



DOMINICA HIGH COMMISSION

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NEWLY APPOINTED HIGH COMMISSIONER PRESENTS CREDENTIALS TO HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN

On the 5th of December 2012, Dominica's new High Commissioner to the Court of St. James, Her Excellency Francine Baron, presented her Credentials to Her Majesty The Queen. The High Commissioner was escorted to the Palace by the Marshall of the Diplomatic Corp, where she had an Audience with The Queen and officially took up Office.

Her Excellency, who is a lawyer by profession, is keen to continue engaging and working with the Dominican Diaspora in the United Kingdom, in the interest of Dominica.



GEOTHERMAL ENERGY TO BE EXPORTED FROM DOMINICA BY 2015

The geothermal project in the Roseau Valley area has commenced and officials have indicated that in addition to providing energy for local consumption at a lower cost than the widely used fossil-fuel energy, output will be exported to other countries, boosting Dominica's export earning.

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Message from the High Commissioner, Her Excellency Francine Baron

Fellow Nationals, it is indeed an honour to have been given the opportunity to serve you as the Resident High Commissioner of Dominica to the Court of St. James. In the few months that I have been here, I have been welcomed with open arms, by not only the Staff of the High Commission but by all the Nationals that I have met thus far and for that I am very grateful.

The Staff of the High Commission by all reports have done a fantastic job with the limited personnel and resources available to them and though we will not always be able to deliver on everything that is demanded of us going forward, we will continue to do our best to provide service to you in a professional, courteous and timely manner.

Our country faces challenging times. We are not immune from the financial crisis that has rocked the world and from which many countries are still struggling to recover. As a country with limited natural resources, a small population and vulnerability to exogenous shocks, it continues to be a challenge to move the development agenda forward. This, the Government has managed to continue to do with some creativity and ingenuity.

There are a number of major projects that should reach completion this year. This includes the state of the art Dominica State College, the Pont Casse to Melville Hall Road, the State House project which includes an official residence for the President, new offices to House the Electoral Commission, Integrity Commission and a Conference Center. There are also a number of new initiatives, including the development of the Roseau River-bank Promenade project which will uplift the entrance to the City from the North, a new state of the art hospital, and a geothermal plant which will result in a cleaner and cheaper energy supply, this is in addition to all the other strides that the Government has been making in health, education, housing, social welfare to name a few.

The task of Nation building lies not only on the shoulders of the Dominicans who have remained on its shores, but extends also to the many thousands of Dominicans who reside in many nations around the world. We share a common heritage, a common desire to see Dominica progress and develop. What part can the Dominican Diaspora play in achieving these shared goals? There is a wealth of talent and resources which reside in the Dominica Diaspora. How best can we harness this for the benefit of Dominica?

A Diaspora Policy was developed a few years ago by the Government which encourages active engagement with the Dominican Diaspora, to integrate our non-resident population into national development, to promote trade and investment opportunities, to allow for participation in the development of policy and programmes, among other things. The entire document can be accessed on the Government website under the heading National Development Strategies.

Recognising the importance of the Diaspora to national development regionally, a CARICOM Diaspora grouping will be formed in the UK, which can pool its resources, in a coordinated approach, to better utilise and direct the talent and capacity of the Diaspora to participate in nation building.

It is most important however that the Dominica Diaspora here, recognise that much more can be achieved, if we work together towards common goals and projects and one should not rule out collaborating with the Dominican Diaspora in other parts of the World, on specific projects and programmes.

In that spirit we intend later this year to host a conference for the Dominica Diaspora in the UK to look at ways in which we can collaborate in a more meaningful way. Information on that will be communicated to you at a later date.

It is my hope, that during my tenure here, we can work together, in unity, as Dominicans who are interested in the development of our Nation, for the benefit of all .



