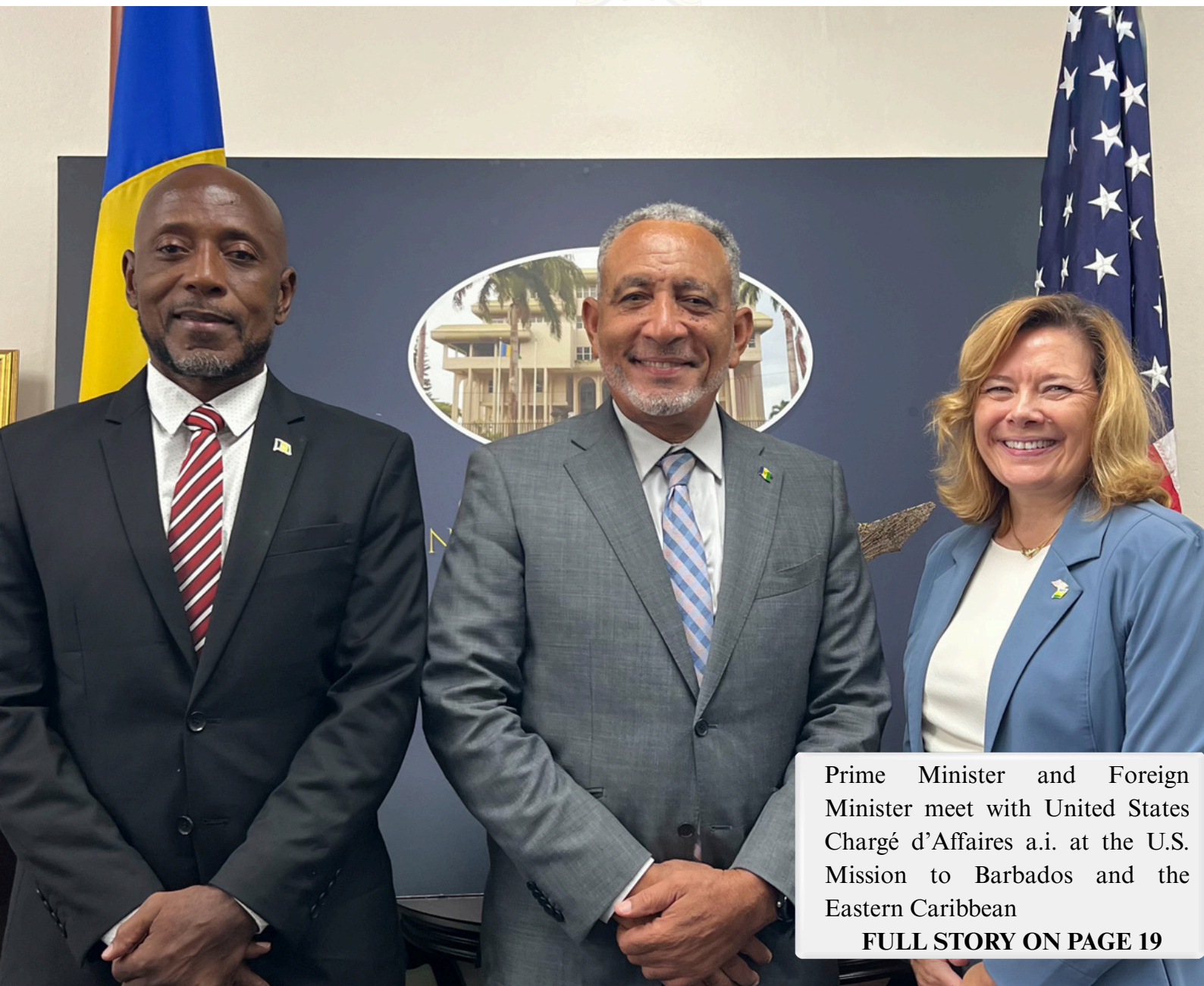




# THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, FOREIGN TRADE, FOREIGN INVESTMENT AND DIASPORA AFFAIRS

GOVERNMENT OF SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES

## DIPLOMATIC COURIER



Prime Minister and Foreign Minister meet with United States Chargé d’Affaires a.i. at the U.S. Mission to Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean

