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Our 2016 Five to Stay Alive strategy promised to stabilize our country and delivered!



Our **5 For Five** will take us even further along the path of prosperity and development.

In our new term we will:

- **Introduce Unemployment Benefits**
- **Expand Monthly Assistance for the Needy**
- **Save Parents Money on School Books**
- **Reduce VAT to 10%**
- **Provide Medical Care for All**



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Fellow St. Lucians,

I greet you well and invite you to spend a moment with me, as we reflect on our accomplishments and seek your support for the vision of our great Party, the United Workers Party. Personally, it has been a tremendous honour and privilege for me to be leading the movement to build a new Saint Lucia for all.

Five years ago, we embarked on this journey with confidence and a reliance on your unswerving support throughout. Yes! We were all in this together. We have worked with you; We have worked alongside you; We have worked for you and it is our fervent desire that you will help this United Workers Party to keep on working for the good of all St. Lucians.

Today, with a number of successes under our belt, we return to you, to judge our stewardship. We have not been intimidated by the stark realities of the financial, economic and social decline that confronted us on arrival, five years ago. We did not succumb to the untimely and un-welcomed arrival of the COVID19 pandemic and its related negative impact on our nation. In the circumstances, we spared no effort in marshalling all available resources, human and capital, to meet the challenges and to steady our nation for the future. Consequently, we are now prepared, to answer to your call: **"Let's Keep Working!"**

As we of the United Workers Party continue to hold fast to our legacy in nation building, we continue to believe fervently in the core values of our party. We are committed to fulfilling the vision of our founding fathers, as we simultaneously embrace with excitement, the dreams of our youthful nation, in charting the way forward for a better Saint Lucia.

In 2016, we gave you our "Five to stay Alive" to counter the effects of an inherited ailing economy, runaway unemployment, a decrepit health care system, a pitiless Value Added Tax (VAT) and more. The job is not yet over. Now, we present to you "5 For Five" to build on our progress, and a clear plan for the first 100 days as we seek your support for a new term. Let's finish the job!

Yours Sincerely

Allen M. Chastanet
United Workers Party Leader

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





Allen Michael Chastanet

The Right Leader for Our Time

Recognized in Our Region and Beyond

The indomitable will to do things differently, to try new approaches to addressing old problems and the recognition that one cannot continue to act in the traditional mode and expect different results have been the hallmarks of the leadership of Allen Michael Chastanet.





His entry into the political arena was at the invitation of Sir John Compton, who appointed him Senator and Minister of Tourism and Civil Aviation following the 2006 general elections. With dedication to country foremost in his mind, he stepped away from his business and transformed the Saint Lucia tourism product with aggressive and innovative marketing, resulting in record numbers of international flights and tourist arrivals.

The will to make decisions about issues which others shirked over successive years in office, heralded a bold new approach to government. The urgency of finding solutions to the multiple and multi-dimensional challenges which have confronted and continue to confront Saint Lucia, meant that new innovative approaches to problem-solving had to be adopted. One thing that is clear with Prime Minister Chastanet: it is that doing nothing is not an option. His mantra for life is “worrying is like being in a rocking chair – it keeps you busy but it gets you nowhere!”

He set about transforming his local constituency of Micoud South and the wider constituency of Saint Lucia. Whether applying himself to the day to day running of government or in crisis he takes enough time to read and consult before taking action. He is a man of substance forged by his experiences growing up in Saint Lucia and time spent abroad educating himself and working. This helped shape his world view. As a result, he is not myopic nor parochial. He is a man of faith in God, himself and his people.

Saint Lucia's engagement with the outside world and the objectives of our national development ought to be mutually re-enforcing. Our advocacy within the multilateral system inevitably led to our Prime Minister assuming a leadership role on behalf of Small Island Developing States (SIDS). Additionally, as a member of CARICOM and the OECS the Prime Minister was always in the forefront on issues for which Saint Lucia had been assigned special responsibility.

As the lead Head of Government within the CARICOM quasi Cabinet with responsibility for Sustainable Development (including Environment, Disaster Management and Water) the Prime Minister has been the spokesperson for the region on these issues. As Chairman of CARICOM, Prime Minister Chastanet lobbied the international community on behalf of SIDS. At the 2021 World Economic Forum (WEF) he was the headline act, championing the cause of SIDS.

As a result of an initiative piloted by the Prime Minister, the WEF agreed to help Saint Lucia develop a Country Financing Roadmap (CFR). Saint Lucia was one of only two countries in the world which had this partnership with the WEF. This partnership has the potential to open new avenues for Saint Lucia, capitalizing on the prestige, convening power and networking reach of the WEF.

Prime Minister Chastanet's lobbying resonated within the international community, and was ever more intense in the aftermath of the COVID 19 pandemic, when he was at the forefront of devising regional recovery strategies for the tourism industry, and a regional response to blacklisting and correspondent banking, both of which have significant adverse effects on Caribbean economies.

At meetings of the United Nations on the Financing for Development Process and with the international financial institutions in Washington DC, Saint Lucia's voice was loud and respected.

In February 2020, the Prime Minister was honoured by the American Foundation for the University of the West Indies when he received the Legacy Award for outstanding leadership in the region.

Away from politics and business Allen Michael Chastanet is a dedicated father and husband. Family is his bedrock. He is an optimist and visionary whose ambition is to make Saint Lucia a world class place to live, work and enjoy.

Our country is blessed to have him at the helm. His arrival on the political scene at this juncture in our history is fortuitous and timely.



Our Achievements

Securing the co-operation, trust and approval of the people of Saint Lucia is not attained by **words** but by **deeds**. The SLP discovered this to their detriment in 2016 and this United Workers Party administration will never take this important lesson for granted. It is ingrained in our spirit. We stand proud of our record of achievements over the past five years. We believe that it compares favourably with the record of any administration in the post-independence era. In fact, we go a step further and affirm that our achievements are unrivalled. An examination of just a few of our major achievements as articulated below, will leave you in no doubt as to the validity of that claim, notwithstanding the crippling impact of the COVID-19 pandemic over the last 18 months.



Some of what we achieved are as follows:



Fulfilled our "Five to Stay Alive" Election Pledge

- Reduced VAT
- Reduced vehicle licence fees
- Increased subsidies for school feeding and transportation programmes
- Facilitated the exemption of property tax for five years
- Cleared all outstanding fees owed by Citizens to Victoria Hospital

- Introduced revenue streams to facilitate funding of major capital works (HIA, road development)
- Negotiated loans at more favourable and concessionary term
- Rationalized the operations of several Statutory Corporations and entities to ensure greater efficiencies, value for money and to eliminate annual government bail outs

Economic Growth, Fiscal Discipline and Debt Reduction

- Reduced the debt to GDP ratio to 59% within the first three years in office
- Secured a cumulative economic growth rate of 9% in the first three years in office
- Reduced the rate of youth unemployment from 44% to 32% in the first three years in office
- Reduced the overall rate of unemployment from 24% to 16% in the first three years in office

Diversification of the Economy

Tourism

- Created over 1,000 new jobs
- 700 new rooms to be added to our room stock from new hotels and villas and the expansion of existing hotels
- Stay over arrivals increased by 23% to 423,700
- Cruise arrivals increased by 16% to 786,700
- Visitor expenditure increased by 29% to EC\$2.6 billion

Agriculture

- Established agro processing facilities in Fond Assau, La Caye and Anse Ger
- We rehabilitated approximately 38 km of agricultural feeder roads islandwide
- Established the National Diagnostic Facility at Union
- Trained and engaged seventy-eight (78) new young farmers in enterprises ranging from broiler and egg production to agro processing
- Established land bank to provide land at Pelouze and Praslin for farmers
- Secured Coast Parametric Insurance for all registered fishers which trigger payments based on climatic events
- Provided 170 VHF radios and exempted license fees to boat owners
- Restructured the Saint Lucia Marketing Board to improve efficiency and financial performance; cleared outstanding debts and settled severance pay to employees totaling \$2.3 million



- Constructed a national Pack House for collection of fresh produce, packaging and redistribution at a cost of \$490,000
- Expanded acreage under banana cultivation from 1017 acres to 2459 acres
- Provided rescue package of EC\$2.9 million to banana farmers and National Fair Trade Organization
- Distribution of 122,000 disease free banana plants to farmers
- Private sector Investment
- Created 2,760 jobs in the artificial intelligence (AI) and Business Processing Operations (BPO) sub sectors
- Created jobs in the hospitality and accommodation sector

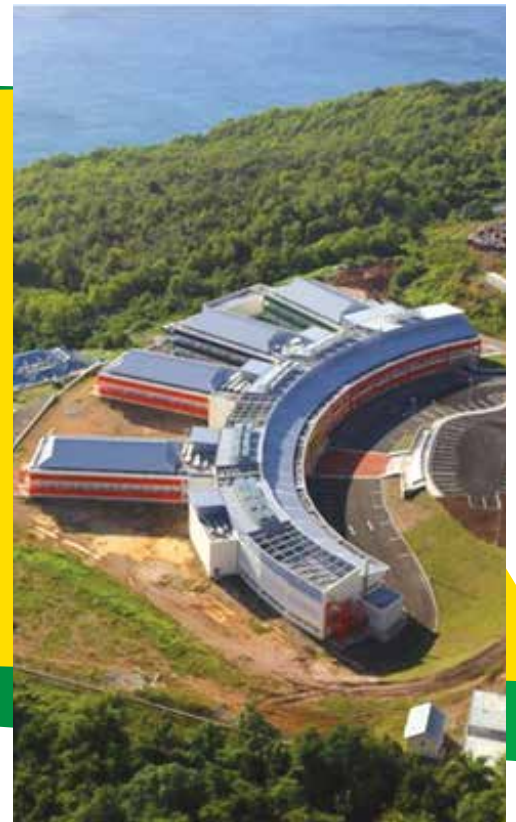
Infrastructural Development

Roads and Bridges

- Rehabilitated 50 km of secondary roads
- Initiated major works on the Castries/Gros Islet Highway (Choc and Rodney Bay), Cul de Sac Bridge, Millennium Highway and the West Coast Road
- Completed of Canaries and Thomazo bridges
- Completed flood mitigation interventions in Dennery and Bexon
- Air and Sea Ports
- Commenced the redevelopment of Hewanorra International Airport that will be owned, managed and controlled by the people of Saint Lucia
- Finalized arrangements for the establishment of a Cruise Port in Vieux Fort
- Water and Sewerage
- Commenced long overdue desilting works at the John Compton Dam to ensure a

continued reliable supply of potable water to consumers in the north of Saint Lucia

