

DELIVERING A SECURE FUTURE FOR ST. KITTS AND NEVIS

THE PEOPLES LABOUR PARTY'S INAUGURAL MANIFESTO

“Our Contract with the People”

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Creating more jobs.
Protecting our people.**

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FOREWORD

By the Prime Minister of St. Kitts and Nevis, and Party Leader of PLP



St. Kitts and Nevis can have a safe and secure future. We have the chance to give our children a much better quality of life than what was given to us. We can have a future where people receive the protection they deserve, through programmes like PAP and STEP, and where they can walk safely down the streets, without fear.

Our future can have a growing economy, driven by a revived agricultural and fisheries sector with ever increasing small businesses and a vibrant creative arts industry. We can have a future with real jobs, meaningful jobs, highly paid jobs which give our young people the opportunities they deserve to enhance themselves.

Our future can be bright and secure, but we must work for it. It will take experienced, tested leadership accountable to you and committed to delivering for you. The Peoples Labour Party (PLP) is the only political party of the people, for the people, and accountable to the people of the

Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis, and that is why we have entered into our Contract with the People. This is more than a manifesto; this is more than a promise; this is a plan that can be delivered because you can trust the PLP to be accountable to you.

Our Contract with the People clearly outlines how the PLP will protect the people during our coming term in office. It sets out how we will grow the economy and create more jobs. The PLP will always be accountable to you, the people. Our Contract with the People binds us together as we work to deliver a secure future for you and your family.

If you want a better, secure future, you have to vote for it. A vote for any other party will send you, your finances and your family backwards. On August 5th vote for your PLP candidate, vote for the saw.

Let's work together and deliver a secure future for all.

Timothy Harris

Dr. The Hon. Timothy Harris
Prime Minister
Leader of the Peoples Labour Party

TRIBUTE

Honouring the life of The Late Ambassador Plenipotentiary, His Excellency Vance Winkworth Amory (1946-2022)



This inaugural Peoples Labour Party (PLP) Manifesto is being launched some 16 weeks after the death of H.E. Vance W. Amory who departed this life on April 2, 2022. We consider it a fit and proper honour to dedicate this historic publication to Ambassador and former Premier Amory as, in our view, there is no one more deserving than this true and genuine friend of PLP.

Our Federation is still reeling from the shock of Ambassador Amory's untimely passing, which took place amidst growing discontent among the leadership of two of the three parties comprising the Team Unity Movement in which he had invested so much in developing and launching some nine years prior. Ambassador Amory's sage advice was for PLP to remain true to national unity even if no one else was willing to do so.

He admonished us to keep putting the people of our Country first in all things. He further admonished us to stay the course, "hold strain" and to do right by all manner of persons, as our sacred Oaths of Office demanded.

We in the PLP remain fully committed to National Unity – borne out of a genuine care and responsibility for the welfare of our Nation and our beloved people.

We remain resolute to the task of our Country's advancement and this commitment is what drives us to secure a solid General Election mandate from you, the people – a mandate from which to govern our Federation and to build on the strong record of gains, reliefs, stellar leadership and quality of life improvements which this PLP-led Government has consistently brought to you, our people over the past seven years.

We salute the memory and statesmanship of the late Ambassador Vance Amory. We pray for continued rest to his soul and march towards victory for our people, strengthened by his wise parting words about the St. Kitts and Nevis he loved so much.

OUR INAUGURAL MANIFESTO

Our Contract with the People of St. Kitts and Nevis

The PLP is the youngest and fastest growing political party in the Caribbean. We are a modern, forward thinking party, always looking for new ways to serve the people and deliver for them.

Unlike the other parties, who have had their time and failed you, the PLP is committed to steadfast growth in all spheres of life and will continue working on your behalf. We are not bound by traditional ways of doing things and that is why we have a historic number of women on our team in this election, which is the largest in comparison to the other political parties.

In our inaugural manifesto, we have entered into our Contract with the People because we are serious about being accountable to you and about delivering a secure future for you.

This election is about trust. It is about who you trust to deliver for the people who you trust to deliver for the people; who you trust to provide you and your family with a secure future; who you trust to provide you with the government support that you need and to continue increasing your pay cheque.

This election is about whose leadership you trust, and which team is able to deliver a secure future for you.

You know you can trust the PLP to manage the economy in these uncertain global times. You know you can trust the PLP to protect you, with programmes like PAP, STEP, and Improve the Peace Programme. You know you can trust the PLP to create jobs through real investment in our infrastructure. You know you can trust the PLP to be your champion.

You know you can trust the PLP to deliver a secure future for you and not take you and your family backwards. You know you can trust the PLP to deliver for you because we have a Contract with the People to hold us accountable to you.

The PLP believes in a future where people in need are protected, where you feel safe in your communities, where real jobs, good jobs are created, and where our economy is growing.

St Kitts and Nevis cannot afford to go backwards. Now is not the time to choose inexperienced and lazy leadership, there is too much at stake.

In these uncertain times, our Contract with the People will ensure we deliver the safer, prosperous, secure future the people of St Kitts and Nevis deserve.

OUR ACHIEVEMENTS IN GOVERNMENT

A look at the last seven years 2015-2022

Thanks to PLP leadership in government over the last seven years (2015-2022), St. Kitts and Nevis has seen safer streets, a reduction in the cost of living, and an improvement in the quality of life for its citizens and residents.