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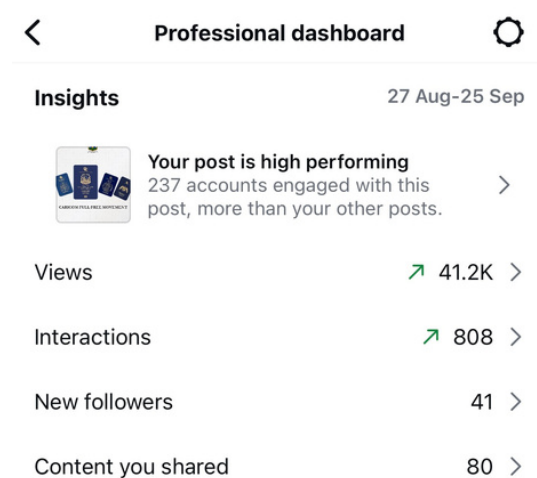
CARICOM Full Free Movement poster

On September 24, 2025, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade, and Consumer Affairs announced the launch of the CARICOM Full Free Movement regime. This initiative includes Saint Vincent and the Grenadines in partnership with Barbados, Belize, and Dominica.

The announcement was shared across official social media platforms, namely Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, and X. Performance varied across platforms, with all, except X, exceeding their usual levels of engagement.


As of September 25, 2025, the engagement results were as follows:

- Facebook: 235 reactions, 32 comments, 195 shares
- Instagram: 164 hearts, 6 comments, 163 shares, 10 reposts, and 30 saves
- LinkedIn: 198 reactions, 8 comments, 25 reposts
- X: 2 hearts and 2 retweets



## Instagram Post Insight

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## Facebook Post Insight

These figures reflect strong regional interest and meaningful interaction from the public, underscoring the significance of the announcement and the positive reception of this important milestone.



Honourable Frederick Stephenson, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and Consumer Affairs, actively engaged in a series of high-level meetings during the 80th Session of the United Nations General Assembly (#UNGA80) in New York.

At the L-69 and C-10 Joint Ministerial of #UNGA80, Minister Frederick Stephenson met with Dr. S. Jaishankar, and held discussions with Her Excellency Elena Valtonen, Minister of Foreign and European Affairs, exploring opportunities to strengthen cooperation in key areas of mutual interest.

He also attended a luncheon hosted by the Permanent Observer of Water and Sanitation for Africa to the United Nations, which commemorated the Pact for Sustainable Development Goals and launched science-based solutions to advance clean water and sanitation initiatives.

Additionally, Minister Stephenson participated in the Taiwan Friendship Night, hosted by the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in New York, further reinforcing international dialogue and collaboration.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and Consumer Affairs reaffirms its commitment to fostering meaningful partnerships, promoting sustainable development, and amplifying Saint Vincent and the Grenadines' voice on the global stage.



Dr S. Jaishankar shaking hands with Foreign Minister; Frederick Stephenson



Foreign Minister; Frederick Stephenson shaking hands with Her Excellency Elena Valtonen; Minister of Foreign and European Affairs



Foreign Minister; Frederick Stephenson attending a luncheon



Foreign Minister; Frederick Stephenson participating in the Taiwan Friendship Night

The Government and people of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines extend a warm welcome to Her Excellency Geraldine Byrne Nason, Ambassador of Ireland, who presented her Letters of Credence to Her Excellency Dame Susan Dougan, GCMG, OBE, Governor-General of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, on Friday, October 10, 2025.



During her official visit, Ambassador Byrne Nason held courtesy meetings with Dr. the Honourable Ralph E. Gonsalves, Prime Minister of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines; Honourable Dr. Godwin Friday, Leader of the Opposition; and Mr. Glen Beache, Chief Executive Officer of Invest SVG.



The exchanges underscored the cordial and cooperative relations shared between Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and Ireland. Both sides reaffirmed their mutual commitment to advancing dialogue and deepening collaboration in areas of shared priority, including education, sustainable development, and economic partnership.



