



Statement by the UN Women MCO Caribbean Representative-
Ms. M. Alison McLean, on the occasion of the signing of the Framework
Cooperation Agreement Between UN Women and the Caribbean
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From the time of its establishment, UN Women has stressed the importance of working through partnerships with both rights-holders and duty-bearers to deliver on our composite mandate and achieve our goal for the advancement of Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women globally, regionally and at the country level.

In her recent mission to the Caribbean, the UN Women Executive Director stressed that the work of gender equality does not depend on women alone, but it is a societal issue, one in which Heads of State, the Church and faith-based communities, men's organisations, the youth, our thought leaders in the academic institutions, the members of civil society organisations, the private sector, the media, cultural and sports leaders - everyone has a role.

The UN Women Independent Evaluation Office in a recent publication said that partnerships are an essential aspect of our work, but they are often overlooked when we evaluate the results of our work. It is partnership that is at the foundation of UN Women's work on the ground, in the field, in our Caribbean nations. It is through partnerships that we can realise an expanded multiplier effect for expanded and improved outcomes for the people of the Caribbean.

On behalf of UN Women, I therefore gratefully acknowledge this signal moment in the conclusion and signing of a Framework Cooperation Agreement between the UN Women Multi-Country Office for the Caribbean and the Caribbean Development Bank. I wish to thank all those who worked to make this moment possible and we look forward to realising the expected positive impact of this agreement on our work around human security, particularly the safety and security of women and girls in both the domestic and public spheres.

UN Women considers this moment a huge leap forward for the reach and value of this very necessary work.

I thank you.

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