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Premier Wheatley Attending World Government's Summit in Santo Domingo

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Premier and Minister of Finance Honourable Natalio D. Wheatley is away from the Territory attending the World Governments Summit Latin America and the Caribbean (WGS LAC) Dialogue from November 19 to 21 in the Dominican Republic.

The meeting is a high-level regional forum that brings together regional leaders to discuss regional cooperation and exchange perspectives on the future of governance. The Dialogue aims to foster collaboration, strengthen mutual understanding, and advance practical solutions to shared challenges while highlighting opportunities for growth and innovation.

The agenda explores strategic, economic, technological and governance priorities across six themes including Geo-economics and strategic investment, Tourism, Culture and Experience Economics, Global Co-operation and Regional Integration, Future Government Outlook, Logistics and Global connectivity and Human Capital and Future of Work.

Additionally, Premier Wheatley will travel from the Dominican Republic to London, United Kingdom to attend the Joint Ministerial Council (JMC) meeting from November 23 to November 27. The JMC is the annual political forum for the elected leaders of the Overseas Territories to meet directly with UK Ministers.

Minister with responsibility for Communication and Works Honourable Kye Rymer has been appointed to carry out the duties of Premier, Minister of Finance, Minister for Tourism, Culture and Sustainable Development and Minister for Financial Services, Economic Development and Digital Transformation, for the period November 19 to November 23.

Honourable Rymer’s appointment is in accordance with Section 52(2) which states that if the Premier will be unable to perform the functions of Minister of Finance from the stated period and the Honourable Julian Fraser, who is currently absent from the Territory, by virtue of section 52(2) the Honourable Kyme M. Rymer has been appointed to perform the functions of Minister of Finance from November 19 until the return of the Honourable Julian Fraser on November 23.

On his return to the Territory, Deputy Premier Honourable Julian Fraser will be appointed to carry out the duties of Premier, Minister of Finance, Minister for Tourism, Culture and Sustainable Development and Minister for Financial Services, Economic Development and Digital Transformation, for the period November 23 to November 27.

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