As the fastest-growing political party in St. Kitts and Nevis, we are proud of our key achievements in government:

- Paying off the Douglas' regime **\$117 Million IMF Debt** in 2016 and restoring our country's international reputation;
- Delivering safer streets by reducing the rate of homicides and violent crimes through the Alternative Lifestyle Programme (also known as **the Peace Programme**);
- Assisting over **5,000 families** with monthly financial support through the **Poverty Alleviation Programme (PAP)**;
- Helping over **3,000 homeowners** recover from hurricane damage through the **Roof Repair Programme**;
- Constructing **bigger and better homes** across the Federation;
- Ensuring **essential skills training** of our young people through the **STEP Programme**;
- **Redeeming over 800 acres** of land from the Land for Debt Swap arrangement for use by the residents in Cayon, Lodge, Lamberts and Sandy Point;
- Delivering **justice to over 2,400 former Sugar Workers** and their beneficiaries through payments from the Sugar Workers Restoration Fund;
- Substantially increasing the **Monthly Budgetary Support to the Nevis Island Administration**;
- Delivering **four consecutive years** of payment of an **extra month's salary** to Civil Servants and employees at statutory corporations;
- Generating more money in Peoples pocket by **removing VAT** from all food and medical supplies and funeral expenses;
- Looking after Government Auxiliary Employees (**GAEs**) by **reinstating the annual honorarium**;
- **Upgrading** the **Mary Charles Hospital** and introducing the **Oncology Wing** at the JNF General Hospital;
- **Modernising** our nation's infrastructure through the rehabilitation of **Old Road Bay**, resurfacing of the **Island Main Road** and the construction of the **second cruise pier**;
- Delivered on our **Good Governance Agenda** by passing the **Freedom of Information Act**, commencing the operationalisation of the **Integrity in Public Life Act**, and passing legislation to establish a timeline on when a Motion of No Confidence should be brought to Parliament.



OUR POLICIES AT A GLANCE

PLP's Flagship Policies for 2022-2027

Your PLP Government will deliver a secure future for St. Kitts and Nevis by growing the economy, creating more jobs and protecting our people.

We will **grow the economy** by:



- Keeping business taxes low
- Providing incubation spaces to support business start-ups
- Reducing VAT from 17% to 10% before eliminating it
- Building out the medicinal cannabis industry
- Boosting our tourism product with two additional Five (5) Star International Hotel Brands
- Making trade easier by expanding the terminal at RLB International Airport

We will **create more jobs** by:



- Establishing two new business incubators, to create more job creators
- Introducing a graduate programme to help recent graduates transition into work
- Creating more apprenticeships and mentoring programmes
- for young people Constructing 2,000 new homes for lower and middle income families
- Modernising and developing our infrastructure, thereby creating new jobs

OUR POLICIES AT A GLANCE

PLP's Flagship Policies for 2022-2027

We will **protect our people** by:



- Making GAE workers pensionable, so that you can have a secure future
- Increasing the PAP from \$500 a month to \$1000 a month, from 1st September 2022
- Introducing a financial assistance programme for single mothers to supplement incomes under \$3000



- Making public sector STEP workers permanent, giving you greater security
- Creating a university education account of \$5000 for every child
- Providing hurricane damage relief assistance

A SECURE FUTURE

Only PLP can deliver a secure future for St. Kitts and Nevis



The PLP will deliver a secure future for *FAMILIES* by:

- Increasing PAP from September 1st to put more money in your pocket
- Reducing VAT to 10% before eliminating it, keeping prices low.
- Building more, and bigger, homes so you can have somewhere safe and more comfortable to live.
- Introducing universal health insurance so you can get care when you need it.
- Enhancing the Peace Programme so our streets remain safe.
- Creating a new fund for tertiary education expenses so your children can get support towards earning a university education.
- Making GAE workers pensionable, so that you can have a secure future.
- Back to school items now duty free to save you money.

The PLP will deliver a secure future for the *YOUNG PEOPLE* by:

- Enhancing the Peace Programme so our streets remain safe.
- Introducing a graduate programme to help recent graduates transition into work.
- Building more, and bigger, homes so you can have somewhere safe to live.
- Creating job opportunities by investing in new industries.

The PLP will deliver a secure future and *MORE JOBS* by:

- Investing in fisheries, agriculture and tourism to grow the economy.
- Providing a new house-building program to create more jobs.
- Investing in roads and construction projects to create new jobs.
- Making public sector STEP workers permanent, giving you greater security.
- Making GAE workers pensionable, so you can have a secure future.

The PLP will deliver a secure future for *BUSINESSES* by:

- Reducing VAT to 10% before eliminating it, keeping prices low.
- Upgrading roads to make it easier to transport your goods.
- Making trade easier by expanding the terminal at RLB International Airport.
- Keeping Corporation Tax and Unincorporated Business Tax low so your business can thrive.
- Establishing business incubators so your business can grow with the right support.

THE TEAM THAT WILL DELIVER

PLP's full slate of eight candidates to contest the General Election in St. Kitts

#1

VOTE JACQUELINE
BRYAN

DELIVERING A SECURE FUTURE.

PEOPLES LABOUR



#2

VOTE NUBIAN
GREAU

DELIVERING A SECURE FUTURE.

PEOPLES LABOUR



#3

VOTE AKILAH
BYRON-NISBETT

DELIVERING A SECURE FUTURE.

PEOPLES LABOUR



#4

VOTE KENDALE
LIBURD

DELIVERING A SECURE FUTURE.

PEOPLES LABOUR



#5

VOTE STACHIO
WILLIAMS

DELIVERING A SECURE FUTURE.

PEOPLES LABOUR



#6

VOTE DR. MARC
WILLIAMS

DELIVERING A SECURE FUTURE.

PEOPLES LABOUR



#7

VOTE DR. TIMOTHY
HARRIS

DELIVERING A SECURE FUTURE.

PEOPLES LABOUR



#8

VOTE ANDREW
"TALBO" BASS

DELIVERING A SECURE FUTURE.

PEOPLES LABOUR





OUR CONTRACT WITH THE PEOPLE

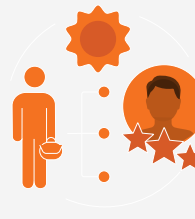
The policy details of how your PLP Government will deliver a secure future. Your PLP Government will deliver a secure future by:

Growing and Diversifying the Economy



Building on our success at economic management, your PLP Government will continue to grow the economy by providing tax relief, pursuing economic diversification, and focusing on digitisation and innovation.