- Completed water supply project in Dennery North increasing capacity to 1.4 million gallons
- Commenced Vieux Fort Water Supply Project to increase water supply to residents of Vieux Fort and its environs
- Upgraded Hill 20 water supply from 500,000 gallons a day to 1.2 million gallons
- Upgrade of the Northern water supply system from Monchy to La Retraite
- Upgrade of Beausejour Wastewater Plant; the first major investment at the facility since its commissioning 25 years ago
- Upgrade of the Bouton and Canaries water supply and distribution system
- Upgrade of Ti Rocher/Micoud North to Micoud South water supply and distribution system
- Construction of a two (2) story office complex at Vieux-Fort
- Rehabilitation and upgrade of the Saltibus water and distribution system



- Extension of the Distribution Net Work to Residents in the Agards Community
- Installation of 4,500 gallon Water Tanks in Belfond and Bois Den
- Completion of the Fond Campeche Water System
- Supply and installation of Fire Hydrants for the Fire Services Department
- Installation of a Water Distribution System for the Volet Micoud Farm Project
- Replacement and Upgrade of the Distribution Line in the Odlum City area
- Extension of the Capital Hill Water Distribution System
- Vieux Sucrerieux Water Upgrade Sub-Project
- Patience Water Upgrade Sub-Project

Education

- Invested \$45 million in major infrastructural improvements in seventy-four (74) schools around the island following years of neglect under the SLP
- Upgraded and retrofitted Technical Drawing Labs at thirteen (13) secondary schools
- Constructed new school blocks in Choiseul and Micoud
- Commenced construction of a new Primary school in La Guerre and blocks at Vide Bouteille Primary School and Gordon Walcott Methodist Primary School
- Introduced a Digital Literacy Curriculum
- Introduced Coding and Robotics in Schools
- Replaced the SLP lap top programme with a more holistic e-books programme that will form the cornerstone of our integration of ICT in our education system
- Nearly 10,000 students and teachers at the primary and secondary level now have access to ICT learning devices

- Smart Classrooms established at 6 Schools servicing some 3000 students
- Reintroduced subsidies for School Feeding, Transportation, Bursaries and Scholarships at a combined cost of \$20 million

Health and Wellness

- Commissioned the OKEU Hospital
- Converted the Victoria Hospital into a Respiratory Clinic
- Refurbished and upgraded fourteen (14) Wellness centres islandwide
- Constructed two new wellness centres in Micoud and Anse la Raye
- Extended operating hours at the Gros Islet Polyclinic to midnight
- Increased budget for medical assistance to the public from \$700,000 to \$4 million
- Established Framework for the introduction of National Health Insurance
- Construction of St Jude Hospital at advanced stage of completion



Youth Development

- Restructured the Department through the appointment of a Director of Youth and a cadre of dedicated youth development officers
- Increased Youth Workers to supplement the youth development officers
- Established a Youth Service Corps, which has enlisted over 300 young volunteers in service and support to communities and associated organizations islandwide

- Installed lighting systems on playing fields in La Fargue, Canaries, Grace, La Clery, Fond Assau, Dennery and Jacmel
- Provided support to seventy-five (75) athletes based in the U.S., the Caribbean and Europe under the Elite and Emerging Athlete Programme
- Augmented our coaching complement through the engagement of thirty (30) new coaches to facilitate training and capacity development within schools and communities islandwide

- Increased the number of recipients of Public Assistance by 1000 households
- Adopted a new means test instrument that will standardize eligibility for all government funded safety net programmes

Sports Development

- Provided \$2 million to clubs, national associations and regional sporting commitments
- Implemented major upgrades of the following sports facilities as part of phase 1 of the National Sports Infrastructure Programme:
 - Soufriere stadium
 - Dennery sports complex
 - Desruisseaux playing field
 - Micoud playing field
 - National Sports Academy
 - Upgraded/resurfaced playing fields in Jacmel, Vanard and La Fargue

Social Protection Services and Safety Nets

- Strengthened the legislative framework for children and families through the enactment of the Child Care Act and the Child Justice Act
- Strengthened the capacities of the Departments of Human Services and Probation Services, Family Court and the Police to administer support to children and their families
- Provided a subvention to cover operational costs for the newly established institution catering for vulnerable children in the south of the island

Justice

- Reduced High Court backlog
- Digitized Court documents
- Addition of 4 Magistrates Courts in Castries
- Refurbishment of the High Court located in the Neyrah building in the sum of \$800,000.00
- Outfitted High Courts and Magistrate courts with equipment for the hosting of virtual hearings
- Introduced the Parole System

National Security

- Re-established relations between the Governments of Saint Lucia and United States re: IMPACS resulting in the resumption of training and assistance (suspended for nearly a decade) to the Royal Saint Lucia Police Force



- Secured Insurance Policy for Police Officers (for the first time in the history of the Royal Saint Lucia Police Force) to the tune of \$400,000.00 for death or loss of limbs
- Installed CCTV cameras from Gros Islet to Castries
- Procured new equipment for the Force which included motor vehicles, motorcycles, 18 new engines for the Police Marine Unit and over 800 radios for police use
- Renovated Police and Fire Stations around the Island
- Procured Fire Tenders and Ambulances
- Completed and opened the Babonneau Fire Station
- Improvements to the Bordelais Correctional Facility including CCTV cameras
- Increased the numbers of Officers in the Royal Saint Lucia Police Force
- Commenced the construction of the new Police Headquarters
- Reopened the Forensic Laboratory (closed for 2 years under the SLP)
- Outfitted the Lab with state of the art equipment to expand our line of services to include DNA and Ballistics testing

House and Land Development

- Subdivision of lots: River Doree (Choiseul) – 217 residential lots
- Talvern (Babonneau) Phase 1 and 2 – 88 residential lots
- Phase 3 – 137 residential lots
- Choc Gardens (Castries) – 225 residential and commercial lots
- Forestierre (Castries) – 63 residential lots. development cost of \$3 million
- La Fargue (Choiseul) – 114 residential lots, development cost of \$6.5 million
- Beauchamp (Micoud) – 59 residential lots, development cost of \$3.3 million
- Bois Jolie (Dennery) – 25 residential lots, development cost of \$1million
- Regularization of unplanned developments including Bexon and Sarrot, vesting title in the new land owners
- Development of residential lots in Belair and Odsan in Castries South East, Volet and Desruisseaux in Micoud, Aux Lyon, Dennery
- Enacted legislation to provide duty free incentives to developers that are building five or more homes
- Has made available over 1000 fully serviced lots for purchase on previously undeveloped lands or through regularization.

E Government

- Our Government successfully launched DigiGov which provides public access to information and over 150 services across Government Ministries and Agencies to include:
 - renewal of Driver's License online
 - apply for Learner's Permits
 - register for driving license theory and practical test

On the basis of this snapshot of achievements, Saint Lucians can look to the future with confidence. They know that we can deliver because we have delivered. We have not used gimmicks or fancy catch phrases or even trending terminology. We have made real intentions come to fruition, all in plain sight of everyone. Even more importantly, we have been balanced – we have touched every sector. We have worked in every constituency. No one has been left behind.

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VISION OUR

This manifesto represents a continuation of a journey that we embarked on with the people of Saint Lucia in June 2016. At that time, our administration had recognized the need to **“raise the bar”** with respect to our development hopes and aspirations and government’s response to it. For us, being mediocre and /or doing nothing was not an option. It was necessary for Saint Lucia to unleash its true potential and capacity to develop as a nation. We knew we had to do better and the only way to achieve this was to **build a new Saint Lucia**.

We knew we faced real challenges but we also knew that real opportunities were ahead if we were resolute, focused and determined. There were opportunities to place ourselves within a world that is truly open for business, to showcase our people as globally competitive, resilient and proud.

To build a new Saint Lucia required innovation, boldness and an **“ALL IN”** mentality. We did not shirk the responsibility; nor did we hide behind the numerous challenges. We simply confronted the task of **building a new Saint Lucia** head on.

This Manifesto is therefore a logical and systematic continuation of the one which elected our party to office in 2016. It allows us to build on the initiatives and measures already undertaken to propel us out of COVID-19 and into the dawn of true prosperity. It is therefore a continuation of both **thought and action** that has historically defined successive and successful UWP Administrations. Our journey from recovery to prosperity continues through this document.

It is worth reminding Saint Lucians that our recovery mode was not just from the ravages of COVID 19. Indeed, on assuming office in 2016, our country needed to recover from five years of wanton neglect, ineptitude and mismanagement by the Saint Lucia Labour Party. For three years we recovered, initiating various elements of our rebuilding plan. The strides that we made then have provided us with a platform to withstand the devastating impact of the pandemic. Our Administration secured the health and safety of our people.



