

We are Family

*Did I ever tell you I am from a big family? Yes, is fifteen ah we and five other pumpkin vine to make up twenty. Our name is the Caribbean Community but everybody like to say **CARICOM** when they calling we. We have the Bahamas in the north, Trinidad and Tobago down south, in South America, Suriname, Guyana and on the other end Haiti too.*

Our grandfathers Prime Ministers Errol Barrow for Barbados, Forbes Burnham for Guyana, Michael Manley for Jamaica and Dr. Eric Williams for Trinidad and Tobago forged the way to make us one. We started with the West Indies Federation, and then we went to the Caribbean Free Trade Association now the world knows us as the go to for engaging in Caribbean economic integration.

CARICOM is a relatively young family, we are only 48 years old, you see and even if we disagree sometimes, as the oldest surviving integration movement in the developing world, we can count our achievements as many. We are trying to make this Single Market a reality but you can see what we did in education, health, trade, culture and security.

We have further to go, we may encounter pandemics and natural disasters along the way but in blue and gold, the double CCs will stand true because you see this family we moving forward in unity. CARICOM is you, me and we.

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