefits, such as enhanced female labor force participation and economic growth, it also poses challenges such as heightened care responsibilities and stress on pension systems.

The ageing trend, coupled with significant net emigration, especially among the youth, impacts sustainable development prospects in the Caribbean. Other positive aspects of migration on sustainable development in the subregion include remittance receipts and young and skilled boosting labor forces. However, brain drain resulting from the net migration stocks of the Caribbean have negatively affected labor productivity in the subregion.



# BARBADOS TRANSFORMS THE CONCORDE HANGAR

## INTO NEW AIRPORT TERMINAL

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As air travel to Barbados continues to surge, the island is making a major transformation at Grantley Adams International Airport. The former Concorde hangar, which has served as the island's popular Concorde Experience museum, is being converted into a new departure terminal.

The museum had been the home of the British Airways Concorde called Alpha Echo, which made its final journey to Barbados in 2003. The Concorde hangar will now become a secured departure area for passengers. "This decision underscores our commitment to enhancing the travel experience in Barbados as we enjoy our position as a preferred destination," airport officials said in a statement.

The new terminal will "significantly ease congestion at our main terminal, Terminal One, offering a more streamlined and comfortable experience for travelers in both areas," they said.

The process to convert the hangar has already begun, with team members "working around the clock to prepare this terminal."

The new terminal will feature new seating, security screening, a commercial area and other amenities – making it a "fully functioning and comfortable pre-boarding area for specific flights."

"We believe this innovative use of the Concorde Experience, a symbol of aviation excellence, aligns perfectly with our mission to offer exceptional service and facilities," said Hadley Bourne, chief executive officer at Grantley Adams International Airport.

"We look forward to welcoming passengers to this new terminal very soon and are confident that it will greatly contribute to the positive travel experience at Grantley Adams International Airport."



# UN DAY CELEBRATIONS

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The United Nations celebrated the 78th anniversary of the entry into force of the UN Charter, an occasion commonly known as UN Day on October 24, 2023.

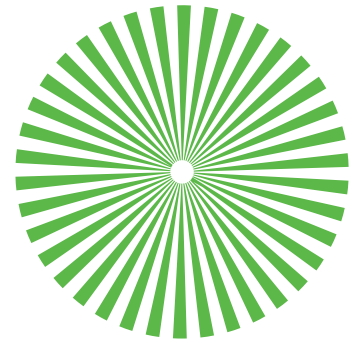
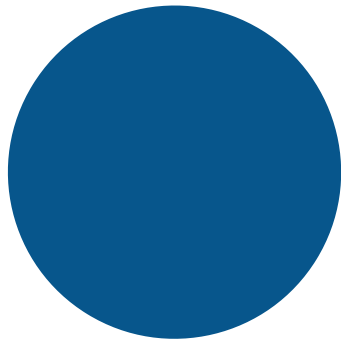
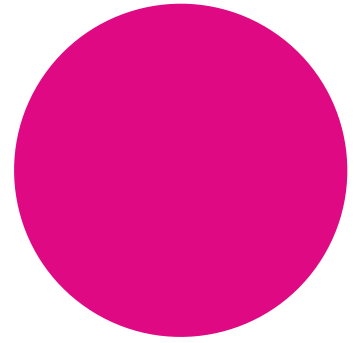
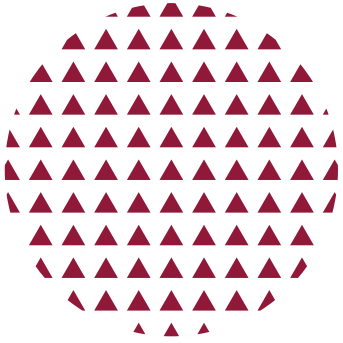
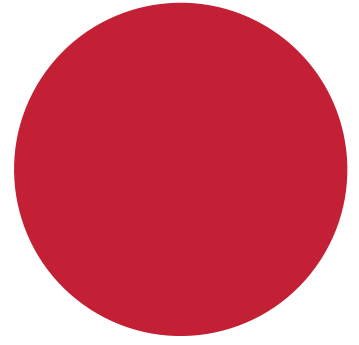
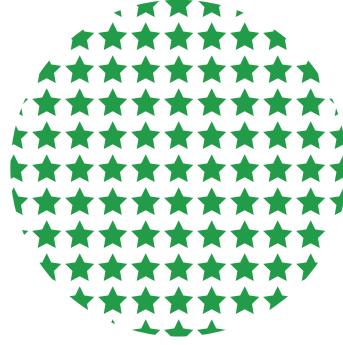
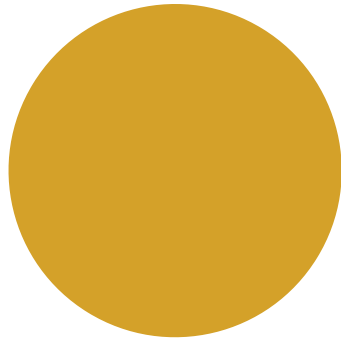
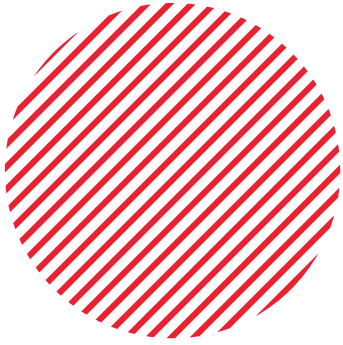
In Trinidad and Tobago, UN agencies, funds and programmes gathered to celebrate the work and impact of the United Nations in T&T with a special event in Port of Spain. At the event, government officials, including Minister of Foreign

