

BLUEPRINT FOR PROGRESS

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THE PROGRESSIVE LIBERAL PARTY 2026



WHO ARE WE

We are the Progressive Liberal Party.

We are the party that was born out of the struggle for majority rule, founded because ordinary Bahamians were shut out of the decisions that shaped their own lives. From the movement that marched for a voice in 1958 to the government that delivered independence in 1973, the Progressive Liberal Party (PLP) has always existed for one purpose: to make sure that The Bahamas belongs to all Bahamians, not just a few.

That founding conviction has never changed. We believe that government must work for the worker who gets up early and comes home late. For the mother and father trying to stretch every dollar. For the young person looking for their first chance or even their second chance. For the small business owner trying to build something of their own. For the Family Island communities that want to feel the full reach of progress.

We believe politics must mean something in people's daily lives. It must mean safer streets. Lower costs. More doors opening. Better schools. Better care. A fair chance to own, to work, to build, and to dream.

And that is why we are asking Bahamians to choose progress.

Our country has paid too high a price for the old cycle of changing administrations every five years — one administration starts the work, another comes in and stops it. Projects are delayed. Plans are shelved. Progress loses pace. The people are left waiting while politics begins again.

A lot done. A lot to do. A lot to lose.

A lot done, because together we have moved this country forward. We have laid foundations and pushed change into areas that matter in people's lives.

A lot to do, because the work of building a stronger Bahamas is far from finished.

There are still:

- + families who need relief
- + communities that want safety
- + young people waiting for opportunity

And yes, a lot to lose, because when a country breaks its own momentum, it loses time it cannot get back. It loses confidence. It loses ground.

So we are asking the Bahamian people to make this election larger than the usual back and forth, and to move the country forward.

This is our cause: to keep building, to keep opening doors, and to keep moving this country ahead.

Let this be the moment we choose progress.



MESSAGE FROM OUR PARTY LEADER HON. PHILIP EDWARD BRAVE DAVIS

It has been my singular honour to lead our country over the last five years, and to offer leadership for the next five years.

We have done a lot together.

When we assumed the leadership of this country, we met a nation in shambles. But we have steadied this country. We have rebuilt confidence. We have begun work that reaches across our islands and across generations. And now, as I ask the Bahamian people for the honour of a second mandate, I do so in a spirit of respect and honesty. You deserve a clear account of the choice before us, and a clear sense of where we are and where we can go from here.

This election is about one central question: What kind of country do we want to build over the next five years?

We are creating a bigger economy, with more opportunities — more pathways for Bahamians to achieve security and success. That is why we are not only investing in infrastructure and energy — in new airports and docks and solar panels and more. We are investing in Bahamians — in 21st century skills and education, in grants and training and financing. The world will keep changing — but so will we, with confidence, and without leaving anyone behind.

We can choose a safer Bahamas, where families feel secure in their homes, children can grow in peace, and communities see law, order, and justice working in their favour. We can choose a more affordable Bahamas, where the cost of power, food, housing, and daily life places less strain on working people. We can choose a Bahamas with wider access to jobs, training, land, business support, and a fair shot for young people on every island. And we can choose reform, so that government works better, moves faster, and serves people with greater care and accountability.

That is what this platform is about. It is about building on the work already underway and moving the country forward with purpose.

So I ask the Bahamian people to see this platform for what it is: a promise to keep moving. A promise to keep building. A promise to keep faith with the people of this country.

We have done a lot, and we thank God for it. We have a lot to do, and we take responsibility for it. There is a lot at stake, and so we invite you, the Bahamian people, to choose progress.

Hon. Philip Edward Davis
Party Leader



MESSAGE FROM

OUR DEPUTY LEADER HON. I. CHESTER COOPER MP

PROGRESSIVE LIBERAL PARTY DEPUTY LEADER

It has been my great honour to work closely with our leader through some of the hardest and most demanding periods our country has faced in recent years. I have seen the weight of the decisions, the long days, the hard calls, and the constant focus on keeping this country steady while moving it forward.

After working through those years and those decisions, I am convinced of one thing: we cannot afford to lose momentum. The Bahamas has to keep moving forward.

This election is about whether we keep building on the gains we have made, or whether we turn away from the work still ahead. It is about whether we stay focused on the things that matter in the daily lives of Bahamians: safer communities, less pressure on household budgets, more opportunities and pathways to success, stronger infrastructure, and a government that can respond better and faster.

Choose Progress is a decision about direction. A decision to keep moving this country forward. It is a decision to keep creating opportunities for Bahamians who want to work, build, invest, and move ahead. It is a decision to keep bringing development to more islands, keep improving public services, and keep making this country more secure and more affordable for ordinary families.

I say that as someone who has been part of that work every day. Progress may take work. Progress may take discipline. Yet progress is how a country moves from promise to results.

I. Chester Cooper
Party Deputy Leader



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THE PROGRESSIVE LIBERAL PARTY 2026

NEW PRO

WAYDE WATSON
BAINS TOWN & GRANTS TOWN

PATRICIA DEVEAUX
BAMBOO TOWN

KEITH BELL
CARMICHAEL

JOMO CAMPBELL
CENTREVILLE

JOBETH COLEBY-DAVIS
ELIZABETH

GLENYS HANNA-MARTIN
ENGLERSTON

WAY MUNROE
FREE TOWN

LISA RAHMING
MARATHON

McKELL BONABY
MOUNT MORIAH

JAMAHL STRACHAN
NASSAU VILLAGE

MYLES LaRODA
PINEWOOD

KENO WONG
ST. ANNE'S

MICHAEL HALKITIS
ST. BARNABAS

GRAND BAHAMA

PARKCO DEAL
CENTRAL GRAND BAHAMA

DR. MONIQUE PRATT
EAST GRAND BAHAMA

EDWARD WHAN II
MARCO CITY

GINGER MOXEY
PINERIDGE

KINGSLEY SMITH JR.
WEST GRAND BAHAMA

RANDY ROLLE
BIMINI & THE BERRY ISLANDS

BRADLEY FOX JR.
CENTRAL & SOUTH ABACOS

YOURPLP.ORG

**PHILIP BRAVE
DAVIS**

LEADER



**I. CHESTER
COOPER**

DEPUTY LEADER



EVIDENCE



NE ROE
OWN
SEBAS BASTIAN
FORT CHARLOTTE
FREDERICK MITCHELL
FOX HILL
MARIO BOWLEG
GARDEN HILLS
PIA GLOVER-ROLLE
GOLDEN GATES
DARRON PICKSTOCK
GOLDEN ISLES
ROBYN LYNES
KILLARNEY



