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A **MESSAGE** FROM THE **POLITICAL LEADER**





MY FELLOW CITIZENS,

We stand today at a crossroads in our nation's history – a moment defined not by progress, but by profound betrayal. The SLP administration promised to "put you first". It has broken that promise. Indeed, it never intended to keep that promise. We see that now. Through deception, mismanagement, and unashamed acts of corruption, they have dragged our nation not toward development, but toward destruction – of our sectors, of our communities, of our very souls.

Never before have we witnessed such blatant disregard for the rule of law. Never before has governance been so openly used as a tool for personal gain rather than the national good. They promised prosperity and delivered poverty. They promised opportunity and delivered despair.

Today, our people are being forced to make impossible choices – between food and healthcare, between education and survival. What kind of nation asks its people to choose which part of their dignity they can afford to lose?

Why should our children grow up believing that their dreams must fit within the narrow confines of mediocrity? Why must our people accept less, when we are capable of so much more?

We cannot dream under a sky darkened by corruption and failure. That cloud must be lifted. That weight must be cast off our shoulders.

Now is the time. We must act. We must change.

We must end this betrayal, not just for ourselves, but for the generations to come. We must unite around our shared values: our belief in justice, peace, and human dignity; our unwavering trust in the Lord; our desire to build a better life for our families, our communities, and our country.

This is our moment to reclaim the true promise of our nation – to rise above division; above fear; above hopelessness and to walk proudly with the conviction that we deserve and demand better.

Let this be the time we choose decency over deception, progress over stagnation, excellence over excuses.

Let this be the time we choose each other.

Join us. Stand with us. Commit to change. Commit to hope. Commit to a future worthy of our people's greatness. The United Workers Party presents an agenda that will help transform our country's fortunes and will signal loudly that as individuals and collectively, we are not defeated; we are not broken; we are better than that.

The time is now.

Yours Sincerely

Allen M. Chastanet
United Workers Party Leader

May God's guidance and richest blessings be with us all.



THE **CONTEXT:** **OUR FUTURE IS AT STAKE**

- Nine years ago, we dared to dream. We provided hope and affirmed our commitment to you the people of Saint Lucia, to build a new nation. We presented a comprehensive and detailed plan to achieve that goal. Unfortunately we were not given the opportunity to make it happen. But what followed was a betrayal of policy and purpose. Our country, by any metric, is in stark decline. The current administration has failed us. They have nurtured divisiveness instead of unity, stagnation instead of innovation, corruption instead of transparent and accountable government, wastage instead of efficiency and managed this steady decline through weak leadership and the absence of any coherent plan. The outcome of this failure is a country on the brink of an existential crisis, where chaos, apathy, lawlessness and hopelessness exist side by side. How can this be the legacy for our future generations?

We are at a defining moment in our history. We cannot afford to continue to take the wrong road. A UWP administration pledges to rebuild trust and hope. We pledge to take back our future and give our people the opportunity to dream again. Most of what we presented in our 2021 Manifesto is still relevant today. However our period in opposition has provided us with new insights and responses to the challenges that confront us. This is reflected in what we now present to you.

This manifesto represents our commitment to the transformation of our nation. It is underpinned by two truths:

- We must right the wrongs of this administration—the corruption, neglect, and mediocrity that have stifled our growth and development.
- We deserve better—as a people, a community, and a nation—than what we have been given, exposed to, or made to believe by the SLP Administration. And as a government we must ensure that every action we take underpins this fundamental belief.



THE **CONTRAST:** **ACTION SPEAKS LOUDER THAN WORDS**

(OUR RECORD VS. THEIRS – THE TRUTH AT A GLANCE)

Our record stands as proof that progress is best measured not by promises made, but by tangible results delivered. Under our leadership, the nation experienced steady economic growth built on sound fiscal discipline and prudent management of public resources. We invested strategically, not for headlines, but for impact.

SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENTS WERE ACHIEVED ACROSS KEY SECTORS:

- **ECONOMIC GROWTH AND FISCAL MANAGEMENT:** We strengthened the economy through disciplined financial stewardship, reducing waste, and ensuring that every dollar worked for the people.
- **INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT:** Major investments were made in roads, bridges, water supply systems, and community facilities – connecting people, driving commerce, and improving quality of life.
- **EDUCATION AND HEALTH:** We prioritized access and quality – expanding educational opportunities, upgrading school infrastructure, and improving healthcare delivery systems to serve both urban and rural communities.
- **SPORTS AND COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE:** We enhanced facilities that nurture talent, unity, and national pride, creating opportunities for youth development and community engagement.
- **AGRICULTURE AND TOURISM:** Our policies fostered growth, innovation, and resilience in these vital sectors – empowering farmers, attracting investment, and positioning our country as a destination of choice.
- **PROTECTION OF VULNERABLE POPULATIONS:** we strengthened the legislative framework for children and their families, while significantly increasing not only the number of recipients of direct cash support but the capacity of major social services delivery agencies as well.



We can now gauge the respective performances of the two administrations over the last two terms. There is no hiding place!

WE DON'T SPEAK IN SLOGANS. WE SPEAK IN RESULTS. AND HERE IS THE TRUTH:

SECTOR	OUR RECORD (2016 – 2021)	SLP RECORD (2021 – 2025)
MANAGEMENT OF LIVES DURING COVID	5,567 cases and 89 deaths (Feb 2020 – July 2021)	24,648 cases and 310 deaths (August 2021 – March 2022)
MANAGEMENT OF THE COST OF LIVING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduced VAT by 2.5% Capped fuel price at \$13.95 per gallon 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduced 2.5% Health & Security Levy Capped fuel price at \$16 per gallon
JOBS CREATION	<p>Created over 1,000 jobs in the hospitality and accommodation sector</p> <p>Created 2,760 jobs in the AI and BPO subsectors</p>	
ROAD AND BRIDGES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rehabilitated 50 km of secondary roads Rehabilitated 38 km of agriculture feeder roads islandwide Commenced major works on the Castries/Gros Islet Highway, Cul de Sac Bridge, Millennium Highway and West Coast Road Constructed new bridges at Canaries and Thomazo 	
WATER SUPPLY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upgraded water supply systems in Vieux Fort, Dennery North, Bouton, Canaries, Ti Rocher, Saltibus, Fond Campeche, Vieux Sucreieux, Patience, Belfond and Bois Den, Odlum City and Agards Increased water supply capacity at Hill 20 Commenced desilting works at the John Compton Dam 	
EDUCATION	<p>School Plant Investment: Over \$45 million was invested in repairing 74 school facilities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Plant Investment: Over \$22 million was invested in repairing school facilities
HEALTH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commissioned OKEU Hospital and converted Victoria Hospital into a respiratory clinic Refurbished and upgraded 14 Wellness Centres Constructed two new Wellness Centres in Micoud and Anse La Raye Increased the budget for medical assistance to the public from \$700,000 to \$4,000,000 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refurbished Wellness Centres in Micoud South and Vieux Fort South Completed the construction of the Wellness Centre in La Ressource
TOURISM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 700 new rooms added to our room stock Increased Airlift capacity/connectivity through new/ additional flights with Delta, Jet Blue, American Airlines, TUI, Sunwing Increased stay over arrivals by 23% to 423,700 Increased Cruise arrivals by 16% to 786,700 Overall tourism arrivals increased by almost 20% 	<p>Airlift capacity declined through loss of Flights:- AA out of Chicago, New York and Dallas; Jet Blue out of New Jersey; Virgin Atlantic (3 flights per week) out of UK and Sunwing out of Canada</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stay over arrivals at 435,659 Cruise Arrivals at 723,509 (92% of 2019 levels) Tourist arrivals at 1,215,060 (still 5.5% below 2019 levels)



AGRICULTURE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Established agro-processing facilities in Fond Assau, La Caye and Anse GerExpanded acreage under banana cultivation from 1017 acres to 2459 acresEstablished the 7 – Crop Programme designed to support farmers in increasing production of sweet peppers, watermelon, cantaloupe, pineapples, tomatoes, cabbage and lettuce	
HOUSE AND LAND DEVELOPMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Made available over 1,000 fully serviced lots for purchase on previously undeveloped lands or through regularization of unplanned developmentsProvided over 900 subdivided residential lots in River Doree, Talvern, Choc Gardens, Beauchamp, Bois Jolie, Belair, Odsan, Volet, Desruisseaux and Aux Leon	
SPORTS INFRASTRUCTURE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Installed lighting systems in La Fargue, Canaries, Grace, La Clery, Fond Assau, Dennery and JacmelSupported 75 athletes based overseas under the Elite Athlete ProgrammeIncreased the coaching capacity at the school and community level through the engagement of 30 additional coaches	
COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Constructed HRDCs / Community Centres in Odsan, Bexon, Blanchard, RoblotCompleted HRDCs/Community Centres in:- Gros Islet, Piaye	
SOCIAL PROTECTION SERVICES	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Increased the number of recipients of Public Assistance by 1,000 householdsProvided a subvention to the Vieux Fort Children's Home, which caters for the needs of vulnerable children in the south of the islandStrengthened the capacities of the Departments of Human Services, Probation Services, Family Court and the Police to administer support to children and their families	
NATIONAL SECURITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Secured Insurance Coverage for police officers in the event of death or loss of limbInstalled over 1,200 CCTV cameras at strategic locations island - wideRe-opened and outfitted the Forensic Lab to expand the range of services to include DNA and Ballistics testing	

At this time, comparative data with the SLP administration is not readily available; they seem unable to provide tangible evidence of their achievements. However, the difference remains clear to every citizen: while others talked, we delivered.

Where our approach was rooted in empowerment, sustainability, and long-term development, the SLPs record has been characterized by boasts of short-term and one - off handouts - a pattern of engaging the public that gives with one hand, only to take away with the other through higher taxes and a rising cost of living.

Our vision has always been to build a nation where opportunity replaces dependency, progress replaces promises, and delivery replaces delay. Our record speaks for itself.

So you can trust us when we say we will deliver.



THE **VISION**

A NEW ERA OF EXCELLENCE AND EMPOWERMENT

Upon returning to office, our vision is clear and unwavering: to propel our nation into a new era as a globally competitive country, where excellence is not just an aspiration, but the standard in every sector and every facet of our citizens' lives.

We envision a nation where innovation, integrity, and high performance define our public institutions, private enterprises, educational systems, healthcare, and infrastructure. From our classrooms to our boardrooms, from our communities to the corridors of power – excellence will be the watchword.

This journey forward demands a country where every citizen has equal access to opportunities, regardless of background, geography, or status. We are committed to building a truly inclusive society, where the doors to education, employment, entrepreneurship, and leadership are open to all. Equity and fairness will be the guiding principles of every policy we enact.

We affirm our unwavering commitment to freedom of expression, to the rule of law, and to the protection of fundamental human rights. These are the foundation of a just, democratic society and the pillars on which lasting progress is built.

At the heart of our vision lies the power of the people. We believe that a government is strongest when it listens to, learns from, and works with its citizens. Participation, transparency, and accountability will be embedded in all levels of governance. We will create and sustain mechanisms that ensure meaningful citizen involvement in policy-making, planning, and evaluation.

We are committed to a transformation of governance. We promise that under our stewardship, the voices of the people will not only be heard, but will shape the destiny of this proud and God Fearing nation.

Together, we will build a country that stands tall on the world stage, because it stands firm on the principles of excellence, equality, freedom, and participatory governance. This is the future we believe in. This is the future we will deliver.



THE **STRATEGY**

STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK: TURNING VISION INTO ACTION

To bring our vision to life, we will implement a bold and comprehensive national strategy built on three mutually reinforcing pillars: Relief, Recovery, and Reform. Together, these form a cohesive and coordinated approach that addresses our citizens' immediate needs, lays the groundwork for sustainable growth, and builds resilient, future-ready institutions and networks.

A PROGRAMME OF RELIEF: Addressing Immediate Needs

We recognize the urgent, day-to-day challenges that many of our citizens face – soaring costs of living, limited access to quality health care, affordable child care, food insecurity, and the unsafe and insecure environment that exists within our communities. These are economic burdens and social injustices, with far-reaching consequences for us as individuals and for the nation as a whole, that demand immediate attention.

Our Relief Programme will deliver targeted, time-sensitive interventions to restore dignity, ease hardship, and re-establish trust between people and government. This is showcased in our Save Our Saint Lucia (SOS) measures.

OUR SEVEN SOS INITIATIVES

REMOVAL OF THE 2.5% HEALTH AND SECURITY LEVY – ending the broken promise of a temporary tax that was supposed to last just two years.

Reduction of Fuel Prices – putting an end to the price extortion Saint Lucians have endured for the past four years.

Abolition of the Dam Dredging Fee – eliminating unfair charges on customers in the south who are not serviced by the John Compton Dam.

Free Tertiary Education – ensuring all students attending Sir Arthur Lewis Community College have access to tuition-free education.

Reintroduction of Border Control & Expansion of the K9 Unit – strengthening national security to better protect citizens.

Introduction of Pensions for Banana Farmers and one –
off payments to families of deceased farmers – granting dignity and recognition to banana farmers who did not contribute to the NIC.

Introduction of National Health Insurance Coverage –
providing every Saint Lucian with access to \$75,000 worth of annual health coverage.

We do not promise if we can't deliver. These interventions are concrete, actionable measures designed to immediately relieve families, empower the youth and strengthen national resilience.

A RECOVERY PROGRAMME:



BUILDING THE PLATFORM FOR GROWTH

Relief alone is not enough. We must recover and rebuild in a way that positions our country for sustained, inclusive economic growth. Our Recovery Programme is a strategic, investment-led approach designed to drive productivity, innovation, and global competitiveness.

KEY COMPONENTS WILL INCLUDE:

- Upgrading our infrastructure - roads, water supply capacity, connectivity
- Ensuring access to affordable and quality healthcare
- Ensuring access to education and life - long learning opportunities
- Unleashing the creativity and innovation of our people
- Creating the environment for our people to become true partners in our national development
- Consolidating our traditional growth sectors of Agriculture, Tourism and Construction, while providing fresh impetus to new and emerging sectors such as the creative industries and the digital and caring economies

These actions represent a significant leap forward toward a more diversified and resilient economy.

A Programme of Reform: Transforming Governance and Institutions

True transformation requires more than economic stimulus. It requires institutional, operational, and legislative reform. We must modernize our systems of governance to reflect the principles of accountability, transparency, efficiency, and citizen participation.

OUR REFORM PROGRAMME WILL:

- Strengthen democratic institutions, ensuring they are independent, well-resourced, and effective.
- Modernize public service delivery, using technology and performance-based management to enhance efficiency.
- Revise outdated laws and policies to align with global best practices and local realities.
- Institutionalize citizen engagement mechanisms at all levels of decision-making, promoting participatory governance.
- Combat corruption through stronger oversight, enforcement, and public sector ethics reforms.

Reform is the mechanism through which our democracy is deepened and our progress made sustainable.

AN INTEGRATED, REINFORCING APPROACH

These three pillars – Relief, Recovery, and Reform – are not mutually exclusive, nor are they sequential. They are mutually reinforcing, with each supporting and amplifying the impact of the others.

- Relief empowers people to participate in recovery.
- Recovery provides the resources and momentum to drive reform.
- Reform institutionalizes the gains made through relief and recovery.

Together, they represent a concrete and coordinated plan of action to “right the wrongs” of previous missteps and restore faith in leadership, governance, and the promise of our collective future.

This is our commitment to lead with purpose, to govern with integrity, and to build a nation that reflects the very best of what we can achieve, together.



the TEAM

A NEW KIND OF LEADERSHIP

We are proud to introduce a team unlike any other – a dynamic collective of men and women of substance, united by a shared vision of transformative service and people-centered leadership. This is not just a group of candidates. This is a movement of people, built on quality, diversity, and a proven track record of performance in their respective fields.

