

Dominica

Population:	80,000 (1982)
Capital:	Roseau
Head of Government:	The Right Honourable Mary Eugenia Charles, Prime Minister
Gross National Product:	US\$34.9 million (1982)
Per capita GNP:	US\$1,075 (1982)

Canada/Dominica Relations: Bilateral relations with Dominica are warm and cordial. They are further strengthened by the personal attachment to Canada of Prime Minister Charles, who obtained her B.A. from the University of Toronto. The Caribbean Seasonal Agricultural Workers program is very important for Dominica, and Canada provides substantial official assistance for development.

The Right Honourable Mary Eugenia Charles, Prime Minister: Miss Charles is the daughter of one of the island's rich landowners. Born May 19, 1919, in Dominica, she obtained a B.A. from the University of Toronto in 1946 and studied at the London School of Economics and the Inner Temple. She practised law before entering politics as a nominated member of the Dominican House of Assembly. Miss Charles became an elected member in 1975 and Leader of the Opposition in 1979. She was elected Prime Minister in July 1980.