and Caricom Affairs Dr. Amery Browne, and Minister of Planning and Development Penelope Beckles-Robinson, representatives from development organisations, the diplomatic corps, civil society and the private sector all toasted to the work of the UN system in the country. Government officials noted the importance of the work of the UN in addressing global issues, development challenges, and reiterated T&T's commitment

to multilateralism, sustainable development and human rights.

ECLAC is one of the longest established UN agencies in Trinidad and Tobago. In 1966, the subregional headquarters for the Caribbean was established in Port of Spain to serve all countries of the insular Caribbean, as well as Belize, Guyana and Suriname.





# ECLAC CARIBBEAN AND COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVES

ATTEND HIGH-LEVEL MEETINGS IN CHILE



ECLAC Caribbean Director, Diane Quarless, along with Population Affairs Officer, Francis Jones, recently attended a high-level meeting in Santiago, Chile. This was the Fifth Meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Population and Development.

The event also commemorated the 10th anniversary of the region's most important intergovernmental agreement in this area, namely the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development.

At the special 10th anniversary session, countries agreed on the need to concentrate efforts to extend and further carve out the path already traveled, as well as to enhance the strengths that have made the Montevideo Consensus such a powerful instrument in the course of the last decade.

Director Quarless said:

**"The strong voice of the Caribbean representatives participating, led by Ministers Penelope**

**Beckles of Trinidad and Tobago and Samantha Marshall of Antigua and Barbuda, ensured that the perspectives of our subregion on issues of vital importance to the welfare of our peoples, were indelibly recorded in the meeting's discourse."**

The event was inaugurated by ECLAC Executive Secretary, José Manuel Salazar-Xirinachs,



who stated: “A decade after its adoption, we can affirm with full conviction and evidence that the Montevideo Consensus has helped promote and consolidate public policies in the region’s countries geared towards reducing inequality with an intercultural, intersectional and intergenerational approach based on human rights and a gender perspective.”

However, he warned that much remains to be done, and greater efforts are needed to guarantee the exercise of sexual and reproductive rights, to achieve

gender equality, as well as to fight poverty and inequality, and to include those population groups that historically have been the most neglected and excluded in development patterns.

Executive Secretary Salazar-Xirinachs informed participants that ECLAC continues to work on transforming development models into more productive, inclusive and sustainable ones. He emphasized the need to get behind sectors that would not only invigorate growth, but also make it more inclusive and sustainable, allowing for the reduction of

poverty, labour informality and inequality.

Also representing the Caribbean at the meetings were Penelope Beckles, Minister of Planning and Development of Trinidad and Tobago, Samantha Marshall, Minister of State within the Ministry of Health, Wellness, Social Transformation, and the Environment of Antigua and Barbuda, and Juan Carlos Alfonso Fraga, Deputy Head of the National Office of Statistics and Information (ONEI) of Cuba.