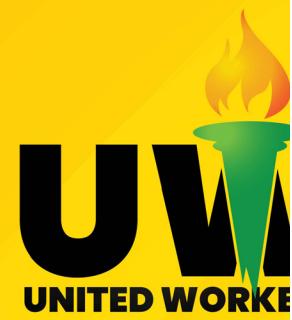
Each member of this team brings a wealth of experience and a deep commitment to excellence. We are educators, entrepreneurs, professionals, community leaders, and advocates – vibrant voices, representing the real fabric of our society. We come from different walks of life, but we are bound by a common goal – to move our communities forward through integrity, innovation, and impactful service.

We reject the politics of the past – politics driven by self-interest, division, and empty promises. We are not here to preserve the status quo. We are here to disrupt it – respectfully, but boldly – with fresh ideas, inclusive leadership, and a deep belief in the power of collective action.

This is a team that listens and understands you – A team that leads by example – A team that delivers – A team that is not afraid of hard work.

Together, we will chart a new course for Saint Lucia – one rooted in trust, transparency, and transformation. If you believe it's time for something different, something better, then this is your team.

Welcome to the future of leadership in our country. Welcome to the team that serves. Welcome to the team that cares. Our future is in good hands.



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THE

TRANSFORMATIVE AGENDA

SECURING OUR NATION:
A NEW ERA OF CITIZEN SAFETY





The security of our citizens is the single most important responsibility of the State. Without safety, there can be no peace; without peace, there can be no prosperity; and without prosperity, our freedoms remain vulnerable. A secure society is the foundation upon which all progress rests – and it is this principle that will guide our national agenda moving forward. We cannot speak of a transformative agenda if we do not meet this challenge head on.

Today, we face a sobering reality. Under the current administration, our nation has experienced a total breakdown of law and order. The pillars of fairness and justice have been eroded. Violent crime runs rampant, communities live in fear, and trust in our institutions is at an all-time low. This crisis has not emerged overnight. It is the direct result of years of neglect, mismanagement, and a lack of political will.

WE SAY – ENOUGH IS ENOUGH.

We are committed to restoring security and rebuilding public confidence through a bold, comprehensive, and sustained response. Our approach will be multi-faceted, targeted, and people-centered. We will act decisively and proactively to confront the drivers of crime and insecurity across all levels of society. Three pillars will be the foundation of our overall actions:-

- Adoption of a public health approach – Our successful management of the COVID Pandemic has underscored the importance of tackling a major issue by defining the problem, identifying root causes and risk factors and implementing appropriate measures to address those underlying risks
- Community engagement and interagency co-ordination – we as a government cannot and will not do it alone. The participation, endorsement and commitment of all of us is critical
- Evaluation and accountability – we must be able to assess the effectiveness of our efforts and we must be able to hold each participating entity accountable for their actions and responsibilities

OUR NATIONAL SECURITY PLAN WILL INCLUDE:

- Institutional and Legislative Reform: We will modernize and strengthen the legal and institutional framework of the criminal justice system to ensure swift, fair, and effective justice. This includes enhanced coordination among law enforcement, the judiciary, and correctional services.
- Human Resource Capacity Building: We will invest in the recruitment, training, and professional development of our security forces, judicial officers, and frontline justice workers, ensuring they are equipped to respond with integrity, efficiency, and accountability.
- Accelerate and expand the introduction of digital technology into police operations: We will invest in new technologies such as Body Cams; Integrated Emergency Communications systems; Digital Evidence Management Systems; online reporting and public portals; data analytics software and computer aided dispatch systems to enhance the effectiveness of surveillance operations as well as to facilitate greater levels of internal and public accountability .
- Support for At-Risk Youth: We will implement rehabilitative programmes and services aimed at prevention, intervention, and reintegration—offering real alternatives to crime and violence for our young people.
- Community Empowerment Initiatives: We will deliver targeted social development and empowerment programmes in vulnerable communities to address root causes of crime such as poverty, unemployment, and lack of opportunity.
- Regional and International Cooperation: We will strengthen ties with regional and global security partners to combat transnational threats, enhance intelligence sharing, and secure our borders.
- To this end we will:-





PROVIDE CITIZEN SECURITY OVERSIGHT

- Establish a National Crime/Citizen Security Command Centre as the comprehensive framework for delivering a public health approach that draws on the resources and expertise of government agencies, civil society, private sector and Opposition Parties. The work of this entity will be facilitated through the appointment of a dedicated Unit equipped with the requisite technical and administrative staff.

INTRODUCE INSTITUTIONAL REFORMS

- Establish a Border Control Authority to facilitate a holistic and integrated approach to border management and more specifically the interception of illegal guns and ammunition, drugs and other illicit substances
- Establish a Crime Investigation and Forensic Unit as an autonomous entity responsible for collection, storage and management of crime scene evidence and data
- Establish K- 9 Units to serve the ports of entry as well as police patrols
- Strengthen the Special Services Unit (SSU) to proactively address issues relating to illegal drugs, gang activity and associated criminal behaviours
- Strengthen the capacity of the Royal Saint Lucia Police Force to more effectively undertake its traffic management, general law enforcement and community engagement and outreach responsibilities

INTRODUCE LEGISLATIVE REFORMS

- Review/amend the existing criminal laws, inclusive of the Criminal Code and Evidence Act
- Facilitate sentencing reforms that incorporate stricter penalties for serious offences, particularly in relation to the use of firearms
- Amend licensing requirements for all sea vessels by making vessel monitoring systems mandatory
- Improve surveillance
- Install at least an additional 700 CCTV cameras island wide, covering various locations
- Augment the complement of Police Officers in order to increase the number of street/ community patrols
- Enhance the capacity of service delivery by those in the protective services
- Rehabilitate and equip the Bordelais Correctional Facility and Police and Fire stations island wide
- Provide specialized training for select protective service workers
- Increase the staff complement of psycho social support personnel at Bordelais Correctional Facility and Probation and Parole Department,

PROVIDE SUPPORT TO AT RISK GROUPS

- Establish a Home For Boys And Girls in conflict with the law
- Introduce a National Court Diversion Programme, inclusive of community based mediation and restorative justice services
- Introduce a National Reintegration Programme for Ex - offenders



VALUING THE PROTECTIVE SERVICES: FAIR RECOGNITION AND ENHANCED SUPPORT

We must not forget that the Protective Services represent the backbone of national safety, stability, and public confidence. These dedicated men and women stand at the front lines—often in challenging, high-pressure environments—to safeguard our communities and uphold the rule of law. Their work is not only critical; it is indispensable to the functioning of our society. The recent experience of delays in payments of insurance premiums covering the police officers, threatening their coverage must never be repeated and is a stark reminder of their individual and collective vulnerability.

We recognize that such service must be met with fair and adequate compensation—reflective not only of the risks they face, but also of the professionalism, training, and dedication they bring to their duties. Our commitment is to ensure that the members of the Protective Services are supported, respected, and fairly rewarded.

TO THIS END, WE WILL INTRODUCE THE FOLLOWING MEASURES:

- **Education and Skills-Based Allowance:** Introduce a structured allowance to recognize officers who have pursued further education, professional qualifications, or specialized skills relevant to their operational duties. This initiative will encourage continuous development and reward those who invest in enhancing their service capabilities.
- **Overtime Allowance for Officers up to Inspector Rank:** Establish a specific allowance to compensate officers—up to the rank of Inspector—who are routinely required to work beyond their scheduled hours. This measure acknowledges the demands of their roles and ensures fair treatment for their extended commitment.
- **Provisions for pensions:** re-instate the provisions for officers to receive pensions after 20 years of service
- **Ex Gratia Retirement Payments:** Provide Ex Gratia payments upon retirement to officers as a tangible expression of the nation's gratitude for their years of dedicated and honorable service.
- **Improved Operational Gear:** Ensure the provision of appropriate uniforms, durable footwear, and protective headgear tailored to the demands of their operational environments. Proper equipment is essential for the safety, functionality, and morale of officers in the field.



- **Firearms Licensing Eligibility:** Grant firearms licensing eligibility to all officers who have successfully completed their recruitment training, have served a minimum of two years, and are in good standing. This recognizes their training and ongoing responsibilities, while ensuring public safety standards are maintained.

Our protective services deserve policies that reflect the value of their work. These measures are the beginning of a broader commitment to uplift and empower those who serve and protect.

A United Workers Party Administration promises to lead with courage, restore public safety, and build a nation where every citizen, regardless of where they live, can walk the streets without fear. Together, we will reclaim our communities, re-establish justice, and revive the spirit of unity and resilience that defines us. Let us begin the work of securing our future now.

ECONOMIC GROWTH AS THE DRIVER OF OUR TRANSFORMATION AGENDA

To build a nation that delivers opportunity, dignity, and security for all, we must lay a strong and sustainable economic foundation. Every pillar of our national transformation agenda - health care, education and skills development, housing, sports, infrastructure and connectivity, citizen security, governance and local government, energy security, and public sector modernization-requires substantial and consistent investment. That investment can only be driven by a growing, dynamic economy.

Our vision is clear - economic growth is not an end in itself, but the means by which we will secure the resources to transform our country - to uplift lives, reduce inequality, and create a prosperous and resilient society. This cannot be achieved by raising taxes as the SLP administration has done over their tenure.

Youth empowerment will be central to this economic expansion. We will ensure that young people have the opportunity to participate meaningfully in all these sectors through targeted, youth-friendly policies, capacity building, financing, mentorship, and access to markets and networks. The energy, creativity, and innovation of our youth will be harnessed as a powerful engine of economic and social transformation. This focus on our youth will ensure the sustainability of our economy for generations to come. We will also ensure that other vulnerable populations such as single mothers and the differently abled are prioritized in the eco system that is proposed.

By prioritizing inclusive, sustainable growth, we will create the resource base and momentum needed to fund and deliver on our promise of a transformed nation - one that works for everyone.

TO ACHIEVE THIS, WE WILL DRIVE GROWTH BY UNLOCKING THE POTENTIAL OF KEY ECONOMIC PILLARS/SECTORS.

- **Agriculture and Fisheries:** Modernizing and expanding production, value addition, and exports, while ensuring food security and climate resilience.
- **Tourism:** Diversifying our offerings, promoting sustainable and community-based tourism, and expanding linkages with other sectors like agriculture and culture.
- **Financial Services:** Enhancing regulatory frameworks, encouraging innovation in financial technology services, and strengthening our reputation as a responsible and attractive financial center.
- **Creative Industries (Orange Economy):** Supporting the growth of music, film, fashion, design, and other cultural industries as drivers of jobs, exports, and national pride.
- **Digital Economy:** Building digital infrastructure, promoting innovation and entrepreneurship, and enabling widespread access to digital tools and opportunities.
- **Caring Economy:** Recognizing and supporting care work as a critical economic sector, including health services, early childhood development, and elder care.





TRANSFORMING OUR AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES SECTOR

FROM DECLINE TO PROSPERITY

Agriculture and fisheries remain the backbone of our nation's food and nutrition security, the lifeblood of many rural communities, and a critical pillar of our people's health, wellbeing, and livelihood. When this sector thrives, our economy is more resilient, our communities are more empowered, and our people are healthier and more secure.

Yet, the past five years have witnessed a troubling and undeniable decline in this vital sector. Agricultural production has fallen sharply, farms lie abandoned across the country, and a growing number of aging farmers continue to struggle with little to no support. Even more worrying is the stark disinterest among our youth – a dangerous trend that threatens the very future of our food systems and rural development.

This reality demands urgent, comprehensive action. Our administration is committed to reversing this decline and transforming the agriculture and fisheries sector into a modern, dynamic, sustainable engine of growth and development.

We will:

- Invest boldly in technology and infrastructure to modernize farming and fishing practices, reduce inefficiencies, and boost productivity.
- Diversify agricultural production, moving beyond traditional crops to include high-value and niche products that can penetrate global markets and increase farmer incomes. Therefore we will:-
 - Consolidate support to farmers registered under the 7 Crop Programme
 - Target Cocoa, herbs, honey and tropical fruits as crops of high value and niche market appeal – with significant investments to increase acreages under production, provide labour support to farmers and encourage value added production
- Continue to support the revitalization of the banana production subsector through:-
 - The provision of subsidies on inputs
 - More proactive and consistent technical support and engagement
 - Increased targeted and strategic marketing efforts at the local, regional and international level
- Reduce and subsidize the cost of planting materials and critical inputs, making agriculture more accessible and profitable for farmers of all scales.
- Continue to support enhancements in the livestock production sector
- Expand investment in farm-to-market roads, upgrade drainage and irrigation systems, and improve access to water – all vital for reducing post-harvest losses and increasing productivity.
- Build climate resilience across the sector through sustainable land use practices, soil conservation, agroforestry, and climate-smart agriculture.
- Strengthen food and nutrition security, especially for our most vulnerable populations, by supporting local food and livestock production and access to nutritious foods through formal arrangements with the following national programmes and institutions:-
 - School Feeding Programme,
 - Public Assistance Programme
 - Community After School Programme
 - Elderly Care Programme.
 - Hospitals
 - Bordelais Correctional Facility
 - Homes for Boys and Girls (in need of care and protection as well as in conflict with the law)



- Promote digital agriculture, through the use of appropriate technology, giving farmers real-time access to information, data-driven production advice, weather updates, and market prices – empowering them to make informed decisions.
- Support our fisherfolk by making fishing safer, more efficient, and more profitable through :-
 - the adoption of modern fishing technologies.
 - the implementation of a National Jetty Rehabilitation and Maintenance

PROGRAMME FOR ALL MAJOR FISHING PORTS AND LANDING SITES.

- the establishment, as part of the National Apprenticeship Programme, of a Marine Mechanics training component, targeting youth to train in boat repair, engine diagnostics, and fiberglass/resin maintenance.
- the provision of Climate Smart Fish Aggregating Devices (FAD) to registered fishers.
- Prioritize agricultural research and data collection, ensuring policies and interventions are evidence-based and impact-driven. Specific attention will be given to:-
 - The development of drought resistant crop varieties
 - Pest and disease management strategies
 - Soil fertility enhancement techniques
 - Post-harvest technology and processing innovations
- Support ongoing capacity building and training initiatives for farmers and fishers, including precision farming techniques, sustainable agricultural practices, agribusiness management and the use of appropriate agricultural technology
- Invest in financial services and agricultural credit to ensure farmers and fishers have access to the capital they need to expand, innovate, and succeed. To this end, we will:-
 - Facilitate the provision of micro finance for small scale farming
 - Facilitate access to concessional funding for fishers to procure larger, more reliable engines and vessels
 - Secure low interest loans for farm and fishing modernization and up scaling
- Initiate financial literacy programmes at the community level
- Facilitate increased market access and value chain development, connecting producers with buyers, processors, exporters, and consumers to maximize value-added opportunities and increase rural incomes. Therefore we will:-
 - Develop an e-commerce platform for export crops
 - Establish agro – processing hubs in strategic locations
- Decentralize agricultural services, enabling farmers to have access in real time to government resources, technical support and data/information that can influence decision-making. We will:-
 - Repurpose existing IRDCs into Community Agricultural Service Centres
 - Provide farmers with a range of Smart Agricultural Services that include access to new technological innovation and equipment, digital subsidy and application services and other AI powered services
- Securing more sustainable social security arrangements for farmers and Fishers – while the provision of monthly pensions for retired Banana Farmers and one – off payments to families of deceased banana farmers, is recognition of their contribution to the growth of our country, a UWP administration is well aware of the need to ensure that existing farmers and fisher folk have some form of social protection upon retirement from the sector. In this regard and over our term of office we will:-
 - Explore and encourage the establishment of a pension programme for all registered farmers and fishers
 - Identify appropriate risk and insurance mechanisms in the event of natural disasters, disease outbreaks etc.
- Addressing issues of land access, availability and scale of cultivation that remain critical barriers to meaningful agricultural development. Our administration will:-
 - Establish a National Land Bank—a structured, transparent system that identifies and makes available idle or underutilized agricultural lands for productive use by new and existing farmers, particularly youth and women.
 - Encourage and support investments in larger scale aquaponics, hydroponics and other water and land saving agricultural production activities
 - Promote the formation and strengthening of producer cooperatives, allowing small and medium-sized farmers as well as newly emerging young farmers to pool resources, share knowledge, and scale operations efficiently.