We have worked. Our programmes and policies have worked. This Manifesto is a statement that our quest to build a new Saint Lucia is unrelenting. It will be underpinned by several key values and principles:

- Unyielding faith in God the Almighty
- Respect and tolerance for diversity
- Commitment to gender equity
- No one left behind (inclusiveness)
- Commitment to excellence in all we do
- Commitment to family and community as core units of our society
- The participation of our people as principal actors in our development efforts
- The use of culture and heritage as major building blocks.

The building of a new Saint Lucia is transformative in its scope. As such, this Manifesto will outline how we will transform our people and their psyche, our institutions and our economy. It will paint a portrait of Saint Lucia after ten years of UWP government. It will present pathways to development for our children, our men, our women, our vulnerable, our villages, towns and cities and all our institutions.

Our emergence as a strong and globally competitive nation can be realized through unity and decisive leadership. Our goal is clear:

To build a resilient and sustainable country that is people centric, world class and allows us to participate (meaningfully) in a borderless (global) economy.

Let's Keep Working!



OUR FIRST 100 DAYS

In Our First 100 Days We Will:

- Introduce a \$3 million Back to School Programme, targeting the vulnerable and single parents
- Introduce consultation and prepare strategy for the introduction of unemployment insurance
- Pass legislation in respect of national health insurance for all
- Expand the E-Book initiative and pay the license fee for academic year 2021/2022
- Provide learning devices for all secondary school students
- Provide learning devices for grades 5 and 6
- Introduce a new tax regime for personal income and corporate tax
- Further reduce VAT to 10%
- Introduce Property Tax Reform
- Introduce Local Government Reform
- Complete land rationalization
- Establish a National Youth and Sports Authority
- Pass legislation in respect of cannabis
- Commence construction of new Police Headquarters in Castries, Regional Court in Bois d'Orange and the Gros Islet Civic Centre
- Commence work on the Millennium Highway
- Introduce legislation for Border Control
- Strengthen IBCs to include a residential programme



Navigating the COVID-19 Pandemic

The first case of the Novel Coronavirus hit us on March 13th, 2020. The UWP government sprang into action and adopted a three-pronged approach:

Public Health Response

- Commissioning of the OKEU Hospital
- Conversion of the Victoria Hospital into a Respiratory Clinic, along with the upgrade of other polyclinics island wide
- Establishment of isolation and quarantine units
- Procuring the Service of a Cuban brigade of nurses and doctors
- Procurement of personal protective equipment, ventilators to outfit medical facilities
- Procurement of Vaccines
- Procurement of COVID wardens
- Social Stabilization
- NIC Economic Relief Programme for 3 months to assist over 22,000 displaced workers
- Direct Government income support to 5,000 non NIC contributors including artists
- Tens of thousands of free face masks to the public
- Income and corporate tax filing extensions
- Banks/credit unions moratorium on loans
- Tax credits to businesses that retain at least 70 percent of staff
- Fuel rebate to Minibus operators
- Electricity assistance to over 4,000 persons of a credit of \$75.00 each
- Rental payments suspended for 6 months for those renting from government
- National meals programme feeding thousands
- Food boxes to 1,000 households weekly
- Agricultural produce purchased from local farmers to sustain them
- Tax incentives to local manufacturers to diversify production into sanitary supplies, soap, hand sanitizer etc
- Public Assistance Programme Cash Transfers increased from 2,600 to 3,600 households
- Cash top ups for marginalized groups (Children in Foster Care, Persons with Disabilities and Persons living with HIV)
- Hygiene care packages for vulnerable households





Economic Recovery and Resilience

- Provision of funding to SLDB for grants, concessional loans to businesses
- Inputs to 2,500 crop farmers and fuel subsidies to fisherfolk
- Waiver of duties on all personal hygiene products
- Waiver of route-band permit renewal license fee for all omnibus operators and owners
- Waiver of duties for the purchase of mini-bus and taxi operators
- Waiver of duties for the construction of 5 or more houses
- Duty free concessions for frontline workers (nurses, doctors, police, fire officers etc.)
- 'Love Saint Lucia' buy-local campaign launched

Fast Track Pipeline Shovel Ready Capital Projects

- Millennium Highway
- West Coast Road
- Cul de Sac Bridge
- Rodney Bay Road Improvement
- Road Improvement and Maintenance Programme

These were among the many interventions by our government during the pandemic on behalf of our people. It is frightening to think what the response would have been had the SLP been in charge when the virus hit. At such a crisis point, the SLP failed to join our efforts to keep our country safe. They objected to border closures, then objected to border openings; they objected to the use of COVID wardens then complained of insufficient supervision; they objected to business closures then complained that businesses should be closed; they objected to a state of emergency then insisted on one. They objected to a coherent, one stop Covid Bill. They misled the public on the use of funds from international lending institutions and vaccine procurement. And so, it went on. But we remained steadfast in our approach to the many twists and turns of the Pandemic, and kept our country safe!



Performance of Our Economy

Since rescuing Saint Lucia from five years of inept, callous, and uncaring policies of the Labour Party, which inflicted unnecessary hardship on the people of Saint Lucia, our country has started to show signs of a genuine and durable recovery on account of sound social and economic policies of the UWP Administration.

Before the onset of the Pandemic, Saint Lucia's economy was poised to takeoff. Virtually every international financial institution (IFI), including the IMF, World Bank, CDB and the ECCB unanimously agreed that Saint Lucia was on track to registering robust growth above 3 percent in 2020. The UWP during the period 2017-2019 cumulatively grew Saint Lucia's economy by over 9% when compared with the dismal 2.7% of the SLP over 2012-2016 - three times that of the SLP. During our tenure, unemployment fell to 16.8% in 2019, the lowest in a decade. This equates to the creation of over 6,800 jobs in a span of three years.

The June 2021 report by CariCRIS indicates a stable outlook for our economy. It provides confidence to our lenders that our country is heading in a positive direction. Importantly, it indicates that the maintenance of our debt was adequate as a result of our current and projected recovery from tourism and the impact of our current and projected construction projects. The report shows that Saint Lucia is one of the best performing countries in this region.

OUR ECONOMY

BRINGING LIFE, DYNAMISM AND COLOUR TO OUR ECONOMY





Growth and Transformation of Our Economy in a Post-Pandemic Era

OUR ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES

This manifesto seeks to continue our journey of recovery and prosperity not just from the COVID-19 pandemic but also from the lackluster, counter intuitive and uninspiring policies of the SLP. This manifesto promises to bring life, dynamism and colour to our economy and will paint a brighter economic future for all Saint Lucians.

Over the next five years, we will strategically continue to implement the Medium-Term Development Strategy and align with global development trends by focusing on the Blue, Green, Orange, Purple and Digital Economies.



The Green Economy



Agriculture

Agriculture continues to be a vital part of our Green Economy providing for food security, rural community empowerment, job creation and poverty alleviation. In addition, we acknowledge the role of proper nutrition in the fight against the surge of non-communicable diseases among our population, and therefore recognize the role the agriculture sector can play in improving the health and wellbeing of our citizens.

7 CROPS PROGRAMME

- Support farmers in increasing the production of sweet peppers, water melon, cantaloupe, pineapples, tomatoes, cabbage and lettuce under the 7-crop initiative
- Support farmers by expanding the range of crops under the 7-crop initiative
- Continue to provide pest control support
- Continue to provide assistance to farmers against praedial larceny

BANANAS

- As part of the "Taste of Saint Lucia" branding initiative, we will build brand loyalty, boost demand and increase sales of our bananas.
- Continue to support the Banana Productivity Improvement Programme
- Continue to integrate climate smart technology and practices in the agriculture sector
- Restructure the National Fair-Trade Organization to take advantage of direct marketing to the UK and other markets



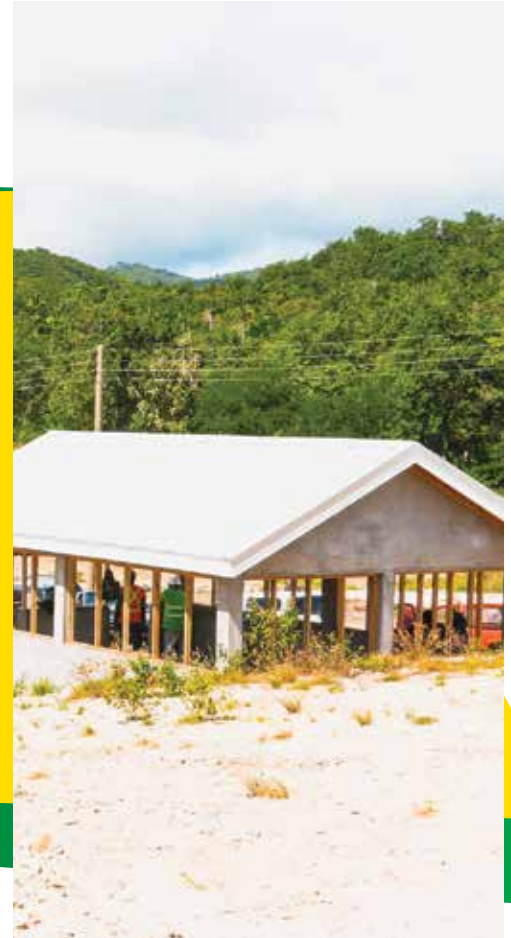
COCOA

- Make investments to increase the acreage under cocoa production
- Provide material, inputs, branding and labour support to farmers
- Encourage value added production such as cocoa powder and chocolate.
- Use the cocoa micro fermentary in Anse Ger as a central reception hub
- Establish a cocoa cooperative to ensure equity and benefit sharing for cocoa stakeholders