Creating More Jobs and Opportunities for Young People



PLP is committed to creating more jobs and providing more opportunities to young people through entrepreneurship, skills development and training.

Improving our People's Quality of Life



Only a PLP Government is committed to ensuring that all our citizens and residents live comfortable lives with dignity, protecting our children's future and supporting young mothers. Every citizen and resident should have quality housing, a liveable wage and access support when it is needed.

Protecting our People's Health



PLP firmly believes that our Nation's wealth is forever tied to our Nation's health. Our goal is to build a resilient and stronger healthcare sector through continuous improvements to facilities and services, and the roll out of national health insurance.

Keeping our Streets and Borders Safe



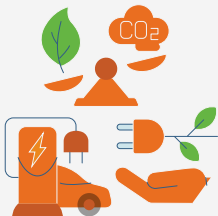
Only a PLP Government is committed to maintaining and enhancing the Peace Programme, which has led to our Nation having safer streets and a decline in serious crimes. PLP is also committed to fairer immigration policies for CARICOM, CARIFORUM and Diaspora Citizens.

Improving Infrastructure and Public Services



Your PLP Government will advance infrastructural development and enhance our public services to better serve our citizens and residents.

Protecting our Environment



Your PLP Government is committed to protecting our precious natural resources and taking action to protect our environment and build climate resilience in a sustainable way.

Strengthening our Governance



It is strong PLP leadership which brought the good governance agenda into the spotlight of national discourse, and we will build on our successes in this area to advance this agenda. PLP will also continue to work to improve relations between the Federal Government and the Nevis Island Administration.

Growing and Diversifying the Economy

-  ***Tax Relief***
-  ***Tourism & the Allied Services***
-  ***Manufacturing & Trade***
-  ***Agriculture & The Blue Economy***
-  ***ICT & Innovation***
-  ***Medium, Small & Medium-sized Enterprises***
-  ***Economic Diversification***

Growing and Diversifying the Economy

Tax Relief

Your PLP Government will:

1. Maintain the Unincorporated Business Tax (UBT) Rate at 2% to make it easier for small businesses to thrive and to encourage the development of new entrepreneurs;
2. Maintain the Corporate Tax rate at 25% for companies who have retained at least 75% of their pre-pandemic staff levels; and
3. Reduce VAT from 17% to 10% before eliminating it, thereby keeping prices low for all.

Tourism & the Allied Services

Your PLP Government will:

1. Attract Foreign Direct Investment or Joint Venture in the establishment of an All-Inclusive, branded hotel and 2 additional “Five Star” International Hotel Brands;
2. Redesign & expand Tourism Marketing Programmes to attract stayover tourists from Europe, particularly key EU member States and Scandinavia;
3. Transition the CFBC Hospitality Division into a Comprehensive Hotel Training Academy to better prepare our people for jobs in the hotel and tourism sector, including frontline customer service, back office operations, management, room service, and food and beverage;
4. Refurbish and renovate the Eco Park at Cranstoun Estate as well as develop new product offerings for the Park;
5. Negotiate with existing airlines and potential new carriers to the Federation in order to improve airlift and obtain cheaper airfares from our major source markets like the USA and UK; and
6. Expand and rehabilitate RLB International Airport to increase our tourism potential.

Manufacturing & Trade

Your PLP Government will:

1. Complete, launch and implement the Revised National Manufacturing Strategy which will help local entrepreneurs develop and market their goods and products;
2. Boost export of local goods by establishing an Export Processing Zone and providing export readiness support including leveraging existing trade agreements, and streamlining port access, warehousing and shipment preparation;
3. Attract new, high-end electronic assembly plants to the Federation;
4. Broaden service offerings by the Small Business Development Centre (SBDC) within the Ministry of Trade & Industry to better support small businesses; and
5. Complete the Renovation, Expansion & Capacity-building programme at the Bureau of Standards and Multi-purpose Laboratory in order to widen its services, including product and air quality testing, design, registration and monitoring in line with international standards.

Agriculture & the Blue Economy

Your PLP Government will:

1. Improve land use policies to maximise crop yields from the same plots;
2. Develop an Agro-Biz programme to create more farming entrepreneurs;
3. Incorporate innovation and ICTs in agriculture and fisheries development to ease the burden on agricultural businesses, including field automation, renewable energy supply, and digital market platforms and tools;
4. Invest in and expand soil-free aquaponics for small crops like lettuce, peppers and broccoli;
5. Support the development of backyard and container gardening, to reduce reliance on imports, provide healthy foods that families consume, and reduce weekly grocery bills;
6. Develop deep sea fishing practices and expand the fish spawning/hatchery sector by investing in equipment, facilities and training;
7. Develop new fisheries facilities in Dieppe Bay, Sandy Point and Palmetto Point to enable fishing communities to expand their trade.

Information and Communications Technologies (ICTs) & Innovation

Your PLP Government will:

1. Complete the Deloitte Project regarding Digitisation of the Economy, which will facilitate more and better online service delivery across the entire public sector;
2. Undertake a Legislative Review E-commerce/ digital-based commercial activity to better facilitate and promote the growth of e-commerce;
3. Collaborate with the Eastern Caribbean Currency Union towards the advancement of a safe, regulatory environment for crypto currency, including D-cash, Bitcoin, etc.; and
4. Support The Cable with the establishment of an internationally competitive Tier 3/4 Data Centre that offers key data storage, backup and recovery, management and networking solutions to regional governments, and private sector entities.