This is OUR VISION – a modernized, youth-inclusive, technology-driven, and climate-resilient agriculture and fisheries sector that secures our food systems, uplifts our rural communities, and restores dignity and prosperity to those who feed the nation.

The time for bold action is now. The future of our agriculture depends on it – and so does the future of our country.



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REVITALIZING THE TOURISM SECTOR

A NEW VISION FOR SUSTAINABLE GROWTH



Despite the pivotal role that tourism plays in our national economy, the sector today finds itself at a crossroads - stifled by stagnation, strategic drift, and missed opportunities. The current administration inherited a solid recovery platform from the UWP, yet has failed to build upon it meaningfully. Our tourism sector remains far from reaching the heights of 2019 and continues to underperform relative to regional counterparts. This decline is a direct result of the absence of a coherent, holistic strategy - one that is necessary not only to compete, but to lead in a dynamic and evolving global tourism landscape.

The future, under the current trajectory, appears bleak.

We cannot afford further drift. Under a new administration, we are committed to reversing this trend through a bold, inclusive, and innovation-driven agenda for tourism. Our strategy will be focused on product expansion, market competitiveness, community integration, and entrepreneurial empowerment.

STRATEGIC PILLARS FOR TOURISM RENEWAL

A UWP administration will pursue the following strategic actions:-

PRODUCT DIVERSIFICATION AND EXPANSION

- Aggressively expand the Village Tourism initiative, that utilizes the historic, socio-cultural and heritage brand of specific settlements and communities and the ease of accessibility for visitors, in order to facilitate the establishment or strengthening of sites, attractions, AirBnB and other supporting hospitality services.
- Continue the support for branded resort developments as key economic anchors and employment drivers.
- Introduce and promote wellness tourism and sports tourism initiatives as high-growth niche segments with strong international demand.

ROBUST AND TARGETED MARKETING

- Re-introduce a proactive and data-driven international marketing strategy.
- Undertake strategic engagements with our major international carriers to increase flight connectivity from key source markets.
- Repositioning the country as the festival hub of the region, with a calendar of cultural, musical, and artistic events, inclusive of the Jazz Festival, hosted year-round to drive consistent visitor arrivals.

EMPOWERING LOCAL PARTICIPATION

- Redefine growth to ensure greater local ownership and participation across the value chain - not just as employees, but as entrepreneurs, investors, and innovators.
- Establish/Expand the incentive framework regime and financing instruments to support local investment in tourism enterprises.
- Make available at least 50 lots within the Sandy Beach development in Vieux Fort for local investment and participation.
- Collaborate with the private sector in providing employment opportunities in the online Hospitality Information and Booking Services sub sector
- Strengthen partnerships with the private sector, NGOs, Community based organizations and the relevant public sector agencies to protect our beaches and maximize public access and enjoyment.

PROTECTION OF OUR WORKERS IN THE SECTOR

- We will endeavor to raise the income levels of workers through collaboration with our partners in increasing the sector's value added.
- Provide direct income support to those workers who traditionally are either laid off or put on rotation during the month of September

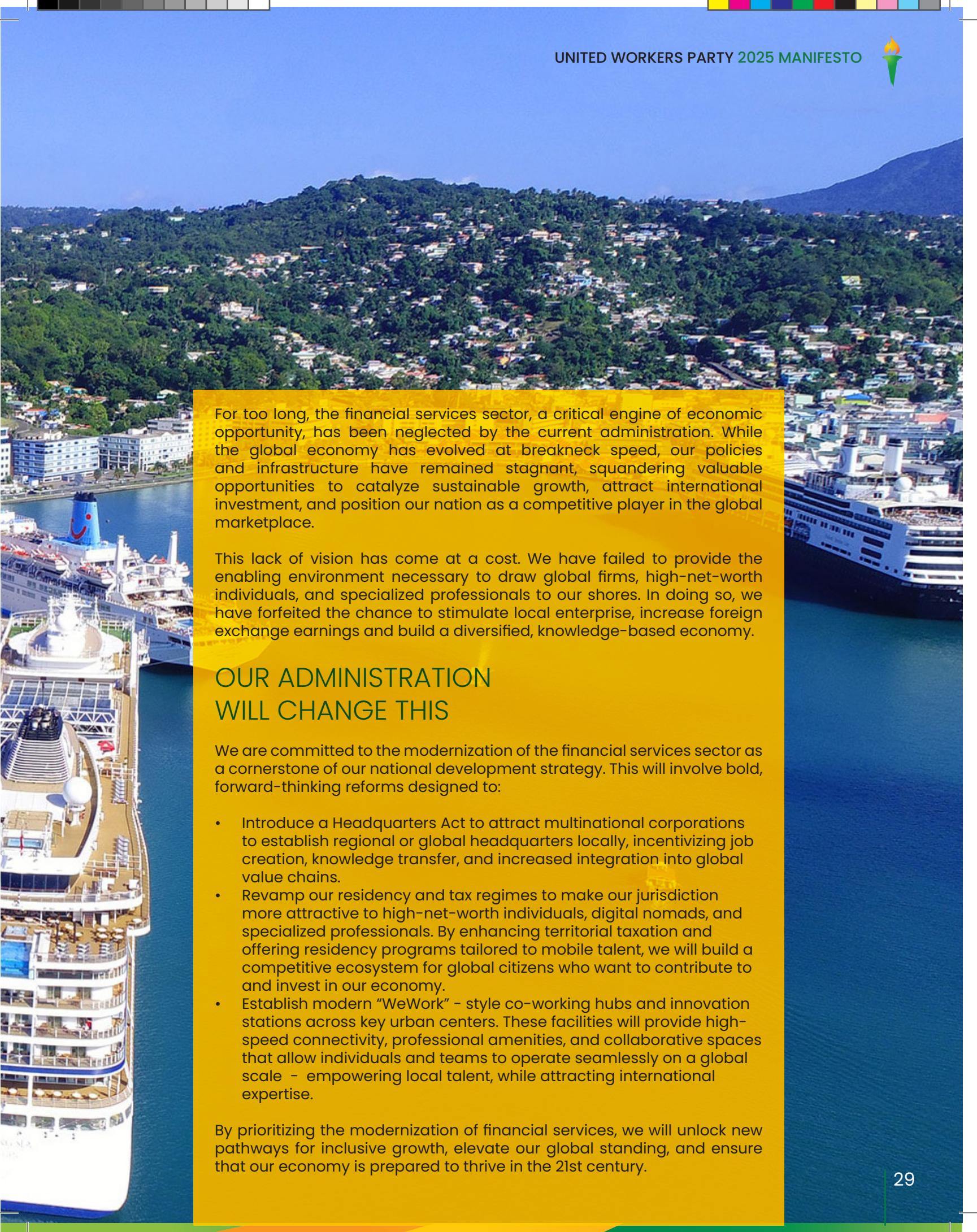
We believe that our tourism product must continue to evolve. Our vision is for a tourism sector that is resilient, competitive, inclusive, focused on value added and future-ready. One that generates meaningful jobs, supports rural development, fosters national pride, and positions our country as a premier destination globally. This is the future of tourism. Only with the UWP, can this vision be realized.



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MODERNIZING THE FINANCIAL SERVICES SECTOR FOR INCLUSIVE ECONOMIC GROWTH





For too long, the financial services sector, a critical engine of economic opportunity, has been neglected by the current administration. While the global economy has evolved at breakneck speed, our policies and infrastructure have remained stagnant, squandering valuable opportunities to catalyze sustainable growth, attract international investment, and position our nation as a competitive player in the global marketplace.

This lack of vision has come at a cost. We have failed to provide the enabling environment necessary to draw global firms, high-net-worth individuals, and specialized professionals to our shores. In doing so, we have forfeited the chance to stimulate local enterprise, increase foreign exchange earnings and build a diversified, knowledge-based economy.

OUR ADMINISTRATION WILL CHANGE THIS

We are committed to the modernization of the financial services sector as a cornerstone of our national development strategy. This will involve bold, forward-thinking reforms designed to:

- Introduce a Headquarters Act to attract multinational corporations to establish regional or global headquarters locally, incentivizing job creation, knowledge transfer, and increased integration into global value chains.
- Revamp our residency and tax regimes to make our jurisdiction more attractive to high-net-worth individuals, digital nomads, and specialized professionals. By enhancing territorial taxation and offering residency programs tailored to mobile talent, we will build a competitive ecosystem for global citizens who want to contribute to and invest in our economy.
- Establish modern “WeWork” - style co-working hubs and innovation stations across key urban centers. These facilities will provide high-speed connectivity, professional amenities, and collaborative spaces that allow individuals and teams to operate seamlessly on a global scale - empowering local talent, while attracting international expertise.

By prioritizing the modernization of financial services, we will unlock new pathways for inclusive growth, elevate our global standing, and ensure that our economy is prepared to thrive in the 21st century.



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EMPOWERING THE CREATIVE ECONOMY

THROUGH

INNOVATION AND INCLUSION





Strong Legal Foundations For Creative Rights And Ownership

We will:-

- Introduce/reform intellectual property (IP) laws to protect artists, creators, and innovators – ensuring their work is owned, valued, and safeguarded.
- Introduce a Cultural Development and Creative Industries Act that formally recognizes not only the role of culture in our national development but the creative economy as a priority sector; establishes the appropriate legal and institutional framework and promotes, nurtures and protects local talent and traditions.

Fair And Enabling Regulation For Creative Entrepreneurs

We will:-

- Simplify business registration and taxation arrangements for artists, freelancers, and creative startups, helping them transition into the formal economy.
- Provide tax incentives for investments in local productions, studios, galleries, and creative hubs.
- Establish clear and fair content classification regulations to balance cultural values with artistic freedom.

The future is creative. Let us seize this opportunity.

Direct Support To Creators, Startups, And Communities

We will:-

- Establish a Creative Arts and Convention Centre and enhance and create performance spaces/facilities at strategic locations island – wide as a platform for showcasing the talent, innovation, passion and excellence of our creative community.
- Collaborate with existing financial institutions to provide grants (up to a maximum of \$25,000), seed capital, low-interest loans and business support to creatives and cultural entrepreneurs.
- Build and support creative hubs and incubators – safe, well-equipped spaces for learning, production, and collaboration.
- Collaborate with the private sector in the establishment of music studios within every quadrant of the island.
- Invest, through our appropriate agencies, in festivals, competitions, and international showcases to promote local talent at home and abroad. The promotion and support to a dedicated Dennery Segment Stage as an emerging, vibrant and authentic musical genre, will be one such area of priority.
- Invest in digital platforms and training to help creatives sell their work online, monetize digital content, and navigate emerging digital tools.

Inclusion, Data, And Collaboration

We will:-

- Promote and prioritize gender equity, youth participation, and rural inclusion in all creative industry programs and initiatives.
- Support regular data collection, research, and valuation of the creative economy to guide evidence-based policy.
- Build strong partnerships with the private sector, civil society, the diaspora, and international cultural development organizations.

Our Promise

We will unlock the full potential of the creative sector—not just as an economic engine, but as a source of hope, identity, and global pride. Under our leadership, creators will not be overlooked or undervalued – they will be recognized, supported, and celebrated.

These initiatives, when implemented in a coordinated, inclusive, and well-funded manner, can transform the creative sector into a major contributor to GDP, job creation, cultural identity and global influence.



BUILDING A VIBRANT DIGITAL ECONOMY

The digital economy is an essential engine of transformation for modern economies, reshaping how we live, work, and compete in the global marketplace. For our nation, it offers a critical pathway to inclusive growth, sustainable development, and future prosperity.

Over a decade ago, we began that journey with promising investments in the Business Process Outsourcing (BPO) and Knowledge Process Outsourcing (KPO) sub-sectors. These early steps proved that with the right vision and commitment, we could create jobs, attract investment, and open doors for our youth into the global digital economy. The results were clear – new opportunities emerged, skills were developed, and a generation of talent gained a foothold in the global digital services industry.

However, over the past five years, we have witnessed a troubling loss of momentum. The absence of a cohesive, forward-looking plan, combined with a general lack of commitment to digital transformation, has led to missed opportunities, a stagnant sector, and growing frustration among our people, especially the young and talented.





THIS MUST CHANGE

Now is the time to double our national efforts and boldly embrace the digital future. Technology must become a core pillar of our economic development. We will act decisively to unlock the potential of the digital economy and create a thriving digital ecosystem that benefits every citizen.

To achieve this, we will focus on the following strategic priorities:

1. Investing in Reliable and Secure Digital Infrastructure

A modern digital economy requires resilient, high-capacity infrastructure. We will invest in secure, scalable digital networks to ensure seamless connectivity across the country.

2. Developing a Digitally Literate Workforce and Cadre of new entrepreneurs

Through targeted skills training, upskilling, and certification programs, we will empower our citizens, especially youth, women, and the differently abled, to thrive in a digitally enabled economy. We will establish a Digital Academy that will provide our people with cutting edge skills in digital literacy, coding, AI, cyber security, data analytics and digital entrepreneurship.

3. Expanding and Enhancing Digital Platforms

We will build and modernize digital platforms across sectors to improve service delivery, increase efficiency, and create new economic opportunities.

4. Establishing a Comprehensive Legislative and Regulatory Framework

A supportive legal environment is vital. We will modernize our laws and regulations to ensure data protection, cyber security, digital transactions, and fair competition.

5. Fostering Innovation and Supporting Enterprises

We will support tech-based start-ups, small and medium enterprises, and innovation hubs. We will also provide access to financing, mentorship, and incentives to stimulate growth and creativity.

6. Enhancing Digital Citizen Services

Government services must be accessible, transparent, and efficient. We will expand digital citizen services to ensure that every person can interact with public institutions easily and securely.

7. Reducing Internet and Data Costs

In collaboration with service providers, we will work to make internet access affordable for all, bridging the digital divide and enabling participation in the digital economy, regardless of location or income.

8. Ensuring Connectivity in Public Spaces and Facilities

Schools, libraries, community centres, health clinics, and transportation hubs will be equipped with free or low-cost connectivity to support education, work, quality of life and innovation.

9. Creating a Dedicated Government Department for the Digital Economy

We will establish a dedicated department with the sole responsibility of driving digital economy initiatives, coordinating efforts across sectors, and ensuring implementation of our national digital strategy.

This ambitious digital economy programme will prioritize youth, women, and the differently-abled - groups whose talents and contributions have been historically underutilized, but who must now be placed at the center of our digital future.

Our administration is fully committed to integrating technology into all aspects of life - from education and entrepreneurship to health, governance, and community development. The digital economy will be an instrument that will help to emphasize our commitment to inclusion, empowerment, and shaping a future where every citizen has the tools to succeed in the 21st century.

Let us not allow this opportunity to pass us by.

The time to act is now.



