

# 2025

## *Second Half* **Year- In Review**

**STRENGTHENING JUSTICE. SERVING PEOPLE. BUILDING TRUST.**

*From legislative advancements and institutional strengthening, to capacity-building initiatives, regional and international engagements, and the everyday efforts of the dedicated professionals who serve within the justice sector. It also highlights our continued focus on modernization, transparency, and human-centred service delivery*

Explore the stories, achievements, and moments that defined our year.

# UWI CARIBBEAN COMMERCIAL *Law* WORKSHOP

At the recent UWI Caribbean Commercial Law Workshop in Panama City on 21 July, Attorney General Wilkin delivered the opening keynote address at the invitation of his alma mater, the UWI Cave Hill Faculty of Law. His address focused on the transformative role of AI in strengthening justice systems across the Commonwealth Caribbean. During the address, the Attorney General introduced VoicelT, an AI-powered legal assistant, developed by the Ministry of Justice and Legal Affairs. The innovative tool provides free, real-time guidance on the laws of St. Kitts and Nevis and continue to evolve by learning from legislative updates and ministerial procedures.

As the Federation takes bold strides towards modernizing its justice system, these efforts reflect a broader vision of using technology to improve daily life for all citizens.



# *H*UMAN RIGHTS TRAINING FOR PERSONS DEPRIVED OF LIBERTY

The Attorney General's Office & Justice Ministry, in collaboration with the CARICOM Regional Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), hosted a two-day training workshop on "Human Rights of Persons Deprived of Liberty" from July 22-23.

The workshop trained prison officers from St. Kitts and Nevis on the United Nations Nelson Mandela Rules, focusing on humane detention, prevention torture, support for vulnerable detainees and rehabilitation.

Site visits to Her Majesty's Prison and the Prison Farm in Nevis were also conducted to assess conditions and explore areas for improvement.



The Attorney General's Office & Justice Ministry, in collaboration with the UN OHCHR CARICOM Regional Office, hosted a two-day workshop from July 24-25, focused on integrating international human rights standards into prosecutorial and civil advisory work.

## STANDARDS & BEST PRACTICES IN JUSTICE ADMINISTRATION

### *Training*

The training, titled "International Standards and Best Practices in the Administration of Justice", brought together Crown Counsels from the Attorney General's Chambers and the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions. Sessions explored **fair trial rights, prosecutorial responsibilities, and access to justice for vulnerable populations**. Attorney General Wilkin emphasized that strengthening human rights capacity within the justice sector is vital to building a rights-respecting, efficient system.



## **FIRST WORKING SESSION** *of* **THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL** **NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE**

Attorney General and Minister of Justice and Legal Affairs, Hon. Garth Wilkin, represented St. Kitts and Nevis at the First Working Session of the UN Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee on International Tax Cooperation (INC-Tax), where he was elected Vice President of the Bureau.

In delivering the CARICOM statement, AG Wilkin highlighted the barriers the current international tax system poses for CARICOM states and called for a universal, equitable framework that supports

small states and advances the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

AG Wilkin was joined by H.E. Dr. Mutryce Williams, Permanent Representative to the UN, Mr. Eustace T. Wallace, Minister Counsellor, and Mrs. Liska Hutchinson Rhyner, Crown Counsel from August 4-15. Discussions focused on strengthening legal cooperation and ensuring small island states benefit from emerging international agreements such as the High Seas Treaty (BBNJ Agreement).

# Human Rights and Torture Prevention *Workshop*

The Attorney General's Office and Ministry of Justice and Legal Affairs, in collaboration with the Convention against Torture Initiative (CTI), the OHCHR Caribbean Regional Office, and the OECS, led a week of regional engagements focused on advancing human rights protection. The programme began with a regional workshop (Sept 8–9) that brought together officials from Dominica, Saint Lucia, and Saint Kitts and Nevis to examine the UN human rights system and States' obligations under the UN Convention against Torture (UNCAT).

The week concluded with specialized police training (Sept 11–12) on investigative interviewing and use of force, reinforcing professionalism, accountability, and justice sector reform across the OECS.



***“Ratification is only the beginning. The real challenge lies in translating international commitments into effective national practices that safeguard individuals and strengthen institutions. Gatherings such as this allow us to build capacity, share experiences, and put in place the practical measures that move us closer to fulfilling the promises of UNCAT.”***

*Attorney* General Honourable Garth Wilkin



## EMPOWERING PROFESSIONALS THROUGH TRADEMARK PROTECTION

The Intellectual Property Office of Saint Kitts and Nevis, under the Ministry of Justice and Legal Affairs, continued its mission to empower professionals across the Federation by hosting a practical seminar on “Getting Your Trademarks Protected.”