Message from The President, His Excellency Eliud T. Williams D.A.H, F.C.M.I

I welcome the opportunity on the occasion of the publication of this news letter to extend warm greetings to all Dominicans resident in the United Kingdom. It is a distinct pleasure to do so as President. In September, 2012 I was elected by the Parliament of Dominica to serve the unexpired term of His Excellency Dr. Nicholas J. O. Liverpool, former President, who has served our country with distinction both at home and abroad.

As President, I am called upon to uphold the provisions of the Constitution of our country, to maintain the dignity of the office and to be a symbol of unity among our people. I assumed the office after many years as a senior public sector manager in Dominica and in the O.E.C.S. I am also aware that I assumed the office at a time of considerable economic difficulties at home and abroad. In today's Dominica there are economic, social, political and environmental challenges.



Many of these challenges are beyond the control of Dominica such as the continuing effects of trade liberalization and the globalization of markets. These would be particularly noticeable to our nationals who migrated to the United Kingdom in the decades of the sixties and seventies and have witnessed the transformation in the marketing and sale of our bananas. These changes have produced their own negative impacts on our population, especially in the rural areas where there has been a high dependence on agriculture.

Some of challenges however provide an opportunity to measure the consequential impacts of the decline in remittances from Dominicans, the resultant decrease in direct foreign investments and the reduction in visitor arrivals during the last few years. It is therefore a unique opportunity to promote greater awareness among our UK residents to move beyond the periodic deposits and to engage in business enterprises and demonstrate entrepreneurial spirit.

It is recognized that the first generation of Dominicans who made the United Kingdom their home had various levels of success. Many have now retired and returned home where they made investments in home construction and small businesses. The second generation would have acquired higher levels of education and training through the hard work and financial contribution and or active encouragement of their parents and/or the State. This second generation of Dominicans must be continuously encouraged to invest in Dominica in areas such as tourism, information technology and energy as a means of contributing positively to Dominica's social and economic development and thereby enhance living standards.

Let me end by extending a very warm invitation to all of you to visit, to stay connected through the World Wide Web and very importantly to give serious consideration to investing in the established or emerging sectors of the economy.

Upcoming Events

Diaspora Conference **The event is planned so that we can devise a strategy for effective collaboration of our efforts to create a bigger impact in our service and assistance to Dominica *(date to be confirmed)***

CCL Fair 2013 **9th November 2013, Kensington Town Hall**

Independence Events

- **Creole Supper** **25th October 2013 (venue to be confirmed)**
- **Church Service** **27th October 2013, St Anthony's Church , Forest Gate**
- **Dinner Dance** **2nd November 2013 (venue to be confirmed)**

Message from the Prime Minister, Honourable Roosevelt Skerrit

Fellow citizens,

I want to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to the small but hardworking and dedicated officers of our High Commission, who discharged their duties with diligence to you and to Dominica over the years when we were without a High Commissioner.

I am grateful for the warm welcome you have extended to our new High Commissioner, Her Excellency Francine Baron, and trust that you will continue to give her your strong support as together you work to promote and advance the interests of our country and yourselves.

In spite of the challenges imposed on our economy by a sluggish and uncertain global recovery, following the financial and economic crisis of the past few years, we face the new year with hope and confidence that Dominica will experience an improvement in economic performance and that we will achieve steady progress toward reaching the three per cent (3%) annual growth rate we have set. Your committed and steady contributions, in so many different ways toward reaching this target, cannot be overstated.

You are aware of the drastic cuts in expenditure that the government in the United Kingdom has had to introduce in an attempt to meet its fiscal and economic targets. Some of you and your relatives may have been personally affected by this.

Our challenge here at home is similar. However, it is the policy of government to maintain its social protection policy, thereby providing support to the elderly, the disadvantaged and the vulnerable. We will not depart from our vision of empowering the youth of Dominica through education, and we have established programmes that facilitate access from the early childhood level right through to the tertiary level. Soon, the construction of our modern State college will be completed with the capacity to enroll two thousand (2000) students. The next stage will be the offering of degrees right here.

