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PAHO/WHO CONVENE GLOBAL MEETING ON NCDs

A two-member delegation comprising the Minister of Health Hon. St Clair Prince and Medical Officer of Health Dr. Roger Duncan are currently in Barbados for a high-level technical meeting on Chronic Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) and Mental Health.

The four-day Pan American Health Organization (PAHO)/World Health Organisation (WHO) meeting, involves Ministers of Health from Small Island Developing States (SIDs) across the world as well as other high level health officials.

Among the issues to be discussed are the impact of NCD's, individual government's plans to tackle these as well as the consequences of Climate Change on NCDs and Mental Health.

Minister Prince said NCD's are the greatest public health threat of our time and the Government of St. Vincent and the Grenadines is placing great emphasis in responding to them.

The Ministry of Health has designated 2023 as the year for increased focus on NCDs and Mental Health.

In St Vincent and the Grenadines, Chronic Non-Communicable Diseases account for over 60 per cent of deaths each year.

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