# AT THIS CARIBBEAN MUSEUM

## A TRIP TO SPACE

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Antigua and Barbuda's Keisha Schahaff and Anastasia Mayers made history in August when they became the first Caribbean women to travel to space, making the journey on Virgin Galactic.

Now, the mother-daughter duo's journey is being commemorated in a new exhibit at the Museum of Antigua and Barbuda.

The "Antigua and Barbuda Goes to Space" exhibit, is a collaboration between the Antigua and Barbuda Ministry of Tourism, Civil Aviation, Transportation and Investment, The Antigua and Barbuda Tourism Authority, and the Museum of

Antigua and Barbuda.

"I am deeply moved by the pride and humility that this moment instills in me. On August 10th, 2023, my heart swelled with pride as my daughter, and I etched our names into the pages of history," Schahaff said.

"Together, we embarked on an extraordinary journey, not only for our beloved nation and the Caribbean but for the entire human spirit. Together, we proudly carried our national flag into space, marking a historic moment for Antigua and Barbuda as we ventured beyond our world. Our flag, symbolizing our

unity, resilience, and unwavering spirit, soared above the Earth, proclaiming to the universe that our nation had arrived among the stars," she added.

The exhibit focuses on the flag of Antigua and Barbuda, which Schahaff folded tightly and carried in the pocket of her space suit, joined by two small vials of pink sand from Barbuda.

It also features photographs captured on the day, including during watch parties in the United States and Antigua and Barbuda. "The Antigua and Barbuda Goes to Space' exhibit ensures that the



tangible assets from the historic August 10th visit to space, form a permanent part of the history of Antigua and Barbuda,” said Antigua and Barbuda Tourism Authority’s Marketing Communications Manager, Maria Blackman.

“That day was such an incredibly powerful moment for those of us watching in Antigua, Barbuda, as well as around the world. We hope future generations who view the exhibit housed at the Museum of Antigua and Barbuda, will be inspired by our astronauts, and will use this moment as their personal catalyst towards achieving their dreams.”