OWEN WELLS
ST. JAMES
LESLIA MILLER-BRICE
SEA BREEZE
BACCHUS ROLLE
SOUTH BEACH
OBIE ROBERTS
SOUTHERN SHORES
DR. MICHAEL DARVILLE
TALL PINES
ZANE LIGHTBOURNE
YAMACRAW

THE FAMILY ISLANDS



KIRK CORNISH
NORTH ABACO
LEON LUNDY
MANGROVE CAY & SOUTH ANDROS
LEONARDO LIGHTBOURNE
NORTH ANDROS
CLAY SWEETING
CENTRAL & SOUTH ELEUTHERA
SYLVANUS PETTY
NORTH ELEUTHERA
RENEIKA KNOWLES
LONG ISLAND
RONNELL ARMBRISTER
MICAL

OUR COMMITMENTS

BUILDING ON PROGRESS

These are not just promises. They are commitments, and we intend to deliver on every one of them.

1. LOWER COST OF LIVING

Enforce no Value Added Tax (VAT) on ALL unprepared food at the food store. Competition law to make price-fixing and unfair business practices illegal. Fairer prices at the pump, the store, and the dock.

4. BETTER PAY FOR WORKERS

The Employment Bill 2026. Paternity leave for fathers. Mental wellness days. More progress towards a liveable wage. A national pension every worker can count on. Health insurance for all civil servants.

7. BETTER SCHOOLS

More support for teachers and students. Use technology advances to create individualised lesson plans and to offer tutoring that helps each child thrive. Breakfast in every primary and junior high.

2. MORE OPPORTUNITIES

25,000 Bahamians trained through Upskill Bahamas by 2031. A new Bahamas Technical and Vocational Institute (BTVI) campus with expanded training options. Bahamas Polytechnic, Technology and Allied Health (BPATH). Apprenticeships in every high-demand sector.

5. SAFER COMMUNITIES

Building on the 31% drop in murders. More violence interrupters. Tougher gun laws. Biometric borders. A Backlog Reduction Court.

8. BETTER HEALTHCARE

A new hospital in New Providence and in Grand Bahama. A 24-hour mental health and suicide prevention line. Expanded National Health Insurance (NHI) drug coverage. Care on every island.

3. LOWER ELECTRICITY BILLS

Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) online. Solar at scale. 30% renewable energy by 2030. No Family Island residents paying more simply because of where they live.

6. MORE AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Build more affordable homes. Rent-to-own expanded for essential workers. Mandatory rental standards. New affordable housing subdivisions on the Family Islands.

9. MORE FOOD GROWN HERE

Cut food imports by 25% by 2030. 80% egg self-sufficiency. Containerised farms on every major island. Guaranteed markets for Bahamian farmers. Complete the Golden Yolk egg programme.



10. MORE DEVELOPMENT FOR THE FAMILY ISLANDS

19 airports completed. Broadband on every inhabited island by 2031. A dedicated development plan for every island. No community left behind.

11. BETTER GOVERNMENT SERVICES

A fully digital government on MyGateway with all services accessible online. One application to start a business. A Public Progress Dashboard for accountability.

12. A REAL PARTNER FOR GRAND BAHAMA

Accelerating investment and development in Grand Bahama. The Freeport Health Campus. The airport. The Grand Lucayan. A new chapter for the island.

13. BUILDING A STRONGER BAHAMAS

A National Development Plan. A Bahamas Environmental Tribunal. Blue carbon revenue. A creative economy. Sports In Paradise.

PROGRESS AT A GLANCE

Real results. Already delivered.

31% DROP IN MURDERS in 2025

The five-pillar crime strategy is working.

2,000+ YOUNG BAHAMIANS hired into the public service in a single term.

\$300M DEBT-FOR-NATURE SWAP.

The largest conservation deal in Bahamian history.

FIRST CREDIT UPGRADE in almost 20 years.

FIRST SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAMME at scale.

Every government primary school child fed.

VAT OFF food at the food store from April 2026.

Money back in your pocket, every week.

60+ INDUSTRIAL AGREEMENTS signed.

19 AIRPORTS being upgraded across the Family Islands.

No island left behind.

5 NEW CLINICS BUILT AND 52 CLINICS RENOVATED across the country.

Major upgrades underway at Rand Memorial Hospital and Princess Margaret Hospital, with 2 new major hospitals breaking ground.

FIRST PUBLIC SERVICE PROMOTION EXERCISE in eight years.

Careers rewarded at last.

A PARTY OF FIRSTS

Working in partnership with the Bahamian people, we have achieved real progress. The policies below represent true “firsts” — the first of their kind in our nation’s history. Even as we recovered from crisis, we proved that with creativity and collaboration, innovation is possible. And together, we are only just beginning to change what is possible for The Bahamas.