THE CARING ECONOMY

A New Pillar For Growth

As our society evolves, so too must our understanding of economic growth and productivity. Traditional industries alone can no longer meet the complex needs of our population. Today, we champion the caring economy as a vital, future-facing sector, one that not only sustains families and communities, but also creates meaningful work, fosters inclusive growth, and drives social innovation. At the heart of this economy lies an indispensable workforce – our nurses, caregivers, early childhood educators, and health aides, who form the backbone of our cadre of our social wellbeing support team..

With rising life expectancy and falling birth rates, our demographic profile is shifting. With increasing numbers of dependents, both the young and the elderly, requiring sustained care, the need for skilled, compassionate professionals has never been greater. Nurses, in particular, are uniquely positioned at the intersection of healthcare and community service. The urgent demand for high-quality caregiving services, whether in homes, hospitals, schools, or community spaces, must be met with a comprehensive and coordinated response. This presents us with a significant economic opportunity.



The Caring Economy As A Growth Engine

The caring economy encompasses a wide range of services: childcare, eldercare, healthcare support, early childhood education, mental health care, and disability services. These are labor-intensive sectors that cannot be fully automated, and thus offer resilient, long-term employment opportunities, especially for women and youth.

Globally, demand for caregivers is rising. With the right training, standards, and support systems in place, our citizens can access global employment markets, not only serving our communities at home, but also working abroad where caregiving expertise is increasingly in demand. By positioning our workforce for mobility, we create a globally competitive care sector that brings remittances, skills, and international recognition.

At the same time, by investing in this sector domestically, we also provide an incentive for our diaspora to return home - to build businesses, train new professionals, or deliver care to their aging parents and communities. The caring economy can become an effective pathway home.

To fully realize the potential of the caring economy, we commit to implementing the following measures:

Standardize The Professionalization Of Care Work

We will:-

- Establish national standards, certification programs, and fair wages for caregivers.
- Promote caregiving as a respected, dignified profession with clear career pathways.

Invest In Training And Infrastructure

We will:-

- Expand training opportunities and programmes focused on nursing, geriatric care, early childhood development, and home-based healthcare.
- Leverage digital platforms to deliver hybrid learning and match workers with opportunities.

Support Care Entrepreneurs And Cooperatives

We will:-

- Provide grants, credit facilities, and business development support to small-scale care enterprises, especially those led by women.
- Encourage the formation of care cooperatives to deliver services in underserved communities.

Establish Cross-Border Care Agreements

We will:-

- Negotiate labor mobility partnerships with countries that face a care workforce shortage, ensuring protections and rights for our migrant caregivers.

Create Tax Incentives And Public-Private Partnerships

We will:-

- Offer tax deductions or credits to families investing in formal caregiving services.
- Partner with private sector actors to expand facilities and innovation in care technologies.

Undertake Diaspora Engagement

We will:-

- Launch a "Return to Care" program to encourage skilled diaspora professionals to return and invest in care institutions.
- Create mentorship and exchange programs connecting diaspora caregivers with local trainees.

By placing care at the center of our economic vision, we embrace a model of development that is inclusive, future-ready, and deeply human. The caring economy will help us to achieve two main objectives - supporting life and giving dignity, connection, and purpose to those who serve as well as those who receive such services.



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HOUSING



Our housing challenge is a multifaceted one, affected by demographic, economic and environmental trends but affecting social stability, mobility and general economic growth and development. We are faced with high cost, particularly for those with comparatively lower incomes, there is a chronic shortage of adequate housing units relative to overall demand and the system for securing title and transfer of ownership is a major impediment to those actively seeking to invest in the sector. For many, these unresolved issues have contributed to the rise of multigenerational households, which in turn has exacerbated the challenges of overcrowding and other associated social risks.

Over the past five years what has become increasingly evident is that the SLP Administration has neither the vision nor commitment to address these challenges.

We have to change that and a UWP Government stands ready and able to do so. We recognize that the provision of housing not only will enhance the quality of life for our people but will also serve to stimulate further economic growth through the construction sector.

We are therefore committed to implementing a Quality and Affordable Homes For Growth Plan that will:-

- Establish the "First Home St. Lucia" Initiative that will:-
 - Facilitate dedicated lines of financing arrangements to first time young home owners through private-public partnerships with local financial institutions through the introduction of a Youth Build Mortgage Deposit Guarantee Plan
 - Facilitate a variety of housing options—from apartments to two-and three-bedroom housing units
 - Utilize the National Land Bank programme to identify suitable lands for housing developments islandwide
 - Facilitate more Lease-to-own house-and-land packages
- Establish an incentives regime to include waivers of vendor's tax and stamp duty on the purchase of homes, as well as an initial waiver of property tax.
- Promote Modern Building Technology approaches to house construction through Public/Private/Partnership arrangements
- Streamline the approval process by establishing, within the National Housing Corporation, a one stop shop that seamlessly integrates and co-ordinates physical planning, development control, and environmental management approvals for all projects under the national housing plan.
- Integrate Renewable Energy and Sustainability as core efficiency features for design approval.
- Make at least 5,000 homes available to St Lucians for purchase, including at least 1,500 homes for young people.
- Re-establish a vigorous programme of rationalisation of unplanned developments, particularly within urban settlements to facilitate the provision of title to residents
- Reduce the cost of property development through collaboration with utility companies, property developers and other relevant agencies



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INVESTMENT, TRADE AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS

RESTORING CREDIBILITY,
ADVANCING STRATEGIC
PARTNERSHIPS





TRADE AND INVESTMENT FACILITATION: Repositioning for Inclusive and Sustainable Growth

Despite its central role in driving economic transformation, the trade and investment sector continues to underperform relative to its potential. Structural bottlenecks, regulatory gaps, and limited institutional capacity have constrained our ability to attract and retain high-quality investments, expand exports, and integrate more deeply into regional and global value chains.

Our government is committed to a strategic repositioning of the national trade and investment regime to create a modern, transparent, and inclusive environment that stimulates enterprise, enhances competitiveness, and delivers equitable growth across all regions. To achieve this, we will implement the following key interventions:

REVIEW AND ENHANCE THE REGULATORY FRAMEWORK:

- We will undertake a comprehensive review and modernization of the regulatory environment governing investment in key sectors such as financial services, telecommunications and renewable energy. The objective is to remove outdated provisions, harmonize overlapping regulations, and ensure that our investment laws are aligned with global best practices and the demands of a dynamic digital economy.

PROMOTE NEW EXPORT OPPORTUNITIES FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES:

- Recognizing the growing importance of knowledge-based trade, we will promote the export of professional and digital services online, including legal, accounting, creative, and technology services. This will be supported by targeted incentives, capacity development programs, and the expansion of digital infrastructure to enable local firms and professionals to access new international markets.

UNDERTAKE INSTITUTIONAL STRENGTHENING FOR INVESTMENT FACILITATION:

- We will strengthen the capacity of key public agencies involved in development control, business registration, and investment facilitation. Through improved coordination, digitization of services, and performance benchmarks, we will impact positively on the ease and cost of doing business, reduce bureaucratic delays, and foster a culture of efficiency and responsiveness in public service delivery.

REVISIT SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT ZONES FOR INCLUSIVE GROWTH:

- We will review and reform the use of special development and economic zones as effective instruments for promoting equitable growth within a framework of approved land use development plans and trends in the local and global economy. The goal is to leverage these zones to attract strategic investments, support local supply chains, and empower more vulnerable and less-developed regions of the country through infrastructure, skills development, and job creation.
- Together, these measures will ensure that trade and investment become true engines of inclusive and sustainable development—anchored in innovation, fairness, and opportunity for all.



THE **CITIZENS** BY **INVESTMENT** **PROGRAMME (CIP)**



Our country's standing in the global community has suffered serious and avoidable damage. Over the past several years, the lack of transparency and effective governance surrounding our Citizenship by Investment Programme (CIP) has significantly eroded international confidence in our institutions. This decline in credibility has direct and troubling consequences for our citizens, particularly in relation to our visa-free access to the United Kingdom, the United States, Canada, and the European Union.

We must now face the reality that without urgent and proactive intervention, this reputational damage will deepen, placing further strain on our diplomatic relations and weakening the international mobility, economic opportunities, and security of our people.

Our approach to external relations will therefore be grounded in restoring integrity, demonstrating responsible leadership, and building strategic international partnerships that are aligned with our development priorities.

REBUILDING TRUST THROUGH TRANSPARENT REFORM

We will move decisively to reform our Citizenship by Investment programme. This includes establishing a transparent, internationally-aligned regulatory framework that prioritizes due diligence, accountability, and public confidence.

We will:

- Conduct an independent review of the operations of the CIP over the last Five Years, inclusive of oversight and reporting mechanisms, status of finances, project initiatives and beneficiaries;
- Engage directly with international stakeholders to co-develop stronger standards for compliance, monitoring, and enforcement;
- Ensure that the programme's benefits are transparently reinvested in national development priorities such as :-
 - National Debt
 - Infrastructural upgrades
 - On - lending for local business development and start - ups

By doing so, we will send a clear message to our global partners - that we are serious about regaining their trust, and equally serious about protecting the interests of our citizens.

STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION: COHERENCE, ALIGNMENT, AND IMPACT

In addition to reputational repair, we must also address a longstanding issue: the fragmented and reactive nature of our development cooperation efforts. For too long, our engagements with international donors and development agencies have lacked coherence and strategic direction. This has resulted in suboptimal outcomes, wasted resources, and missed opportunities.

We will formulate a Medium Term Development Strategy and Action Plan that clearly identifies priority areas for international collaboration. This framework will:

- Align external support with national development plans;
- Promote transparent coordination between government, donors, civil society, and the private sector;
- Emphasize long-term impact, sustainability, and national ownership of all development initiatives.
- A UWP Government will establish new and reinforce existing strategic partnerships with the members of the Gulf Co-operation Council, as well as with countries and representative bodies across Africa, Latin America and Asia. Our long standing friendship and collaboration with the Republic of Taiwan will serve as the overall model for such deepened relationships.



PRIORITY AREAS FOR BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL ENGAGEMENT

As we reform our external engagements, we will focus on building strategic partnerships in areas that are critical to the country's future resilience and prosperity. The following areas will define the core of our multilateral and bilateral development cooperation:

- Sustainable Agricultural Practices and Technological Advancements
- Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation in Infrastructure and Housing
- Public Service Modernization through Digital Technology
- Education and Continuous Learning through Digital Technology

STRENGTHENING REGIONAL AND MULTILATERAL TIES

We reaffirm our commitment to regional integration bodies such as CARICOM and the OECS as platforms

for shared prosperity, security, and collective advocacy. We will also renew our engagement with multilateral institutions, advocating for greater equity, voice, and support for small states facing existential climate, economic, and geopolitical threats.

HARNESSING THE POWER OF THE DIASPORA: A Strategic Development Partnership

Our citizens abroad are among our nation's most valuable and underutilized assets. Across the globe, members of our diaspora are excelling in fields such as science, technology, finance, education, healthcare, the arts, and entrepreneurship. They carry with them not only their deep love for Saint Lucia but also a wealth of skills, experiences, networks, and resources that can directly contribute to our national development.

Yet under this SLP administration, the relationship between the state and the diaspora has been characterized by missed opportunities, limited engagement, and a lack of structured dialogue. That must now change.



A NEW ERA OF DIASPORA ENGAGEMENT

The UWP is committed to establishing a strategic and structured partnership with our diaspora, grounded in mutual respect, consistent dialogue, and clearly defined development outcomes. We do not view the diaspora as an external audience to be called upon only in times of crisis, but rather as an integral part of our national development ecosystem.

TAPPING INTO EXPERTISE AND EXPERIENCE

Our diaspora includes professionals and innovators whose skills are in high demand globally.

We will:

- Create mechanisms for short- and long-term technical exchanges, allowing diaspora professionals to support national initiatives across sectors including healthcare, education, technology, and public administration;
- Establish sector-specific advisory councils comprising diaspora experts who will provide insights, mentorship, and policy input;
- Encourage collaboration between diaspora institutions and local counterparts, fostering knowledge transfer and innovation.

UNLOCKING DIASPORA INVESTMENT

We recognize the diaspora's growing interest in contributing to national progress—not just emotionally, but financially and strategically. To leverage this we will:

- Develop diaspora-targeted investment instruments, including special bond programmes, co-investment funds, and business incubation support;
- Work with financial institutions to streamline remittance and investment channels, ensuring transparency and ease of access;
- Launch a Diaspora Investment and Entrepreneurship Strategy to attract capital into key sectors such as agribusiness, tourism, technology, and renewable energy.

BUILDING A CONTINUOUS DIALOGUE PLATFORM

Engagement must be consistent, inclusive, and informed. We will:

- Establish a permanent, interactive Diaspora Engagement Platform—a digital hub where information, opportunities, and policy updates are shared regularly;
- Host Annual Diaspora Dialogues and Sectoral Forums, both in-person and virtual, to allow for regular idea exchange, networking, and consultation on national priorities;
- Ensure that the voices of second- and third-generation diaspora youth are actively included in this dialogue.

CREATING A WELCOMING ENVIRONMENT FOR RETURNEES

We acknowledge the strong desire among many diaspora members to return home – whether to retire, invest, or contribute professionally. However, bureaucratic barriers, infrastructure gaps, and limited reintegration support often discourage this.

OUR GOVERNMENT WILL:

- Establish the “Return to Home” programme, providing support for housing, business establishment, professional re-certification, and community reintegration;
- Develop policies that incentivize return migration, especially for skilled professionals and retirees;
- Invest in improving quality-of-life infrastructure – healthcare, safety, digital access, and housing – to make the prospect of return a viable and attractive option.

Conclusion: A Renewed Vision for Global Engagement

Our external relations policy will be bold, principled, and strategic. We will no longer allow our reputation to be shaped by mismanagement or complacency. Instead, we will rebuild our credibility, strengthen partnerships, and pursue development cooperation that delivers measurable benefits to our people. The development of our nation cannot and will not be pursued in isolation from its global citizens. By focusing on transparency, innovation, and resilience, we will reposition our country as a trusted and proactive partner in the global community – committed to shared progress, mutual respect, and national dignity.



ENHANCING OUR PRODUCTIVE CAPACITY

THE ENABLERS OF GROWTH

We are committed to strengthening the key sectors that unlock our national potential and support long-term, inclusive development. These sectors form the backbone of our strategy for a thriving, self-reliant, and globally competitive country and underpin our plans for the productive sectors. Investment in the foundations that truly empower our nation by enhancing its productive capacity is not an option. It must happen and it must happen now. Our focus will be on the following:

- Infrastructure and Port Development
- Healthcare
- Education, Skills Development and Life-long Learning
- Governance and Local Government Reform
- Culture and National Identity
- Energy
- Public Service Modernization
- Spatial development of our city, towns and villages

These are the pillars of a stronger nation.



INFRASTRUCTURE AND PORT DEVELOPMENT



Reclaiming Our Future Through Transformative Infrastructure and Port Development





For the past five years, our nation has been crippled by infrastructure neglect, broken promises, and strategic blunders. Our roads are in a state of decay, the Millennium Highway, West Coast Road, and Rodney Bay Highway projects remain unforgivably incomplete; our water supply systems are not keeping pace with our residential and commercial needs and the reckless giveaway of two of our ports to private interests has stripped us of national control over vital economic arteries and assets.

These failures have not just stalled development, they have and will continue to, cost us jobs, investor confidence, and national pride.

We refuse to accept mediocrity. We must do better. Infrastructure is the backbone of national development. We will modernize our roads, ports, transport systems, and digital networks to better connect people and businesses, drive investment, and strengthen climate resilience. Every corner of our country must be equipped to grow.

