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Prime Minister Friday Announces US\$50 Million Climate Resilience & Water Security Initiative

Prime Minister Dr. Hon. Godwin Friday has outlined significant development and climate resilience opportunities for St. Vincent and the Grenadines following high-level bilateral engagements during the 50th CARICOM Heads of Government Conference in Saint Kitts and Nevis.

Speaking at Cabinet on Tuesday March 3rd 2026, Prime Minister Friday described the margins of the conference as “productive and strategically important,” with multiple meetings advancing national development priorities.

Among the most transformative initiatives discussed is a proposed US\$50 million climate resilience and water infrastructure project led by the Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre. The project aims to strengthen water security in St. Vincent and the Grenadines, including, modernized desalination facilities, expanded water storage capacity, six new storage tanks in Georgetown and Kingstown Park and improved distribution systems.

Approximately US\$40 million of the financing is expected to be grant funding from the Green Climate Fund. “This project will fundamentally transform water security in our country, particularly in the Grenadines, where reliable supply is essential for residents and tourism development,” the Prime Minister said. He noted that water transportation costs currently represent a significant economic burden and impediment to expansion in the hospitality sector.

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