Micro, Small & Medium-sized Enterprises (MSMEs)

Your PLP Government will:

1. Update Legislation for MSMEs, based on the new CARICOM Model Bill to facilitate freedom of movement of MSMEs across the region;
2. Establish Business Incubators in urban and rural areas so that small business start-ups can access the right support with low overheads;
3. Develop business parks and centres within the urban and rural areas, through public-private sector partnerships, to stimulate greater economic activity and free enterprise throughout St. Kitts and Nevis;
4. Provide a Special Fiscal Incentive Package for existing businesses that choose to open branches in rural areas, in order to stimulate economic activity and the creation of new jobs outside of Basseterre; and
5. Widen Small Business Development Centre's (SBDC's) support to the private sector in the areas of supply chain sector interruptions, inventory management and procurement systems and dealing with international transshipment challenges.

Economic Diversification

Your PLP Government will:

1. Undertake aggressive investment promotion to attract light manufacturing in sectors such as electronics, including semi-conductors; food and beverage; home furnishings and interior décor;
2. Heighten international marketing efforts to target the international Research and Development (R&D) sector investments in St. Kitts and Nevis;
3. Create an enabling environment for joint venture partnerships between foreign companies and local, indigenous businesses, while ensuring that our indigenous business partners' interests are protected; and
4. Intensify its focus on the development of the Services Sector, with international marketing and promotional efforts to drive service-driven, foreign investment to our shores.

The Marijuana Industry

Your PLP Government will:

1. Successfully build out the medicinal cannabis industry in St. Kitts and Nevis, to realise economic and health benefits;
2. Make licenses and land accessible to traditional cultivators;
3. Encourage the development of sectors such as extraction and manufacturing, retail, research, testing, and product development; and
4. Consider legislation to expedite the expungement of the record of people convicted with marijuana incidences solely, and take relevant steps to ensure the release of those persons who are incarcerated for the usage of marijuana solely.

Creating more Jobs & Opportunities for Young People

-  ***Entrepreneurship***
-  ***Access to Land***
-  ***Skills and Professional Development***

Creating more Jobs & Opportunities for Young People

Entrepreneurship

Your PLP Government will:

1. Establish two (2) new business incubators in the urban and rural districts on St. Kitts;
2. Develop a structured Business Mentoring Programme that will allow entrepreneurs, especially younger people, to get the support and assistance they need to give their businesses the best start they can; and
3. Continue to expand and support the development of the entertainment and creative industries, through the good work of the Ministry of Entertainment.

Access to Land

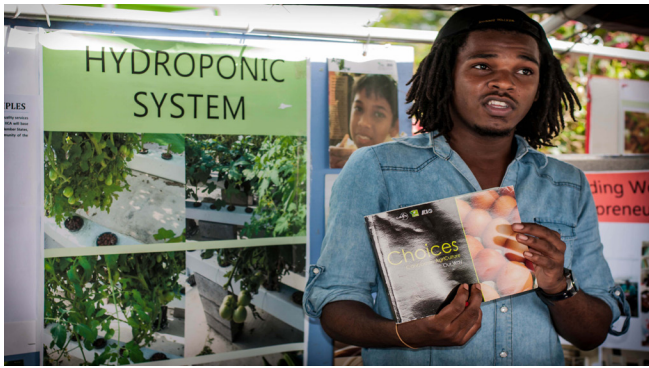
Your PLP Government will:

1. Develop a youth land policy in its first year of office to prioritise land distribution to people 35 years and under; and
2. Implement a New Smart Land Management Programme throughout the Federation. Infrastructure, land usage and allocation plans would be used for efficient and sustainable development in agriculture, construction, and housing services.

Skills and Professional Development

Your PLP Government will:

1. Introduce a graduate programme to help recent graduates to gain professional experience and entrepreneurial skills, and to facilitate their smooth integration into the workforce.
2. Establish mentorship and apprenticeship programmes to assist young people with skills training and professional development;
3. Complete the Education Sector Reform Project that prioritises technical and vocational training across the board; and
4. Ensure that AVEC becomes an internationally certified institution that focuses on Technical and Vocational Education and Management studies so young people can become specialised professionals in their respective areas.



**DR. THE
HONOURABLE
TIMOTHY HARRIS**



**DELIVERING A
SECURE FUTURE**

The Most Trusted Leader to Manage The Economy

There is only one leader who has proven he can manage and grow the economy of St Kitts and Nevis, especially during difficult times. That leader is Prime Minister and the PLP leader, Dr the Hon Timothy Sylvester Harris.

This election is being held in a climate where economic and political experts agree the world could be on the brink of a global recession. These warning signs are getting louder by the day. In these uncertain, global economic times, St Kitts and Nevis needs an experienced leader who has been tried and tested to guide our economy through the upcoming storm.

Dr Timothy Harris is that leader. He has held key economic posts throughout his parliamentary career and knows how to effectively manage the finances of our Country.

It was Dr Timothy Harris who brought our budget into surplus, paying off the Nation's debt so more money could be spent on health, education, building better roads, all while keeping the cost of living pressures to a minimum.

It was Dr Timothy Harris who freed our Nation from Labour's IMF debt, paying off Labour's debt and keeping our money here in our Federation rather than going to the IMF. This meant we could pay government workers double salaries; it meant we could cut taxes to reduce pressures on cost of living; and it meant we could create more jobs, real jobs especially for our young people.

When the COVID pandemic hit, it was Dr Timothy Harris who kept our economy strong and ensured that our people were protected through government payments and government assistance.

All this was achieved with no increases in taxes, no increases in charges and no new taxes introduced. That is what good economic management can deliver, real benefits to the people without taking money away from them.

Dr Timothy Harris has a strong plan to grow our economy so it can continue to protect the people and continue to create even more jobs, all of which will deliver a more prosperous and secure future for the people of St Kitts and Nevis.



***\$500 a month in support of
over 4000 households.***

***Only PLP is
Committed to
Keep the PAP
Alive.***

Only the PLP has committed to keeping PAP as it is.