Held on September 9, at the Solid Waste Management Corporation Conference Room, the session brought together legal professionals, entrepreneurs, associations, and other stakeholders. Participants were guided through key steps, best practices, and common pitfalls in applying for trademark protection—gaining valuable insights on how to effectively safeguard their brands.





The Royal St. Christopher and Nevis Police Force and Her Majesty’s Prison have received new equipment under the Promoting Access to Justice in the Caribbean (PACE Justice) Project.

This investment will enhance efficiency in record-keeping, reporting, and management systems, and forms part of the wider regional effort to reduce court backlogs, expand mediation, and modernize justice systems across the Eastern Caribbean.

## **STRENGTHENING JUSTICE DELIVERY *in* ST. KITTS AND NEVIS**

The initiative aligns with the Federation’s justice reform agenda, the Sustainable Island State Agenda, and Sustainable Development Goal 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions.



# IPOSKN REGISTRAR COMPLETES INTERNATIONAL COPYRIGHT *Training*



Registrar of the Intellectual Property Office, Mrs. Jihan Williams-Knight, successfully completed an intensive week-long program hosted by the International Copyright Institute on “Contemporary Copyright Issues for Developing Countries and Countries with Economies in Transition.”



Held in Washington, D.C. from September 15–19, 2025, the program—organized by the U.S. Copyright Office and the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)—brought together copyright policymakers from over 20 countries, including Kenya, Ukraine, The Maldives, and Jamaica.

Participants explored topics such as U.S. Copyright Law, AI and deepfakes, collective management systems, and the economic contribution of copyright to creative industries.

# *Case* **MANAGEMENT TRAINING**



The Attorney General's Office and Ministry of Justice and Legal Affairs, in collaboration with the UNDP PACE Justice Project funded by the European Union, hosted a two-day Case Management Training from September 22–23. Judges, magistrates, prosecutors, defence counsel, registrars, and clerks enhanced practical skills for managing cases efficiently, reducing delays, and improving accountability.

Attorney General Hon. Garth Wilkin emphasized that backlogs threaten efficiency and public confidence, stressing the importance of timely justice. Facilitators shared global and regional insights on case management techniques, judicial accountability, and proactive courtroom leadership.

The training supports the broader justice reform agenda and commitments under the Needham Point Declaration, advancing reforms to ensure timely, fair, and effective justice for all.

## **OMBUDSMAN OFFICE ENGAGES IN CAROA STRENGTHENING SYMPOSIUM**

The Office of the Ombudsman of St. Kitts and Nevis, joined regional counterparts at the Caribbean Ombudsman Association (CAROA) Symposium in Barbados from October 20-23, under the theme “Building Sustainable Futures: Preparing the Path for the Strengthening of CAROA.

The four - day event, led by Dr. Nigel L. Taylor, SCM, JP, Ombudsman of Barbados, focused on four key disciplines:

- Capacity Building & Digital Transformation for greater efficiency
- Standardized Best Practices and legislative advocacy
- Public Awareness through outreach and youth engagement
- Regional Collaboration to address human rights and environmental justice

The Ombudsman’s Office reaffirmed its commitment to fairness, transparency, and good governance across the Federation and the wider region.





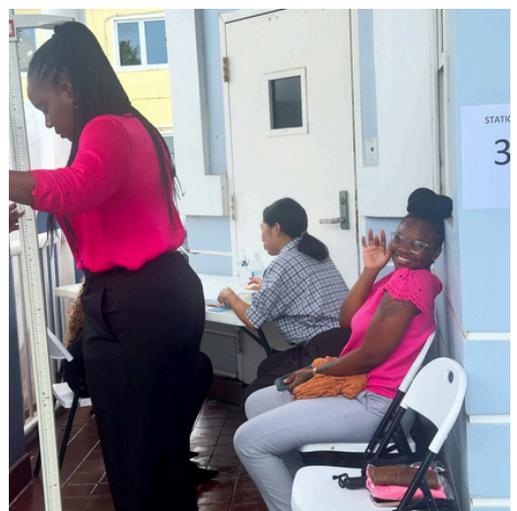
# AGO MJLA: STRONGER IN PINK HEALTH FAIR



On October 1, the Ministry of Justice and Legal Affairs, in collaboration with the Ministry of Health, hosted its very own Ministry- wide Health Fair under the theme:

**AGO MJLA: Stronger in Pink**

From blood pressure and blood sugar checks to breast screenings, Rapid HIV Tests, BMI Assessments, and Mental Health and Nutrition Assessments- our staff took meaningful steps toward prioritizing their health and well-being.