As part of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines' 46th Anniversary of Independence celebrations, the Consulate General of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, together with members of the Independence Planning Committee, recognized and celebrated several community stalwarts in New York, as well as elderly individuals who have made significant contributions to the Vincentian diaspora, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, and its people.

On October 24, 2025, representatives from the Consulate General visited Standard Shippers and Square Deal Shippers, and paid special tributes to Esther Thomas, a retired nurse; Mitchinson James, a retired police officer and the oldest known living Vincentian at 107 years old; Haywood Thomas, a 99-year-old retired police officer; Hoskins Prescott, a retired preacher; and Berisford Latham, a retired police officer.



Consul General McIntosh presents to Standard Shippers.



Consul General McIntosh presents to Square Deal Shippers.



Representatives from the Consulate General of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines New York presented to Esther Thomas.



Consul General McIntosh presents to Mitchinson James.



Representatives from the Consul General of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines New York presented to Berisford Latham.



Representatives from the Consul General of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines New York presents to Haywood Thomas.



On the other hand, The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and Consumer Affairs extended warm wishes on the 46th Independence Anniversary of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.





As Saint Vincent and the Grenadines' 46th Independence celebrations draw to a close, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and Consumer Affairs extends heartfelt gratitude to all who conveyed warm wishes to the Government and people of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines on this special occasion.

The Ministry was also honoured to welcome diplomats who held a courtesy call during this period, including:

- His Excellency Dr. Akima Umezawa, Ambassador of Japan,
- His Excellency Dr. Christophe Eick, Ambassador of Germany to Saint Vincent and the Grenadines,
- Her Excellency Brenda Wills, High Commissioner of Canada to Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean,
- Her Excellency María Cristina Pérez Gutiérrez, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Kingdom of Spain to the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago,
- Ms. Claudia Giuliana Betalleluz, Ambassador-Designate of the Republic of Peru to CARICOM,
- Mr. Zachary Zimmerman, Country Officer of the United States of America to Saint Vincent and the Grenadines,
- Her Excellency Maria Velasco, Ambassador of Sweden,
- Her Excellency Xiomara Pérez, Ambassador of the Republic of Panama.
- And a representative from France.

The Ministry expresses sincere appreciation for their presence and continued partnership, which reflect the enduring bonds of friendship and cooperation shared between Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and its international partners.

## A FEW WARM WISHES TO SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES



“Today, on 27 October, Honorary Consul Philippe A. May wishes all Vincentians and friends of St. Vincent and the Grenadines a very auspicious Independence Day!” said Consulate of St. Vincent and the Grenadines in Singapore.



“Independence Day greetings to FM Frederick Stephenson, the Government and the people of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines. Look forward to further strengthening our close partnership.”, stated Dr S. Jaishankar.



## A FEW WARM WISHES TO SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES



As St. Vincent and the Grenadines celebrates its Forty-Sixth Anniversary of Independence, 27 October, Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Secretary-General Dr. Carla Barnett has recognised the country for its leadership within the Community and its steadfast commitment to regional integration.

In a congratulatory message to Prime Minister, Dr. the Honourable Ralph Gonsalves, the Secretary-General highlighted the country's recent implementation of the full free movement regime.

“Your recent implementation of the full free movement regime, alongside three other CARICOM Member States, clearly demonstrates your country's longstanding commitment to regional integration,” she stated.

Dr. Barnett also underscored the country's strong advocacy for intra-regional connectivity, noting its role as the lead Head of Government for Transport (Maritime and Aviation) in the CARICOM Quasi-Cabinet.

The Secretary-General's full message reads:

“Prime Minister,

On behalf of the Caribbean Community, I extend congratulations to the Government and People of St. Vincent and the Grenadines on your Forty-Sixth Anniversary of Independence.

The theme “Celebrating Our Identity, Inspiring Our Future”, is a fitting invitation for the People of St. Vincent and the Grenadines to reflect on the role that unity and national pride have played since Independence. It also serves to harness these values for continued national development.