CANNABIS INDUSTRY

- Pass legislation in respect of Cannabis
- Establish the framework for the Cannabis Industry for medicinal use and religious purposes
- Ensure Saint Lucians are well-informed and provide appropriate public health campaigns for youth in particular to understand the risks involved in cannabis use
- Provide access to quality-controlled cannabis for medical and scientific purposes



AGRO PROCESSING

- Establish new facilities in key communities around the island to add value to crops, enable preservation, and promote branding that is uniquely Saint Lucian
- Commission new meat processing facility at Volet in Micoud
- Make land available for honey producers
- Commission La Caye Honey Processing Facility to produce for export



The Blue Economy

The Blue Economy presents immense untapped potential for our country and people. Having established a clear vision and strategy for the coordinated development of the sector with support from several organizations, a UWP government will:

- Establish a dedicated independent Maritime Office which will explore all available opportunities in the emerging Blue Economy
- Pilot a 'Blue Economy Recovery Hub Initiative' as part of the recently launched Country Financing Roadmap for Saint Lucia
- Expand and strengthen the operations of the SMMA
- Reposition all marine management areas to address the following
 - Identification of alternative sites
 - Installation of moorings
 - Protect and restore reefs
 - Demarcation of various bays
 - Balance the management of conservation and commerce
 - Security

FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE

We will:

- Upgrade fisheries facilities to be more resilient to the impacts of climate change
- Continue to upgrade skills in catching and processing fish
- Upgrade and install climate resilient infrastructure at the Castries fish landing site
- Introduce modern technology to fisherfolk through the provision of fish aggregating devices (FADs)
- Continue to work with Cooperatives to identify and secure new markets

TOURISM AND SHARING ECONOMY

The tourism sector has proven time and again that it is a resilient sector which has managed to rebound from several shocks including COVID-19. The industry is the largest engine of growth with significant capacity for expansion. It is the sector in which our greatest competitive advantage lies, as evidenced by our unique and diverse offerings. Over the last five years we have won several regional and international accolades including World's Leading Honeymoon Destination. We have also won the Reader's Choice Award by US News & World Report as the #1 place to visit in the Caribbean.





In the next five years the UWP will:

- Aggressively seek new investment to expand Saint Lucia's current hotel room stock, with a goal of attaining 8,000 rooms
- Attract high end globally recognized and competitive hotel brands to Saint Lucia's shores
- Increase the inclusivity of the tourism sector by expanding the implementation of the Village Tourism Inc. and Village Tourism Infrastructure
- Continue to strengthen local investment in the Air BnB sector, by providing incentives to scale up properties
- Establish online portal to market small properties
- Tap into the second home visitor market by targeting the diaspora as well as the high-net-worth individuals to own property in Saint Lucia
- Continue to strengthen and market our Festivals

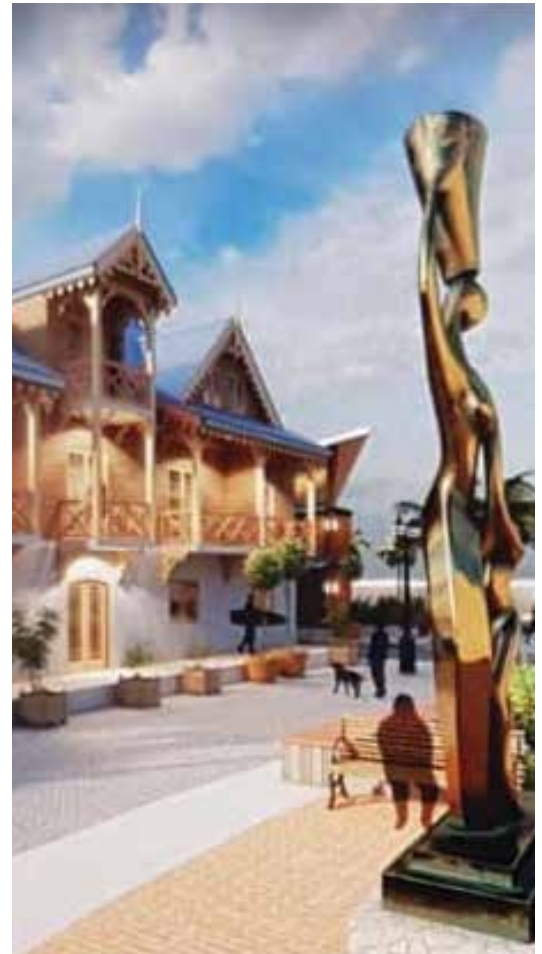
VILLAGE TOURISM

A key priority for the UWP government is to ensure that the economic benefits of tourism are more equitably distributed by leveraging the cultural richness and authentic experiences that exist in dispersed communities.

The direct entrepreneurial opportunities from Village Tourism will be felt by farmers, local artisans, local property owners, artists/ crafters, the creative industries including musicians, chefs and producers of culinary experiences, owners of food and beverage establishments and owners of luxury homes. Spin-off benefits from direct and indirect employment and the supply of goods and services are expected to be felt at the community level. This is a watershed moment in our diversification and expansion of the tourism sector.

The UWP Government will:

- Make available strategic lands to locals including beachfront property for investment example, Sandy Beach and Anse Jambette
- Make available \$10 million from the CARICOM Development Fund for onlending to small businesses in the sector
- Employ the use of technology in the marketing and promotion of tourism services
- Establish the Village Tourism Agency to create, develop, sell, market and enhance a distinct product and service in the tourism industry.
- Support Tourism businesses and communities in:
 - training and certification
 - access to finance
 - tax relief and incentives
 - product development
 - branding and marketing to identify and distinguish the uniqueness of each village
 - a central booking system
 - cost savings through bulk purchases
 - quality assurance and standards
 - other support services like landscaping, interior decorating and design, financial management, maintenance and housekeeping
 - investments in critical tourism infrastructure and public amenities
 - development of waterfront areas
 - development of strategic community assets and services.
- Continue to expand the programme now in progress in Anse la Raye and Soufriere to other communities: Gros Islet, Canaries, Choiseul, Vieux Fort, Micoud and Dennery





Financial Services Sector

The UWP Government will seek to modernize the financial sector to make Saint Lucia a globally competitive financial jurisdiction and reposition Saint Lucia as a Headquarters' destination.

In our next term, the UWP administration will:

- Reduce the corporate tax rate to 15%
- Strengthen and modernize the residency and territorial tax regimes to become globally competitive
- Enact residency legislation to reposition Saint Lucia as a headquarters destination
- Strengthen the International Trusts Act
- Strengthen the International Business Companies Act to achieve regulatory compliance

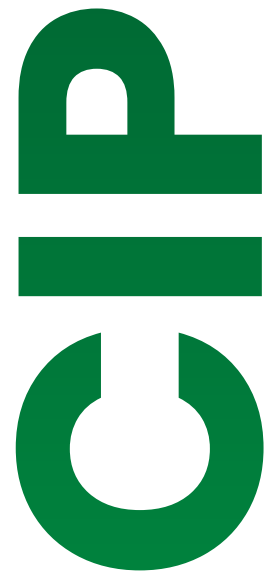


Saint Lucia's Citizenship by Investment Programme (CIP) was rated as the best in the world (May 2021), a huge leap from the bottom of the table last year. Attainment of this ranking followed huge improvements to the programme by the government to improve governance, due diligence, transparency and the introduction of the digital processing applications. We have established through legislation, the National Economic Fund (NEF) as a bold statement of transparency through which qualifying investment of cash would be channeled to support economic development initiatives. In this new term the NEF mandate will be broadened and leveraged as the vehicle **to directly support our most vulnerable** through making available the funding necessary to support a comprehensive reform of our social protection system, as well as to make available credit to MSMEs.

We will:

Amend the National Economic Fund Act to include:

- Amend the National Economic Fund Act to include:
- The establishment of an Equity Fund for businesses
- Mandating the allocation of a percentage of funds to provide multi-dimensional support to poor and vulnerable households through:
 - income support for unemployed single parents and persons with disabilities
 - subsidies on electricity, water, food, school uniforms and transportation for the vulnerable
 - low-income housing support for the vulnerable





Digital and Knowledge Economy

The introduction of advanced digital and communication technology worldwide has opened tremendous possibilities for Saint Lucia through expanded global market access. We have taken the initiative to create a brand-new sector with the potential to provide many of our young bright Saint Lucians the opportunity to learn new ICT skills and pursue careers in digital entrepreneurship. The UWP had the foresight to aggressively pursue the Business Process Outsourcing (BPO) and Artificial Intelligence (AI) sub sectors prior to the pandemic. Even at the height of COVID 19 we saw the growth in jobs in the AI and BPO sub sectors. The UWP saw our investment in this sector as the gateway to a wider and more substantial Digital Economy.



We will:

- Strategically position Saint Lucia as the Digital Capital of the Caribbean which will redound to the creation of high skilled and good paying jobs
- Facilitate the accelerated adoption of e-Payment/e-Commerce solutions to all MSMEs, including taxi and tour operators, vendors, manufacturers and all other sectors
- Establish a Digital Academy at Sir Arthur Lewis Community College
- Prioritize skills development and micro-credentialing in graphic design, programming, big data analytics, mobile app development, social media marketing, robotics and artificial intelligence, networking, cyber security and other areas within the Digital Economy.
- Provide tax and duty-free concessions to aspiring digital and tech entrepreneurs
- Collaborate with internet service providers to lower the cost of internet and data and narrow the digital divide
- Establish within Government a department for the Digital Economy
- Further incentivize global tech giants to establish regional headquarters in Saint Lucia
- Aggressively pursue a policy of attracting investments in the Business Process Outsourcing (BPO) and the Knowledge Processing Outsourcing Sectors
- Develop an accredited certification programme for employees at the various BPOs to strengthen knowledge transfer and qualification
- Make available credit and technical support for young, aspiring digital entrepreneurs
- Develop digital literacy programmes to train and upskill citizens desirous of becoming digitally literate

This untapped sector and the emphasis placed by a UWP government will open new economic opportunities, especially for our young men and women.