It is time to rebuild, reclaim, and reposition our infrastructure as the foundation for national growth, unity, and resilience.

Our Transformative Agenda For Infrastructure And Port Development

Creating A National Road Network That Works

- We will complete the major road projects that have been stalled - with binding timelines and full transparency.
- We will construct a new national highway connecting the north to the south via the east coast, unlocking economic potential and reducing travel times dramatically.
- We will launch a National Road Rehabilitation Programme targeting:
 - Urban road resurfacing
 - Rural road upgrading
 - Reconstruction of agricultural feeder roads to boost food security and rural incomes

- We will ensure all infrastructure projects are climate-resilient and engineered for longevity and safety.
- We will outsource the Road Maintenance Programme.
- We will expand the Road Caretaker Programme.
- We will construct modern Bus Terminals in Castries and Vieux Fort

Safer Roads, Safer Lives

Too many families are losing loved ones to road accidents that could have been prevented. Every life matters and our roads should protect, not endanger, the people who use them.

Our administration is committed to building a Saint Lucia where every journey is safe, every driver takes responsibility, and no child, cyclist, driver or commuter has to risk their life just to get where they're going.

Here's our Plan to Save Lives, make our Roads safer and build a culture of respect and responsibility among All users.

Upgrade And Maintain Road Infrastructure

- Where possible, widen and rehabilitate high-risk corridors and upgrade black spots and blind corners.
- Install guardrails, pedestrian sidewalks, and proper drainage in strategic locations.
- Ensure proper lighting and reflective and other safety markings, especially along our major highways and roads and in rural areas.
- Ensure pedestrian walkways, crossings, and bicycle lanes are clearly marked and maintained.

End Recklessness And Lawlessness On The Roads

We will review and fully enforce the Road Traffic Act and put discipline back on our roads by:-

- Introducing the use of speed cameras and other technological instruments.
- Imposing tougher penalties for drunk driving, speeding, and phone use while driving.
- Ensuring Minibus and Taxi Drivers continue to be trained, certified, and held accountable through collaboration with their respective Associations.
- Teach Safety, Change Behavior



We believe safe driving starts with public education, targeting specific groups, in collaboration with the private sector, media, churches and other social partners. We will:-

- Introduce a national education and sensitization campaign to reach young drivers, bikers, and pedestrians.
- Introduce road safety education in schools
- Smarter, Fairer, Safer Transport for All
- We will use technology and teamwork to make the entire transport system safer by:-
- Establishing a National Road Safety Committee under the auspices of the Road Transport Board to coordinate and provide oversight to all road safety efforts.
- Using data and digital technology to identify high risk roads and locations.

Our Promise

Our commitment is to make our roads safe for every Saint Lucian—from the taxi driver to the schoolchild, from Gros Islet to Vieux Fort.

Our commitment is to minimize lives lost to carelessness. Our commitment is to minimize heartbreak on our highways.

Restoring Sovereignty Over Our Ports

- We will conduct a full audit of the port privatization deals for Castries and Soufriere Ports, including legal reviews and stakeholder consultations.
- We will pursue all available measures to renegotiate or reclaim control of strategic port assets handed over without proper consultation or national benefit.
- We will establish a new, state-of-the-art cargo and container terminal in Cul De Sac to:
 - Decongest urban traffic in the city of Castries
 - Modernize freight handling
 - Serve as a regional/international logistics hub

Establishing A Cruise Port In Vieux Fort

- We will develop a Cruise Port in Vieux Fort designed to accommodate cruise ship turnarounds, regional shipping lines, and marina services.



This initiative will drive:

- Job creation in tourism and services
- Expanded linkages for southern communities
- Increased local revenue from cruise and yachting sectors

Redeveloping Hewanorra International Airport
We must position this airport as a premier gateway to the region for business and leisure travelers alike. We will therefore:-

- Undertake a comprehensive redevelopment of our international airport to meet the demands of a growing tourism economy. This initiative will include:-
 - Expanded runways and terminals
 - Enhanced passenger experience
 - Security upgrades and green building integration

Water, Sanitation, And Solid Waste Management

Over the past five years, water, sanitation, and solid waste management have not received the focused attention they urgently require. This neglect has not only compromised the quality of life for many of our citizens but has also become a serious constraint on sustained and meaningful economic growth. The consequences are visible in recurring water shortages, deteriorating infrastructure, inefficient service delivery, and poor environmental outcomes. These challenges, if left unaddressed, will significantly undermine our capacity to meet the demands of future residential and commercial development.

Our commitment is to change course decisively. We recognize that the ability to deliver reliable, efficient, and sustainable water and waste management services is fundamental to national development. Strengthening institutional and organizational capacity across this sector will also be a key pillar of our strategy.





We Will Therefore Prioritize The Following Interventions: Water Supply And Infrastructure

- Continuation of the programme of upgrading and de-silting the John Compton Dam to enhance water storage and distribution capacity for the north of the island.
- Accelerated investment in the replacement of ageing and deteriorating pipelines, aligning these efforts with our broader road rehabilitation programme to ensure cost-efficiency and minimal disruption.
- Resumption and expansion of our previous water supply upgrade and storage initiatives, targeting critical areas and underserved and newly established communities and residential/commercial developments thereby affording improved access, reliability, and service coverage.
- Continuation of efforts to explore and facilitate rainwater harvesting methodologies for residential, commercial and agricultural uses.
- Continuation of efforts to facilitate the establishment of desalination plants, particularly among hotel accommodation sector, while simultaneously exploring approaches and arrangements to reduce associated energy costs
- Conduct an institutional and technical review of WASCO to enable more efficient and improved service delivery and sustainability of operations and services.

Solid Waste Management

- Exploration and development of new landfill site, using environmentally responsible siting and management practices to ensure long-term sustainability.
- Support for innovative and cost-effective waste solutions, including the promotion of incineration technologies, recycling systems, and the conversion of waste to energy initiatives – turning a national challenge into opportunities for job creation and renewable energy generation.

These measures reflect our firm belief that water and solid waste management services are social, economic, and environmental imperatives. We cannot afford to continue to minimize its importance. We are determined to ensure that every citizen and every business has access to these basic services required to thrive in a clean, healthy, and forward-looking country.

National Infrastructure For National Development Under Our Leadership:

- All major infrastructure projects will be transparently procured and publicly monitored.
- Local contractors, engineers, and workers will be given priority consideration in procurement and employment arrangements. An incentives regime for certified local contractors will also be instituted
- Apprenticeships and internships will be facilitated with eligible and selected contractors, both local and external. To this end, we will establish a heavy equipment operating school designed to provide young persons with a pathway to sustainable employment within the construction sector.
- Infrastructure development will align with our broader development goals particularly in respect of resilience and climate adaptation.

Our Pledge

We will build a new foundation for national renewal. Our infrastructure must make a bold statement about our mobility, dignity, sovereignty, and adaptability.

The future of our country must be based on Infrastructure that is modern and resilient. Let us ensure that this is the path that we take.



SECURING OUR ENERGY FUTURE THROUGH RENEWABLES





Energy fuels our economy and our future. A sustainable, affordable, and independent energy future is an urgent imperative. The high cost of fossil fuel dependency is felt in every household, every business, and across all sectors of our economy. It affects our cost of living, limits our competitiveness, and undermines our environmental responsibility.

We are committed to bold and decisive action to reduce our reliance on fossil fuels by accelerating the transition to renewable energy. Our vision is to reshape our national energy landscape by embracing solar, wind, and other renewables, reducing energy costs, strengthening energy security, and creating a more sustainable, resilient and equitable energy future for all.

OUR COMMITMENTS: UNLEASHING THE POWER OF RENEWABLES

We will prioritize a diversified, locally-driven renewable energy mix, including:

- Significant expansion of solar energy infrastructure at both residential and utility scales, with a national strategy to increase solar generation capacity.
- Continued exploration of geothermal and wind energy in strategic, geologically and meteorologically suitable locations, with partnerships for feasibility studies and pilot projects.
- Facilitate and implement community and small scale renewable energy projects that empower local communities to manage and benefit from clean energy sources.

LEADING BY EXAMPLE: PUBLIC SECTOR ENERGY REFORM

The public sector must set the standard. We will:

- Retrofit all public buildings and facilities with energy efficiency technologies, including solar panels, LED lighting, smart meters, and efficient cooling systems.
- Implement strict energy efficiency targets for all government departments and state agencies.
- Convert 30% of the entire public service vehicle fleet to electric or hybrid models by the end of our term in office, beginning with high-usage departments.

Making Clean Energy More Accessible and Affordable
We will put the right incentives in place to support citizens and businesses to transition:

- A comprehensive incentive regime for renewable energy use across sectors, including:
 - Tax credits and rebates for solar panel installation
 - Subsidies for electric vehicles and renewable-powered equipment
 - Support for small-scale producers and green startups
- Establishing new financing mechanisms, such as green bonds and revolving funds, to support large-scale and household-level renewable investments.

SETTING NATIONAL TARGETS AND TIMELINES

- We will complete the transition of all streetlights in Saint Lucia to LED by the end of our term in office.
- A Legislative and Regulatory Framework That Supports Innovation and Inclusion
- We will enact enabling legislation to:
- Facilitate the entry of new investors and energy producers into the renewable energy market, including independent power producers (IPPs).
- Strengthen regulation and oversight to ensure quality, safety, and consumer protection in the renewable energy sector.
- Establish a mechanism to coordinate national efforts, drive innovation, and monitor compliance with renewable energy transition goals.

OUR VISION: A GREENER, MORE PROSPEROUS NATION

This is our commitment to a fairer and more prosperous future. By investing in renewables, we lower energy costs, reduce pollution, attract green investment, and create new jobs in a future ready economy. Together, we will build a nation powered by clean, secure, and affordable energy.



TRANSFORMING HEALTHCARE

QUALITY, AFFORDABILITY,
AND DIGNITY FOR ALL



Access to quality healthcare is a fundamental human right for all. Our Party holds this truth as a cornerstone of its commitment to the people. The health of a nation is the wealth of a nation, and no society can prosper if its people are denied basic, affordable, and quality healthcare. In order to do so we must expand access to quality healthcare, invest in preventative care, and promote wellness for all. We should also aim to grow our health and wellness industries, from medical services to holistic healing, as new drivers of jobs, innovation, and economic opportunity.

Yet today, under the current administration, our healthcare system stands in a state of crisis and neglect. Their promise of Universal HealthCare remains unfulfilled – reduced to political rhetoric rather than a living reality. A limited range of services continues to exclude far too many of our citizens, while key population groups are left behind. The situation on the ground is dire: overburdened OKEU and St Judes hospitals, underpaid and overworked health personnel, insufficient supplies of medication, excessive waiting times for services and other Wellness facilities that remain outdated, under-resourced, and, in many cases, unsafe. The SLP administration has failed to deliver to our people.

OUR PEOPLE CAN NO LONGER WAIT

We can no longer wait for our hospitals to be modernised. We can no longer wait for basic medication to become consistently available.

We can no longer allow our healthcare workers to operate in unacceptable conditions.

We can no longer tolerate broken promises to allocate dedicated funding to this most vital of sectors.

THIS CANNOT BE THE FUTURE THAT AWAITS US.

The transformation of our health sector is urgent and non-negotiable. Our Party is prepared to act decisively. We believe that affordable, quality healthcare must be accessible to every citizen, regardless of income, geography, or status. To deliver on this vision, we are committed to the following pillars of immediate and sustained transformation:

INTRODUCTION OF A NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE SYSTEM

As we had promised five years ago, we will implement a comprehensive National Health Insurance programme to reduce out-of-pocket costs and ensure every citizen has access to a wide range of essential and affordable services, from preventative care to emergency treatment.

Under this insurance programme, every citizen will be entitled to medical services to the value of \$75,000 every year.

Using Digital Technology to Revolutionize in St. Lucia's Healthcare delivery and management system

A UWP administration will modernize healthcare services by leveraging advanced health technologies to address existing challenges, enhance population health, and reduce the financial burden on the healthcare system. The following represent key components of this digital transformation.

ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD (EHR): ONE PATIENT, ONE HEALTH RECORD

Our vision is to establish a standardized, national health record system, ensuring that each citizen has a unified medical record accessible by authorized stakeholders across all health facilities. This initiative will:

- Improve care coordination and patient outcomes by providing a comprehensive medical history.
- Reduce medical errors and duplication of tests by ensuring providers have access to accurate patient information.
- Enhance efficiency and reduce healthcare costs through better data management.
- Empower patients with secure access to their health records, promoting proactive health management.
- Support public health initiatives through aggregated data insights, aiding in disease prevention and management.



VALUING THE CONTRIBUTION OF OUR NURSES

Our nurses are the backbone of our healthcare system. Every day, they serve with compassion, skill, and unwavering dedication. More often than not, they do so in extremely challenging, stressful and high-pressure environments. Their contribution to the health and well-being of our nation is immeasurable, and it is time that their service is recognized with the respect, support, and tangible benefits they deserve.

As a government committed to fairness and dignity for all healthcare workers, we affirm our profound appreciation for the essential role nurses play. To ensure that their efforts are properly supported, we will introduce a package of measures designed to enhance their quality of life, reward their service, and provide greater security for their future. These measures include:

- The payment of a gratuity for non-pensionable nurses who have provided at least 20 years of continuous service, ensuring that those who have dedicated their working lives to serving others are not left without financial recognition at the end of their careers.
- Priority access to affordable housing, giving nurses first consideration in government-supported housing programmes as a meaningful step toward stability and upward mobility.
- The inclusion of a an insurance provision similar to that provided to the Police Officers, that protects nurses from the significant health risks associated with delivering their care services.

These initiatives reflect our commitment to honoring the contributions of our nurses, not with words, but with action. We recognize their sacrifices, we value their service, and we stand ready to support them as they continue to care for our people.



HEALTH INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (HIMS)

We will modernize healthcare operations by implementing a cutting-edge Health Information Management System (HIMS), ensuring a more efficient, patient-centered healthcare system. This system will:

- Enable real-time access to patient data – Healthcare providers will have instant, secure access to up-to-date patient records across all facilities, leading to faster diagnoses and more coordinated treatment.
- Streamline hospital operations – Automated patient tracking for admissions, discharges, and treatment plans will optimize resource management and reduce administrative inefficiencies.
- Enhance patient experience – Reduced wait times, minimized paperwork, and digital appointment scheduling will make healthcare visits more seamless and stress-free.
- Lower healthcare costs – By reducing redundant tests, medical errors, and administrative burdens, a modern HIMS will improve efficiency while cutting unnecessary expenses.

REAL-TIME HEALTH CLAIMS ADJUDICATION

We will implement a real-time health claims adjudication system to radically transform health insurance operations. This will enable:-

- Patients to know their out-of-pocket costs immediately, eliminating long wait times for claim processing.
- Healthcare providers to treat patients without requiring upfront payment, reducing financial stress on families.
- Providers to receive payments on a timely basis, improving collections.

COORDINATION OF BENEFITS

In cases where individuals or families have multiple health insurance policies, we will implement a system to integrate these benefits efficiently, ensuring:

- Lower out-of-pocket expenses for prescription drugs and healthcare services.
- Reduction of redundant costs across multiple insurers, leading to overall lower healthcare premiums.
- Enhanced financial protection for families by maximizing insurance coverage and minimizing gaps in care.

We are committed to introducing modern, transparent, and efficient health management and delivery systems that streamline operations, eliminate waste, and deliver better outcomes. From hospital administration to procurement and supply chains, every system must serve the patient first. That is our pledge to you.

INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT: BUILDING FOR HEALTH

- Completion of the modern state-of-the-art St Judes Hospital to serve the south, ending years of neglect and disrespect of the residents and now providing a future where equitable access to advanced quality care is realised.
- Construction of two new district hospitals in Soufriere and Dennery, ensuring that no citizen is forced to travel long distances for basic or urgent care.
- Modernization of all wellness centers island-wide, outfitted with modern equipment, digital systems, and establishing extended hours of operation to better serve working families and communities in general.

INVESTMENT IN HEALTHCARE WORKERS

We will support and retain our doctors, nurses, technicians, and frontline health workers by ensuring decent working conditions exist, fair wages are offered, and by providing the training and tools required to save lives and care for our people.

Our vision is clear: a healthcare system that serves the people. We will harness the full power of government to make this a reality. The health of our citizens must be central to national development and a true measure of our progress.

Together, we will build a health system that our people can trust, afford, and be proud of.



TRANSFORMING EDUCATION, SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AND LIFELONG LEARNING FOR AN INCLUSIVE AND FUTURE-READY NATION



Our vision is bold yet grounded: to modernize our education system to meet the realities of today and the challenges of tomorrow. We are committed to building a future-ready Saint Lucia. One where early childhood development is prioritized, boys are re-engaged, technical and vocational pathways are elevated, digital and entrepreneurial skills are promoted and no learner is left behind, including those with special needs. Education is the bridge to prosperity and with the right leadership that future begins now. Together, we will build a smarter and more adaptable nation. Our quest to make our education system more inclusive, flexible and future ready will be underpinned by two major pillars.

Transforming Schools into Community Learning Centers
We believe that the school must stand at the heart of every community, not merely as a place for the young, but as a living center for learning, growth, and empowerment for all. In an environment where resources are limited, it is imperative that the school plant which is often the most accessible and familiar facility within our communities, is used to its fullest potential.

We envision schools that open their doors beyond traditional hours and beyond traditional roles. Schools must become spaces where every citizen - child, youth, adult, and senior - can access opportunities for lifelong learning. To achieve this, our schools must:-

- Be retrofitted and repurposed to meet the needs of a diverse population.
- Be embraced by new models of management and oversight, built on transparency, collaboration, and shared responsibility.
- Be viewed by the communities not as a government building or an institution for others, but as our space - a shared asset that belongs to and serves everyone.

By transforming schools into true community learning centers, we will create inclusive spaces that nurture lifelong learners, strengthen community bonds, and drive sustainable development.

DIGITALLY EMPOWERED LEARNING

In a world reshaped by digital transformation, it is imperative that we harness the power of technology. Digital technology provides every learner access to quality education, no matter where they live, who they are, or what challenges they face. Digital innovation allows learning to be flexible, personalized, and lifelong. It empowers individuals to learn at their own pace, explore their passions, and build skills for a changing world, enabling education to adapt to learners, not the other way around. Our future demands creativity, critical thinking, collaboration, and digital confidence. By embracing technology, we equip learners not just with knowledge, but with the tools and mindsets needed to shape their future.

A UWP Government will introduce a holistic digitally empowered learning programme (DigiChild/Tap to Learn) that will:-

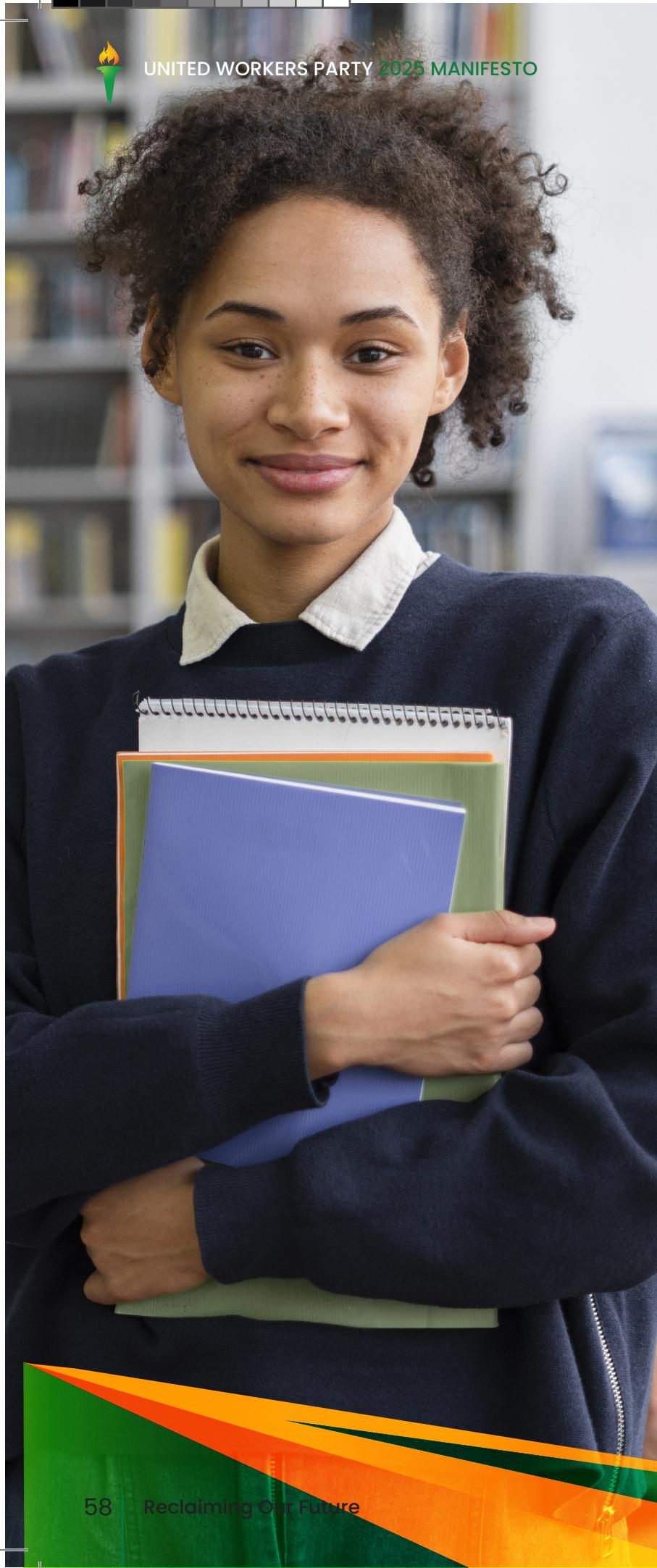
- Provide the required investment in resources and infrastructure to transition to a digital curriculum (inclusive of e- books)
- Integrate coding, robotics and AI fundamentals into the school curriculum from Grade 5 upward.
- Introduce AI Labs and Coding Clubs in Schools.
- Partner with renowned international technology conglomerates/organizations and cloud service providers to facilitate the establishment and use of the virtual learning space and online learning platforms.
- Introduce a programme of retrofitting of schools to facilitate the use of digital technology

EARLY CHILDHOOD

Expand and modernize early childhood education centers - across all districts, with trained caregivers and holistic curricula.

We will:-

- Institute training incentives for early childhood education practitioners.
- Introduce systematic developmental and learning assessments during early childhood (ages 3-6) to identify challenges early.



SPECIAL EDUCATION

Every child deserves to learn in an environment where their needs are recognized and supported regardless of their abilities.

We will:-

- Train and assign teaching aides/learning assistants to support students with moderate to severe disabilities in inclusive settings.
- Conduct a national audit of school infrastructure and implement a phased accessibility upgrade plan
- Equip Special Education schools with screen readers, speech-to-text software, communication devices, and other assistive tools tailored to student needs.
- Upgrade Special Education facilities in the South.

PRIMARY EDUCATION

Revitalize Boys' Education: Engaging, Retaining & Empowering our males.

We will:-

- Partner with civil society, alumni and private sector professionals to introduce structured mentorship programs for boys, especially in vulnerable communities.
- Provide adolescent behavioural, psychological and counselling support in schools.
- Expand after-school enrichment in sports, arts, robotics, and entrepreneurship - channels that capture boys' creativity and energy.

SECONDARY EDUCATION

21st Century Skills and Entrepreneurial Mindsets

- Modern economies require critical thinking, creativity, digital fluency, and an entrepreneurial approach to problem-solving.

We will:-

- Provide free tuition for students attending Sir Arthur Lewis Community College
- Integrate financial literacy, environmental stewardship, digital fluency and civic education across the curriculum.
- Establish innovation labs, youth enterprise hubs, and mentorship programs in every district.
- Provide seed funding to support student start-ups.



Repositioning Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) - from a perceived "second-tier" option, to a dynamic pathway to high-quality employment and entrepreneurship.

We will:-

- Strengthen linkages between Industry and Education in the coordination of curriculum design, internships, apprenticeships and certification pathways.
- Accredit, incentivize, and recognize businesses as formal training environments, creating seamless transitions from classroom to industry.
- Promote entrepreneurship by linking TVET programs to seed funding and start-up incubators.

HEALTH, NUTRITION AND WELLNESS – HEALTHY STUDENTS LEARN BETTER

We will:-

- Expand the school feeding program to all secondary schools
- Institute mental health programs for both students and teachers.

TERTIARY EDUCATION AND LIFELONG LEARNING

We will:-

- Provide free tuition for students at SALCC
- Formalize and expand the Post-Secondary institution in the south.
- Launch a "Second Chance Education" program to help adults complete secondary, TVET, or tertiary qualifications.
- Promote the extended use of school plants for adult learning programs
- Create alternative pathways to tertiary education through greater collaboration between SALCC, National Skills Development Centre (NSDC) and other appropriate learning institutions.

EMPOWERING TEACHERS FOR THE FUTURE

Creating classrooms that are innovative, inclusive and future-ready, requires continuous investment in professional development.

We will:-

- Provide structured training for teachers in Artificial Intelligence, robotics, digital learning platforms and data-driven instruction.
- Partner with accredited training institutions to strengthen teachers' capacity to use technology effectively in lesson delivery.
- Facilitate teacher immersion programmes so as to gain experience, build capacity and increase industry knowledge.

ACCOUNTABILITY AND LEADERSHIP IN THE EDUCATION SYSTEM

Transformation requires empowered and accountable leadership at all levels of the system.

We will:-

- Introduce an Aspiring Principal's Programme with accredited certification.
- Engage retired, competent educators as school mentors to strengthen instruction and leadership.
- Establish local area School Boards to collaborate with the Ministry of Education in providing oversight to the management of Schools.
- Provide structured training for Principals and District Education Officers in, robotics, digital learning platforms, data-driven instruction and other Artificial Intelligence tools in order to facilitate effective teacher assessment and support.



UNITED WORKERS PARTY 2025 MANIFESTO

GOVERNANCE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM





Our essential message has always been that the power of people is greater than the people in power. In much the same way that we fundamentally believe that the people of St Lucia are better managers of their money than central government, we trust our people and their representative organisations to manage their affairs. We have seen over the last five years a dramatic erosion of that philosophy. All power and knowledge seem to reside in a small group of people who sit in Cabinet and their related allies. Deals are done in secret, no questions are entertained and an environment of fear of reprisals is nurtured. Public discourse and participation in decision making has been well and truly stifled. This cannot be our future path.

Stronger democracy means stronger communities. Through better governance, decentralization, and community empowerment, we will make development more inclusive and participatory.

IN ATTAINMENT OF THAT OBJECTIVE

we will:

Review and amend the Local Government Act to:-

- Establish additional Constituency Councils to facilitate efficiency in oversight based on population and physical size of the constituencies
- Establish additional roles and responsibilities of Councils

Decentralise services at the regional level to include:-

- Environmental management and beautification
- Small scale infrastructural development and maintenance
- Community facilities management
- Establishment of District DCA Boards that will review applications for residential and commercial developments below a certain size and value threshold, based on national guidelines set by DCA
- Participation in the formulation of local development plans

Construct/establish/retrofit Administrative Centres in select locations to facilitate decentralization of services

- Strengthen civil liberties and citizen engagement, improve public sector integrity and reduce corruption
 - Complete the process of review and amendment of the Constitution
 - Introduce a Freedom of Information Act
 - Strengthen the capacity of the following offices to undertake their legal mandates
 - Integrity Commission
 - Parliamentary Ombudsman
 - Legal Aid
 - Office of the Director of Audit

Direct and meaningful participation of our people, especially our young people, is a key pillar of effective governance. Too many decisions in recent times have been made which impact on the fortunes of our younger generation but for which they have not been given a seat at the decision making table or even a voice. A UWP Administration will ensure that such acts are a thing of the past. In this regard we will:

- Strengthen the capacity of, and increase the subvention to, the National Youth Council to facilitate the revitalization of associated District Youth and Sports Councils as well as the efficient implementation of programmes for the youth
- Undertake a capacity building programme to strengthen other local community organisations
- Revisit the system of subventions to local clubs and organisations to ensure that it is based on specific development proposals submitted and overall organizational readiness and compliance
- Institutionalize youth participation in policy and decision making through dedicated youth representation on Constituency Councils, Statutory Boards and other national organisations and committees
- Appoint Youth Ambassadors for Sports, Entertainment and Business
- Establish appropriate online participation and response platforms in relation to local and national development plans and initiatives
- Expand the scope of the National Youth Service programme to facilitate greater youth participation in community based development activities



CULTURE AND NATIONAL IDENTITY

Our culture is our strength. We will celebrate, protect, and promote our heritage, arts, language, and traditions. By investing in research, cultural industries and fostering national pride, we will strengthen our identity and share our unique story with the world. A proud people build a united and confident nation. To this end we will:

- Restore and preserve our historical sites
- Utilize digital technology to restore and/or preserve our indigenous language, oral history and traditional community based practices
- Utilize digital technology within schools, Human Resource Development Centres and other public/ community spaces to integrate local history, identity and cultural literacy into the overall education curriculum and lifelong learning programmes
- Collaborate with Faith Based Organisations to strengthen the Health and Family Life curriculum and its focus on human experiences, values, virtues and spirituality
- Review and subsequent reform of the institutional and legislative framework relating to culture, heritage and preservation.
- Increase investment in the annual indigenous Cultural Festivals, while seeking opportunities for innovation and sustained economic livelihood.



PUBLIC SECTOR MODERNIZATION

BUILDING A FUTURE-READY, CITIZEN-CENTERED PUBLIC SERVICE

A modern, high-performing public service is the backbone of any successful national development agenda. It is the critical vehicle through which government policy is implemented and public goods and services are delivered to citizens. For our development vision to become reality, we must reinvigorate and transform our public sector into a dynamic, responsive, and citizen-focused engine of national progress.

We acknowledge the pressing need to improve performance and raise the quality of services delivered by the public service. Just as importantly, we must work to restore the confidence and trust of our citizens in the capacity of government to deliver efficiently, fairly, and transparently. Our people deserve a public sector that listens, responds, and delivers. To achieve this, we must not be constrained by bureaucracy or outdated systems.