## **ST. KITTS & NEVIS SIGNS HISTORIC REGIONAL AGREEMENT ON LEGISLATIVE POLICY PRIORITIES ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

St. Kitts and Nevis joined six Caribbean nations in signing a Regional Agreement on Domestic Violence Legislative and Policy Priorities, advancing regional cooperation to strengthen survivor-centered justice on October 28.

Represented by Attorney General Honourable Garth Wilkin, Commissioner of Police James Sutton, and Acting Director of Gender Affairs Ms. Shinnel Charles, the Federation committed to harmonizing laws, closing legal gaps, and improving accountability.

AG Wilkin reaffirmed the nation's commitment to protecting survivors, noting the 2022 Domestic Violence Act amendment as a major step toward faster, more affordable access to justice.



## **BUILDING STRONG PERSONAL BRANDS WITH IP**

Registrar, Mrs. Jihan Williams- Knight, was invited to present to members of the St. Kitts and Nevis Olympic Committee Athletes' Commission on the topic "Building Strong Personal Brands with Intellectual Property (IP)," on November 6.

The session was highly interactive, where athletes asked insightful questions and shared their perspectives on how they could transform their sporting talents and experiences into meaningful brands that benefit both themselves and their communities.

We look forward to continued collaboration with them and other sporting bodies in the coming year, as IP and Sports will be a key focus area for the Office.

# **2025 Canada/ Caribbean Seasonal Agricultural Workers Programme (CCSAWP)**

## **Annual Review Meeting**

The Ministry of Empowerment and Labour, in partnership with the OECS, hosted the Annual Meeting of the Canada/Caribbean Seasonal Agricultural Workers Programme (CC/SAWP) at the St. Kitts Marriott Resort, from November 11-14.

The significant regional meeting brought together government representatives, programme administrators, and key stakeholders to review operations, discuss policy priorities, and strengthen collaboration between Caribbean countries and Canada. The CCSAWP remains an important avenue for economic opportunity within the region, providing structured employment in Canada's agricultural sector while supporting sustainable livelihoods for Caribbean workers.

The opening ceremony was attended by Her Excellency Dame Marcella Liburd, Governor General of Saint Kitts and Nevis, and Hon. Marsha Henderson, Minister of Employment and Labor, both of whom emphasized the programme's vital role in empowering workers, protecting rights, and contributing to regional economic resilience.

The Ministry of Justice and Legal Affairs continues to support national efforts to ensure that participating workers are equipped with clear legal protections and fair treatment, reinforcing the Federation's commitment to upholding justice and safeguarding labor rights with international employment frameworks.

## Registrar Williams- Knight, Panelist at AI in Business Summit



Intellectual Property Attorney, Registrar Mrs. Jihan Williams Knight, was one of four panelists at the Ministry of Small Business, Entrepreneurship, Cooperatives and The Creative Economy's, "AI in Business Summit", for Global Entrepreneurship Week on November 19 at Carambola Beach Club.

The panel brought together a powerful mix of expertise- from intellectual property and computer science to economics, entrepreneurship, and communications- as speakers unpacked how artificial intelligence is reshaping business, innovation, and opportunity in St. Kitts and Nevis.



## **MJLA Participates in CARICOM Workshop** on Nuclear Security & ICSANT Implementation

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Mrs. Allison Isaac and Mrs. Tashna Powell Williams represented Saint Kitts and Nevis at a virtual regional workshop hosted by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), in collaboration with CARICOM and with support from the Government of Canada, on November 24 2025.

The workshop focused on raising awareness and strengthening the effective implementation of ICSANT, an important international legal instrument aimed at preventing and criminalizing acts involving nuclear or radioactive materials. Presenters highlighted the importance of adherence, particularly given the region's widespread peaceful use of radioactive sources in the medical, agricultural, and industrial sectors.

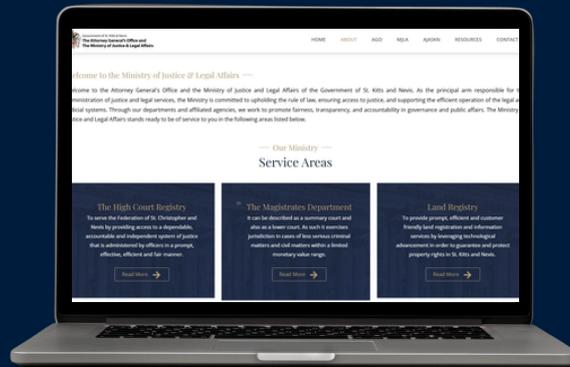
Key speakers from CARICOM and UNODC emphasized the shared responsibility of Member States to mitigate nuclear risks, the global state of ICSANT adherence, and the benefits of implementation, including enhanced international cooperation, strengthened legal frameworks, and support for obligations under UN Security Council Resolutions.