- ✦ The first Nationwide School Breakfast Programme, so that our children can start their day with a hot, healthy breakfast, ready to learn.
- ✦ The first time free national digital learning platforms were made available to all Bahamians through Upskill Bahamas and DigiLearn.
- ✦ The first National Youth Guard Programme, giving young Bahamians training in job skills which are in demand, while the country gains new support during national emergencies.
- ✦ The first National Apprenticeship Programme, creating paid pathways from training into employment in high-demand industries.
- ✦ The first Catastrophic Care Fund, to provide targeted financial support to eligible Bahamian families facing severe, life-changing diagnoses, based on clear criteria, level of need, and available resources.
- ✦ The first Public Hospitals Authority (PHA) Academy, training the next generation of Bahamian health professionals to care for our people.
- ✦ The first National Organ Transplant Programme, making life-saving transplant care possible for Bahamian families here at home.
- ✦ The first nationwide energy reforms, transforming how The Bahamas generates, distributes, and prices electricity across every island.
- ✦ The first major infrastructure upgrades across the Family Islands, with hundreds of millions committed to the construction and upgrade of airports and runways throughout the country.
- ✦ The first nationwide free WiFi in the parks, connecting communities from Nassau to the Family Islands.
- ✦ The first Creative and Performing Arts School, because Bahamian creative talent deserves a world-class home.
- ✦ The first time a government has signed more than 60 labour agreements in one term, delivering real wage increases for Bahamian workers across the economy.
- ✦ The first positive outlook rating in almost 20 years, a direct result of fiscal discipline and sound economic management.
- ✦ The first Bahamas participation in the Venice Biennale, placing Bahamian contemporary art on the most prestigious international stage in the world.
- ✦ The first time The Bahamas eclipsed 12.5 million visitors, a record that no previous administration achieved.



BUILDING ON PROGRESS

The Blueprint for Progress builds on the transformational changes already set in motion across our country: nationwide energy reforms, new airports and infrastructure across our Family Islands, stronger anti-crime laws and border enforcement, upgraded health clinics, the nationwide School Breakfast Programme, the country's first National Youth Guard, new affordable housing, and major investments in expanding opportunities for Bahamians through Upskill Bahamas, BTVI expansion, BPATH, our first performing arts school, record enrolment in Bahamas Agricultural and Marine Science Institute (BAMSI), paid apprenticeships, and support for Bahamian entrepreneurs.

What follows are twelve areas where we will build on that progress in a second term — focused on lowering costs, expanding opportunity, improving public services, and continuing the long-term development of The Bahamas.

ECONOMIC PROGRESS

A stronger economy means more jobs, more investment, and more opportunity for Bahamian families.

We took office with a broken fiscal house, a falling credit rating, and a government that had spent years without fiscal discipline. We steadied it. We secured the first credit upgrade in almost 20 years, and international rating agencies have confirmed that the country is on the right track. We brought the deficit under control without raising VAT and without punishing working people.

Now we build on that foundation. Not for the sake of economic statistics, but because a stronger economy is the platform on which every other commitment in this blueprint rests: lower prices, more jobs, easier business, and new industries.

That is what economic progress feels like when it is working. And in a second term, we intend to take that progress further.

Fiscal Discipline

Fiscal discipline is the foundation on which everything else is built. We have steadied the national accounts. Now we will hold the line and continue building from a position of strength.

+ Maintain the trajectory toward the 50% debt-to-GDP target, building on the credit upgrade already secured — the first in almost 20 years.

+ Strengthen revenue administration without raising VAT.

+ Maintain the primary surplus and continue reducing the fiscal deficit as a share of GDP.

+ Require all state-owned enterprises to submit binding business plans by 2027, with clear milestones to reduce dependence on government subsidies by 2029.

+ Strengthen the public financial management framework, including budget execution reporting, procurement transparency, and debt management operations.

+ Review the real property tax regime with a view to providing meaningful relief to Bahamian property owners.

Attracting Investment and Growing the Economy

A growing economy creates jobs. Jobs create opportunity. We will attract the investment The Bahamas deserves on Bahamian terms, with clear obligations for local hiring, training, and supply chain participation — while backing Bahamian entrepreneurs to lead the way.

+ Launch a coordinated investment attraction strategy through InvestBahamas, targeting technology, financial services, healthcare, creative industries, and clean energy.

+ Streamline the investment approval process and reduce the time from application to decision for qualifying investments.

+ Establish a Foreign Direct Investment Compliance Unit to audit concession agreements and verify that investors are meeting their commitments.

+ Conduct a comprehensive review of the national concessions programme to ensure incentives are proportionate, time-limited, transparent, and delivering measurable benefits.

- + Introduce targeted incentives to grow domestic Bahamian investment, including expanded access to the Small Business Development Centre (SBDC), enhanced credit support, and a dedicated Bahamian Entrepreneur Investment Fund.

- + Develop a formal National Investment Policy setting clear, published criteria for investment priorities and investor obligations, including Bahamian hiring, training, and supply chain participation targets.

- + Develop a dedicated economic development plan for every Family Island, tailored to each island's natural assets, geography, and community needs.

- + Expand economic activity across the Family Islands through targeted investment incentives for businesses outside New Providence and Grand Bahama.

- + Begin formal public consultation on the development of the City of Andros, laying the foundation for Andros as a hub of economic activity, environmental enterprise, and sustainable development.

- + Reduce trade dependency by diversifying import sources, negotiating new trade arrangements, and building productive capacity in sectors where The Bahamas currently imports what it could produce at home.

Consolidating the Encouragement Acts

Over the decades, The Bahamas has accumulated multiple encouragement acts, each created for a specific sector at a specific moment in time. We are now consolidating them into a single, modern investment incentives framework that is clear, fair, and built for the economy of today.

- + Conduct a comprehensive review of all existing encouragement acts, including the Hotels Encouragement Act, the Industries Encouragement Act, the Bahamas Investment Authority Act, and all related legislation, with the objective of consolidating them into a single, unified investment incentives framework.

- + Establish the consolidated framework as a transparent, sector-neutral structure with clear eligibility criteria applicable to both foreign and domestic investors across tourism, technology, financial services, agriculture, energy, healthcare, and the creative industries.

