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CMO congratulates Grenada, a new Member of the World Meteorological Organization

Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago | 21 October 2026 – The ***Caribbean Meteorological Organization*** (CMO) congratulates **Grenada**, a CMO Member State, on its historic achievement in becoming a Member of the ***World Meteorological Organization*** **(WMO),** marking a significant milestone in the advancement of meteorological services and international cooperation in the Caribbean.

The WMO is a specialized agency of the United Nations responsible for meteorology, climatology, operational hydrology, and related environmental sciences. Established by the WMO convention, which was adopted on 11 October 1947 and ratified on 23 March 1950, the Organization built on the legacy of its predecessor, the *International Meteorological Organization*, which originated in 1873. Through WMO membership, countries participate directly in and benefit from well-established international cooperation in weather, climate, water and related geophysical sciences.

Grenada's interest in joining the WMO was highlighted during the 65th Session of the ***Caribbean Meteorological Council*** held in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, November 2023. At Grenada's request, the ***CMO Headquarters Unit*** initiated consultations with the WMO Secretariat and held discussions with the WMO Member Services Department and External Affairs Unit to provide relevant information to help Grenada assess the full benefits and opportunities of WMO membership. Support was also sought through WMO Regional Association IV, which covers North America, Central America and the Caribbean. This process reflected the value of regional cooperation in helping Caribbean countries strengthen their participation in the global meteorological community.

Mr Gerard Tamar, Manager of Meteorology, Grenada Airport Authority, expressed his gratitude for the regional support and assistance provided throughout Grenada's journey to WMO Membership. He stated that he was "*looking forward to continued cooperation as we move forward as a region*".

WMO membership opens important opportunities for Grenada to engage directly in global meteorological cooperation, access WMO technical support and assistance, and participate in the governance of the international meteorological community. As a Member, Grenada now has voting rights in the WMO Congress, and is eligible for election to WMO offices and leadership positions within its subsidiary bodies, which will provide Grenada with a direct voice to influence and shape regional and global meteorological priorities and policies. Over the years, Grenada relied on the CMO to access the benefits of WMO-related cooperation and regional forecasting

arrangements to support its weather forecast and warnings. Membership in the WMO provides Grenada with an opportunity to strengthen its meteorological capabilities, enhance disaster resilience, and improve the delivery of weather and climate services to key sectors such as aviation and maritime transportation, agriculture, water resource management, health, and tourism, thereby supporting the country's socio-economic development.

Dr. Arlene Laing, Coordinating Director of the Caribbean Meteorological Organization, expressed her delight at Grenada's admission to the WMO, noting that:

> *"Grenada can now leverage its membership to improve its national forecasting systems, pursue opportunities for direct engagement with WMO programmes and technical assistance, access relevant training in hurricane forecasting and other severe weather services, and strengthen its capacity to respond directly and autonomously to weather emergencies."*

Reference: WMO welcomes Grenada as 194th Member,
https://public.wmo.int/media/news/wmo-welcomes-grenada-194th-member

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About the CMO

The *Caribbean Meteorological Organization* (CMO) is a specialized agency of the Caribbean Community that coordinates the joint scientific and technical activities in weather, climate and water – related sciences in sixteen English-speaking Caribbean countries (Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Belize, Virgin Islands (British), Cayman Islands, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, Montserrat, St. Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago, Turks and Caicos Islands). The Organs of the CMO are: (i) The *Caribbean Meteorological Council* (CMC)-Governing Body of the CMO, (ii) The *Headquarters Unit* (Secretariat), headed by a Coordinating Director, located in Trinidad and Tobago; (iii) The *Caribbean Institute for Meteorology and Hydrology* (CIMH) located in Barbados; and (iv) The Caribbean Meteorological Foundation (CMF). The CMO originated from the British Caribbean Meteorological Service, founded in 1951.