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Grenada's Prime Minister Receives Excellency In Leadership Award

1st October 2021 – Grenada's Prime Minister, Dr. the Right Honourable Keith Mitchell is the 2020-2021 recipient of the Excellency in Leadership Award, presented by the SIDS Dock Island Women Open Network (IWON), for his outstanding leadership of SIDS DOCK. The award was presented on behalf of SIDS DOCK Island Women Open Network, by Josette Parris, a Form-3 student, at the St. George's Institute, in Grenada. Dr. Mitchell has just completed an unprecedented second term as President of the fifth session of the SIDS DOCK Assembly, after being asked to extend his presidency due to the death of the President-designate in 2019, and the COVID-19 Pandemic in 2020. Dr. Mitchell handed over to his colleague, the Honourable Rev. Dr. Pohiva Tu'i'onetoa, Prime Minister from the Kingdom of Tonga, who was elected as the President of the sixth session of the SIDS DOCK Assembly. The citation on the award commended the Prime Minister for prioritising the interests of SIDS DOCK member states, for being an advocate for ocean energy for Small Island Developing States (SIDS) and for promoting the building of resilience to the impact of climate change.

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Photo Caption: Prime Minister, Dr. the Right Honourable Keith Mitchell receives the 2020-2021 Excellency in Leadership Award, presented by the SIDSDOCK Island Women Open Network (IWON), for his outstanding leadership of SIDSDOCK. The award was presented by Josette Parris, a Form-3 student at the St. George's Institute.

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SIDSDOCK is a United Nations (UN)-recognised international organisation established in 2015, with all the rights and privileges for addressing climate change, resilience, and energy security in small islands. SIDSDOCK represents 32 small islands and low-lying developing states across the globe, and is so named because it is designed as a “DOCKing station,” to connect the energy sector in SIDSDOCK with the global markets for finance and sustainable energy technologies. The organisation’s work is coordinated by the Secretariat, in Belmopan, Belize.

The SIDSDOCK Island Women Open Network (IWON), is a sustainable energy and climate resilience network, established to help build the capacity of women at the community and grassroots levels in small islands and low-lying developing states to participate in the transformation of the SIDSDOCK energy sector. Its objective is to ensure that gender equality issues are integrated in the concept, design, implementation and evaluation of sustainable energy and climate change-related projects in the SIDSDOCK work programme.