



Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago

## Ministry of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs

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### **PRIME MINISTER TO ATTEND FIFTIETH (50TH) REGULAR MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF HEADS OF GOVERNMENT OF THE CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY (CARICOM)**

The Ministry of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs advises that the Fiftieth (50th) Regular Meeting of the Conference of Heads of Government of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) will convene from February 24-27, 2026 in Basseterre, under the theme, "Beyond Words: Action Today for a Thriving, Sustainable CARICOM."

The Meeting will be chaired by the Honourable Dr. Terrance Drew, Prime Minister of Saint Kitts and Nevis, who assumed the Chairmanship of the Community on January 1, 2026.

The Honourable Kamla Persad-Bissessar, Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago, will lead a national delegation comprising the Honourable Sean Sobers, Minister of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs; the Honourable Nicholas Morris, Minister in the Office of the Prime Minister; and senior officials of the Ministry of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs.

The Honourable Farley Augustine, Tobago House of Assembly Chief Secretary and a team from Tobago will also form part of the delegation.

The delegation is scheduled to depart Trinidad and Tobago on February 23 and return on February 27, 2026.

Prime Minister Persad-Bissessar will deliver an address at the Opening Ceremony on February 24, at the Marriott Dome, Frigate Bay. Other speakers will include Prime Minister Drew; the Honourable Andrew Holness, Prime Minister of Jamaica; recently appointed Heads of Government from across the Region; and the Secretary-General of CARICOM, Dr. Carla Barnett.

From February 25-27, Heads of Government will engage in substantive discussions on priority areas. Special guests expected to participate include senior officials of the United States Government; His Excellency Adel al-Jubeir, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs of Saudi Arabia; and Dr. George Elombi, President and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the African Export-Import Bank (Afreximbank).

On the margins of the Meeting, Trinidad and Tobago will pursue a series of bilateral engagements, including discussions with United States officials and representatives of Afreximbank, aimed at strengthening economic cooperation, security, trade, and development.

The Government reaffirms its intention to sustain and expand constructive relations with partners in the international community.

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