



## THE AGENCY FOR PUBLIC INFORMATION

P.O Box 608, Kingstown, St Vincent and The Grenadines

Tel: (784) 456-1600, Fax (784) 456-2430

Email: [apisvg2023@gmail.com](mailto:apisvg2023@gmail.com)

25/1/2026

### **SVG Convenes Series of Meetings with World Bank Officials**

Senior officials of the Government of St. Vincent and the Grenadines recently convened a series of meetings with representatives of the World Bank to discuss priority development initiatives, economic resilience, and sustainable growth strategies for the country.

Speaking at a reception and cultural evening held at the Holiday Inn and Suites on Friday 23rd January 2026, Executive Director of the World Bank, Mr. Abdelhak Bedjaoui said the primary purpose of the visit was "...to listen, to learn and to further strengthen the partnership between St. Vincent and Grenadines and the World Bank Group."

Bedjaoui further stated that "we have gained insight into what has worked well, where improvement can be made and how our support can be better aligned with your national development priorities."

Prime Minister, Hon. Dr. Godwin Friday spoke on the discussions, stating "at the very highest level, it is an opportunity for us, to engage in a way that impresses upon the directors who are here, the urgency of the needs that we encounter in our country. The desire for a continued and effective partnership. in meeting those challenges that we have."

St. Vincent and the Grenadines has maintained a close partnership with the World Bank, officially becoming a member on August 31, 1982.

--End--