

India-CARICOM Foreign Ministers' Meeting

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Why in News?

Recently, India-CARICOM Foreign Ministers' Meeting (FMM) held on 23 September 2026 in New York.

Caribbean Community (CARICOM)

	Full form	Caribbean Community (CARICOM)
	Region	Caribbean
	Nature	Regional integration organisation
	Headquarters	Georgetown, Guyana
	Focus	Economic integration, foreign policy coordination, development cooperation
	India-CARICOM engagement	Political, economic, development and multilateral cooperation



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- **Held on** - The sidelines of the **81st UN General Assembly (UNGA)**.
- **Co-chaired by**
 - External Affairs Minister of India
 - Foreign Minister of **Suriname**.
- **Representatives from** - Barbados, Dominica, Bahamas, Guyana, Jamaica, St Vincent and the Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago, Suriname, Haiti, St Lucia, St Kitts and Nevis, Antigua and Barbuda, Grenada and Belize, along with the CARICOM Secretary-General.
- **Background of India-CARICOM Relations**
 - The meeting followed the **2nd India-CARICOM Summit**.
 - **Held in** - Guyana, November 2024.

- **Chaired by - Prime Minister of India** and leaders of CARICOM countries.
- Current FMM reviewed progress since the 2024 Summit.
- **Key Areas of Bilateral Cooperation**
 - Political engagement
 - Trade and investment
 - Agriculture and food security
 - Digital governance
 - Climate resilience
 - Energy cooperation
 - South-South cooperation
- **Cooperation in International For a** - Both parties have agreed to cooperate in the following areas:
 - UN reforms
 - Climate change
 - Counter-terrorism
 - Transnational crime
- **Group's decision** - To support *India's candidature for UNSC term 2028-29* and assured that India will be a strong voice of the Global South.

CARICOM vs CARIFORUM

- **CARICOM** is a Caribbean regional organization.
- **CARIFORUM** is a broader Caribbean forum, particularly relevant to relations with the **European Union**.

Reference

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