To this end, our approach to public sector modernization will be bold, strategic, and inclusive. We will pursue the following key initiatives:

- **Decentralized Service Delivery:** We will bring government services closer to the people by establishing one-stop service centers in strategic locations across the country. These hubs will offer multiple government services under one roof, reducing time, travel, and frustration for citizens.
- **Digital Transformation for Efficiency and Inclusion:** We will leverage digital technologies to simplify and accelerate key government processes, making them more accessible, especially for marginalized groups and remote communities. Digital inclusion will be a priority, ensuring that no citizen is left behind in the transition to e-governance.
- **Future-Ready Public Service:** We are committed to creating a flexible, adaptive, and resilient public workforce, equipped to manage change and drive innovation. This involves:
 - Identifying the technical and soft skills required for a 21st-century public service.
 - Implementing targeted training, upskilling, and reskilling programmes in collaboration with SALCC.
 - Promoting a culture of continuous learning, professional development, and career mobility.
 - Initiating specific digital technology priority opportunities within education, healthcare, social services and national security portfolios
 - Establish a National Digital Identity system, ensuring that every citizen of Saint Lucia has a secure digital ID that will facilitate ease of access to government services
 - Adopt the “only once” principle, which ensures that citizens data is provided once and subsequently re-used securely by other relevant government agencies and departments
- **Performance-Driven Culture:** A reformed public service must reward excellence and accountability. We will develop a performance management framework that aligns compensation, recognition, and promotions with clear performance targets and service outcomes. We will also establish a permanent incentives based bonus structure for public officers and honor existing commitments made by the previous administration with respect to the payment of bonuses and the establishment of permanent positions for caregivers.
- **Enhanced Citizen Experience:** Citizens should experience seamless, efficient, and transparent interactions with public institutions. We will design services around the needs of users and maintain ongoing engagement with citizens to measure satisfaction and identify areas for continuous improvement. We will undertake the following intervention as a matter of priority:-



NATIONAL PAYMENT COMPANY OF ST. LUCIA (NPCSLU)

A UWP government will establish the National Payment Company of St. Lucia (NPCSLU) – a dedicated public digital infrastructure company designed to power seamless, secure, and transparent electronic payments for all government services.

This company will be a purpose-built engine to reduce bureaucracy, modernise how government collects and reconciles revenue, and support a digital-first economy that is faster, fairer, and more efficient.

NPCSLU: A Public-Facing National Payments Backbone

The NPCSLU will develop and manage a national digital payment gateway, allowing citizens and businesses to transact with the Government of St. Lucia in a cashless, convenient manner. From taxes and licensing fees to public utility payments, everything will be digitized and processed in real time.

Key features include:-

- Digital access for all – with top-up and wallet options for unbanked Saint Lucians
- Online and mobile payment portals for every ministry, department, and agency
- Integrated reconciliation and reporting systems for ministries and public institutions
- Real-time payment confirmation and automated receipts for citizens and businesses

NPCSLU: Built for Digital Sovereignty

At present, most public-sector card payments in St. Lucia are routed through foreign processors, draining millions in foreign exchange annually. NPCSLU will reverse this trend by keeping transaction value within St. Lucia.

The country will finally have a locally managed, nationally controlled digital payment ecosystem—empowering both government and citizens through efficiency, convenience, and transparency.

A UWP government is committed to positioning St. Lucia as the Caribbean's digital government pioneer—with NPCSLU at its core.

Through these initiatives, we are confident that we can usher in a new era of public sector excellence—one that is not only capable of delivering on the nation's development goals, but also one that earns and maintains the trust and respect of the people it serves.



THE SPATIAL DEVELOPMENT OF OUR CITY, TOWNS AND VILLAGES



Our physical environment tells the story of who we are as a people. Unfortunately, the current landscape of our city, towns and villages reflects years of haphazard development, scattershot decision-making, inadequate enforcement of planning regulations and missed opportunities to maximize their full potential. The absence of coherent spatial and development plans has produced a disjointed built environment, one that stifles economic growth, worsens traffic congestion, and erodes the quality of life for residents and visitors alike.

Unplanned developments have clogged our roadways with unregulated access points and bottlenecks, making even short commutes long and frustrating. The lack of coordinated zoning has placed noisy commercial activities beside residential areas, generating constant noise and dust pollution. Informal vending, left unmanaged, has spilled into thoroughfares, competing with vehicles and pedestrians for space. The cumulative result is a landscape that is exemplified by the City of Castries that has lost its charm and vibrancy – by day, chaotic and congested; by night, eerily quiet and lifeless.

To reverse this decline, we must embrace spatial order and deliberate development planning as core tools of transformation. Our vision is to build a city and towns and villages that are organized, efficient, and full of life. This begins with the formulation and approval of comprehensive development plans, crafted through wide consultation with residents, businesses, professionals, and local authorities. These plans must be living documents, guiding land use, investment, and infrastructure over the long term.

Under these plans, we will:

- Demarcate and protect zones for residential, commercial, industrial, recreational, and institutional use to ensure order and compatibility.

- Establish designated spaces for vendors and small entrepreneurs, providing dignified, accessible, and sanitary market environments that enhance rather than obstruct public spaces.
- Develop recreational, cultural, and sporting spaces to promote community well-being and attract visitors.
- Prioritize pedestrian-friendly design and efficient transport networks, reducing congestion and improving air quality as well as making these areas more accessible and less car dependent.
- Encourage mixed-use development in strategic areas to sustain activity beyond business hours, especially in the City of Castries and the Towns of Vieux Fort and Soufriere, reviving our use of these centres as places to live, work, and enjoy.
- Ensure that our city, towns and villages are rooted in their unique history and heritage

The Castries Vision 2030, prepared under a UWP administration in 2019, represented the outcome of a consultative process on the future development of the City of Castries. It has never been utilized by the SLP administration. A UWP administration will ensure that this Plan is implemented. Our city must no longer be an unwelcome ghost town at night. It must become a beacon of life and opportunity, a place that residents are proud to call home, and visitors are eager to experience. We commit to embarking on similar processes for the towns and villages, utilizing the 2008 Vision Plan as a key point of reference.

Through visionary spatial planning and disciplined implementation, we will seek to restore vibrancy, order, and beauty to our urban and rural spaces alike.



EMPOWERING THE VULNERABLE, UPLIFTING ALL

We believe that the strength of our nation lies in how we support our most vulnerable. No one should be left behind—whether they are single parents, indigent families, at-risk youth, persons with disabilities, or the elderly. Our commitment is to ensure every individual is treated with dignity, supported through hardship, and empowered to rise above their circumstances. We are committed to building a society where support for the vulnerable is not charity, but a pathway to empowerment.

This is an opportunity to help others become stronger, confident and more resilient.

OUR COMMITMENT

We will implement a family-centred, dignity-preserving national framework to uplift vulnerable populations through coordinated, compassionate, and empowering services. These services will not only provide immediate relief, but wherever possible also offer clear pathways out of vulnerability and hardship.

Key Actions We Will Deliver

- Expand Safe After-School Programs across all constituencies

We will provide structured support for at-risk youth to keep them engaged, learning, and thriving beyond school hours.

- Expand Cash and Non-Cash Assistance to recipients of the Public Assistance Programme

In addition to the existing cash transfer, we will consider the provision of additional targeted non cash support that includes, food aid, utility and transportation subsidies, housing assistance, legal aid and other essential personal hygiene packages for indigent families and individuals. While we are aware that there exists a current waiting list of over 1,000 eligible Households, we note that the Findings of the latest Survey of Living Conditions will inform more effective decision making with respect to the level and scope of the expanded support that we intend to roll out—However as a first step, we will eliminate the current 21 years age threshold for the provision of Disability Grants, enabling those eligible individuals to receive such support over their lifetime.



MAKE CHILD CARE SERVICES MORE ACCESSIBLE

We will promote and facilitate affordable, inclusive, and flexible child care options—especially for single parents and working families with young children or children with disabilities.

- Establish the framework for the introduction of Unemployment Support & Introduce National Job Readiness, job Search and job placement services

We will introduce time-bound unemployment benefits paired with skills training, job placement services, and entrepreneurship support to get people back on their feet and into work.

ESTABLISH A HOLISTIC SECOND CHANCE SUPPORT PROGRAMME FOR AT RISK YOUTH

This programme seeks to provide structured rehabilitation and reform support to young people who are at risk and in conflict with the law. We will create a new pathway of opportunities and re-integration into a productive society by including the following services:-

- Literacy and numeracy skills support
- Life skills development and mentoring
- Psycho – social support
- Technical and vocational training and certification
- Internship and apprenticeship participation
- Entrepreneurial start up grants of at least \$10,000 and associated business development support
- Facilitation of alternative livelihood opportunities
- Participation in community service activities

EXPAND SUPPORT FOR OUR ELDERLY

We will:-

- Expand the Home Care Programme
- Seek to increase available facilities and safe spaces for the elderly through the construction of new facilities or through the repurposing of existing community based facilities.
- Eliminate property taxes for homeowners aged sixty five (65) and older.

ESTABLISH A HOME FOR BOYS AND GIRLS IN NEED OF CARE AND PROTECTION

We will replace the existing Boys Training Centre that caters for children in need of care and protection, as well as those in conflict with the law, with a dedicated rehabilitation facility that recognizes the need to separate these two distinct groups, while acknowledging the need for similar services to be afforded to our young girls.

SUPPORT FOR VULNERABLE WOMEN

We will:-

- Revise the relevant Legislation to facilitate the implementation of income based child support assessments.
- Implement victim-centred justice measures related to domestic and gender based violence to include protection orders, legal aid and psycho social support
- Improve and increase services provided by the Women's Shelter, particularly in relation to skills development, economic empowerment and child care support
- Prioritize vulnerable women and the provision of appropriate housing model options in our overall affordable housing programme.

BUILDING A SYSTEM THAT WORKS FOR PEOPLE

To ensure impact, we will create a robust and flexible national support system that:

- Identifies and Registers the Vulnerable
- Using a modern, secure digital system to ensure the right support reaches the right people.
- Tracks Progress and Delivers Results
- Ensuring that every beneficiary will have a personalized plan with measurable goals, supported by trained social service support team, equipped with appropriate progress tracking tools.
- Provides Consistent Psycho-Social Support
- Establish Multi-agency teams that will provide counseling, family support, and mental health services throughout each person's journey to stability.
- Coordinates Across Government



We will break down silos by creating a network underpinned by digital technology.. Ministries will work together to deliver one seamless, people-focused support system.

A PROMISE OF EMPOWERMENT, NOT DEPENDENCY

Our plan is all about helping people get back up and stay up. Our programs will be designed with clear graduation pathways, so that support is a springboard and not a permanent hand out. We will walk with individuals and families until they are ready to stand on their own, with dignity intact and hope restored.

SPORTS AND RECREATION

We continue to witness tangible evidence that our sportsmen and women can not only compete, but succeed at the very highest level. We do not want this to be isolated and sporadic cases. We must develop a framework that not only delivers a continuous supply of world class sports individuals and teams but ensures that the passion for sports is part of who we are as St Lucians.

Over the past five years, we have seen nothing to suggest that there is a strategic plan for the holistic development of sports and recreation. What we have seen is \$80 million squandered under the guise of upgrades to our sports infrastructure and a significant decline in other key elements of sports development. A UWP Administration will return to our detailed pathway for sports development, restoring hope and confidence to our sports men and women. We will therefore prioritize the following actions:-

SPORTS INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADE

- complete the upgrade of the Soufriere Stadium to include modular seating, grandstand upgrade, installation of a swimming pool and installation of visual board/screen
- Undertake the transformation of the Marchand Grounds and Mindoo Philip Park into a Sporting Complex
- Ensure that a swimming pool is installed in all four broad regions of the country

- Ensure that every Constituency has at least one major playing field that is equipped with quality lighting, modular seating and appropriate changing facilities
- Continue the programme of installation of artificial surfaces across select playing fields across the island
- Convert the Vigie Complex into an Indoor Facility and establish another facility to serve the southern region
- Establish Motor Cross and Drag Racing Tracks on the island

INSTITUTIONAL/ORGANIZATIONAL CAPACITY BUILDING

- Collaborate with National, Regional and International Sports Associations and agencies to facilitate training and accreditation/certification of coaches, administrators and other officials of major sporting disciplines
- Collaborate with National, Regional and International Sports Association and agencies to facilitate the development and implementation of standard training modules for different age categories of sports participants
- **Grassroots Development**
 - Include sports in every Government sponsored Community After School Programme
 - Provide subventions to community based Sports Academies
 - Provide direct support to community sports competitions, annual Grassroots Tournaments and other showcase events
- **Development of a High Performance System**
 - Expand the residential, technical and resource capacity of the existing National Sports Academy in Gros Islet
 - Establish a Southern Branch of the National Sports Academy
 - Expand the Elite and Emerging Athlete Programme
 - Establish a Talent Identification Programme within the Schools Sports Programme
 - Collaborate with National, Regional and International Sports Association and other agencies in hosting National Sports Summer Camps and Events that provides a platform for young sports individuals to showcase their talents before international scouts and sporting organisations



- Collaborate with international institutions of Higher Learning to provide a structured pathway for our talented sports men and women to pursue their sporting development while earning educational qualifications and certification overseas.
- Continue support for the Semi-Professional Leagues for football and cricket, while exploring support for the introduction of a similar league for Basketball

• **Fitness and Recreation**

- Encourage participation of all in activities and behaviors that promote sports and healthy living
- Establish dedicated fitness spaces- gyms, jogging trails at strategic locations within communities
- Support a Senior Sports Programme focusing on the traditional sports of football, cricket, Tennis, Basketball and Netball

• **Sports Development Financing**

- Establish a National Youth and Sports Authority to invest in youth and sports development programmes
- Funding Our Development Agenda: Growth, Not Burden

The path to national development must be paved not with heavier taxes, but with broader opportunity. For too long, the current administration has relied on a narrow and unsustainable approach to financing development - raising taxes and increasing the financial burden on already stretched households and businesses. This approach stifles productivity, discourages investment, and limits the potential of our people to contribute meaningfully to national growth.

Our philosophy is different. We believe that economic growth, not taxation, is the most powerful and sustainable engine for development. We are committed to expanding the tax base by creating the conditions for significant increases in economic activity, driven by private sector confidence, job creation, and citizen empowerment.

At the core of our belief is a simple truth: our people make better choices with their money than government does. When citizens and businesses have more money in their pockets, they spend, invest, and innovate - and the economy grows. This is how we intend to fund our development agenda: not by taking more, but by enabling more.

OUR FUNDING APPROACH WILL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:

- Establishment of new, and the continuation of existing, Dedicated Funding Streams: We will continue to design, introduce and utilize funding mechanisms for key initiatives - ensuring transparency, accountability, and long-term financial sustainability. These instruments were successfully implemented during our last term of office, with the Fuel Tax facilitating the rehabilitation of our road network and the Airport Development Tax facilitating the development of the Hewanorra International Airport (HIA).
- Strategic Use of CIP Funds: Proceeds from the Citizenship by Investment programme (CIP) will be directed toward targeted development projects that create tangible, lasting benefits for the people - especially in infrastructure, education, housing, and business development.
- Medium-Term Development Strategy (MTDS): We will develop and publish a comprehensive MTDS, which will guide our development priorities and serve as the main platform for renewed engagement with development partners, including bilateral and multilateral agencies. This strategy will align national priorities with international support, allowing for smarter, more coordinated investments.

We will also, in collaboration with our social partners and the business community, explore and introduce mechanisms that result in more money remaining in the hands of our workers. These include:-

- Revision of the Minimum Wage Legislation to reflect disparities among sectors of the economy

Our model of governance will be one that rewards initiative, respects the taxpayer, and fosters national self-confidence. We will not pursue growth by draining the wealth of the people, but by creating the conditions under which all citizens can thrive and contribute to a prosperous and resilient economy.



OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH THE YOUTH OF SAINT LUCIA



OUR COMMITMENT TO THE NEXT GENERATION

It seems only fitting that our Manifesto which underscores the importance of “reclaiming our future”, should conclude with a renewed emphasis on our youth.

At the heart of that future are our young people: the lifeblood of national progress – the innovators, leaders, and builders of tomorrow. Their energy, creativity, and vision are the most powerful forces for change that we possess.

It is not enough to speak about young people; we must walk with them; we must listen to them; we must act with them.

This means forging a genuine partnership between government, communities, and the youth, one built on mutual trust, respect, and shared responsibility. We must ensure that their voices are heard, their potential tapped, and their aspirations met.

