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# Premier's Office Concludes Town Hall Meetings on COI Governance Reforms

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The Premier's Office recently concluded a series of town hall meetings aimed at discussing the 48 Recommendations of the Commission of Inquiry (COI) and their impact on the governance of the Virgin Islands.

The series of Governance Reform Education & Awareness Transformation of the Virgin Islands (GREAT VI) town hall meetings were an essential part of the government's ongoing commitment to promoting transparent governance and encouraging meaningful public participation.

Premier and Minister of Finance, Honourable Dr. Natalio D. Wheatley, emphasised the importance of these discussions, stating, "The COI reforms are designed to strengthen the foundation of our government, enhance accountability, and empower our people. We encourage all residents to continue engaging in shaping the future of the Virgin Islands, as your feedback is essential to our collective success."

The meetings took place across the four main islands in the Territory, beginning on Anegada, followed by meetings on Tortola, on Virgin Gorda, and conclude don Jost Van Dyke.

During the sessions, government ministers provided detailed overviews of the COI governance reforms, and explained their implications for public sector operations, transparency, and long-term accountability.

Residents were provided the opportunity to ask questions, engage in discussions, and seek clarification on the reforms, ensuring a clear understanding of how these changes would impact the Territory.

The open discussion forums following the presentations also presented an invaluable opportunity for the public to voice their thoughts, raise concerns, and discuss the way forward for the Virgin Islands. All feedback from the town hall meetings has been documented by Senior Public Officers and will be considered by the government as it continues to implement these reforms.

The Government of the Virgin Islands remains dedicated to fostering transparent, accountable, and inclusive governance. Through these town hall meetings and

other initiatives, the government is actively collaborating with the community to create a more sustainable, prosperous, and accountable future for the Virgin Islands.