- + Embed into the consolidated framework mandatory requirements for Bahamian hiring, local supply chain participation, and skills transfer, along with time-limited concessions, published performance milestones, and independent annual auditing.

- + Ensure the new framework simplifies the application process for investors while strengthening government's ability to monitor compliance, renegotiate underperforming agreements, and terminate concessions where obligations are not met.

Making It Easier to Do Business

We are making it faster and simpler to start and grow a business in The Bahamas. Through MyGateway and digital reform, we are cutting bureaucratic drag so Bahamian entrepreneurs can spend less time on paperwork and more time building.

- + Establish a single digital portal on MyGateway where a Bahamian can register a company, obtain a business licence, register with National Insurance Board (NIB), and receive a tax ID through one application.

- + Implement the Land Adjudication Act and Registered Land Act to create a central, searchable Land Registry, reduce property registration times, and digitise the Registry of Records.

- + Expand access to credit for small businesses through the SBDC and Bahamas Development Bank (BDB), including support for entrepreneurs to use equipment, vehicles, and inventory as collateral.

- + Deliver 200 government services on MyGateway within three years and deploy the national interoperability framework so no Bahamian has to provide the same information to government twice.

Cutting Red Tape on Development Approvals

We are bringing the same discipline to development approvals that we are applying across the rest of government: clear timelines, published dashboards, and a single coordinated process that moves at the speed investment requires.

- + Introduce a unified development approval portal on MyGateway where all planning, environmental, land, and building permit applications are submitted once and tracked in real time.

- + Establish mandatory decision timelines for all development applications, with automatic escalation if agencies fail to respond within the prescribed period.

- + Create a single inter-agency review panel for major development projects, replacing sequential reviews with one coordinated process.

- + Streamline environmental impact assessments by publishing clear criteria for what triggers a full Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), what qualifies for expedited review, and what is exempt.

- + Designate a Family Island Fast Track for qualifying development projects on the outer islands.

- + Publish a Development Approvals Dashboard so every applicant and investor can see exactly where any application stands.

Lowering Prices and Protecting Consumers

We removed VAT from food at the food store and we are not stopping there. We are introducing real competition law, real consumer protection, and real consequences for price-fixing and price gouging to bring prices down further.

- + Enact modern competition legislation that bans price-fixing and penalises abuse of market dominance.

- + The full introduction of the Price Comparison App and mandating standard price display rules with clear, tax-inclusive pricing.

- + Introduce a rapid-response anti-gouging mechanism so consumers can report unjustified price spikes and government can investigate and act.

- + Expand trade diversification to open direct sourcing channels from lower-cost suppliers and incentivise pooled purchasing by major importers.

- + Modernise port, customs, and phytosanitary processes for food imports and fast-track perishable goods to reduce spoilage costs passed on to consumers.

- + Reduce waste of perishable goods, currently around 30%, by introducing cold storage infrastructure and improving facilities on Family Island docks.

- + Improve domestic trade by upgrading Potters Cay Dock and strengthening inter-island transport links.

Growing New Industries

Tourism is our foundation. But the Bahamas of tomorrow cannot depend on a single sector. We will build the digital economy, the blue economy, and the creative economy so the next generation has new industries to lead and new careers to build.

- + Position The Bahamas as the AI and digital hub of the Caribbean by establishing the National AI Commission by statute and enacting the AI Governance Act, the first AI-specific law in Caribbean Community (CARICOM).

- + Strengthen data protection, digital ID, and regulatory sandboxes to attract fintech, payments, and reg-tech firms.

- + Expand digital banking access and support digital payment infrastructure across the country, including the Family Islands.

- + Continue developing blue industries, including sustainable fisheries, aquaculture, ocean services, and marine biotechnology.

- + Develop and monetise The Bahamas' carbon credit assets and complete Verra-certified mapping of at least 10,000 sq km of seagrass and mangrove ecosystems by 2028.

- + Advance the Sovereign Blue Carbon Bond and build on the \$300 million debt-for-nature swap by negotiating a second, larger conversion targeting \$500 million to \$1 billion.

+ Expand the creative economy through Creative and Performing Arts School (CAPAS) and the broader Orange Economy strategy.

Diversifying Tourism, Expanding Airlift, and Growing Room Inventory

Tourism has always been our largest industry. We will keep it strong, keep it growing, and ensure more of what it generates stays in Bahamian hands and reaches every corner of our archipelago. The goal is not just more visitors, but more opportunity for Bahamians.

+ Grow visitor arrivals from new source markets across Latin America, Europe, the Gulf, India, and the African diaspora.

+ Work with airlines and aviation partners to expand international airlift to Nassau and Freeport, leveraging our US Preclearance advantage.

+ Grow room inventory by attracting new hotel investment across Nassau, Grand Bahama, and the Family Islands.

+ Support the development of boutique hotels and guesthouses across the Family Islands.

+ Expand high-yield niche tourism segments including fly fishing, wellness, nautical tourism, cultural tourism, and the digital nomad economy.

+ Continue working with cruise partners to maximise economic benefits for local businesses and Family Island communities.

Family Island Tourism and Economic Development

The Family Islands are among the most beautiful destinations on earth. We will turn that natural advantage into sustainable economic activity that puts real money in the pockets of the communities that call those islands home. Development must benefit the people who live there, not just the visitors who pass through.

+ Continue to position the Family Islands as unique, globally competitive boutique destinations.

+ Develop fly-fishing tourism, establish Cat Island as a flagship wellness destination, and redevelop Dean's Blue Hole as a premier eco-tourism attraction.

+ Establish Bahamas Immersion Centres and develop a curated Nassau Heritage Trail.

+ Launch a National Sailing Museum and expand sailing clubs on each island.

