

■ St Kitts-Nevis PM:

Bring new era of solidarity between Africa, Caribbean

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ST KITTS-NEVIS Prime Minister Dr Terrance Drew has called for a new era of solidarity, investment and innovation between Africa and the Caribbean.

Addressing the opening of the three-day Aquarian Consult Afri-Caribbean Investment Summit (AACIS 2025), being held under the theme: 'Bridging Continents: Africa and the Caribbean-A Partnership for Prosperity', the St Kitts-Nevis Prime Minister yesterday said 'this summit is more than an assembly of minds'.

'It is a declaration of intent. Africa is not a distant relative to the Caribbean; it is our mother. And today, we are not just visiting; we are returning, with purpose, with vision, and with an unwavering belief in what we can achieve together.'

He told the delegates that his twin-island federation had its 'own developmental priorities' as he outlined a number of transformational initiatives taking place in the Caricom country, including investments in geothermal energy, sustainable agriculture, financial reform, and a reimagined 'Citizenship by Investment' programme.

'We are moving steadily toward a future where our electricity grid is powered primarily by clean, renewable energy from beneath our very feet,' he said, making reference to the country's ambitious geothermal project.

'This project is not just a solution for St Kitts and Nevis; it is a model for small island developing states and African nations with similar geophysical capacity,' he said, highlighting the strategic importance of shared economic instruments and cultural linkages.

'Let us not only seek capital-let us design it, control it, and direct it to where it can have the most transformative impact,' he said, adding that prosperity is also cultural, and called for greater collaboration between the Caribbean's creative sectors and Africa's booming cultural industries.

'I am confident that this summit will mark the beginning of even greater cooperation between our nations and regions, grounded in mutual respect, shared values, and a collective commitment to a prosperous future.' -**CMC**