Saint Kitts and Nevis reaffirmed its commitment to nuclear security and the peaceful use of radioactive materials, noting that ICSANT- related legislation remains a priority on the national legislative agenda.

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# MJLA LAUNCHES NEW WEBSITE

*with Modern Features and AI- Powered Support*



The Ministry of Justice and Legal Affairs has launched its new website, marking a major step in improving public access to legal information and essential government services. The upgraded platform reflects the Ministry's commitment to transparency, modernization, and ensuring that justice is accessible to all citizens and residents of St. Kitts and Nevis.

The website features a clean, and user-friendly layout with clear, plain-language guidance. A key highlight is the integration of Voice It, the Ministry's AI-powered assistant, which allows users to access the laws of Saint Christopher and Nevis through text or voice at any time.

The project was delivered through close collaboration between the Ministry's Communications Unit and the Department of Technology, with special contributions from Ms. Twanna Finch and Ms. Janelle Mason.

The Ministry invites you, the public, to explore the new platform and share your feedback as we continue to enhance this digital gateway to justice.





## SAINT KITTS AND NEVIS WINS PRESTIGIOUS CFATF BREMOLT AWARD

Saint Kitts and Nevis has been awarded the 2025 BREMOLT Award for Best Regional Money Laundering/ Terrorist Financing Case at the CFATF's 61<sup>st</sup> Plenary Session in Bridgetown, Barbados. The Federation joins the distinguished ranks of past winners such as Jamaica, Guyana, and Trinidad & Tobago.

The winning case highlighted strong inter-agency collaboration beginning with a suspicious transaction report and supported by the Financial Intelligence Unit, White Collar Crime Unit, DPP's Office, Customs, Immigration, financial institutions, and international partners. The investigation led to a successful conviction, significant fines, and imprisonment.

Special commendation goes to Ms. La- Real Wilson, Director of the FIU, and Inspector Jerry Watt, Head of the WCCU, whose efforts formed the core of the submission. Inspector Watt presented the case at the Plenary, earning the winning vote for St. Kitts and Nevis.

The Federation's delegation included Ms. Karen Hughes (Delegation Lead), Ms. La- Real Wilson, Inspector Jerry Watt, Ms. Tevince Coker and Mrs. Simone Sargeant- Ottley.

This recognition reaffirms St. Kitts and Nevis' continued commitment to safeguarding financial integrity and strengthening regional security.



# LOCAL, REGIONAL & INTERNATIONAL *Engagements*

## July-September 2025

- **Registrar's Conference**  
2-4 July
- **UWI Executive Master Class in Oil, Gas & Energy Law**  
2-4 July
- **Transmission: Invitation to Stakeholder Consultations for the Development of the Architect's Registration Board**  
21-22 July
- **International Standards and Best Practices on Human Rights of Persons Deprived of Liberty for Prison Officers**  
22-23 July
- **CARICOM BBNJ Coordination Workshop**  
4-5 August
- **OAS/ REMJA Cybercrime Training Workshop**  
12-14 August
- **Consultative Workshop on Treaty of San Jose**  
19-20 August
- **Strengthening Human Rights Protection and Addressing Torture in the Eastern Caribbean Region**  
8-9 September



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- **2025 International Copyright Institute (ICI)**  
15-19 September
- **2025 Nuclear Law Institute**  
21 September- 03 October

### October- December 2025

- **Convention Against Torture Initiative (CTI) Regional Workshop**  
14-16 October
- **Third Working Session of the Inter Governmental Negotiating Committee (INC) on the United Nations Framework Convention on International Tax Corporations**  
10-19 November
- **Regional Meeting to Discuss the Draft CARICOM Policy on the Resolution of Financial Institutions and Drafting Instructions for a Related CARICOM Model Law**  
11-12 November
- **First Eastern Caribbean Legal Seminar on Civil Aviation**  
13-14 November



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## *Engagements*

- **Regional Meeting to Review Proposals for Updating of Intra-CARICOM Double Taxation Agreement (ICDTA)**  
8-9 December
- **Caribbean Creative Industries Forum: Amplifying Caribbean Music as a Global Gateway**  
9-11 December



# **ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE**

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