+ Create Small and Medium Enterprise (SME) Incubation Centres and Innovation Labs on each major island.

+ Build multipurpose sporting facilities that serve as hurricane shelters on each major island.

+ Develop a Family Island Workforce Housing Programme building affordable units on economically active islands where housing shortages are constraining growth.

Downtown Nassau

Nassau's downtown is the gateway to The Bahamas. It should look, feel, and function like one. We will attract investment, support Bahamian business owners, and rebuild the commercial and cultural heart of our capital.

+ Explore the feasibility of attracting investors for mixed-use developments combining retail, residential, and hospitality, bringing life downtown around the clock.

+ Establish targeted grants and low-interest financing for Bahamian entrepreneurs and property owners to renovate buildings, invest, and open businesses downtown.

+ Empower the Tourism Development Corporation (TDC) to acquire and assemble underutilised land downtown for strategic redevelopment, prioritising Bahamian ownership.

+ Develop a Public-Private Partnership to redevelop Clifton Heritage National Park into a world-class eco-cultural destination.

+ Continue the systematic demolition of derelict structures, converting cleared sites into green spaces, pocket parks, and public plazas.

+ Introduce a Downtown Streetscape Programme to upgrade lighting, paving, signage, and landscaping along Bay Street and surrounding corridors.

- + Establish curated vendor markets and pop-up commercial zones to give Bahamian makers, food vendors, and artisans a permanent, organised presence downtown.

Bahamian Professional Development Programme

A stronger economy means nothing if Bahamians are not filling its highest-paying jobs. We will launch a targeted, demand driven approach to workforce development that identifies where the economy is growing and trains Bahamians to fill those jobs first.

- + Develop a National Workforce Demand Index mapping high-paying job opportunities across tourism, financial services, technology, energy, healthcare, and construction.

- + Partner with major employers and investors to identify skills gaps in real time, ensuring training pathways are connected to real opportunities.

- + Introduce a High-Value Jobs Track targeting sectors where Bahamians are underrepresented at the professional and management level.

- + Require all major investment projects receiving concessions to submit a Bahamian Employment and Professional Development Plan with clear hiring, promotion, and skills transfer targets.

- + Expand professional and technical scholarships in high-demand, high-earning fields linked directly to employer commitments.

- + Build this programme on the foundation of Upskill Bahamas and BTVI, ensuring our training infrastructure evolves with the economy.

PROGRESS THROUGH OPPORTUNITY

Every Bahamian deserves a fair shot, including those not born in the right constituency or connected to the right people. Too many Bahamians have spent too long watching opportunity pass them by, not because they lack ambition or talent, but because the doors to training, business support, and a genuine first chance were never properly open to them.

We are changing that. We launched Upskill Bahamas, expanded BTVI, backed Bahamian entrepreneurs with real funding, and created the Opportunity Hub so that Bahamians can see the range of educational, training, and financing opportunities that are available to them.

Now we build on that work, because a Bahamas where opportunity is rationed by geography or circumstance is not the country we are building. We are building a Bahamas where opportunity is visible, accessible, and within reach for every Bahamian willing to work for it.

National Upskilling Strategy

We launched Upskill Bahamas because the economy of tomorrow demands skills many Bahamians had never been given access to. The response proved the appetite was always there. Now we will scale the programme to reach every corner of this archipelago.

- + Expand Upskill Bahamas to more than 200 courses, with sector-specific tracks co-designed with employers and linked to internships and apprenticeships.
- + Expand the programme to an additional 5,000 participants, with a target of 25,000 Bahamians trained by 2031 and increased participation from the Family Islands.

- + Expand the National Apprenticeship Programme to support at least 100 apprentices per year in high-demand sectors.

- + Formally integrate Upskill with BTVI and the National Apprenticeship Programme, introduce stackable credentials, and recognise Upskill certifications in public-sector hiring.

- + Align workforce training programmes with every major economic initiative to ensure Bahamians are trained for the jobs being created.

Increasing Access for Bahamians

Opportunity means nothing if you cannot find it. We will make sure every scholarship, grant, training programme, and job posting is visible, accessible, and genuinely open to every Bahamian who wants it, not just those who already know where to look.

- + Expand the Opportunity Hub and require all government scholarships, grants, training programmes, and recruitment drives to be listed with clear eligibility criteria and timelines.

- + Expand the Hub's small business offering into structured accelerator programmes with integrated access to SBDC grants, technical assistance, and micro-procurement opportunities.

+ Strengthen the Notice of Vacancy and Employment Programme (NOVEP) portal to ensure Bahamians have genuine first access to jobs in every sector, with verified compliance and real consequences for employers who bypass the system.

Entrepreneurship and Small Business

Small businesses are the backbone of the Bahamian economy. We have expanded access to capital, technical support, and market opportunities through the Small Business Development Centre (SBDC) and Bahamas Development Bank (BDB), and we will take that support further.

+ Increase funding through the SBDC and BDB to support small and medium enterprises across tourism, agriculture, technology, creative industries, and the blue economy.

+ Create a National Business Intelligence and Market Data Repository giving entrepreneurs access to sector data, consumer trends, and market opportunity analysis.

+ Expand loan guarantees and microfinance programmes and launch Family Island Business Hubs to support entrepreneurs outside New Providence.

+ Integrate entrepreneurship education into schools, BTVI, and the University of The Bahamas so every young Bahamian is exposed to the skills of starting and running a business.

BTVI Campus Modernisation and Expansion

Technical and vocational education is not a second choice. It is a first-class pathway to a career, a business, and a life. We will build the facilities and the curriculum to match that ambition.

+ Construct a modern, purpose-built BTVI main campus with state-of-the-art facilities for technology, renewable energy, advanced construction trades, and logistics.

+ Develop purpose-built student housing on or near the main campus for Family Island students.

+ Expand BTVI satellite campuses to additional Family Islands beyond Abaco, Eleuthera, and Exuma.

