

Caricom welcomes deeper trade with Africa at forum

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CARIBBEAN Community (Caricom) Secretary General Dr Carla Barnett yesterday welcomed the AfriCaribbean Trade and Investment Forum (ACTIF) as a further demonstration of the collective commitment towards forging deeper trade, investment and economic cooperation as envisioned by African and Caribbean leaders four years ago.

'We meet amidst heightened global geopolitical and economic tensions, supply chain disruptions, and the questioning by some of the value of the multilateral system,' Barnett told the opening ceremony of the two-day AfriCaribbean Trade and Investment Forum (ACTIF2025) that is being held under the theme 'Resilience and Transformation: Enhancing Africa-Caribbean Economic Cooperation in an Era of Global Uncertainty'.

Barnett told her audience that last month, she participated in the 32nd annual meetings of the African Export-Import Bank (Afreximbank) in Abuja, Nigeria, where the Barbados-based Caricom Development Fund (CDF) and Afreximbank signed a Mandate Letter to commence work to design and launch a Green, Resilient and Sustainable Facility (GRSF). -CMC