The Community continues to benefit from the leadership and contributions of St. Vincent and the Grenadines. Your recent implementation of the full free movement regime, alongside three other CARICOM Member States, clearly demonstrates your country's longstanding commitment to regional integration. This complements the staunch advocacy for intra-regional connectivity that St. Vincent and the Grenadines holds responsibility for as lead Head of Government for Transport (Maritime and Aviation) in the CARICOM Quasi-Cabinet.

On this milestone in your nation's history, CARICOM extends its best wishes to the Government and People of St. Vincent and the Grenadines for continued growth and prosperity.”

## A FEW WARM WISHES TO SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES



Speaking on the occasion of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines' 46th Independence anniversary, the U.S. Embassy in Bridgetown expressed warm congratulations "on behalf of the United States of America" and reiterated the nation's dedication to strengthening regional security and prosperity.





The Government and people of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines warmly welcomed Her Excellency Fiona Ramsey, Ambassador of the European Union to Barbados and Ambassador Designate to the Eastern Caribbean States, who presented her credentials to Her Excellency Dame Susan Dougan, GCMG, OBE, Governor-General of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, on Friday, October 24, 2025.

During her official visit, Ambassador Ramsey paid courtesy calls with Dr. the Honourable Ralph E. Gonsalves, Prime Minister of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, and Honourable Frederick Stephenson, Foreign Affairs Minister of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines. Discussions centred on shared priorities and a mutual commitment to resilience, sustainable development, and prosperity for all.

The Government of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines reaffirms its dedication to deepening this valued partnership with the European Union, founded on mutual respect, shared values, and a common vision for a sustainable and prosperous future.

His Excellency Fikry Cassidy, Ambassador-Designate of the Republic of Indonesia to Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, presented his Letters of Credence to Her Excellency Dame Susan Dougan, Governor-General of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, during a formal ceremony held at Government House on Wednesday, November 05, 2025.

In her remarks, Her Excellency Dame Susan Dougan extended a warm welcome to Ambassador Cassidy and reaffirmed the cordial and enduring relations between Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and the Republic of Indonesia. She expressed confidence that the ties between both nations will continue to strengthen through enhanced cooperation and mutual understanding.

As part of his official engagements, Ambassador Cassidy paid a courtesy call on the Honourable Frederick Stephenson, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade, and Consumer Affairs, and lectured SVG Community College students at the University of the West Indies Global Campus, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines on key aspects of Indonesia's global leadership, foreign policy, and cultural diplomacy, including the use of Batik as a tool of soft diplomacy.

Minister Stephenson conveyed the Government's appreciation for Indonesia's continued partnership and reiterated Saint Vincent and the Grenadines' commitment to further collaboration in areas of shared interest, including education, trade, and sustainable development.

The Republic of Indonesia and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines established diplomatic relations on November 30, 1993. The Government of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines look forward to deepening this valued partnership in the years ahead, in pursuit of mutual progress and prosperity for both nations and their peoples.







The Embassy of St. Vincent and the Grenadines, ROC, Taiwan participated in the 2025 SDG Asia Expo, held from September 11 to 13, 2025. The Embassy also highlighted Sustainable Tourism, showcasing Saint Vincent and the Grenadines' natural beauty, cultural vibrancy, and commitment to harmonising development with environmental stewardship.

A special feature of the booth was the participation of several talented Vincentian entrepreneurs and creatives based in Taipei, who presented their outstanding work:

- Hair by JusOne – stylish, sustainable hair care
- S-Class – innovative hair care and styling
- Beads by Oudía – handcrafted jewelry inspired by culture and identity
- Shika's Treats – delightful homemade sweets offering a taste of home

They were also pleased to feature the captivating artworks of Vincentian painter Sean Roache, adding a rich creative dimension to our showcase.



The Government of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines formally welcomed the Ambassador of the Russian Federation, His Excellency Andrey A. Pritsepov, following the presentation of his Letters of Credence to Her Excellency Dame Susan Dougan, Governor-General of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines. The ceremony was held at Government House in Kingstown on Wednesday, November 12, 2025.

In presenting his credentials, Ambassador Pritsepov commended the steadfast unity and resilience demonstrated by the people of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, particularly throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. He reaffirmed the Russian Federation's commitment to advancing cooperation and strengthening bilateral relations with Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.