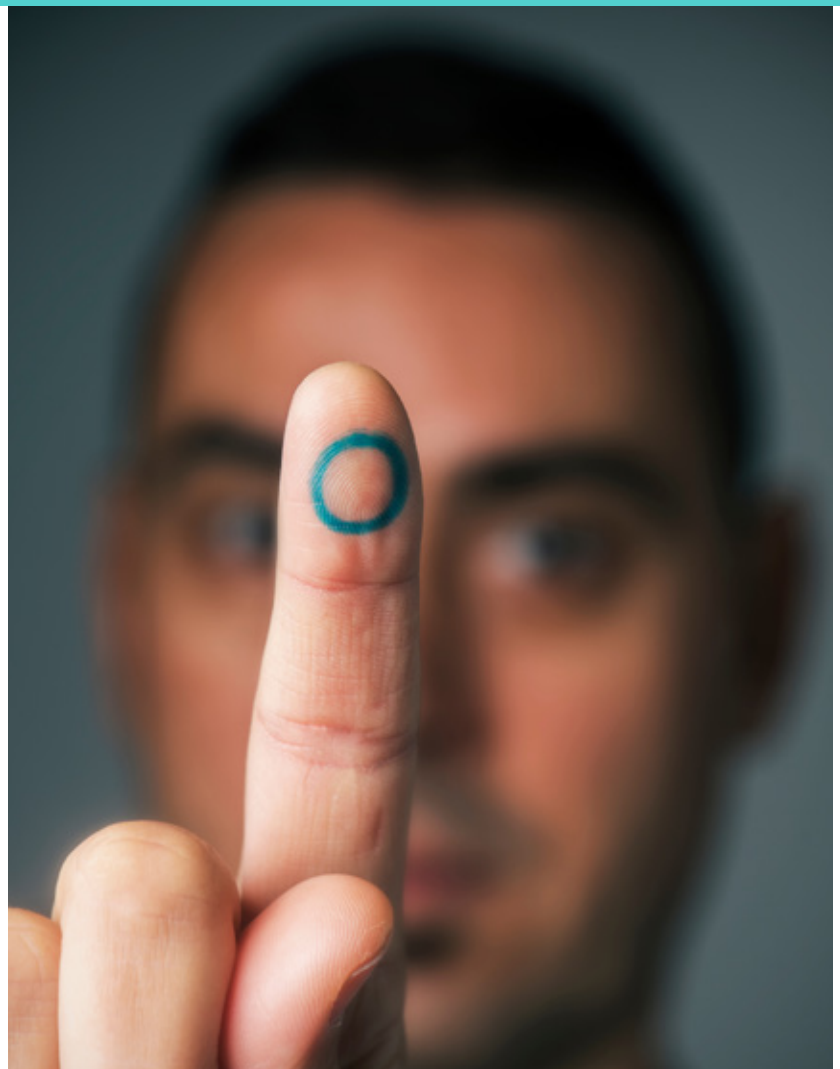
# WORLD DIABETES DAY

14 NOVEMBER

Every November 14, World Diabetes Day is commemorated. This is an opportunity to raise awareness about the impact of diabetes on the health of people and to highlight the opportunities to strengthen the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of diabetes.

This year, the PanAmerican Health Organization (PAHO) placed emphasis on the need for equitable access to essential care, including raising awareness of ways people with diabetes can minimize their risk of complications.

Globally, non-communicable disease (NCDs) are the leading causes of death, accounting for 73.6% of deaths worldwide in 2019. Mortality from diabetes has increased by 70% since 2000, ranking among the 10 leading causes of death worldwide. Increases have been higher in men (80%) and in lower-and middle-income countries, in which diabetes moved from the 15th to the ninth leading cause of death.



In the Americas, NCDs – principally cardiovascular diseases, cancer, diabetes, and chronic respiratory diseases – are responsible for 81.3% of all deaths. In 2019, diabetes was the underlying cause of almost 300,000 deaths, equivalent to 4% of total deaths (male: 3.7%; female: 4.3%) (18).

It is estimated that 62 million people in this part of the world live with Diabetes Mellitus (DM) type 2. This number has tripled since 1980 and it is estimated to reach the 109 million mark by 2040, according to the Diabetes Atlas (9th edition). Prevalence has been rising more rapidly in low- and middle-income countries than in high-income countries.

Diabetes is a major cause of blindness, kidney failure, heart attacks, stroke and lower limb amputation. Poorly controlled diabetes increases the chances of these complications and premature mortality. In addition, people with diabetes are at higher risk of presenting cardiovascular diseases and tuberculosis, especially those with poor glycemic control.

The Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA) reported that diabetes remains a major health concern in the Caribbean, affecting millions of people and burdening healthcare systems.

According to CARPHA, Factors such as genetics, lifestyle, and limited access to healthcare have contributed to this alarming rise. It was noted that in 2019, the World Health Organization (WHO) recorded 1.5 million lives were lost to diabetes globally.

CARPHA stated that several Caribbean countries reported the highest age-standardised death rates due to diabetes. The organization remains on the frontlines of the regional response to diabetes and that its efforts include the update of the Diabetes Guidelines for the Management of Diabetes in Primary Care in the Caribbean, which aims to provide standardised and high-quality care for individuals with diabetes in the region.

# KEY FACTS ABOUT DIABETES



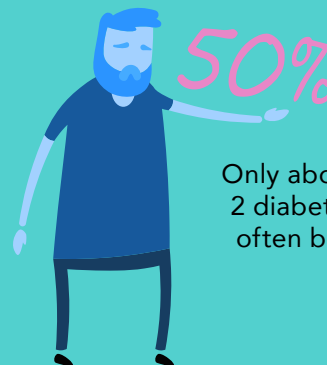
**Type 1** diabetes is not preventable. **Type 2** diabetes is often preventable through a healthy diet, regular physical activity, maintaining healthy body weight, and avoiding tobacco use.

Diabetes is a major cause of **blindness, kidney failure, heart attacks, stroke, and lower limb amputation.**



People with diabetes should seek **regular screening** for complications to aid in early detection. This includes screening for **kidney disease, regular eye exams, and foot assessment.**

**Quitting smoking** reduces the risk of developing type 2 diabetes by **30-40%.**



Only about **50%** of people with type 2 diabetes get the insulin they need, often because their country's health systems **cannot afford it.**

Diabetes can be treated and its complications avoided or delayed with **regular screening and treatment.**





# ANGUILLA: “MINIMAL” IMPACT

## FROM HURRICANE TAMMY

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The island of Anguilla saw “minimal impact” from the passage of Hurricane Tammy, officials recently reported.