While we continue to spare no effort at transforming the agricultural sector, we have set our sights on making Dominica the first completely clean and green energy country in the Caribbean. Our investments and plans for developing the geothermal resource of the Roseau Valley, lead us to believe that this is highly probable. We are on track to turn on the first geothermal plant, producing up to twenty megawatts of electricity by 2015.

The unfolding and realization of our plans to make Dominica a happy, peaceful and productive country in which everyone has the opportunity to rise to his full potential, cannot be achieved through the effort of government alone. All of us, you in the diaspora, and we, who are located at home, have to give our fair share and make our sustained contributions for this to happen.

Let me once again, record my appreciation for the support and for the donations you have made to Dominica in the past. Today, Dominica needs you more than ever, and in the not too distant future, we will be calling on you to reassess the nature and the scope of the contributions that you can make. With the construction of a modern hospital due to commence soon, I am thinking, for example, that those among you with professional skills and training in the delivery of health care, may wish to consider a mechanism under which you make yourselves periodically available so that Dominicans requiring your services may have that benefit.

Before I conclude, I want to remind you that the Ministry with responsibility of Diaspora Affairs stands ready to be at your service if you intend to return home, and to listen to you if there is any matter in which their service to you can be improved.

May God bless you and your family as He looks upon our beautiful country with favour.



High Commissioner Presents Credentials to Her Majesty The Queen

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The formal ceremony, in which the High Commissioner presents The Queen with her Letter of Credence, is a requirement for official recognition for the High Commissioner by the United Kingdom,.

Her Excellency Ms Baron, has served the Commonwealth of Dominica in the Office of Attorney General from 2007 to 2010 and was called to the Bar in Dominica in 1996. Her Excellency is an alumni of the University of Wolverhampton, and the Sir Hugh Wooding Law School and was admitted to the Bar of England and Wales in 1995.



Dominica Participates in the Commonwealth Countries League Fair 2012

The Dominica High Commission, together with the Dominican Associations and community in the United Kingdom, joined efforts to participate in the annual Commonwealth Countries League (CCL) Fair.

The event took place on 3rd November 2012 at the Kensington Town Hall and money was raised for the CCL's charitable work in sponsoring the education of under-privileged young girls in Commonwealth countries.

The Caribbean Quadrille Dancers, which is a group coordinated by Ms Patsy Scott, put on a spectacular performance on the main stage.



The stall showcased Dominican arts and crafts, rum, rum punch, pepper sauce and jams, as well as confectioneries and cakes.

Dominica will again participate in the 2013 Fair, which will be held on 9th November 2013. Patrons can expect the usual colourful and vibrant display from the Dominican stall and the Mission takes the opportunity to thank all who assisted in organising and volunteering including Ms Thora Shillingford, Mrs Ethelca Brand, Mrs Clara St Paul, members of DONA, and all other volunteers who manned the stall.

Your effort will again be solicited this year.



Dominican Dr. Carissa Etienne is Elected Director General of PAHO

Prominent and well respected Dominican, Dr. Carissa Etienne, has been elected to the office of Secretary General of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) at a ceremony held in Washington DC on 31st January 2013. Dr Etienne was praised for her excellent leadership ability and in paying tribute Prime Minister Roosevelt Skerit described Dr. Etienne's inauguration as "a proud day for Dominica," adding "Although Dominica is among the smallest of the PAHO countries, this ceremony underscores that we are capable of producing individuals who can contribute effectively at all levels to our wider hemisphere and Dr. Etienne embodies the best characteristics of Dominica and a readiness to rise above the "limits of the island of which she was born, while at the same time retaining its values of diligence, scholarship, humility in service and instinctive quality and care for all humanity."