Orange and Creative Economy

This government is committed to fostering the growth of a sector that is based on the innovation, passion, creativity and cultural heritage of our people. We have provided more funding to the sector than any previous administration. We must establish a more structured relationship between culture, technology, and the economy.

We will:

- Establish a satellite accounting system for the Creatives and Arts sector
- Establish a world class facility for the cultural and arts fraternity
- Establish “creative hubs” that will house multiple Orange Economy business clusters
- Facilitate the provision of dedicated windows for financing Orange Economy businesses, particularly for young entrepreneurs
- Expand the current regime of concessions available to artists in their individual capacity or as a business enterprise
- Expand our local indigenous festivals to provide greater exposure for our local artistes
- Establish a Film Commission to oversee the growth of the film sub sector, to encourage local production and to market Saint Lucia as a location for international film production
- Facilitate virtual platforms for use by local artistes, recognizing this as a major avenue for international sales
- Upgrade existing performance spaces and establish spaces where none exist
- Continue to build and expand support to the Orange Economy through Village Tourism
- Expand training through the Cultural Development Foundation (CDF) to include technology and intellectual property



Health Services and Education Export Services Sector

Throughout the region we have witnessed the significant contribution that offshore medical universities and other such institutions can have on the host country's economy, creating demand across a wide spectrum of goods and services. Recognizing the need to create the enabling environment for the flourishing of the Health and Education export sector, the UWP Government will:

Medical Schools

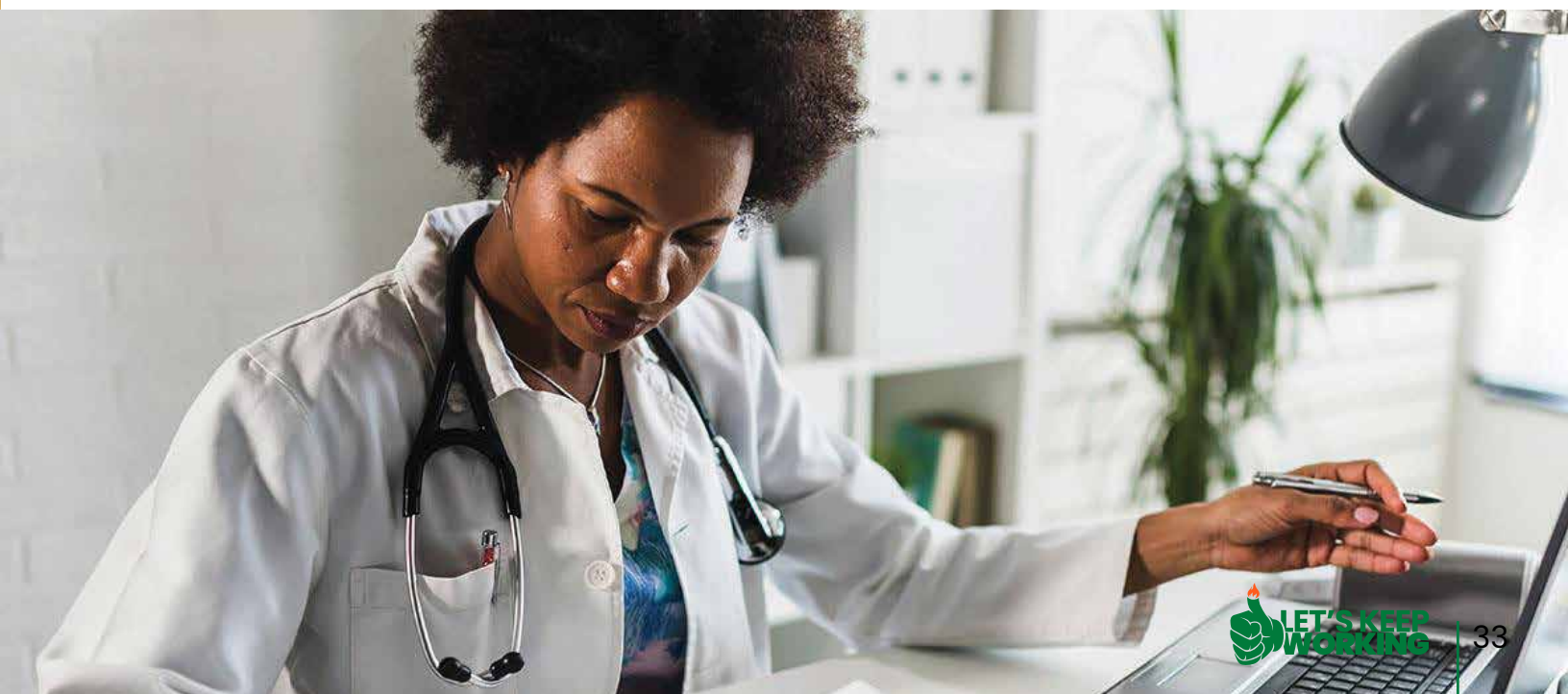
- Transform the St Jude Hospital into a university hospital to allow for medical students to pursue their residency
- Make it possible for more Saint Lucians to earn a medical degree studying at home thus saving on overseas travel and study costs
- Encourage the establishment of accredited medical schools through the provision of appropriate incentives

Hospitality Schools

We recognize that training in hospitality is a means by which we can prepare certain sections of our workforce to access employment, not only in their homeland but also in the wider Caribbean region and internationally. It is our desire to train hospitality workers to be world class.

Accordingly, the UWP will:

- Continue to create more opportunities for our hospitality workers to gain professional knowledge, skills, certification and jobs
- Attract hospitality institutions to provide training that meets international standards





OUR PEOPLE

The UWP recognizes that to overcome our development challenges will require a united and collective effort from all of us. We understand that we cannot attain our full potential as a country unless all our people can achieve their own. This is the task that we set ourselves for the next five years.



OUR YOUTH

While our administration believes in the old adage that “our youth is our future”, we also recognize that young people must be actively engaged and nurtured now. In 2016, we were clear and deliberate in our planning and promise to the youth about their development. We will continue to implement policies that will position our Youth, to accomplish their dreams, excel and take their rightful place at home and in the world.

Young people have a significant role to play in transforming vision into action and must feel and be part of every aspect of our development agenda, and an environment that will incorporate the provision of opportunities that will enable young people to have a safe and secure life.

In the economic opportunities being made available we will:

Agriculture and Fisheries

- Provide lands for agricultural purposes under leasing arrangements
- Provide approximately 53 acres of land at River Doree for agricultural purposes under a lease arrangement through Invest Saint Lucia
- Continue to identify other lands suitable for farming under lease arrangements
- Provide avenues for technical and financial support particularly with respect to the use of technology
- Continue to encourage farming through the use of hydroponics
- Convert the Grande Riviere Secondary School into a Centre of Excellence in Agriculture
- Commence a pension scheme



Agro Processing

- Provide training to add value to agricultural products
- Encourage young farmers to venture into the production of honey and its byproducts
- Provide concessions for the purchase of machinery and equipment

Tourism

- Provide training in tourism
- Provide access to funding (\$10 million) from the CARICOM
- Development Fund for onlending to small businesses in the sector
- Make available strategic lands to locals, including beachfront property for investment

The Orange Economy

- Provide skills training
- Provide more avenues for the local sale and export of their products
- Establish a national performing arts centre
- Establish “creative hubs” that will house multiple Orange Economy
 - business clusters
- Provide training through the Cultural Development Foundation (CDF) in core areas to include technology and intellectual property
- Expand our local indigenous festivals to provide greater exposure to our local artistes
- Establish a Film Commission to oversee the growth of the film sub sector
- Facilitate virtual platforms for use by local artistes, recognizing this as a major avenue for international sales
- Expand opportunities for artists to earn a living through Village Tourism

Digital Economy

- Establish a Digital Academy at Sir Arthur Lewis Community College
- Prioritize skills development and micro-credentialing in graphic design, programming, big data analytics, mobile app development, social media marketing, robotics and artificial intelligence, networking, cyber security and other areas within the Digital Economy.
- Provide tax and duty-free concessions to aspiring digital and tech entrepreneurs
- Collaborate with internet service providers to lower the cost of internet and data and narrow the digital divide
- Establish within government a department for the Digital Economy
- Incentivize global tech giants to establish regional headquarters in Saint Lucia
- Aggressively pursue a policy of attracting investments in the Business Process Outsourcing (BPO) and the Knowledge Processing Outsourcing Sectors
- Develop an accredited certification programme for employees at the various BPOs to strengthen knowledge transfer and qualification
- Make available credit and technical support for young, aspiring digital entrepreneurs
- Develop digital literacy programmes to train and upskill citizens desirous of becoming digitally literate

Youth Development and Sports

- Create a National Youth and Sports Authority to invest in our youth and sports programmes
- Launch an App where young people can have a one stop shop for many of the public services they desire.
- Enhance and expand the Youth Workers Programme
- Establish a framework to reactivate and strengthen the District Youth and Sports Councils.
- Expand leadership training programmes
- Establish youth centers within existing community facilities to serve as safe spaces and office administration for youth workers
- Facilitate greater participation of clubs in the after-school programmes
- Organize youth engagement in sports and arts through established and new community clubs
- Expand the Youth Service Corps
- Expand the National Apprenticeship Programme to include the ICT sector

Lending and Incentives

- Make further financing available through the Youth Enterprises Equity Fund at the Saint Lucia Development Bank (SLDB)
- Expand the current regime of concessions available to artists in their individual capacity or as a business enterprise

The UWP government in its focus to encourage young entrepreneurs will continue to provide access to funding through several arrangements that include; grants, loans on concessionary terms from SLDB and other agencies. We also amended the Fiscal Incentives Act No 30 of 2019 to provide fiscal incentives. Enterprises across all service sectors of our economy will benefit from this regime of funding and fiscal incentives.