The destination is now “fully open for business,” after strong winds and rain.

“We are grateful to advise that there are no reports of damage or injury to people or property,” the Anguilla Tourist Board (ATB) said in a statement. “The hurricane warning has been discontinued for Anguilla.”

The island’s airport and ferry terminals were temporarily closed ahead of the passage of the storm.

“The ATB is excited to extend a warm welcome to all visitors, inviting them to experience the breathtaking beauty of Anguilla’s pristine beaches, world-class resorts, exceptional restaurants and a wide range of attractions,” the release said.

“Our properties have reopened their doors for the upcoming fall and winter season, offering newly renovated accommodations and a multitude of exciting guest experiences.”



# INTERNATIONAL DAY OF SOLIDARITY WITH THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE

– 29 NOVEMBER



International days are occasions to educate the general public on issues of concern, to mobilize political will and resources to address global problems, and to celebrate and reinforce achievements of humanity.

In 1977, the General Assembly called for the annual observance of 29 November as the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People (resolution 32/40 B).

On that day, in 1947, the Assembly adopted the resolution on the partition of Palestine (resolution 181 (II)).

In resolution 60/37 of 1 December 2005, the Assembly requested the

Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People and the Division for Palestinian Rights, as part of the observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People on 29 November, to continue to organize an annual exhibit on Palestinian rights or a cultural event in cooperation with the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the UN.

The resolution on the observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People also encourages Member States to continue to give the widest support and publicity to the observance of the Day of Solidarity.

This year, the observance is especially significant, given the ongoing war between Palestine and Israel.

Israel is the world's only Jewish state, located just east of the Mediterranean Sea. Palestinians, the Arab population that hails from the land Israel now controls, refer to the territory as Palestine, and want to establish a state by that name on all or part of the same land. The Israeli-Palestinian conflict is over who gets what land and how it's controlled.

# ECLAC FAMILY

## NEW STAFF MEMBER

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A new Administrative Officer joined the ECLAC Port of Spain family recently. She is Mrs. Jennifer Jones-Morales, who brings to ECLAC over 23 years of professional experience in finance, personnel, and administration with the International Labour Organization, Decent Work Team, and Office of the Caribbean (ILO), Port of Spain. Prior to joining the ILO, she held the position of Account Executive at the Royal Bank of Trinidad & Tobago.

Mrs. Jones-Morales is the holder of a Ph.D. in Human Resources Management, an MBA in Marketing, and a Bachelor of Arts in Management Studies. Please join the Hummingbird in welcoming Jennifer to our office!



JENNIFER JONES-MORALES  
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER  
ADMIN



# THE Hummingbird

warmly welcomes Mrs. Jones-Morales to the Port of Spain office!

# THE Hummingbird KITCHEN



## SMOKED SHRIMP WITH POBLANO - TOMATILLO SAUCE

### What you will need:

#### For sauce

- 1/2 lb tomatillo, husked 2 poblano chiles, roasted and peeled
- 1/2 cup whipping cream 1 shallot, minced 1/4 cup butter, cut into pieces salt

#### For the grill

- mesquite charcoal hickory wood chunks, soaked and drained
- Shrimp
- 24 unshelled jumbo shrimp

### How to Make it:

**Step 1:** Using a blender puree tomatillos and chilies. Transfer pureed mixture to a skillet and add cream and shallot, cooking over medium high heat, stirring until thickened (4-5 minutes). Strain sauce. Over low heat whisk in butter 1 tablespoon at a time and season with salt. Keep warm.

**Step 2:** In a barbecue, heat the mesquite charcoal and hickory chunks until coals are white. Add more hickory chunks. As soon as smoke rises, push coals and chunks to one side of barbecue. Oil grill well.

**Step 3:** Arrange shrimp on side of grill not over heat source. Cover and smoke for 6-8 minutes or until shrimp is opaque.

**Step 4:** Serve shrimp with sauce.





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