In a career in Public Health which has spanned over 30 years, Dr Etienne began as a medical officer at the Princess Margaret Hospital, where she eventually served as Chief Medical Officer. She has also held several other positions including Coordinator of the National AIDS Program, Disaster Coordinator for the Ministry of Health, Chair of the National Advisory Council for HIV/AIDS, and Director of Primary Health Care Services. From March 2008 until November 1, 2012, she served as Assistant Director-General for Health Systems and Services at the World Health Organization (WHO) in Geneva, Switzerland. Prior to that, as Assistant Director of PAHO from July 2003 to February 2008.

Dr Etienne has always dispensed her duties with diligence and exemplary leadership. Her dedication in the promotion of the principles and values of primary health care has been clearly demonstrated and Dominica can be proud of her outstanding achievements and new posting at PAHO

(Government of Dominica Press Release)

Dominican Hotels Win Accolades

Secret Bay, Beau Rive, Jungle Bay Resort and Spa, Rosalie Bay Resort, Pagua Bay House and Manicou River Resort

Six hotels in Dominica have received recognition on the Trip Adviser 2013 Awards. The hotels were recognised in the several categories including Top Small Hotel in the Caribbean, Top 25 Hotels for Service in the Caribbean, Top 25 Hotels in the Caribbean and Top 25 Bargain Hotels in the Caribbean.

The Director of the Discover Dominica Authority, Mr. Colin Piper has remarked "Dominica's wonderfully rich community of accommodations offers something for everyone at every service level and budget. We are extremely proud of this recognition from our valued visitors."

The honoured hotels are Secret Bay, Beau Rive, Jungle Bay Resort and Spa, Rosalie Bay Resort, Pagua Bay House and Manicou River Resort.

Dominica is being promoted as a top eco-tourism destination, which offers the visitor more than the cliché Caribbean holiday. The country offers adventure, beautiful flora and fauna, spectacular mountains and rain-forest



GEOTHERMAL ENERGY EXPORTS BY 2015

Despite some recent controversy surrounding the geothermal project in the Roseau Valley, Dominica will be producing and exporting geothermal energy by 2015 according to Minister for Energy, Hon. Rayburn Blackmoore. According to Hon. Blackmoore, up to 120 megawatts of energy can be generated commercially for both local and export use. "We have to be at a point where we can own something.... if we can own our small plant we can move on to the next level," Blackmoore stated.

One of the team of international experts that recently visited Dominica, Sam Abraham, Operations Manager of US-based Geothermal Resource Group, noted that geothermal plants can and do operate safely in populated areas, once proper environmental controls are exercised.

"We are very confident in terms of the technology that we have, the expertise that we have and the monitoring system that we have that this can be done effectively, safely, and for the betterment of the country". Abraham reassured residents of the Roseau valley that a geothermal plant will not make the area harmful to reside since any gases from the wells or the plant will be piped away.

Power environmentalist, Etorre Romagnoli, further indicated that measures such as using silencers on the machines would reduce any noise that may be generated. "The noise, which is a concern of the people who live nearby, can be well managed and kept below a level which is the standard for residential areas," Romagnoli stated.

These sentiments were echoed by Hon. Blackmoore who recently led a team from Dominica to visit the Bouillant Geothermal plant in Guadeloupe, one of several efforts by government to include all stakeholders in the process of developing Dominica's geothermal energy.

He said the visit was important to educate the concerned individuals and show them that geothermal plants can in fact operate with minimal impact on the environment.

Hon. Blackmoore emphasized the government's commitment to geothermal energy as a means to provide a cleaner and cheaper energy source for the people of Dominica. "We believe that the greatest legacy that this Dominica Labour Party administration can leave for the people of Dominica is one of energy independence," he said.