OUR VULNERABLE POPULATION

Building a new Saint Lucia must be a reflection and outcome of the innermost hopes and aspirations of our people

Protecting Our Vulnerable Populations

The UWP is committed to establishing a safety net system that gives confidence to our people that they can feel protected from the possibilities and adverse risks that may confront them. We have witnessed first-hand the realities of how a global pandemic has adversely affected many people not just here but all over the world.



Our experience over the past year and a half of the pandemic validates our initial commitment to creating a system that is adaptable, efficient and effective in:

- Identifying those in need of support
- Providing the relevant support
- Helping them to withstand/survive the particular crisis/risk
- Helping them to emerge stronger and more resilient

We want to ensure that our vulnerable populations can become empowered and wherever possible, graduate out of State support. The route out of poverty and vulnerability is not permanent handouts, but the creation of opportunities for all of our people to actively participate in our economic life.

Under our new social protection programme we will:

- Establish an integrated social information system (to include a Social Registry and a Beneficiary Information Management System).
- Develop a Vulnerability Index
- Develop a graduation strategy for social assistance programmes
- Modernize and streamline the operational and delivery systems within government agencies
- Enhance the capacity of social protection practitioners.
- Repeal of the Public Assistance Act (1967) and introduce a modern and inclusive social protection legislation
- Provide safe houses for displaced, single parents with and without dependents
- Expand the range of services provided to vulnerable populations to include food vouchers, public transportation, school uniforms, school meals, healthcare
- Introduce a monitoring system for the cash transfer programme
- Expand the number of households that can access social protection services
- Introduce psychological support services to help overcome specific risks encountered within households
- Standardize the eligibility instrument among all social sectors and programmes to ensure that the right individuals and households access the services offered
- Introduce an electronic payment system that minimizes cash disbursements.
- Continue to expand the cadre of social service professionals (social workers, counsellors etc.) that are attached to all our social service agencies and institutions



The Elderly

- Establish Day Care Centres for the elderly in Gros Islet and Vieux Fort, and the expansion and repurposing of existing public facilities in select communities
- Expand the number of caregivers under the Home Care Programme

Persons with Disabilities

There are obstacles that hinder the path to progress for our differently abled population.

To support persons with disabilities we will:

- Provide National Health Insurance for persons with disabilities
- Upgrade existing school/construct new school for children with disabilities
- Provide a physical environment that would allow persons with disabilities to participate fully in the society
- Provide within schools for the differently abled a life skills course within the school curriculum that would assist persons with disabilities to function independently
- Encourage the apprenticeship/employment of persons with disabilities
- Create legislation for the protection of persons with disabilities



Our Health and Wellness

SLP's Neglect

Indeed, the health sector was one of many crucial areas that had suffered significant neglect and decline under the rule of the Saint Lucia Labour Party, underscored by its inability to deliver two hospitals in an entire five-year term.

It was left to the UWP to open the Owen King European Union (OKEU) hospital under threat of the Coronavirus epidemic. At the same time, the fiasco that resulted from Labour's attempt to rebuild the St Jude Hospital in Vieux Fort. What we found, was a site deemed unfit for use. At the same time, the SLP government had spent \$124 million and still required millions more for its completion. Before the end of the year, we will have in the south, a brand new St Jude Hospital.

UWP to the Rescue

Every Saint Lucian should be able to access affordable quality healthcare – no matter who they are. We will introduce National Health Insurance with up to \$75,000 in benefits per person, per year. It will be free for the elderly, the vulnerable, single unemployed mothers and those with special needs.

SOCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE





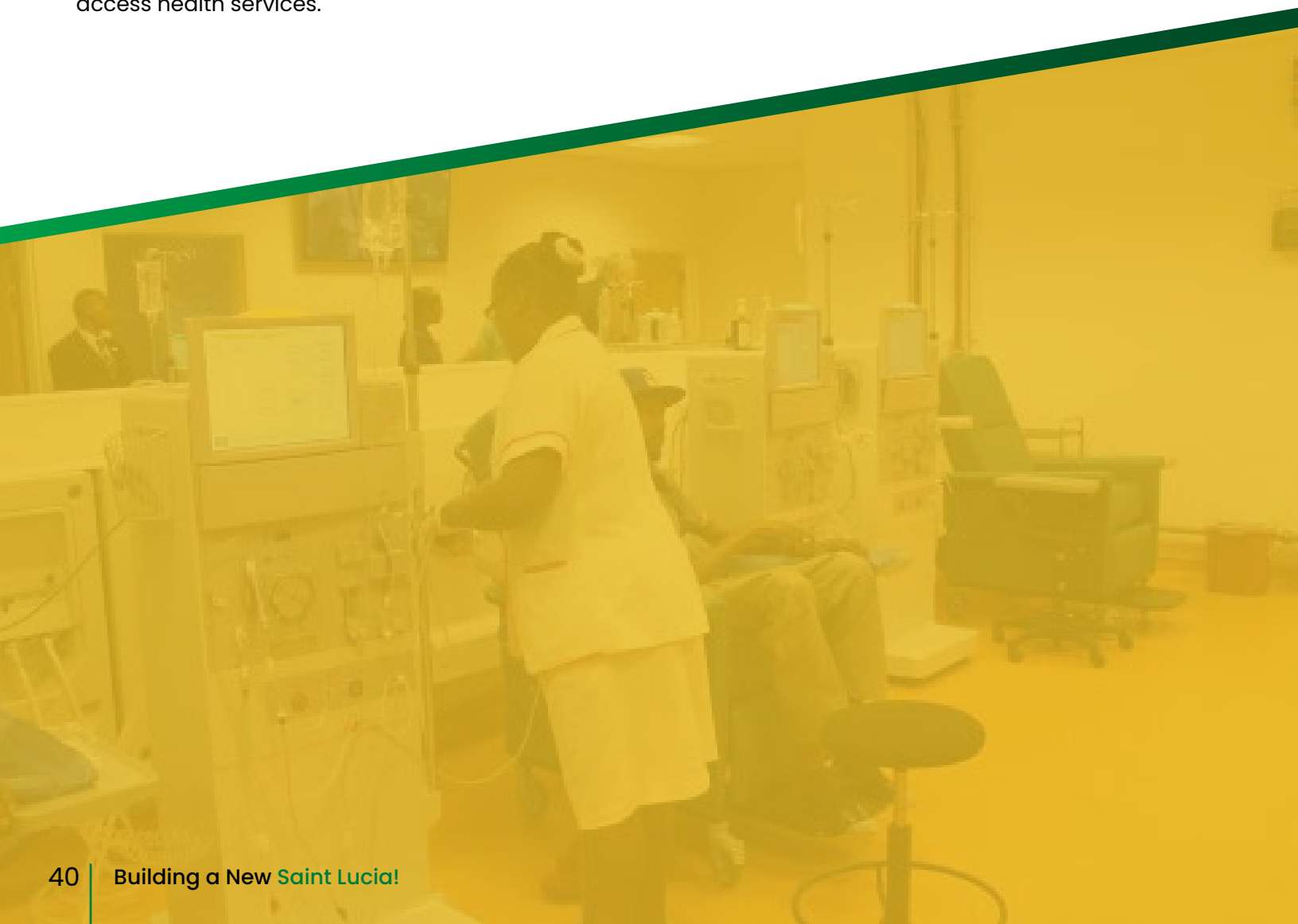
National Health Insurance will have many benefits for our people, among them:

- a basket of health services available to all residents
- prepaid health coverage which will reduce out of pocket expenditure;
- improved access to quality health care;
- improved accountability in the use of public funds through appropriate governance mechanisms
- better health outcomes
- government will provide coverage for all vulnerable groups
- NHI policies will cover persons with pre-existing conditions

During our new term, Saint Lucians will witness several critical milestones in the efforts to significantly enhance the quality of our health care infrastructure.

- work on the construction of the Dennery Polyclinic and Soufriere Hospital will gather pace.
- the Castries Health Centre will also be transformed into a polyclinic

By the end of our new term our people will no longer have to travel more than 3 miles to access health services.





EDUCATION

The new UWP administration will continue to focus its priorities on education transformation, transitioning the education sector to one which is more closely aligned to global offerings. This transformation will of necessity address developments in infrastructure, pedagogy, curriculum, human resource and process.

There is no doubt that over the last five years we have commenced the groundwork for the establishment of a new and improved education system to better serve the needs of our citizens and employers. But our work has only just begun and we relish the opportunity to continue that work.