A UWP Government is committed to nurturing such a partnership. We hope that throughout this Manifesto, we have been able to show how pivotal young people are to our development agenda.

By way of summary, here are the main action points that have been articulated.

Strengthening Confidence and Trust in Institutions

We will restore young people's faith in the systems that govern their lives by ensuring that public institutions are open, accountable, and inclusive.

We commit to:

- Deepen transparency and accountability in government, with open data systems and accessible public reporting.
- Ensure youth representation on national commissions, advisory bodies, and community councils.
- Introduce an appropriate forum to facilitate structured and periodic engagement between youth, its representative organizations and key state institutions.
- Strengthen civic education in schools and communities to build understanding of rights, duties, and national values.
- Modernize and digitize government services to promote trust, fairness, and efficiency in public interactions.

Access to Quality Education and Skills Development
We will guarantee access to education that equips every young person with the knowledge, skills, and values to succeed in a changing world.

We commit to:

- Provide free tuition for students attending Sir Arthur Lewis Community College.
- Strengthen TVET, and digital skills programs that align with modern labour market needs.
- Promote entrepreneurship education and innovation labs in schools and other tertiary level institutions and learning centres.
- Provide second-chance education for out-of-school youth and those seeking to re-enter the learning system.
- Expand partnerships between education institutions and industry to bridge the gap between learning and employment through structured internships and apprenticeships.
- Transform Schools into Centres of Learning, with extended hours of operation to facilitate continuous learning
- Promote Digitally Empowered Learning – The Tap to Learn Programme: harnessing technology to make education more inclusive, flexible and future-ready.
- Introduce e-books to replace physical text books
- Integrate coding, robotics and AI fundamentals into the school curriculum
- Introduce AI Labs and Coding Clubs in Schools.
- Partner with renowned international technology conglomerates/organizations and cloud service providers to facilitate the establishment and use of the virtual learning space and online learning platforms
- Introduce a programme of retrofitting of schools and other community resource centres to facilitate the use of digital technology



SECONDARY EDUCATION

- 21st Century Skills and Entrepreneurial Mindsets
 - Modern economies require critical thinking, creativity, digital fluency, and an entrepreneurial approach to problem-solving.
 - Integrate financial literacy, environmental stewardship, digital fluency and civic education across the curriculum.
 - Establish innovation labs, youth enterprise hubs, and mentorship programs in every district.
 - Provide seed funding to support student start-ups.
- Repositioning Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) - from a perceived "second-tier" option to a dynamic pathway to high-quality employment and entrepreneurship.
 - Strengthen linkages between Industry and Education. Facilitate the coordination of curriculum co-design, internships, apprenticeships and certification pathways with industry input.
 - Accredit, incentivize and recognize businesses as formal training environments, creating seamless transitions from classroom to industry.
 - Promote entrepreneurship by linking TVET programs to seed funding and start-up incubators.

HEALTH AND NUTRITION

Healthy Students Learn Better

- Expand the school feeding program to all secondary schools
- Institute mental health programs for both students and teachers.
- Tertiary education and Lifelong Learning
- Formalize and expand the Post-Secondary institution in the south.
- Launch a "Second Chance Education" program to help adults complete secondary, TVET, or tertiary qualifications.
- Promote the 4-7pm use of school plant for continuous learning programs

HEALTH AND WELL-BEING FOR EVERY YOUNG PERSON

We will ensure that you are healthy, supported, and able to pursue your dreams and aspirations in an environment that nurtures your mental and physical well-being.

We commit to:

- Provide accessible and affordable health care coverage through National Health Insurance. Students and unemployed young persons will be covered through government contributions
- Expand mental health care and psychosocial support into schools, workplaces, and community clinics.
- Implement nationwide wellness and fitness programs to encourage healthy lifestyles.
- Introduce the School Feeding programme to secondary schools.

UNLOCKING LIVELIHOODS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

We believe that every young person deserves the opportunity to live with dignity, earn a decent income, and contribute meaningfully to their community. As we look to the future, we recognize the power and potential of young people to lead innovation, create jobs, and shape inclusive economies.

Our commitment is to unlock sustainable and fulfilling livelihood opportunities for young people in five key growth sectors:

AGRICULTURE: FROM TRADITION TO INNOVATION

We will support youth to see agriculture not just as subsistence, but as a business and a platform for innovation.



Our actions will include:

- Promoting agri-tech and climate-smart farming, including the use of digital tools, drones, and precision agricultural methods.
- Supporting youth-led agro-processing enterprises that add value to raw produce.
- Investing in urban and organic farming to tap into emerging green markets.
- Developing youth-driven agri-tourism and farm-to-table experiences.
- Encouraging the growth of agricultural co-operatives to maximize scale of production and cost efficiencies

Creative Industries: Powering Culture and Innovation

The creative economy is a space where young people shine, turning passion into enterprise.

We will:

- Support creative startups in music, fashion, crafts, and digital content creation.
- Build creative hubs for youth to access tools, training, business support services and mentorships.
- Fund and showcase cultural products and artistic expression like the Dennery Segment that reflect our identity and heritage and unique creativity.
- Promote policies that protect intellectual property rights for young creators.

Digital Economy: Creating Borderless Opportunities

The digital economy is the new frontier for youth employment and entrepreneurship.

Our strategy includes:

- Establish a Digital Academy that will expand access to digital skills training in coding, freelancing, data science, and digital marketing AI, cybersecurity, and digital innovation.
- Support tech incubators and digital startups that solve real-world problems.
- Creating e-commerce pathways for youth-led businesses to reach local and global markets.

Caring Economy:

Building Inclusive and Compassionate Communities

We recognize and invest in the often undervalued care sector – a growing field of meaningful work.

We pledge to:

- Train and support youth in elderly care, childcare, and home-based services.
- Encourage entrepreneurship in wellness, therapy, and other family and community health services.
- Tourism: Redefining The Visitor Experience Through Youth Innovation

Tourism, when done sustainably, can uplift entire communities.

We will support youth to:

- Lead in eco-tourism, cultural tourism and heritage preservation.
- Utilize digital technology to facilitate entry into the online hospitality information, marketing and booking services sub sector and to develop virtual tourism products.
- Build village tourism enterprises that reflect local history and authentic brands and experiences.
- Enablers for Youth Success in the growth of our Economy
- To realize these opportunities, we commit to:
- Supporting youth cooperatives and social enterprises.
- Partnering with private sector, academia, and civil society to expand entrepreneurial education and development programmes.
- Establishing a Youth Employment and Empowerment Programme that offers internships, apprenticeships, and on-the-job training opportunities and mentorships that are aligned to private sector demands and standards.
- Introducing transitional unemployment benefits and targeted income support for youth seeking employment.
- Expanding youth entrepreneurship and start-up grants (up to \$25,000), micro-finance, and business incubators.
- Strengthen linkages between education, training, and the labour market to ensure every skill learned leads to livelihood opportunities.

We envision a future where you are not only job seekers but job creators, where innovation, equity, and sustainability drive our economy.

Our promise is not to build a youth economy but to build an economy that works for you, and works because of you.



HOUSING

Establish the "First Home St. Lucia" Initiative that will:-

- Facilitate dedicated lines of financing arrangements to first time young home owners through the establishment of the Youth Build Mortgage Deposit Guarantee Programme
- Facilitate more Lease to Own house and Land packages
- Establish an incentives regime to include waivers of vendor's tax and stamp duty on the purchase of homes, as well as waiver of property tax.

We will help our youth to get started on their wealth creation journey through home ownership.

Inclusion, Equity, Second Chances and protection of Vulnerable Youth

We will ensure that no young person is left behind due to geography, circumstance, or background.

We commit to:

- Implement "Second Chance" programmes for at-risk youth, including literacy, skills training, and mentorship and livelihood opportunities.
- Strengthen community-based rehabilitation and reintegration initiatives for youth in conflict with the law and ex - offenders.
- Support youth with disabilities, single mothers and other vulnerable youth groups through targeted social and educational interventions.
- Establish safe spaces within existing community facilities to facilitate the provision of outreach services that provide protection, guidance, and empowerment opportunities for young people.
- Make Child Care Services more Accessible
- We will promote and facilitate affordable, inclusive, and flexible child care options—especially for single parents and working families with young children or children with disabilities.
- Establish the framework for the introduction of Unemployment Support & Introduce National Job Readiness, job Search and job placement services

We will introduce time-bound unemployment benefits paired with skills training, job placement services, and entrepreneurship support to get people back on their feet and into work.

- Ensure the participation of vulnerable youth in the National Apprenticeship Programme
- Establishment of Rehabilitation Homes for at risk youth
 - Establish a Home for Boys and Girls in need of care and protection
 - Establish a Home For Boys And Girls in conflict with the law
- Introduce integration and restorative justice programmes
 - Introduce a national Court Diversion Programme, inclusive of community based mediation and restorative justice services
 - Introduce a national Reintegration Programme for Ex - offenders

SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

Grassroots Development

- Include sports in every Community After School Programme under the purview of the Government of St Lucia
- Provide subventions to community based Sports Academies
- Provide direct support to annual Grassroots Tournaments and other showcase events

Development of a High Performance System

- Expand the residential, technical and resource capacity of the National Sports Academy
- Expand the Elite and Emerging Athlete Programme
- Establish a Talent Identification Programme within the Schools Sports Programme
- Collaborate with National, Regional and International Sports Association and other agencies in hosting National Sports Summer Camps and Events that provides a platform for young sports individuals to showcase their talents before international scouts and sporting organisations
- Collaborate with international institutions of Higher Learning to provide a structured pathway for our talented sports men and women to pursue their sporting development while earning educational qualifications and certification overseas.



YOUTH AND SPORTS

Development Financing And Facilitation

- Establish a National Youth and Sports Authority to invest in youth and sports development programmes
- Enhance and expand the Youth Workers Programme to include the provision of psycho social support services
- Establish a framework and implement a programme to reactivate and strengthen District Youth and Sports Councils and other local community based organisations
- Establish centres within existing community facilities that will serve as safe spaces for young people
- Expand the scope of the National Youth Service Corps

Participation and Influence in National Development and Governance

We will make youth full partners in shaping the nation's future.

We commit to:

- Increase the subvention and technical support to the National Youth Council to enable the entity to assist in the revitalization of the District Youth and Sports Councils and the effective implementation of youth development plans.

- Institutionalize youth participation in policymaking through dedicated youth representation on Constituency Councils, Statutory Agencies and other national boards and committees.
- Support the creation of youth innovation hubs, digital platforms, and civic labs for problem-solving and policy innovation.
- Encourage youth participation in volunteerism, climate action, arts, and community development initiatives through the expansion of the National Youth Service Corps.
- Undertake a capacity building programme to strengthen other local community organisations
- Revisit the system of subventions to local clubs and organisations to ensure that it is based on specific development proposals submitted and overall organizational readiness and compliance

OUR SHARED FUTURE

Each of these commitments forms part of a single, united purpose: to create a nation where every young person has the tools, the confidence, and the opportunity to build a better tomorrow. We will also create the framework that will monitor and report on the progress made in meeting the commitments submitted in this Manifesto. Together, we can set the example for how implementation and true collaboration and partnership can become an effective blueprint for transformation.

Welcome to a new era of partnership, where the government and our youth, stand together in trust, accountability, and shared purpose. We pledge to deliver not only opportunities, but fairness; not only inclusion, but empowerment. Together, we will build a society where every young person has the confidence to believe, the skills to achieve, and the power to shape our nation's destiny.

But this partnership cannot succeed without you – the young people of our country. Your energy, your ideas, and your vote are the driving forces of change. Together, we can build a nation that truly belongs to its future. This is your time. Your voice matters. Your vote can reclaim our future.

Join us, and let's shape
tomorrow – together.



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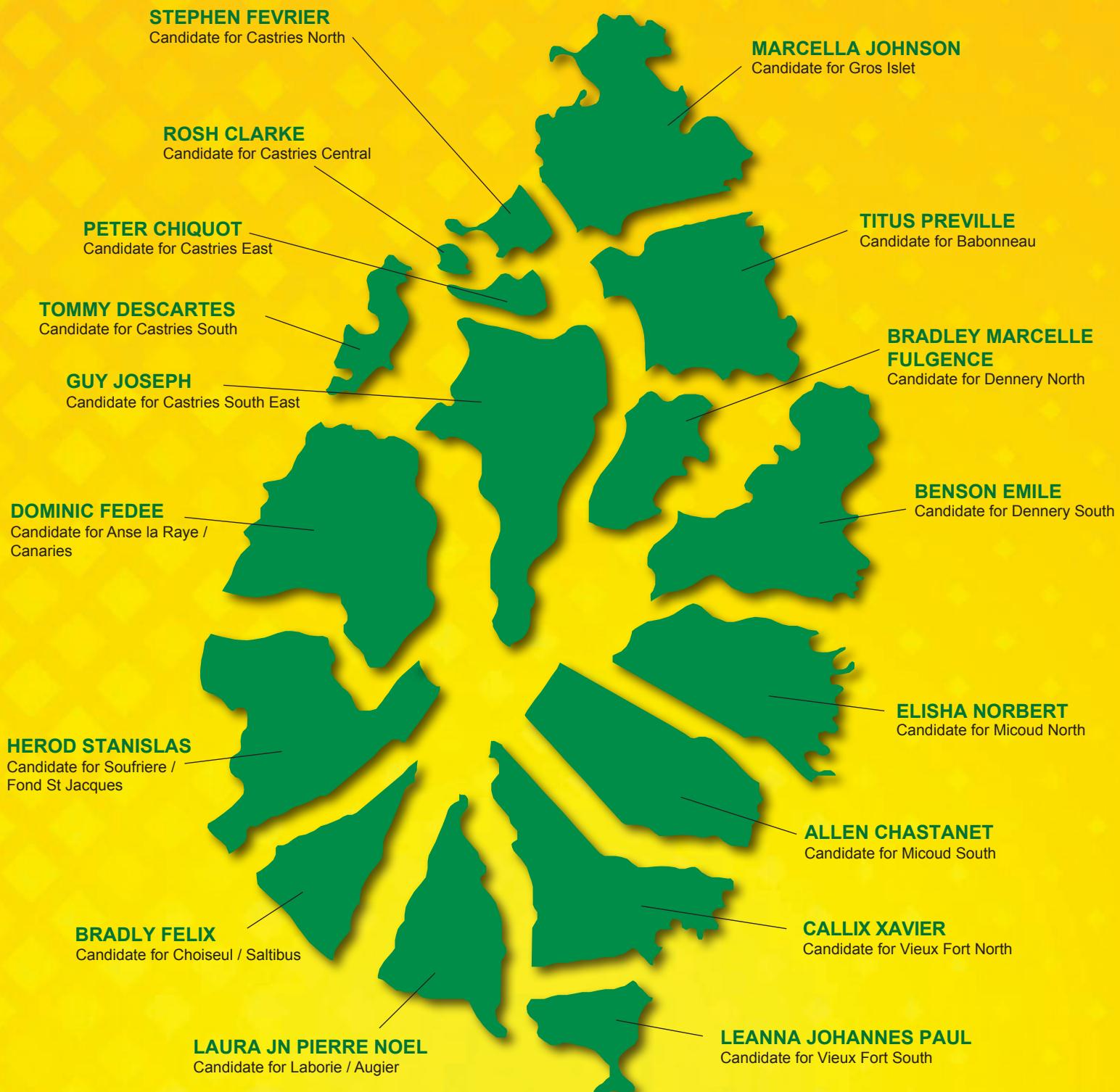


“For I know the plans that I have for you”, declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future”

Jeremiah 27:19



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