(Government of Dominica Press Release)

Parliamentary Representative Reassures Roseau Valley Residents - Geothermal Energy is Safe

During a community meeting on 7th January, the Parliamentary Representative of the Roseau Valley area, Dr John Collin McIntyre informed residents that the plant would provide lower electricity prices and increase foreign exchange for the country and he urged residents to support this important venture. Dominica is currently very dependent on fossil fuels for the generation of electricity, and since the price is determined by global markets, the cost of generating electricity is often expensive. Geothermal energy offers a cheaper, cleaner alternative and Dominica must harness this resource. Dr McIntyre further stated that the geothermal plant will benefit the general public, local businesses, industry and stimulate investment. He reassured that "The intention is to use that resource for the betterment of our people. I want to make it abundantly clear that, as a government, we have no intention of creating any problems for our people".

Geothermal energy will lead to a reduction in the cost of electricity since at present nearly 70% of our electricity is produced using fossil fuel energy while 30% comes from hydroelectricity. The commercial production of geothermal energy will further lower the need for fossil fuels and the savings will be passed on the consumers in the form of a lower electricity bill. The sale of the energy to neighbouring French islands was also highlighted as a possible benefit of the project, which will bring much-needed foreign exchange".

An Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) was conducted and showed that the project is safe and can be implemented with no risk to villagers of Laudat and the Roseau Valley in general. Speaking briefly on the issue of land acquisition, Dr McIntyre added that government is mindful of the sensitive nature of land matters and intends to compensate residents appropriately for their land that may have to be acquired for the Project Dr McIntyre said. The EIA is available on the website <http://publicworks.gov.dm>

The Minister further stated "This government views the geothermal project as a very important project for the benefit of the people in the Roseau Valley and all Dominicans. That said, we will certainly do everything in our power to protect the natural environment throughout in the process".

(Government of Dominica Press Release)



Dr John Collin McIntyre
Minister for Employment, Trade,
Industry and Diaspora Affairs

DOMINICA TO ADOPT THE CARIBBEAN COURT OF JUSTICE AS ITS FINAL COURT OF APPEAL

In 2005, Dominica as well as the other countries of CARICOM signed an Agreement establishing the Caribbean Court of Justice (CCJ). These countries all accepted the original jurisdiction of the CCJ to determine matters relating to the implementation and functioning of the Caricom Treaty. To date however, only three countries of CARICOM have adopted the CCJ as their final court of appeal for criminal and civil matters, namely Barbados, Guyana and Belize.

In January this year, Prime Minister Roosevelt Skerit announced that his Government had taken the decision to begin the process to delink from the Privy Council and adopt the CCJ as its final court of appeal for all matters.

According to Dominica's Constitution a referendum is not necessary where Dominica enters into an agreement with the British Government on the severing of ties with the Privy Council. The Prime Minister therefore announced that the Government would be writing to the UK Government with a view to formalising such agreement. This is expected to begin as soon as consultations with the public are concluded.

It is worth noting that a collective decision has been taken by the Heads of Government of the OECS States that they would all begin the process of delinking from the Privy Council. However, some countries have different requirements, as a referendum is mandatory in some and the Constitution of others are not clear on that issue.

The Court has been set up in such a way that its Judges are suitably insulated from any appearance and possibility of political interference or influence, in that their appointment, dismissal and budget will not be dependent on politicians.

This is a matter which has been of concern for some. When the Court was set up each of the CARICOM Governments were required to contribute to a trust fund totalling US\$100,000,000. This Fund is administered by a Trust Committee, devoid of political influence in its composition and the budget of the Court is administered from that Fund. While individual Governments can withdraw from the CCJ, they cannot withdraw their contribution from that Fund.

The appointment of Judges to the Court, are open to suitable applicants from Commonwealth jurisdictions and the selection of Judges is done by the Regional Judicial and Legal Services Commission (RJLSC). It is chaired by the President of the Court. Four of its members are appointed on the recommendation of the legal fraternity; two are to be chairpersons of national service commissions, two are jointly nominated by the Secretary General of CARICOM and the Director General of the OECS.

The only Judge of the Court appointed by the Heads, is the President of the Court, who can only be appointed on the recommendation of the RJLSC. The Judges enjoy security of tenure and can only be removed by the recommendation of a tribunal established for that purpose.