In our new term we will:

- Complete a new school in La Guerre, and new wings at Vide-Boutielle, and Gordon Walcott Methodist in Castries
- Continue to upgrade our schools with an emphasis on incorporating information and communication technologies
- Retrofit /Build more smart classrooms.
- Add Grade 5 and 6 teachers and students to the slate currently receiving learning devices
- Repurpose space within under-populated schools to accommodate pre-K and early childhood learners
- Finalize the regulations guiding the registration and operations of early childhood development centres
- Construct a new facility to house the Dunnattor School in the North and a Special Education Facility in the South
- Introduce an Academic Recovery Programme to assist students who have been affected by the loss of instruction time due to COVID 19
- Train and certify our teachers and administrators with a focus on the all-important aspect of e-instruction
- Train teachers in leadership innovation and technology infusion in the Pedagogy
- Broaden the subject offerings at primary and secondary schools to include coding and robotics and digital media



TVET

For too long Technical Vocational Education Training (TVET), has been categorized as the pathway for under-performing students. This UWP government is set to change this belief. Attention will be placed on increasing the Caribbean Vocational Qualification (CVQ) offerings available locally as well as increasing the levels at which these courses are offered. TVET courses will not only be taught in schools but will be available to lifelong learners and persons wishing to upskill, re-tool and qualify themselves.

Our UWP government will expand TVET to develop a competent, certified, and globally competitive workforce equipped with knowledge, skills and attitudes for personal and national advancement.

We will:

- Establish a National Vocational Institute
- Transform and repurpose under populated schools into Centres for Excellence in Agriculture and the Arts
- Operationalize the National Accreditation Council
- Establish CVQs as an accepted qualification for further study as well as entry into the workforce



Sir Arthur Lewis Community College

The last few years has seen the Sir Arthur Lewis Community College (SALCC) make great strides towards improving and upgrading the programmes offered and student experience at the college. The newly established Accreditation Council will commence its work of accrediting various education institutions including SALCC.

Saint Lucian students will be able to complete a fully accredited Bachelor's degree without leaving our shores.

The UWP government in collaboration with SALCC will:

On Campus

- Increase the number of scholarships available for tertiary level study locally and abroad
- Make available more scholarship opportunities through our relationship with the Francophonie territories
- Expand the Bachelor's Degree offerings to include Social and Natural Sciences
- Establish an innovative hub to house environmental science, food technology, media technology and virtual reality sub labs

Online

- Continue to transition regular classes to online learning
- Continue to accept payment through the new online payment platforms



HOUSING

The UWP has established a track record in providing housing for our people. We believe that housing is at the core of any strategy to build families and communities. We are committed to ensuring that every household is afforded a minimum standard of housing. We are committed to a major assault on improving the housing conditions for our people.

In its new term the UWP will adopt a new thrust in home construction. Low to middle income, energy efficient model homes will be erected on sites for viewing by the public. Three such model homes are already constructed. Also to be established are 2 model communities with all necessary amenities as showpieces, to be replicated in various parts of the island.

A UWP Government in the new term will:

- Make available at least 3,000 lots to St. Lucians
- Implement a policy of a minimum standard home which is a one-bedroom self-contained unit with a habitable room, kitchen, toilet and bath facilities
- Facilitate more lease-to-own house and land packages
- Continue to partner with developers to develop and provide much needed fully serviced residential lots, and house and land packages for sale
- Facilitate the construction of duplex and multi-family residential units
- Introduce new legislation that would allow for the sale of individual units in an apartment block
- Provide an incentives regime to contractors based on the number of houses built commencing with 5 units. The regime will include reductions in waiver of duty and excise tax on the purchase of materials and equipment
- Provide an incentives regime to first time home owners to include waiver of vendor's tax and stamp duty on the purchase of homes (three years' waiver of property tax)
- Continue the redevelopment of the city of Castries and the town of Vieux Fort
- Work with utility companies and relevant agencies to reduce the cost of property development which will make the price of land per square foot more attractive to and within reach of Saint Lucians



Our Party is of the firm belief that given our rich sporting heritage, we can utilize sports as a platform for building a **new Saint Lucia**. Sport has defined us in the past and can be an effective instrument of change as we transform our country.

Our agenda for sports is a simple one: - to make Saint Lucia an active and globally competitive nation. We want to see more children, youth and adults involved and direct participants in recreation and sports. We want to see more Saint Lucian competitors and winners on the regional and international stage. We want to be a leader and hub for the hosting of major global sporting events and activities.

Our commitment to rekindling the love for sports among our people and to place our nation at the forefront of sporting excellence will be focused on the following main components

SPORTS





Sports Infrastructure Development and Upgrade

A new UWP administration will undertake the transformation of national and community sporting facilities to include:

- Installation of artificial surfaces on select playing fields across the island
- Completion of the upgrade of the Soufriere Stadium Complex to include the installation of a swimming pool, modular seating and upgrades to the Grandstand
- Redevelopment of the Marchand Grounds and Mindoo Philip Park into a sports complex
- Redevelopment of the Phillip Marcellin Grounds in Vieux Fort
- Conversion of the Vigie Complex into an indoor facility
- Installation of lights at select venues ensuring that every constituency has at least one such facility
- Installation of swimming pools ensuring that such a facility is available in each quadrant of the island
- Establish a motocross track in La Caye, Dennery

Support to Grassroots Sports

We will:

- Ensure that sports become a key component of every After School Programme islandwide
- Provide financial, organizational and technical support to community-based sports academies, through the newly created National Youth and Sports Authority
- Invest in annual grassroots tournaments and showcase events for the major sporting disciplines

Institutional and Capacity Development

The administration of sport is pivotal to the successful delivery of our sports agenda. With this in mind,

we will:

- Facilitate training and international certification and accreditation of coaches, administrators and officials in all major sporting disciplines
- Develop and implement standard training modules for different age categories of sports participants

The Development of a High Performance System for Saint Lucia

Our ability to become globally competitive as individual Saint Lucians and as Team Saint Lucia will require a level of preparedness and commitment to excellence.

In this regard we will:

- Expand the residential capacity of the National Sports Academy to accommodate girls
- Expand the number of athletes supported and the level and scope of services provided under the Elite and Emerging Athlete Programme
- Revamp the school sports programme to foster greater participation and interest in sports at the school level
- Establish a talent identification programme as part of the revamped school sports programme
- Collaborate in and where appropriate, establish and support annual Summer Camps that provide a platform for secondary school students to showcase students' talents and aptitudes before international scouts



ECONOMIC INFRASTRUCTURE

The UWP believes that a strong infrastructure is necessary for the building of our economy and the enhancement of the quality of life of our people. The stock of infrastructure we inherited five years ago was a legacy of SLP neglect and characterized as poor, lacking in connectivity and capacity. This was unacceptable to us and our country. As a result, it was imperative that we invest heavily in the rebuilding of our infrastructure in order to build a new Saint Lucia.



In the past five years, the UWP has been aggressive in addressing the deficiencies in our infrastructure. The level of investment is historic but we are committed to even more investment in support of our vision for a modern and resilient Saint Lucia.

In our new term of office, we will:

- Complete overlay of all primary roads from Gros Islet to Vieux Fort
- Establish a North South Link Road and an alternative road to the north, through Corinth.
- Complete the Millennium Highway and West Coast Road Project
- Complete the Cul de Sac Bridge
- Complete and operationalize new Hewanorra International Airport
- Construct a new cargo Port in Cul de Sac (transfer of Port Castries)
- Develop new Cruise Terminal in Vieux Fort
- Introduce Legislation to allow for the investment of independent power producers in the Renewable Energy sector
- Finalize a renewable energy policy for the manufacturing sector with the goal of encouraging the use of renewable energy as a cost reduction strategy while contributing to Saint Lucia's carbon emission target
- Continue to pursue the development of geothermal energy

- Decrease the Island's dependence on fossil fuels
- Establish a Maritime Office to allow for the pursuit of opportunities in the burgeoning Blue Economy

Water and Sanitation

The UWP administration has during its tenure continued to prioritize the water sector with dedicated public investment initiatives.

In our new term we will:

- Continue to systematically upgrade and desilt the John Compton Dam to increase storage capacity;
- Reduce the chronic non-revenue water challenges confronting WASCO by allocating additional resources for the replacement of deteriorated pipelines as part of the broad road infrastructure rehabilitation initiatives;

Solid Waste Management and the Circular Economy

Poor waste disposal and indiscriminate disposal of waste are increasing the vulnerability of our country to climate related natural hazards resulting in damage and loss of vital economic and social infrastructure adversely impacting lives and livelihoods. We passed legislation, the Styrofoam and Plastic Food Service Containers (Prohibition) Act, No 22 of 2019 to prevent the use of these materials.

In our next term, we will:

- Develop a culture of recycling
- Provide policy support and tax incentives to the sector.
- Pursue sustainable waste management and disposal through the scaling up of the incineration technology to provide energy

Green Energy and Energy Efficiency

The time has come for Saint Lucia to boldly begin the process to reduce our dependence on fossil fuel for energy generation and to reduce our carbon footprint.

We will:

- Continue to pursue solar and geothermal energy potential.
- Transition all streetlights in Saint Lucia from incandescent lighting fixtures to LED;
- Launch a broad-based energy efficiency programme across all essential public services (Schools, Health Facilities, Sporting Facilities, Police and Fire Stations);
- Lower the tax and duties on electric vehicles with the goal of transitioning 10% of Saint Lucia's vehicle fleet to EV, and 30% of the Public Service vehicle fleet;
- Complete the legislative reform necessary to facilitate the entry of investors (independent power producers) to generate and supply renewable energy.



Redevelopment of Castries and Vieux Fort

The city of Castries is in line for a major transformation. Our vision is to make our capital a modern, vibrant, climate resilient and smart city that connects its rich history with the present and desired future state. Our rejuvenated city will once again be buzzing with round the clock economic activity and cultural experiences for visitors and residents alike. Castries will become the premier business centre in the Caribbean, offering meeting and conference facilities with modern technological support services, leisure and night life.