+ Broaden the curriculum to include AI applications, cybersecurity, green energy technology, healthcare support services, and hospitality management.

+ Strengthen articulation agreements with universities and industry partners so students can progress from certification to degree-level study or direct employment.

Youth Empowerment: Classroom to Career

The best investment any government can make is in its young people. We will make sure every young Bahamian leaves school not just with a certificate, but with the confidence, skills, and real-world connections to build a life on their own terms.

+ Implement the National Youth Readiness Programme for Grades 10–12, including certification, internships, and financial literacy.

+ Establish Youth Advisory Councils in every ministry and launch a Youth Savings and Investment Starter Programme.

+ Establish a National Youth Commission to lead youth development and professionalise youth work across the country.

- + Secure a dedicated facility for National Youth Guard cadets and draft legislation to establish the Guard as a formal disaster preparedness and national service force. Grow the programme beyond the 400 cadets trained during this term, with clear enrolment targets for each year of the second term.

- + Develop BPATH as a hub for polytechnic education, vocational training and applied technology, with clear programme offerings and enrolment targets from opening.

Skills for Life Programme

The Skills for Life Programme targets at-risk students at the high school level with structured, practical intervention, with particular focus on young men who are disproportionately disengaging from education. It is designed to catch every young Bahamian before they fall through the gaps.

- + Embed the programme directly into the high school curriculum, targeting at-risk students from Grade 10 through Grade 12.

- + Deliver hands-on vocational and technical training, with nationally recognised certifications earned before graduation.

- + Design gender-responsive pathways, equipping young women with skills in business, healthcare, technology, and the creative industries, while directing young men toward trades and technical fields where labour shortages are most acute.

- + Pair every participant with a trained mentor from their own community and integrate life skills training covering financial literacy, conflict resolution, mental health awareness, and civic responsibility.

- + Connect graduating participants directly to employment, apprenticeships, and entrepreneurship support through BTVI, the SBDC, and the National Apprenticeship Programme.

- + Roll the programme out across government high schools on New Providence and the Family Islands.

PROGRESS FOR WORKERS

Bahamian workers deserve fair pay, fair treatment, and laws that truly protect them. We have already delivered more than sixty industrial agreements in a single term, more than any previous administration in a generation. We increased the minimum wage twice. We are extending health insurance to all public servants and held the first public service promotion exercise in eight years.

Now we go further. The Employment Bill 2026 will be the most significant upgrade to labour law in a generation. A reformed National Insurance system. A national pension. A modernised public service. These are not distant ambitions. They are the next chapter of work already underway.

Modernising Labour Law

After consultation and agreement with the National Tripartite Council, our next administration is committed to introducing into law the most significant upgrade to labour legislation in a generation. Work has changed. The law has not kept pace. These reforms reflect the realities of modern working life, from mental wellness and parental rights to clear limits on probation and a legal right to rest between shifts.

- + Introduce the Employment Bill into law, repealing and replacing the outdated Employment Act following agreement with the National Tripartite Council.

- + Cap probation at six months in the private sector and twelve months in the public service.

- + Guarantee every worker a paid one-hour break on shifts of eight hours or more, and at least eight hours of rest between shifts.

- + Recognise mental health as a workplace right by introducing three mental wellness days per year with no doctor's note required.

- + Increase maternity leave from twelve to fourteen weeks. For the first time, introduce two weeks of paid paternity leave and create a legal right to adoption leave.

- + Require employers to give nursing mothers reasonable breastfeeding breaks and require workplaces with twenty or more employees to provide a suitable private space.

National Insurance Reform

NIB exists to protect Bahamians when they need it most. It must be run with the rigour, transparency, and accountability that every contributor deserves. We will reform it, modernise it, and make it financially secure for the generations ahead.

- + Reduce NIB administrative expenses and introduce stronger anti-fraud measures and identity verification systems.

- + Diversify NIB's investment portfolio, including access to international investments to broaden returns, and establish independent oversight of investment decisions.

- + Accelerate the full digitalisation of claims, registration, and benefit payments, and expand access for Family Island residents.

- + Bring informal workers into the formal contributory base.

- + Adopt a defined contribution system to ensure long-term fiscal sustainability.

- + Allow Bahamian-owned financial services firms to manage and administer the plan, strengthening the domestic financial sector.

Public Sector Pension Reform

Every Bahamian who works a full career deserves to retire with dignity. That is not a radical idea. It is a basic obligation, and we will build the system to deliver it.

- + Introduce a contributory pension plan for public servants as the first phase and establish the framework for universal coverage.
- + Adopt a defined contribution system to ensure long-term fiscal sustainability.
- + Allow Bahamian-owned financial services firms to manage and administer the plan, strengthening the domestic financial sector.

Public Service Modernisation

The public service is the engine of government. We will invest in the people who run it, modernise the systems they depend on, and ensure that a career in public service is rewarded with genuine progression, modern working conditions, and fair pay.

- + Establish a National Productivity Council with published annual performance benchmarks.

PROGRESS IN AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SECURITY

The Bahamas spends more than \$815 million a year importing over 90% of what it eats. We are changing that. We have invested in BAMSI, launched the Golden Yolk Programme, expanded containerised farming, and built the foundation for a modern Bahamian food system. Now we set clear targets: by 2030, we will reduce national food import expenditure by 25%, keeping an additional \$200 million in the Bahamian economy every year. That is not a wish. It is a target backed by specific programmes, targeted investment, and clear accountability.

A Smarter, More Productive Food System

The old model of Bahamian agriculture cannot solve the food security challenges of today. We are bringing precision technology, AI farm management, real-time data, and guaranteed markets together in a system designed to produce more, waste less, and keep more money in Bahamian hands.

