



Government of St. Kitts & Nevis  
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Church Street, Basseterre  
St. Kitts & Nevis

## **POST-CABINET STATEMENT**

Citizens and residents of St. Kitts and Nevis, good evening. This is the post-Cabinet briefing for Cabinet meeting held today Monday May 19, 2008.

### **TAX CONCESSIONS**

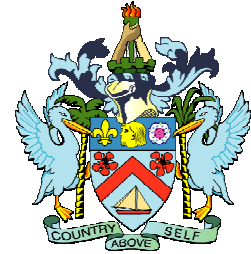
Cabinet is extremely proud to report that six applications for tax concessions for small and medium local businesses were approved at today's meeting. Of the six businesses, two of them are completely new, and government applauds the young individuals involved for taking an important step towards greater self-empowerment and for displaying a high level of confidence in the future of the local economy. Among those businesses that benefited from the tax concessions are businesses involved in the delivery of tourism, beauty and well-ness services and businesses involved manufacturing.

Cabinet takes this opportunity to implore the young people in particular and all nationals of St. Kitts and Nevis in general to plan to take advantage of the numerous business opportunities that are being created in the new post-sugar economy.

### **AMBASSADORIAL AND CONSULAR APPOINTMENTS**

On the recommendation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Cabinet has approved the following consular and ambassadorial appointments:

- Dr Caroline Lawrence has been approved for appointment as Honorary Consul of the Kingdom of Norway to the Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis. Dr Lawrence is a medical doctor who practices in Internal Medicine and Cardiology. The Government wishes to thank Mr. Collin Mallalieu immensely for having made



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significant contributions to the development of the Federation as Honorary Consul of Norway over the last several years.

- Mr. Reginald Amory has been approved to serve as Honorary Consul of Austria to the Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis. Mr. Amory is a local businessman and has served as Honorary Vice-Consul of Austria since 2003. Government wishes to thank Mr. Amory for his sterling contribution to the development of the country in his former consular position.
- Mr. Steve Wrensford, Deputy Director of Social Security, has been approved to serve the Federation as Ambassador to Venezuela and Trinidad and Tobago. Mr. Wrensford is also a small businessman and has served his country with distinction. On the occasion of this new appointment, Government wishes to thank the wife and family of the late Mr. Fred Lam for their understanding and sacrifice as Mr. Lam served this country as a distinguished ambassador to Venezuela and Trinidad and Tobago for many years before his passing late last year.

### **SIGNING OF THE DECLARATION TO THE MECHANISM FOR FOLLOW-UP ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INTER-AMERICAN CONVENTION AGAINST CORRUPTION (MESICIC)**

Cabinet approved for signature the declaration to the mechanism for follow-up on the implementation of the inter-American convention against corruption (MESICIC). The MESICIC is an OAS mechanism used to examine and review measures in member states of the OAS to effectively enhance transparency and combat corruption. These include measures that relate to countries' judicial systems and public policies. In addition, the follow-up mechanism (or MESICIC) seeks to foster and facilitate technical cooperation activities, provide a structure for



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information sharing and best practices, and support the harmonization of domestic legislation of member states.

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This brings to an end the post-cabinet briefing for Monday May 19, 2008. I thank you.