We will:

- Transform Castries into an innovation hub for business and technology development. It will become the premiere business city in the Caribbean
- Create a city built on IoT (internet of Things) – smart lights, smart garbage, traffic flow sensors and so on
- Provide citywide WIFI, to increase mobile tech penetration and engagement via the use of apps, using IoT (Internet of Things) to improve operational efficiency – traffic flows, cruise ship arrivals,

smart information booths providing dynamic access to visitor information – vendor locations, times and products and so on

- Transform Pointe Seraphine into a business centre and duty free shopping complex hosting a 157 room hotel with all modern amenities and services that exist in a modern city
- To create greater access to downtown Castries and the Waterfront through better organized public transportation, pedestrianized areas, and public parking
- Improve the state of housing within Castries, and facilitate the mixed-use developments that combine residential living with commercial and institutional uses.
- Relocate the cargo port to Cul de Sac and take advantage of our unique closed Castries harbour for commercial activities and entertainments – vendors, new investors, artisans and restaurateurs
- Continue the redevelopment of Derek Walcott Square so that it becomes more interactive
- Pedestrianize the William Peter Boulevard

- Create a walkable space that connects Constitution Park to the William Peter Boulevard and to the Waterfront.
- Continue to redevelop the Castries market to include a Box Park containing several specialized business units that will provide opportunities for employment and entrepreneurship

Like Castries, Vieux Fort will be redeveloped to provide all the amenities and services of a smart city. With the international airport Vieux Fort will become an international city in its own right.

We will:

- Boost tourist arrivals and air traffic with the expansion of HIA, which will provide a variety of economic opportunities for people of the South
- Offer incentives for institutions to relocate their headquarters to Vieux Fort
- Attract international schools in hospitality and medicine
- Establish a cruise homeport
- Develop a mixed use complex at Anse de Sable
- Continue to attract BPOs and other players in the Digital Economy



GOVERNANCE

The manner and effectiveness in which we operate as government and as a people in the execution of our development agenda is underpinned by two broad principles:

- Ability to enjoy their fundamental rights and freedoms as Saint Lucians
- Participation of citizens in decision-making and development at the local level through representative associations, clubs, organizations, fraternities, cooperatives, civic groups, councils and authorities



We Promised and We Delivered

In 2016, The UWP government inherited from the SLP government a system which had left citizen security in a state of disarray. We inherited a system where most employees within this sector worked under deplorable conditions and lacked the necessary resources to carry out their jobs. The morale of employees across all departments of the police, fire service, courts, Probation and Parole, Bordelais, forensics and prosecutions) was at an all-time low. Of major concern for the UWP, was the impact of IMPACS on the Police, and the slowness of and inefficiencies in the administration of justice.

We believed then, as we do now, that the security of our citizens is the single most important responsibility of the State. We are committed to addressing the issues of Citizen Security at its roots.

SECURITY & JUSTICE



We will:

- Continue to improve and strengthen the systems responsible for the investigation, prosecution and dispensation of criminal justice
- Improve the intelligence and detection capabilities of the police and the Border Control Authority in the detection and recovery of firearms at our ports of entry
- Improve the search and seizure capabilities of law enforcement in the recovery of firearms, drugs and cash associated to criminality.
- Ensure that resources are adequately and properly deployed in the Royal Saint Lucia Police Force
- Ensure that criminals do not benefit from their crimes through robust asset recovery and proceeds of crime initiatives
- Improve the work environment of the Police Force through the construction of a new Police Headquarters
- Construct new Police Station in Gros Islet and upgrade others
- Relocate the SSU and Bunker and improve the Training Academy structure
- Complete the construction of new Drug Unit
- Install an additional 700 CCTV cameras islandwide covering at least 200 locations
- Procure safety and communications equipment
- Provide equipment for collection and storage of computerized fingerprints, ballistics capabilities and DNA testing
- Amend the safety requirements for all sea vessels
- Integrate the Police Crime Unit and the Forensics Science Lab
- Expand aid, equipment and training programmes for in the Royal Saint Lucia Police Force in conjunction with Regional and International partners including the United States
- Establish a permanent secretariat for NAMLOC (National Anti-money Laundering Oversight Committee) to maintain readiness in this area





CRIMINAL LAW

Criminal Law Reform

To strengthen Saint Lucia's criminal justice framework, we will introduce:

- **Bench trials:** Introduction of laws to permit judge-only trials in the High Court.
- **National database legislation:** new laws allowing for a national fingerprint database, a firearms and ballistics database, and a DNA database for all convicted.
- **DNA Act:** This legislation will allow for the Forensics Science Lab to conduct accredited DNA testing, not just for St Lucia, but for the wider Caribbean Region.
- **Plea Bargaining:** Introduce Plea Bargain legislation which will allow for an agreement between the prosecution and a defendant.

Witness Anonymity and Witness Protection Legislation:

We will:

- Review of existing criminal laws: A complete revision of the Criminal Code and Evidence Act.
- Construct a new state of the art judicial complex in Bois d'Orange which will house a Regional Appeals Court
- Facilitate Sentencing Reform to include:
 - stricter penalties for serious offences
 - community work orders and home detention orders
 - expansion of court diversion programmes and community mediation and restorative services



LOCAL GOVERNMENT

The decentralization of government and its services is the cornerstone of the UWP's agenda to empower our people and encourage greater participation in their affairs. In recognition of this principle, our administration will revamp the local government structure.

We will:

- Establish three new constituency councils in Castries
- Establish two new constituency councils in Gros Islet
- Vest authority in all councils to collect property tax
- Vest authority in all councils to retain and utilize 50% of property tax collected for the maintenance of roads and general upkeep of local amenities
- Construct/establish Administrative Centres in select locations to facilitate the decentralization of government services.
- Facilitate the establishment of Constituency Development Foundations as instruments to lead local economic development efforts



Public Sector Modernization

e-Government

COVID-19 has delivered a new urgency to our people. The last two years demonstrate the need to fully transition to a process that enables all to be engaged. Already we provide 164 online services which the public can access and we will add several more. Our government will provide the avenues through which citizens and other stakeholders can engage in constructive discourse, consensus building and policy shaping. Digital skills for civic participation will also be developed following the conduct of a National Digital Literacy Audit.

Saint Lucia is ready for e-Participation and the opportunity to advance our mission of “Building a new Saint Lucia”.

We will:

- Launch a Citizen Empowerment Government e-Participation Portal – “SLU Engaged”.

Public consultations will be channeled through this specialized portal designed to facilitate online deliberations and coordinate public input. The intention is to make public engagement more productive and shift from “passive” to “active” forms of engagement.

- Facilitate an Ideas Pool Innovation Management (Crowdsourcing) Platform

Citizens will be allowed to identify and discuss development challenges, in a transparent and democratic way. This has the potential to unleash creative ideas.

- Establish a Q&A Digital Helpdesk & Artificial Intelligence Powered Support Chatbot

The government will invest in Artificial Intelligence powered Chatbots to provide the convenience of 24-hour self-service support to citizens seeking information. This Helpdesk will channel questions to the relevant government officers.



ENHANCING THE CAPACITY OF PUBLIC SERVANTS / PUBLIC SERVICE TRAINING INSTITUTION

A more efficient Public Service will be required as we have to realize our dream of creating a new Saint Lucia. The UWP is committed to the restructuring of our Public Service to enable it to better serve our people and facilitate the upward mobility of public servants. Our focus on e-government demands that we begin to elevate the skills of our public servants. This will be done through a viable and improved public service training programme administered through Sir Arthur Lewis Community College.

PUBLIC FINANCE MANAGEMENT

Public Procurement

The Government of Saint Lucia is currently undertaking a number of public procurement reforms in an effort to build efficiency, transparency and confidence in the overall procurement process. The reforms are wide ranging and will lead to cost savings especially as government spends approximately 25 percent of its annual budget on procurement.



Funding Our Development Agenda



To fund our development agenda for Saint Lucia, will do so through employing a doing-more-with-less approach, which seeks to maximize citizen value for every dollar spent. Our approach of aligning dedicated revenue streams to specific investment items, such as the road improvement tax which has clearly borne much fruit, will continue to feature as part of the UWP broader tax administration policy. The anticipated growth in the economic activity from UWP policies post the Pandemic will continue to grow the economy and broaden the tax base without increasing the tax burden on our citizens.

Therefore, to fund these initiatives the UWP will:

- Continue use of the road tax for road maintenance and construction
- Leverage the Citizenship by Investment Programme and the National Economic Development Fund as a vehicle for fund economic and social transformation.
- Utilize secured project funding from donor and development agencies for projects approved in the Medium-Term Development Strategy.
- Diversify our portfolio of development financing agencies to increase access to funding at more concessional terms.



The following are some public and private sector projects currently in progress and to be implemented as we continue to build a new Saint Lucia.

Key Government Projects

- North South Highway
- St Jude's Hospital and University
- Police Headquarters
- Gros Islet Police Station
- Court Houses
- Millennium Highway & West Coast Road
- Cul de Sac Port
- HIA Redevelopment
- Cruise Port Vieux Fort
- Pointe Seraphine Redevelopment
- Flushing System Rodney Bay Marina
- Sandy Beach Development

Key Private Sector Investments

- Cabot Development
- Grand Hyatt Hotel
- Sugar Beach Hotel
- Cannelles Hotel Development
- Desert Star Holdings Development
- Marriott Courtyard Pointe Seraphine
- Development of Pope's Hill Gros Islet
- Expansion of CPJ
- Construction of Cheriki Building
- Orange Grove Complex
- Rex Saint Lucian Hotel
- St James Club Hotel
- Choc Hyatt Hotel





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