The seat of the CCJ is in Trinidad, however the Court has the ability to function as an itinerant court, and so where the particular case demands it, the Court can travel to any territory in CARICOM to adjudicate on a matter. It is felt that having the CCJ as the final court helps facilitate access to justice in that it is less costly and much more convenient for litigants.

Commonwealth Day of Observance 2013

High Commissioner, Her Excellency Francine Baron, represented the Government of Dominica at the service of Observance for Commonwealth Day 2013. The event was held at the Westminster Abbey on



11th March 2013, in the presence of His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh. The annual service is the UK's largest multi-faith gathering, which brings together all 54 member countries of the Commonwealth, with their diverse cultures, languages and faith. The Commonwealth theme for this year is 'Opportunity Through Enterprise' and this theme was chosen to suitably recognize the many forms of creativity and innovation that is employed by citizens across the Commonwealth to improve the lives of all humanity.

The Secretary General of the Commonwealth Secretariat, His Excellency Kamallesh Sharma (pictured above with the High Commissioner), then hosted a reception at Marlborough House to mark the day.



The procession of national flags forms an important and colourful part of the service and Dominican youth Mr Akeem Esprit was chosen to carry the flag of the Commonwealth of Dominica.

High Commissioner meets with Dominican Nationals

On 20th September 2012 the High Commissioner held a meeting with the executive members of the Dominican Associations which are registered with the High Commission. The meeting was held so that the newly appointed High Commission could be introduced to the associations and exchange ideas and visions on the way forward. The High Commissioner stressed the importance of collaborative efforts so that Dominica can be better served by Dominicans living abroad. She thanked the executive members and by extension, members of all the associations, for their contribution and hard work over the years.



The High Commission also hosted a Journe Kweyole on 26th October 2012 at Seebo's Bar in Leytonstone, to mark Creole Day. The event was well attended by Dominican Nationals, who were treated to a wonderful Quadrille performance, poetry and songs by Ms Jane Grell and delicious Dominican food. Creole Day in Dominican culture, is celebrated on the last Friday of October. The National dress is proudly worn, creole is spoken across the country and traditional Dominican food is widely available. Creole day marks the start of a full week of events, including Creole in the Park, The World Creole Music Festival, Market Day with a Difference and culminates with the National Day Parade on 3rd November.



Celebration of a Centenarian

Mrs Marian Victor, Nee Pacquette — born 26th February 1913

Longevity and vitality are words commonly used when one speaks about the persons who have reached the 100 year mark, and in Dominica, these words are uttered more often than almost anywhere on earth. An Island with a population of 71,293, Dominica boasts 19 centenarians.

Mrs Marian Pacquette Victor was born in Bioche on 26th February 1913. She was among one of the early Dominicans to arrive in the United Kingdom in 1956. Mrs Pacquette moved back to Dominica in 1980 and resided in Dublanc, during that time. To be near her immediate family, she returned to the UK in 1999. She fondly remembers her youth in Dominica and she is still as jovial and very much mobile as she has ever been, her family informs. The Dominica High Commission joins with the Dominican community in the UK and extended congratulations to Mrs Pacquette on the celebration of her 10th birthday. Wishes are extended to her two children, Mr Raglan Victor and Mrs Eugenia Victor-Davis, her 5 grand children and her great grand child.



Mrs Marian Victor

Happy birthday and may God bless you

Commonwealth Jubilee Scholarship Program

DOMINICAN STUDENTS URGED TO APPLY

Under the St. George's University, Grenada, Commonwealth Jubilee Scholarship Programme, 60 Commonwealth citizens will have the opportunity to further their education with a full tuition scholarship. This programme commemorates the 60 years of The Queen's reign as Head of the Commonwealth and offers students the opportunity to further their tertiary education in the following fields:

- 10 for the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine programme
- 10 for the Doctor of Medicine programme
- 10 for the Public Health programme
- 15 for the Masters of Business Administrative programme
- 15 for the Bachelors Degree at the School of Arts and Sciences

To be eligible, candidates must be a resident citizen of a Commonwealth country, have been accepted to St. George's University in Grenada and must submit an essay detailing how this award will benefit the development of his/her country. The scholarship is tuition only, and the applicant must have a financial plan to cover living and travel expenses.

