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## PRESS RELEASE

### **Hon. Kerryne Zennelle James, Minister for Climate Resilience, the Environment and Renewable Energy Appointed President of the Bureau for the 36th Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol**

**November 4, 2024:** The Honorable Kerryne Zennelle James, Grenada's Minister for Climate Resilience, the Environment, and Renewable Energy, was elected by the Parties to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer as the President of the Bureau for the 36th Meeting of the Parties (MOP), held in Bangkok, Thailand, from October 28 to November 1, 2024. This prestigious position is a testament to Minister James' expertise and Grenada's commitment to environmental stewardship on the global stage.



President, Hon. Kerryne Zennelle James, Grenada: Photo by IISD/ENB | Natalia Mroz

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As President of the Bureau, Minister James played a pivotal role in facilitating the critical deliberations and decisions of the Montreal Protocol, and guided efforts to protect and restore the ozone layer through policies on phasing out ozone-depleting substances and advancing energy-efficient, low-global-warming-potential alternatives. She was also responsible for leading meetings, coordinating with the Protocol's technical and scientific bodies, and fostering consensus among the Protocol's 198 member states to address evolving challenges related to climate change and ozone depletion.



MOP36 President, Hon. Kerryne Zennelle James, Grenada: Photo by IISD/ENB | Natalia Mroz

Minister James's appointment is historic as it marks a significant milestone for both youth and female representation in global environmental leadership. Her perspective as a young female leader from the Caribbean brings a fresh, inclusive vision to the Protocol's governance. Her leadership symbolised the critical role young leaders and women play in fostering sustainable and resilient environmental efforts.



COP13 President Yaquob Almatouq, Kuwait; MOP36 President, Hon. Kerryne Zennelle James, Grenada; and Maria Socorro Manguiat, Deputy Executive Secretary, Ozone Secretariat: Photo by IISD/ENB | Natalia Mroz

Minister James’s presidency also presented a unique opportunity for Grenada. With this new platform, she was in good position to highlight the country’s achievements in implementing Montreal Protocol initiatives, including but not limited to:

- The establishment of the Caribbean’s first recovery, recycling and reclamation center at the Grenada Solid Waste Management Authority’s Queens Park Facility.
- Capacity development and training for more than two hundred (200) Refrigeration and Air conditioning technicians (RAC) technicians.
- T. A. Marryshow Community College Scholarship programme for twenty-four (24) RAC Students.

The Minister’s leadership will also inspire countries worldwide to embrace a transformative approach to sustainable development, climate resilience, and ozone protection. Her tenure as President of the Bureau promises a dynamic period for the Protocol as the global community navigates environmental challenges with a renewed spirit of inclusivity and progress in the implementation of the Kigali Amendment for the phase down of climate warming gases.

Under the leadership of Hon. Kerryne James, the Montreal Protocol gained a President deeply committed to fostering global cooperation and advancing ambitious environmental protections. Her appointment is a powerful reminder of the importance of diverse voices in global climate governance.



COP13 President Yaqoub Almatouq, Kuwait; MOP36 President, Hon. Kerryne Zennelle James, Grenada; and Megumi Seki, Executive Secretary, Ozone Secretariat; and Co-Chairs of the Scientific Assessment Panel: Photo by IISD/ENB | Natalia Mroz

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