- + Build a National Network of 25 Climate-Smart Food Hubs by 2030, each linked to schools, hospitals, and hotels as guaranteed anchor buyers.
- + Deploy AI-powered farm management tools, including precision irrigation, predictive crop monitoring, pest early-warning systems, and soil health analytics, with a target of a 30% reduction in water usage and a 20% reduction in crop losses by 2028.

- + Launch the FarmBahamas Digital Platform, giving every registered farmer smartphone access to real-time weather data, soil readings, market prices, and buyer orders.

- + Establish an Agriculture Innovation Centre in partnership with the University of The Bahamas, BAMSI, and Caribbean Agricultural Research and Development Institute (CARDI).

Containerised Farming

Space is no longer the constraint it once was. A single containerised farm can produce the equivalent of acres of output in just 320 square feet, uses up to 90% less water, and operates year-round. We will deploy these farms across the archipelago, bringing fresh local produce to communities that have never had reliable access before.

- + Launch a National Containerised Farm Programme, deploying solar-powered, AI-controlled shipping container farms across seven major islands by 2028.

- + Prioritise placement at schools, clinics, and community centres, feeding produce directly into the National School Breakfast Programme and local communities.

- + Offer subsidised container farm start-up packages to youth agri-entrepreneurs under 35, with a target of 50 units operational by 2029.

Drone Technology

Drone technology is transforming agriculture around the world, and The Bahamas will not be left behind. We will train Bahamians to operate agricultural drones and deploy this technology across our farms, reducing pesticide use and transforming how we monitor and manage agricultural land.

- + Establish a National Agricultural Drone Programme and train and certify 100 Bahamian drone pilots by 2028 through BTVI and BAMSII.
- + Launch a Drone-as-a-Service model so farmers can access drone spraying, crop monitoring, and land mapping without having to purchase their own equipment.
- + Achieve drone coverage of 5,000 acres by 2028, with a target of reducing pesticide use by 25%.

+ Require all government food programmes to source at least 30% of food from Bahamian producers by 2027, rising to 50% by 2030.

+ Introduce a Tourism Agriculture Incentive where hotels achieving more than 40% local sourcing qualify for duty concessions, and those reaching 60% qualify for additional tax credits.

Local Production Targets

We will set clear, legislated targets for domestic food production and hold ourselves publicly accountable for meeting them. By 2030, this strategy will keep an additional \$200 million in the Bahamian economy every year.

- + Legislate a National Import Substitution Priority List, including leafy greens (50% domestic production by 2030), tomatoes and cucumbers (40%), and eggs (80% self-sufficiency) within this term).

PROGRESS FOR ENERGY

Lower electricity bills are not a wish. They are the result of a transformation already underway. We are rebuilding how The Bahamas produces and delivers electricity: utility-scale solar in New Providence, hybrid renewable grids across the Family Islands, LNG to replace expensive fuel, major grid upgrades, and energy efficiency programmes. Significant progress has already been made. Bahamians experienced noticeably fewer outages and less load shedding last summer, a direct result of the investments already in place.

This is the most comprehensive energy reform in our country's history, and it is designed to deliver what Bahamians deserve: reliable power and lower electricity bills.

70MW of solar power and 35MW of Battery Energy Storage Systems will be integrated into the existing grid in New Providence. New hybrid grids, including 27 MW of solar throughout our Family Islands, with each island having its own plan designed to meet specific needs, reduce costs, and ensure reliable power output. A modern transmission and distribution grid is being built, with new switching stations, new transmission lines, substation protection upgrades, and targeted distribution improvements that will transform reliability across the system.

Every Bahamian deserves reliable, affordable power. We will deliver it. By 2030, 30% of our national electricity will come from renewable sources, and no Family Island community will pay more simply because of where they live.

Stabilising Bahamas Power and Light (BPL) and Eliminating Legacy Debt

We inherited BPL's legacy debt and are eliminating it. Through structured debt restructuring, phasing out expensive rental generators, and transitioning to cleaner, cheaper generation, we are rebuilding BPL on a clean financial foundation.

- + Implement a comprehensive BPL Revenue Recovery Programme to reduce non-payment, clear arrears, and modernise billing and collections.
- + Eliminate BPL's legacy debt burden within this term through structured debt restructuring.
- + Phase out all rental generator agreements as LNG, utility-scale solar, and battery storage come online.
- + Increase the share of electricity generation by Independent Power Producers to 55% by 2030.

Bringing LNG Online

Natural gas is cleaner and significantly cheaper than the heavy fuel oil and diesel that powered this country for decades. LNG is coming online at Clifton Pier, and when it does, the cost of power generation will fall — and electricity bills will follow.

- + Bring LNG online at Clifton Pier by commissioning the receiving terminal, regasification systems, and gas turbines to replace heavy fuel oil and diesel.

- + Set specific LNG penetration targets through 2030, including coastal tanker distribution to remote communities.

- + Continue the Fuel Price Risk Management strategy and the Equity Rate Adjustment to stabilise electricity costs.

A Modern, Reliable Grid

An energy system is only as good as the grid that carries it. We will upgrade ours, reducing losses, cutting outages, and introducing smart technology so every Bahamian has more control over their own energy costs.

Complete the New Providence Transmission and Distribution Foundational Upgrade, including new switching stations, transmission lines, substation protection upgrades, and targeted distribution improvements.

- + Reduce energy losses from 15–20% to 10% by 2030 and decrease system outages by 30%.

- + Unbundle the grid from generation by 2030, allowing private investment in grid management and modernisation.

- + Roll out smart meters nationwide and introduce time-of-use tariffs to help consumers manage their electricity bills.

Family Island Energy Equity

A Bahamian on Acklins should not pay more for electricity than a Bahamian in Nassau simply because of where they live. We are changing that island by island with locally managed solar and battery systems and an Energy Equity Rate that makes fairness the law.

- + Complete all 23 microgrid and solar projects on schedule with trained Bahamian operators.