Her Excellency Dame Susan Dougan warmly congratulated Ambassador Pritsepov on his appointment and expressed the Government's dedication to deepening the longstanding ties between the two nations. She extended best wishes for a successful and productive tenure.

During his visit, Ambassador Pritsepov also met with the Honourable Frederick Stephenson, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and Consumer Affairs. Their discussions focused on avenues for enhanced collaboration, and the Ambassador was given an opportunity to view progress on the New Modern Port project from the Ministry's offices. Diplomatic relations between the Russian Federation and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines were established on September 17, 2002.

The Government of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines values its enduring partnership with the Russian Federation and remains committed to fostering continued cooperation for the mutual benefit and advancement of both nations and their peoples.





The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade, and Consumer Affairs hosted the Opening Ceremony for the Romania Trade Mission of the Bucharest Chamber of Commerce during its visit to Saint Vincent and the Grenadines on Monday, November 24, 2025, at the Grenadines House.

Her Excellency Theodora Magdalena Mircea, Ambassador of Romania, highlighted that the visit follows the Prime Minister's recent official trip to Romania, reaffirming Romania's commitment to deepening bilateral relations. Mr. Iuliu Stocklosa, Head of the Romanian Business Delegation, expressed interest in investment opportunities, particularly in the Modern Port, while Mr. Tony Regisford, Executive Director of the SVG Chamber of Commerce, emphasised the importance of exchanging ideas and fostering productive trade engagement.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade, and Consumer Affairs reaffirmed the Ministry's commitment to ongoing collaboration. A Memorandum of Understanding was signed, and Romanian scholarship recipients were introduced, followed by a photo session with the delegation, scholarship awardees, and representatives of the Saint Vincent and the Grenadines business community.

A Business Forum chaired by Mr. Regisford featured presentations from Invest SVG, the SVG Chamber of Commerce, and the Romanian Business Delegation on investment and trade opportunities, followed by discussions on potential areas for collaboration.

The Ministry reaffirms its commitment to advancing strategic partnerships that promote national development and strengthen economic and commercial ties with Romania



The PAHO/WHO Representative for Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean, Dr. Amalia Del Riego Abreu, visited Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and paid a courtesy call on the Honourable Frederick Stephenson, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and Consumer Affairs, on Friday, November 14, 2025, at the Ministry's Office.

The Minister was accompanied by Mrs. Sandy Peters-Phillips, Permanent Secretary; Mrs. Okolo John-Patrick, Director of Foreign Trade; and Ms. Aliaka Jones, Senior Foreign Service Officer.

The meeting concluded with a shared commitment to continued collaboration in support of the sustainable development of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and Consumer Affairs looks forward to strengthening its engagement with PAHO/WHO to advance the health and wellbeing of the people of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.



