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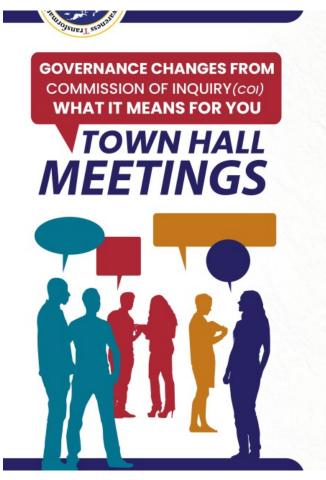
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# Town Hall Meetings To discuss COI Governance Reforms

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#### WHAT:

Learn about the Governance changes that came out of the COI, how they impact public services, how to access information on the changes and what the changes mean to the future of the Vigin Islands

#### WHO:

Ministers of Government will explain the impact of changes in their areas of responsibility and answer your questions. They will also discuss your concerns in other areas affecting the community.

# WHEN & WHERE:

#### Anegada:

2<sup>nd</sup> Feb, 2025 | 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Emile Dunlop Community Centre

## **Tortola and Jost Van Dyke:**

4<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2025 | 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Treasure Isle Hotel

(Ferry and Taxi provided Jost Van Dyke Residents)

## Virgin Gorda:

6th Feb, 2025 | 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Community Centre, The Valley (Taxi provided for North Sound Residents)

## MORE INFORMATION:

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The Premier's Office will host a series of town hall meetings to discuss the **48 Recommendations of the Commission of Inquiry (COI)** and their profound impact on the governance of the Virgin Islands.

Premier and Minister of Finance **Honourable Dr. Natalio D. Wheatley** stated that the upcoming town hall meetings with residents are a vital part of his government's commitment to transparent governance and meaningful public participation.

The Premier said, "The COI reforms are designed to strengthen the foundation of our government, enhance accountability, and empower our people. We encourage all residents to participate actively in shaping the future of the Virgin Islands, as your feedback is critical to our collective success."

The Governance Reform Education & Awareness Transformation of the Virgin Islands (GREAT VI) town hall meetings and discussion forums will take place on the following dates:

- Anegada: Sunday, February 2, from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm at the Emile Dunlop Community Centre
- Tortola & Jost Van Dyke: Tuesday, February 4, from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm at Treasure Isle Hotel
  - (Ferry and taxi transportation will be provided for Jost Van Dykes residents)
- **Virgin Gorda**: Thursday, February 6, from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm at the Community Centre, The Valley (Taxi transportation will be available for North Sound residents)

Government ministers will present a detailed overview of the **COI governance reforms** during these sessions and explain their effects on public sector operations, transparency, and long-term accountability.

The meetings will offer an opportunity for the public to engage directly with ministers, ask questions, and gain clarity on the reforms. Senior public officers will also be present to record concerns and provide additional information as needed.

Following the presentations, an open discussion forum will allow residents to share their concerns and offer perspectives on other issues impacting the community. All feedback will be documented and acted upon appropriately.

For further information or to register for transportation from Jost Van Dyke or North Sound, please contact the Premier's Office at **284-468-2152** or email **premieroffice@gov.vg**.

The **Government of the Virgin Islands** is committed to promoting transparent, accountable, and inclusive governance. Through the implementation of strategic reforms and an emphasis on public engagement, the Government strives to meet the needs of the population and build a sustainable and prosperous future for the Virgin Islands.

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