Only the PLP has committed to increasing PAP.

Labour admitted they will end the existing PAP.

Labour would introduce a two tiered PAP system.

Labour would introduce an evaluation system whereby people will go into your homes and judge who is not deserving of PAP.

Improving our Peoples Quality of Life

-  ***Poverty Alleviation Programme***
-  ***A Liveable Income***
-  ***Support for Young Mothers***
-  ***Our Children's Future***
-  ***Housing***
-  ***Wages and Severance***

Improving our Peoples Quality of Life

Poverty Alleviation Programme

Your PLP Government will:

1. Increase the PAP from \$500 a month to \$1000 a month, from 1st September 2022;
2. Expand the number of families that would benefit from the PAP programme.

A Liveable Income

Your PLP Government will:

1. Establish a liveable income of \$3000 monthly. Any person making less than this amount will qualify to gain assistance from the government through one of its social safety net programmes, so that each month no worker should have less than \$3000 in his/her pocket;
2. Ensure that all police officers, nurses teachers, defence force personnel receive a minimum salary of \$3000 per month; and
3. Consider the possibility of raising the minimum wage.

Support for Young Mothers

Your PLP Government will:

1. Create an on the job work experience programme to develop new skill sets;
2. Introduce a Child Care Allowance of \$500 for parents making less than \$3000 per month; and
3. Institute a free after-hours Child Care Programme to allow women to further their academic development, skill sets and to increase their income.

Improving our Peoples Quality of Life

Our Children's Future

Your PLP Government will:

1. Create a university education account of \$5000 in each child's name at National Bank, which will mature when they attain the age of 18, making university a reality for many more young people;
2. Bolster our Nation's Maternal, Child Health and Family Health programmes at our primary health care facilities and within the primary and secondary school settings;
3. Finalise the United Nations (UN) ratification process regarding the Optional Protocols for the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC), in order to prevent trafficking in children and involvement of children in armed conflict, among other related matters; and
4. Renovate and expand residential care and court-appointed services offered by New Horizons Rehabilitation Center to children in crisis.

Housing

Your PLP Government will:

1. Construct 2,000 new housing solutions for lower and middle income families around the island of St. Kitts, particularly in marginalised and growing communities;
2. Provide duty free concessions to assist college/university graduates to build, purchase or renovate their first home. This will help them in making the transition faster from being a renter to being a property owner, while enabling them to move quicker into raising families and building their net worth; and
3. Extend the reduction in the annual land and house taxes for first-time homeowners.

Wages and Severance

Your PLP Government will:

1. Ensure that all statutory bodies instituted by government receive wage increases; and
2. Ensure that employees who are entitled to severance payments, will access such in a reasonable time frame.

Protecting our Peoples Health

 ***Facilities and Services***

 ***National Health Insurance***

Protecting our Peoples Health

Facilities and Services

Your PLP Government will:

1. Sustain our response to the COVID-19 pandemic, to effectively respond to other emerging health emergencies (monkeypox) and maintain response to endemic communicable diseases;
2. Reduce the impact of Non-Communicable Diseases (CNCDS) which is our biggest health challenge;
3. Establish a Cardiac Catheterization Unit to perform diagnostic and treatment catheterization services, so as to reduce morbidity and mortality due to cardiac disorders;
4. Establish a National Cancer Registry to augment the prevention and control of the leading cancers such as: breast, colon, cervical cancers, prostate cancer;
5. Establish a Colposcopy Unit at JNF General Hospital to appropriately manage patients with cervical cancer;
6. Implement a comprehensive palliative care and pain management programme and services for the terminally ill;
7. Implement Substance Abuse prevention & treatment programmes and services with emphasis on substances including alcohol and cannabis;
8. Implement health information systems to improve efficiency of services accessed at the Federal Office of the Ministry of Health and improve efficiency of services at all 17 health centers and four (4) hospitals in the Federation;
9. Offer Basic Mammography services at JNF General Hospital to eliminate barriers to breast cancer screening;
10. Provide Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) services onsite at JNF General Hospital; and
11. Enhance Primary Health Care services and treatments to diabetics, in an effort to reduce the number of amputations, so as to ensure that patients maintain a high quality of life, preservation

Protecting our Peoples Health

National Health Insurance

Your PLP Government will:

1. Establish the initial phase of the National Health Insurance system that will initially focus on the vulnerable, the very young, and the very old;
2. Provide all medical practitioners with ongoing professional training so that they provide passionate empathetic care;
3. Keep children's healthcare free up to the age of 16; and
4. Conduct an overall analysis of the health system, looking for areas for enhancement in infrastructure and human resources.



Your PLP Government will deliver a **LIVE-ABLE INCOME** so that every worker can meet their basic needs and ease their burden on the global economic pressures.

The PLP Liveable Income will:

Reverse the trend of the declining real value of minimum wage;

Alleviate poverty among working people at the bottom of the pay scale;

Benefit working families by increasing the overall income of the family;

Reduce wage inequality by strengthening low-wage workers' bargaining power in the job market;

Stimulate the economy through increased consumer spending and the money multiplier effect.



PLP's Successes in Improving Healthcare in St. Kitts and Nevis

PLP's strong leadership in government over the last seven years (2015-2022) delivered:

Procurement of C-Arm Machine to facilitate the offering of cardiac catheterization services at JNF General Hospital;

Procurement of Point of Care (POC) testing machines at JNF General Hospital, which reduces the length of time to get basic laboratory results;

Subsidization of out-of-pocket fees for chemotherapy and hemodialysis services at JNF General Hospital;

Strengthened prevention and screening services for NCDS like Diabetes, to reduce complications including amputations, and end stage kidney disease;

Successfully contained four waves of COVID-19 infections and currently containing the 5th wave;

Achievement of one of the highest COVID-19 vaccination coverage rates of 56.9% (57 %) of the total population being fully vaccinated in the Caribbean sub-region;

Border surveillance and health system strengthening through the exigencies of the COVID-19 response;

Maintenance of the Elimination of Mother to Child Transmission of HIV & Syphilis (EMTCT) validation status (since 2017);

Recruitment of new specialists: - a second psychiatrist, a urologist and a vascular specialist;

Recruitment of specialist nurses to increase the delivery capacity and the quality of health services.