Deadline for submission of applications are 1st June 2013 for the August 2013 class, and 1st November 2013 for the January 2014 class. Dominican students are urged to take advantage of this opportunity. For further information please visit www.sgu.edu/jubilee

Shane Shillingford Man of the Series

SHILLINGFORD SHINES IN CRICKET SERIES



Shane Shillingford put on an outstanding performance during the recent cricket test series played between the West Indies and Zimbabwe. The final test match of the series took place at the Windsor Park Stadium in Dominica and the jubilant home crowds were thrilled by Shillingford as he claimed several of the visitors wickets.

Shillingford was named Man of the Match for the second test and Man of the Series. The team's performance was commended by spectators, as the West Indies won the second match by a huge margin.

The Dominica High Commission joins with all Dominicans in extending congratulations and well wishes to our own Shane Shillingford and the entire West Indies team.



Condolences

The Dominica High Commission joins the families and friends in deepest sympathy, to bid God's gentle rest to those who have departed this last year:

Jonas Alexander, Nellie Arron, Magdaline Athanaze, Don Christopher, Marie Coppin, Bernard Daniel, Hannah Defoe, James 'Jimmy' Defoe, Margaret Dubique, Julie Fontaine-Jabati, Alvin McDonald George (aka Captain), Lawrence Joseph, Curtis Jules, Malean Leatham, Marie Lestrade, Susie John-Richards, Yvonne Roberts, Harcourt Simon, Casimir Sorhaindo, Jeanne Joseph, Agnes Powell.

May those left behind, find comfort in cherished memories

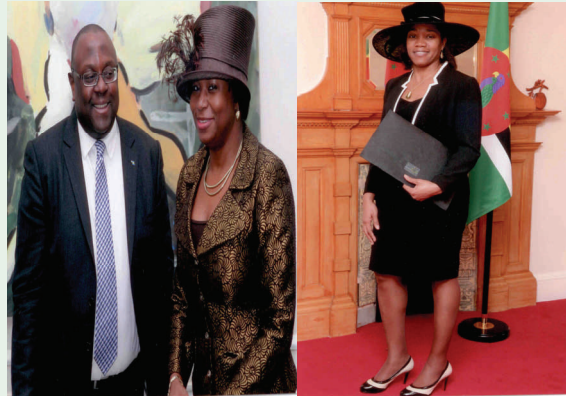
GALLERY

CCL Fair 2012 Dominica puts on a spectacular display and raises funds for charity.



2012 Independence Reception at Seebo's

Presentation of Credentials



High Commissioner meets with the Dominican Associations



2012 Independence Church Service at St. Mary of the Angels Catholic Church



Reception held to honour Dominica's Olympians



The Dominica High Commission hosted a reception to recognise the participation of **Ms Luan Gabriel** and **Mr Erickson Hurtault** at the London 2012 Olympics. The event, which took place at the Dominica High Commission on 27th July 2012 was held in the esteemed presence of His Excellency Dr Nicholas J. O. Liverpool, former President of Dominica, and Mrs Liverpool.

Ms Gabriel, who is 16 years old, participated in the Women's 200m Athletics, while 28 year old Mr Hurtault competed in the Men's 400m event.

All Dominicans can take pride in the performances of these young persons, and the country has already started looking to build a bigger, stronger contingent for the Rio de Janeiro Games in 2016.

The Dominica High Commission joins with all Dominicans to congratulate Ms Gabriel And Mr Hurtault for making Dominica proud.



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