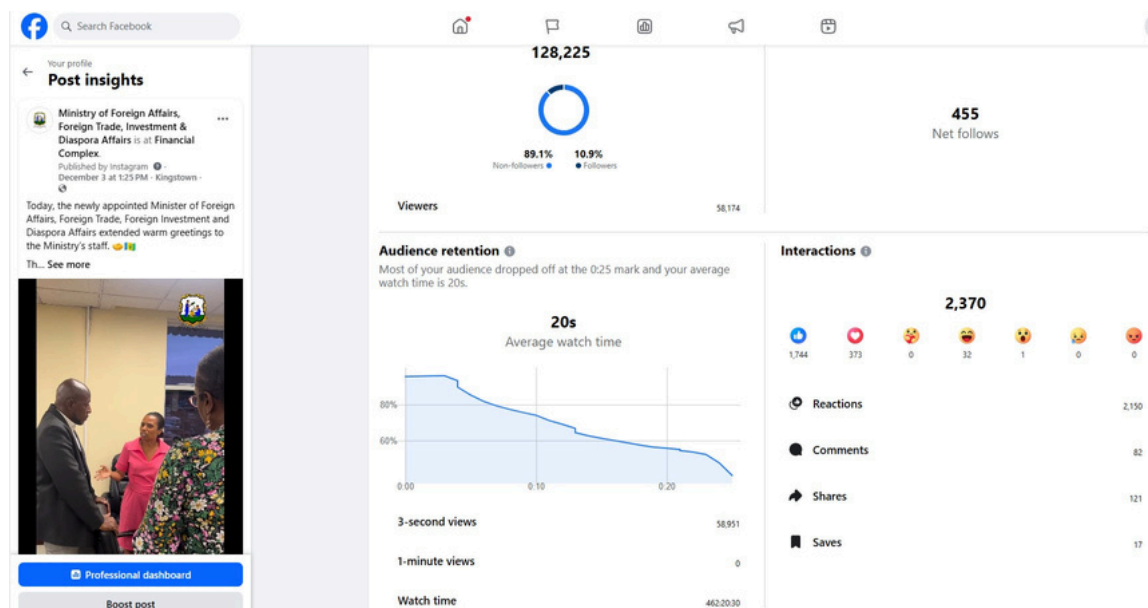


On Tuesday, 02 December 2025, The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade, and Consumer Affairs renamed to The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade, Foreign Investment and Diaspora Affairs as they received a new Minister. On that day, The Ministry congratulated Honourable Dwight Fitzgerald Bramble on his appointment as the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade, Foreign Investment and Diaspora Affairs and extended best wishes for a successful tenure.

During his visit, he extended warm greetings to the Ministry's staff, and the interaction provided an opportunity to share a light moment with the Minister while highlighting several key issues within the Ministry.

The engagement concluded on a positive and collaborative note, setting the tone for strengthened teamwork as the Ministry continues to enhance its operations and service delivery.

The Ministry looks forward to continued collaboration and remains dedicated to advancing the nation's foreign policy objectives, strengthening international partnerships, and serving the people of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines with integrity and excellence.



## < Reel insights ...



Today, the newly appointed Minister of Foreign Af...