Keeping our Streets and Borders Safe

-  ***Safer Streets***
-  ***Immigration and Border Management***
-  ***Emergency and Disaster Management***

Keeping our Streets and Borders Safe

Safer Streets

Your PLP Government will:

1. Remain committed to the PEACE Programme to ensure that it creates jobs and that individuals on the programme be provided with positive outlets and employment options;
2. Prioritise Community Policing to ensure that the police can build trust with the residents whom they serve; and
3. Develop a sex-offender registry to help with the protection of our youth and vulnerable from sexual predators.

Immigration and Border Management

Your PLP Government will:

1. Fast track and streamline citizenship applications for descendants of our diaspora citizens, particularly those in the USA, other CARIFORUM Countries, and the United Kingdom (UK);
2. Reduce the number of years for acquiring citizenship from 14 years to 7 years, thereby embracing and supporting our CARICOM, CARIFORUM and Diaspora Citizens;
3. Change the work permit policy, empowering employees with the ability to control and secure their own future. Any person who legitimately resides in the Federation should be able to have access to a work permit for the approved duration of their stay up to twelve (12) months; and
4. Carry out an amnesty programme to regularise the status of immigrant residents in St. Kitts and Nevis.

Emergency and Disaster Management

Your PLP Government will:

1. Establish Decentralised Warehousing for Disaster Mitigation and Management, at Sandy Point and Tabernacle to provide rapid assistance to people when there is an emergency;
2. Commission and expand the Emergency Command Centre at NEMA, with full integration with private and public sector telecommunications providers and the National Telecommunications Regulatory Commission (NTRC);
3. Provide legislative and/or regulatory support to strengthen the operational mandate of NEMA; and
4. Create a Climate Resilience Fund to bolster the Nation's preparedness, emergency response to emergencies and disasters, and to strengthen the assistance provided by NEMA to affected communities.

Enhancing Public Services and Infrastructure

-  ***Education***
-  ***Sports Development***
-  ***Arts, Culture & Heritage***
-  ***Social and Community Services***
-  ***Infrastructure Build-out & Rehabilitation***
-  ***Urban & Rural Revitalisation***

Enhancing Public Services and Infrastructure

Education

Your PLP Government will:

1. Transform educational curriculum and delivery modes to meet our society's modern demands. This in turn, will assist in equipping our professionals to meet the technological needs of traditional and new emerging trades;
2. Focus on academical and vocational skills to ensure that all children excel no matter where their strength lies. We will ensure each child develops his/her full potential, be it in entertainment, sports or vocational work;
3. Provide every student with a 21st century education that will cultivate the skills, mindsets, and literacies needed to become lifelong learners and contributors in our ever-changing world;
4. Transition the CFBC Hospitality Division into a Comprehensive Hotel Training Academy to better prepare our people for jobs in the hotel and tourism sector, including frontline customer service, back office operations, management, room service, and food and beverage;
5. Heighten promotion of modern languages, numeracy and language skills in schools at all levels, in order to ensure that more of our young people leave school ready for work, either in the public or private sector, or as entrepreneurs;
6. Ensure that our people will be better able to take advantage of employment and business opportunities in the rest of the Caribbean Basin and beyond, where English is not the dominant language;
7. Improve budgetary support for additional devices to be made available to our primary, secondary and tertiary level students, in order to improve their access to online educational resources for research; and further facilitate online education, completion of homework, SBAs, term papers, etc;
8. Undertake an extensive audit of the home networking requirements for students, in partnership with local telecommunications providers, such as The Cable – in order to ensure that connectivity is maximized and online educational access is further facilitated;
9. Provide economic support to a wider range of university students.

Enhancing Public Services and Infrastructure

Sports Development

Your PLP Government will:

1. Allocate \$10 million to jump start the professionalisation of cricket, football, netball and track and field;
2. Develop a domestic 20/20 tournament where five or six teams engage to create a ready market for our sports professionals;
3. Develop female cricket leagues, up to the level of 20/20 and test cricket qualifiers; and
4. Develop an aquatic centre to provide opportunities for our young people to learn to swim, compete, and to essentially become an Olympian.

Arts, Culture & Heritage

Your PLP Government will:

1. Create new educational and tourism offerings by showcasing our heritage, including our Country's history of slavery and sugar production; and
2. Establish a state of the art National Centre for the Performing Arts, to enhance our nation's creative industry and to preserve our traditional folklore such as masquerade and quadrille dancing, calypso, and other local art forms.

Enhancing Public Services and Infrastructure

Social & Community Services

Your PLP Government will:

1. Replicate the Saddlers' Home Model in Sandy Point and along the eastern domain of the island, in order to enhance professional care delivery for our senior citizens;
2. Construct Day Care Centres for the elderly in East, Central and West Basseterre, as well as Cayon and Sandy Point;
3. Complete centralization of all Government social safety net programming under the Ministry of Social Services, particularly via the Single Household Registry and the national database, to facilitate case management and data-informed policy development for beneficiaries;
4. Establish a 24-hour Safe Space for vulnerable young women and children who are experiencing challenging situations, as a transitional home;
5. Develop a National Centre of Excellence for Ageing and Gender Studies, to appropriately respond to the needs of our senior citizens, including social inclusion and connectedness; and address gender specific challenges to the full participation of men and women in national development;
6. Further build-out of programming regarding the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, including improvement of access to public buildings and community-based institutions via aids such as ramps, elevators and braille signage; broad-based duty-free concessions on the importation of special purpose vehicles, etc;
7. Develop a Partnership with the National Telecommunications Regulatory Commission (NTRC) for St. Kitts and Nevis' inclusion in the Caribbean Video Assistance Service (CVAS) for the Blind and Deaf via video-enabled smartphones and computers which assist these differently abled persons with accessing and exiting buildings and public spaces on their own;
8. Construct a brand New Women's Training and Development Centre, that includes an emergency shelter for victims of domestic violence and their families, with full police presence;
9. Construct Senior Citizens Day Care Centres in Communities with ageing populations such as East Basseterre, St. Peter's, St. Paul, Sandy Point and Old Road/Verchids/ Middle Island; and
10. Construct new Community Centres in Half Way Tree and Saddlers/Parsons Villages.

Enhancing Public Services and Infrastructure

Infrastructure Build-out & Rehabilitation

Your PLP Government will:

1. Expand and rehabilitate R L B International Airport which has far outgrown its size, aircraft, and passenger and airline services capacity;
2. Develop a new marina to the East of Port Zante to transform and revitalise East Basseterre, and to offer additional marina capacity in downtown Basseterre;
3. Improve our secondary roads throughout St. Kitts and undertake feasibility studies to determine how best to reduce congestion in the built-up areas, also to improve road safety while creating access to the interior of the island by constructing bypass roads;
4. Rehabilitate through public/private collaboration, the SSMC Railway lines which continue to be neglected and remain a vital national asset. We will transform this railroad system into an efficient transportation mode for moving goods and services throughout the island of St. Kitts; and
5. Ensure that roads in all housing projects are completely paved and/or repaved.

Urban & Rural Revitalisation & Renewal

Your PLP Government will:

1. Develop public, and green spaces throughout the country in order to improve family, recreation and community life;
2. Build out public transportation connectivity in areas without public transport systems, including Bird Rock and Frigate Bay;
3. Implement the National Urban Resilience Plan within the Federation that incorporates the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Disaster Risk Reduction goals set out in the Sendai Framework, and responds to the population and household growth in urban areas over the past 22 years;
4. Launch and implement the New National Physical Development Plan; and
5. Introduce a sustainable plan for clearance of abandoned building in urban and rural areas, and also repurpose, where possible, vacant lots for productive uses.



PEACE Programme

Seven years ago, St. Kitts and Nevis was the murder capital of the world. Mothers would not know if their children would come home at night. People hid in their homes, businesses did not invest in certain areas and our people lived in a constant state of fear.

It wasn't until the election of Prime Minister Timothy Harris that we had a leader who was prepared to fix this problem that had been ignored for too long.

Working with the police, local youth groups and community leaders, as well as policy experts in the relevant fields, Prime Minister Harris built a diverse coalition of people from across the board to find real solutions to the troubles faced.

Due to the hard work and persistent leadership of Prime Minister Timothy Harris, a unique programme was delivered, known as the Peace Programme, that began healing the heartbreak of the past and resulted in our streets, our homes, and our communities being safe.

- The Peace Programme has kept our people safe;
- The Peace Programme has revitalised and united our communities;
- The Peace Programme has boosted business confidence to invest;
- The Peace Programme has created jobs and opportunities in local communities;
- The Peace Programme has given many young people a second chance;
- The Peace Programme has mended our country's reputation;

Only the PLP, under the leadership of Dr Timothy Harris will do what is needed to keep and strengthen the Peace Programme so our streets and our communities remain safe.

Renewable Energy

There are two very important instruments that will be reviewed by the Peoples Labour Party namely the current Energy Policy and the Energy Supply Act. The former will be used to provide guidance in the development of renewable energy projects and energy conservation efforts, while the latter will offer legal and institutional bases for creating sustainable energy programmes and services.

With a large geothermal resource and moderate-to-high wind and solar resources, St. Kitts and Nevis has sufficient renewable energy resource potential to meet some or all of its current and future electricity needs.

The key provisions of the National Energy Policy (NEP) require that all suppliers procure a license before generating electricity, that cannot exceed 25 years, which should accommodate nearly all renewable energy technologies even though some can have a longer usable lifetime.

Although electricity rates per kilowatt-hour (kWh) for St. Kitts and Nevis are lower than the regional average, we are heavily reliant on fossil fuels for electricity generation, leaving us vulnerable to global oil price fluctuations which directly impact the cost of electricity. The fuel charge for residential customers is currently subsidized.

Opportunities for Clean Energy Transformation: St. Kitts and Nevis have considerable renewable energy resources. WE ARE BLESSED WITH WIND, SUNSHINE AND TWO VOLCANOES.

The 35.6 MW solar energy plant and 44.2 MWh battery storage facility will be built on government provided land in the Basseterre Valley, adjacent to the City of Basseterre and the current SKELEC PowerStation. It will provide the residents of our twin-island Federation with a reliable and renewable clean energy source at an approximate cost savings of 20-25% compared to the current diesel-generated power system. The system will provide between 25-30% of the nation's current power generation needs, while displacing the same amount of diesel-generated capacity.

The solar storage project will help solidify the financial strength of SKELEC over the next 20+ years, while substantially reducing the islands' fuel cost over that period. The expected fuel avoidance cost from installing the solar farm will not only benefit the Federation's energy demand but also represent the most viable option for securing SKELEC's financial future.

The Peoples Labour Party will therefore put the Federation on a trajectory to becoming “the smallest green energy twin-island nation in the western hemisphere” where the principle goal is “to become a twin-island nation with a sustainable energy sector where reliable, renewable, clean, and affordable energy services are provided to all its citizens.”

Protecting our Environment

-  ***Energy & Waste***
-  ***Water Resources***
-  ***Marine Protection***
-  ***Climate Action & Resilience***
-  ***Smart Land Management***

Protecting our Environment

Energy & Waste

Your PLP Government will:

1. Review the current Energy Policy and Amendments to the Energy Supply Act to facilitate more renewable energy programmes, projects and services and to strengthen our conservation efforts;
2. Continue to build out the LeClanche solar energy project which entails the 35.6 MW solar energy plant and 44.2 MWh battery storage facility in the Basseterre Valley, to increase our reliable, renewable energy sources, thereby decreasing the cost of energy in the Federation;
3. Put the Federation on a trajectory to becoming the smallest green twin-island nation in the western hemisphere;
4. Encourage the use of car-pooling to cut down on fuel consumption, especially in the face of ever rising global fuel prices over which Government has no control;
5. Promote the use of public transport, particularly when engaging in non-essential travel;
6. Promote the switch to energy efficient lighting for residential and commercial properties; and
7. Build out the Solid Waste Management and Recycling Project between our Government and the Government of the Republic of China (Taiwan). The facility will sort, bale and pack recyclables, then ship out for processing.

Water Resources

Your PLP Government will:

1. Collaborate with the private sector to prioritise desalination to address water shortages, with a view to establishing at least one desalination plant on St. Kitts;
2. Amend the building codes to include residential and commercial water harvesting with the option of the construction of cisterns or the use of water reclamation for all new buildings. The Government will also adopt a national water conservation policy which reflects this amendment; and
3. Drill and commission new wells in Shadwell and Cayon to meet the potable water needs of residents in Basseterre, Cayon, Keys, and other surrounding communities.

Protecting our Environment

Marine Protection

Your PLP Government will:

1. Undertake an aggressive search for and implementation of solutions to stem proliferation of Sargassum seaweed that choke marine life, etc;
2. Enforce policies to prevent nearshore over-fishing and encourage deep sea fishing in areas that do not compromise fish hatching zones;
3. Engage in strong advocacy for anti-dumping practices, particularly of plastics which are not biodegradable and harm marine life;
4. Enact and implement legislation re: the ban on single use plastic bags;
5. Develop and enforce new regulations for the St. Kitts and Nevis Marine Management Area (SKNMMA);
6. Create an enabling environment for marine research and development programmes with reputable international businesses and educational institutions; and
7. Commission research and development into sargassum seaweed, to minimise the negative impact on our beaches and coastal life.

Climate Action & Resilience

Your PLP Government will:

1. Construct retaining walls at Fortlands, Irishtown Bay Road, New Guinea, Frigate Bay and Black Rocks;
2. Develop an Adaptation Strategy for the agricultural sector and the coastal and marine environments; and
3. Reinforce buffer zones along riverbanks, coastlines and wetlands using vegetation and engineering solutions.

Protecting our Environment

Smart Land Management & Building Codes

Your PLP Government will:

1. Implement a New Smart Land Management Programme throughout the Federation. Infrastructure, land usage and allocation plans would be used for efficient and sustainable development in agriculture, construction, housing, and manufacturing services.
2. Update building code legislation that incorporates stronger construction grade materials, hurricane-proof exterior walls, water catchment and cisterns, etc;
3. Enforce existing legislation and policies that prohibit construction in close proximity to ghaut sides and river banks;
4. Continue to improve the building code throughout the Federation, in order to incorporate green technologies, renewable energy, water harvesting for climate resilience and reduced energy costs; and
5. Enhance home construction to ensure that new houses are better able to withstand Category 4 and 5 hurricanes.

Strengthening our Governance

-  ***Public Sector Reform***
-  ***Electoral Reform***
-  ***Improving Federal Relations***

Strengthening our Governance

Public Sector Reform

Your PLP Government will:

1. Review and revamp the appointment system of the public service sector to ensure that every worker receives the fairness and job security they deserve. All public sector employees should become eligible for appointment after 3 years of uninterrupted acceptable service based on performance evaluation;
2. Review the Government's duty free allowances for civil servants;
3. Ensure that traveling officers at salary level K33 and above will be granted duty free on vehicles up to \$100,000, but should have 5 years of service to the Country;
4. Allow duty free concessions for all traveling posts at K33 and above once every 10 years;
5. Create a duty-free allowance for positions K38 and above for persons in the service more than 3 years with renewal every 7 years;
6. Introduce a Productivity and Performance-based Remuneration System with respect to pay raises which is modern and competitive in a highly production workplace;
7. Establish a compulsory requirement for annual performance appraisals using a two-pronged approach comprising of supervisory evaluation and self-evaluation; and
8. Begin the process of acceding to the Caribbean Court of Justice (CCJ) as our country's final appellate court thereby replacing the Privy Council. This will move us closer to fulfilling our aspirations as an independent, developed nation.

Strengthening our Governance

Electoral Reform

Your PLP Government will:

1. Pass legislation for Fixed Date General Elections;
2. Complete the full digitization of all Voter Registration Databases;
3. Initiate a Voter Re-registration Exercise with Proof of Residency, etc. to ensure that electors vote in the constituency where they live;
4. Recalibrate and re-define all electoral districts in St. Kitts and Nevis based on the most recent Population Census in order to ensure that the constitutional and legislative provisions are being followed, such as the near equal populations that each constituency should have;
5. Call a national referendum on the status of overseas voters and determine as to whether their right to vote should be based on the establishment of an At-Large constituency that represents Diaspora Affairs; and
6. Update and implement regulations to give effect to the Integrity in Public Life Act of 2013.

Improving Federal Relations

Your PLP Government will:

1. Carry out a feasibility study on the construction of a bridge between St. Kitts and Nevis; and
2. Institutionalise constitutional provisions for revenue and expenditure sharing as per Section 110 of the Constitution and the expected advice and recommendations of the World Bank Consultancy that was requested by the Federal Government.



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