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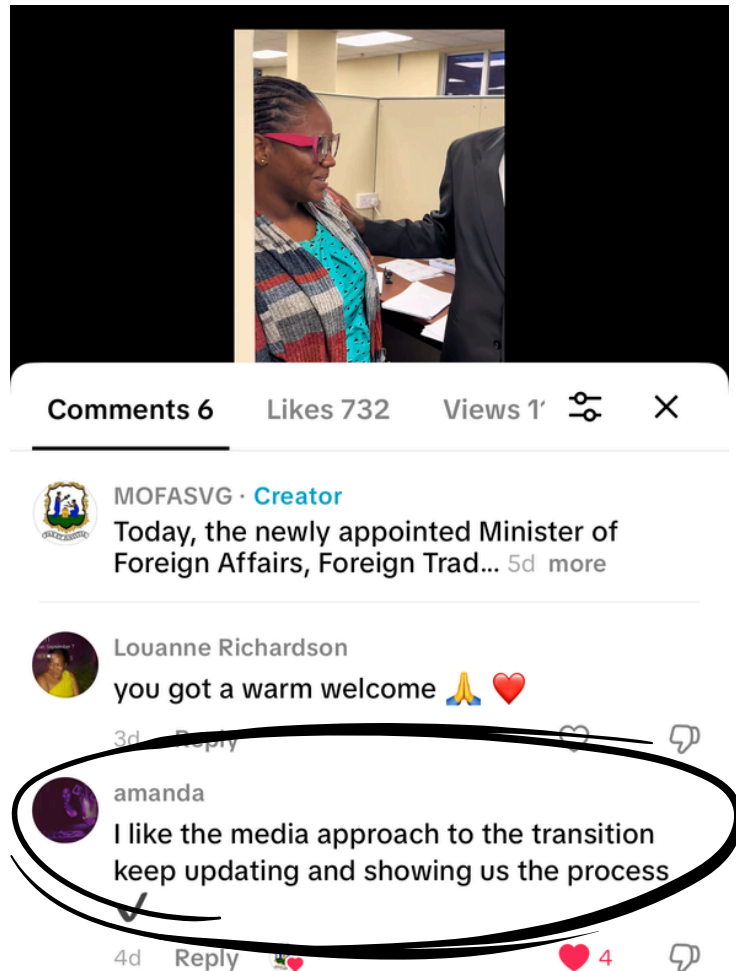
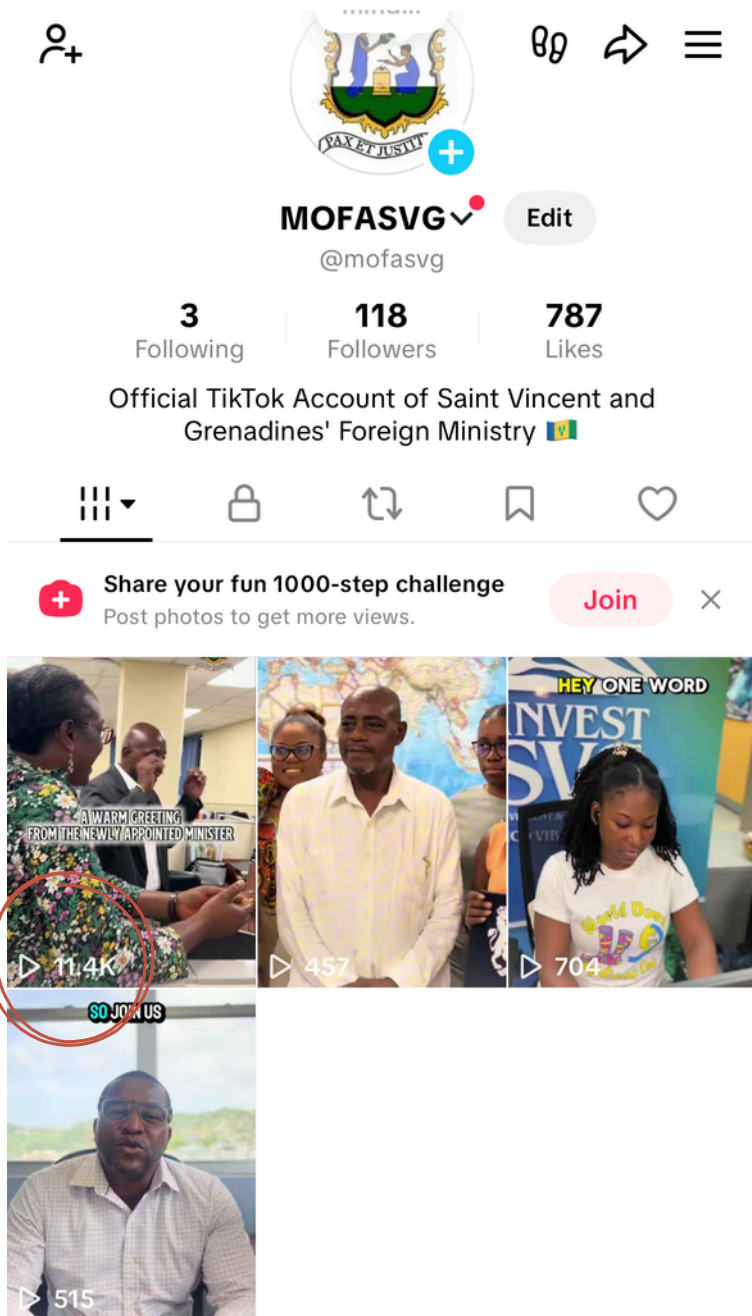
The Ministry produced a reel that was shared across platforms, including Facebook, Instagram, TikTok and LinkedIn. This reel significantly surpassed its usual performance; in fact, the Ministry has never before achieved such results on social media. Public reactions were largely positive.

The reel was posted on 03 December 2025, and by 08 December 2025 it had garnered 6,304 views on Instagram, 128,225 views on Facebook, and 11.4k views on TikTok.

One TikTok user, Amanda, commented: “I like the media approach to this transition, keeping us updated and showing us the process.”

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade, Foreign Investment and Diaspora Affairs remains committed to listening to the public and communicating in innovative and effective ways.





Remarks made on the social media approach.

TikTok views recorded on 08 December 2025.



Dr. the Honourable Godwin Friday, Prime Minister of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, and the Honourable Dwight Fitzgerald Bramble, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade, Foreign Investment and Diaspora Affairs, welcomed Ms. Karin Sullivan, Chargé d'Affaires a.i. at the U.S. Mission to Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean, during a courtesy call on Thursday, December 11, 2025.

The meeting offered an opportunity for Ms. Sullivan to extend congratulations to the newly elected Prime Minister and to reaffirm the United States' commitment to continued strong and constructive bilateral cooperation.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade, Foreign Investment and Diaspora Affairs anticipates deepening the longstanding partnership between Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and the United States, with a shared focus on advancing mutual prosperity, security, and the well-being of both nations and their peoples.



The Honourable Dwight Fitzgerald Bramble, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade, Foreign Investment and Diaspora Affairs, received four courtesy calls on Tuesday, December 09, 2025. The visits were paid by Mr. Francisco Pérez Santana, Head of the Venezuelan Diplomatic Mission to Saint Vincent and the Grenadines; His Excellency Carlos Ernesto Rodríguez Etcheverry, Ambassador of the Republic of Cuba to Saint Vincent and the Grenadines; His Excellency Geoffrey Patton, Resident British Commissioner to Saint Vincent and the Grenadines; and Her Excellency Ana Lélia Benincá Beltrame, Ambassador of the Federative Republic of Brazil to Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.



The meeting with the Head of the Venezuelan Diplomatic Mission provided an opportunity for cordial exchanges on matters of mutual interest and reaffirmed the longstanding ties between Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela. During discussions with the Ambassador of Cuba, both parties reaffirmed their commitment to strengthening the enduring bilateral relationship between the two countries. Minister Bramble expressed his interest in pursuing new opportunities to expand investment and trade, while further enhancing cooperation for the mutual benefit of both nations.



His Excellency Geoffrey Patton conveyed warm congratulations to Minister Bramble on his recent appointment and reaffirmed the United Kingdom's commitment to continued partnership. The meeting featured cordial and constructive discussions, with both sides exchanging views on ongoing initiatives and exploring avenues for enhanced collaboration

The meeting with the Ambassador of Brazil also provided an opportunity to extend congratulations to Minister Bramble on his appointment and to exchange perspectives on ongoing initiatives. Both sides explored potential areas for deeper cooperation.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade, Foreign Investment and Diaspora Affairs remains resolute in its commitment to advancing bilateral partnerships. Through sustained dialogue and expanded cooperation, the Ministry continues to pursue the shared goals of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and its international partners.





The Government of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines has reaffirmed its commitment to regional cooperation, integration and complementarity within the framework of the Bolivarian Alliance for the Peoples of Our America – Peoples’ Trade Treaty (ALBA-TCP), following the 25th Ordinary Summit of Heads of State and Government.

The summit convened virtually on Sunday, December 14, 2025, the delegation of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines was headed by Honourable Dwight Fitzgerald Bramble, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade, Foreign Investment and Diaspora Affairs.

Saint Vincent and the Grenadines took this opportunity to reaffirm its continued commitment to deepening the process of integration and unity among Latin American and Caribbean nations within the ALBA-TCP framework, in keeping with shared objectives of cooperation, development, and mutual support.

The summit adopted a Final Declaration; however, the Government of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines formally registered its reservation regarding the Final Declaration adopted at the Summit. This reservation reflected the country’s newly elected administration’s concerns, regarding the limited timeframe to review the Final Declaration. Therefore, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines was unable to submit appropriate negotiating positions prior to its adoption by Heads of State and Government.

The Government underscored that this reservation is procedural in nature and is intended to ensure that Saint Vincent and the Grenadines’ positions were fully considered through the appropriate consultative processes, consistent with its constitutional responsibilities and diplomatic practice.

Saint Vincent and the Grenadines reiterates its readiness to work constructively and collaboratively with Member States of ALBA-TCP to promote economic development, peace, security and shared prosperity for the people of the region, in accordance with the guiding principles of ALBA-TCP and in full adherence to the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations.



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