- + Phase out diesel generation on the Family Islands and introduce an Energy Equity Rate so no Family Island resident pays more simply because of where they live.

- + Upgrade ageing Family Island infrastructure, prioritising Andros, Long Island, Acklins, Mayaguana, San Salvador, and Rum Cay, and establish community energy ownership where feasible.

Energy Efficiency and Consumer Protection

The cheapest unit of energy is the one you do not use. We will help Bahamians use less and pay less through appliance rebates, building retrofits, and strong consumer protection that holds the utility accountable.

- + Launch a National Energy Efficiency Programme including appliance rebates, building retrofits, LED lighting incentives, and efficient air-conditioning programmes.

- + Complete energy audits of all government buildings by 2026 and update building codes for energy.

- + Establish a consumer protection code for electricity customers, with Utilities Regulation and Competition Authority (URCA) empowered to enforce service standards and billing transparency.

- + Reduce or eliminate import duties on energy-efficient appliances and renewable energy systems.

Grand Bahama Power

We are acquiring the Grand Bahama Power Company to bring electricity regulation, pricing, and service on Grand Bahama under a unified national energy strategy for the first time.

+ Complete acquisition of the Grand Bahama Power Company.

+ Integrate Grand Bahama into the national energy reform programme, including renewable energy deployment, grid modernisation, and rate alignment.

+ Ensure Grand Bahama consumers benefit from the same Energy Equity principles applied across the Family Islands.

Building a Bahamian Energy Workforce

Every solar panel, battery unit, LNG turbine, and smart meter we install creates an opportunity to train a Bahamian. We will embed local content requirements in every major energy contract so those jobs go to Bahamians.

+ Train and certify Bahamian technicians in solar, batteries, LNG systems, smart-grid management, and electric vehicle maintenance through BTVI, University of The Bahamas (UB), and the Department of Energy.

+ Embed mandatory local-content and training obligations into all major Independent Power Producers (IPP) and LNG contracts.

+ Establish scholarships and certification programmes in renewable energy in partnership with International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA), the Caribbean Development Bank, and the Inter-American Development Bank.

PROGRESS IN AFFORDABLE HOUSING

A home is more than four walls. It is stability. It is dignity. It is the foundation from which a family builds a life. We have already expanded rent-to-own, reformed the land system, and invested in new affordable housing. Now we go further — building more homes, strengthening tenant protection, and making homeownership a real and reachable goal for every Bahamian family.

Building More Homes

We cannot solve a housing shortage without building more housing. We will partner with the private sector, acquire and rehabilitate existing properties, and create a continuous pipeline of affordable units across New Providence and the Family Islands.

- + Partner with high-capacity developers through public-private partnerships to deliver affordable homes at scale.

- + Launch a Social Housing Acquisition Programme to purchase, rehabilitate, and bring distressed and abandoned properties into the affordable housing pool.

- + Build affordable housing subdivisions across the Family Islands, including Abaco, Eleuthera, and Exuma where the housing shortage is most acute.

- + Establish a dedicated Affordable Housing Development Fund drawing on public investment, private capital, and multilateral financing.

Affordable Rental

We are tackling rental affordability head-on. Through new public-private partnerships, we will increase the supply of rental units at prices working Bahamians can afford.

- + Launch a National Affordable Rental Programme through public-private partnerships to increase the supply of rental units at prices working Bahamians can afford.

Rent-to-Own: A Path to Ownership

For many Bahamians, the gap between renting and owning feels impossible to cross. Rent-to-own closes that gap by allowing families to build equity while they live in their homes. We will significantly expand the programme and prioritise the essential workers who keep this country running every day.

- + Significantly expand the Rent-to-Own Programme by increasing the number of available properties and simplifying the application process.

- + Prioritise essential workers including nurses, teachers, police officers, correctional officers, and defence force personnel.

- + Extend rent-to-own options to Family Island communities.

Protecting Tenants

We are introducing enforceable minimum habitability standards, a national rental property register, and a regulator with real enforcement power so that every Bahamian renter is protected.

- + Introduce a mandatory National Rental Property Registration system requiring all landlords to register and certify that units meet minimum habitability standards.

- + Establish a Residential Tenancy Authority with the power to inspect, investigate, enforce, and penalise violations.

- + Introduce enforceable minimum habitability standards covering structural integrity, plumbing, electrical safety, ventilation, and sanitation.

- + Publish a public registry of landlords found in violation.

Temporary Social Housing

Some families reach crisis point through no fault of their own — fires, domestic violence, sudden eviction, or financial shocks. Government must have a safety net ready.

- + Establish a Temporary Social Housing Programme providing immediate, short-term accommodation for individuals and families facing sudden displacement.

- + Coordinate social services, employment support, and permanent housing placement so families can stabilise and transition back into long-term housing.

PROGRESS IN EDUCATION

Our goal is clear: to produce young Bahamians who are literate, confident, articulate, digitally capable, and ready to compete anywhere in the world. We have already started. Universal hot breakfasts. Free school bussing. New special education teachers. A performing arts curriculum at primary level for the first time in our history. Our Bahamian history curriculum revised for the first time since 1982.

Now we go further. Pre-primary education universal from age four. Coding from Grade 7. AI literacy from Grade 4. High-speed internet in every school on every island. The same digital access for a child in Inagua as a child in Nassau. This is what it means to build on progress in education.

Early Childhood and Foundations

The most important years of education happen before primary school. We will ensure every Bahamian child starts school ready to learn.

- + Make early childhood care and pre-primary education universal and compulsory from age four.
- + Empower the Early Childhood Care Commission to set national standards from birth to five.
- + Expand early screening and maintain a national register for students with special needs, building on the redesigned Programme SURE.

Curriculum, Skills, and the Future Economy

The education system must prepare students not just for exams, but for life, work, and opportunity in a modern economy.

+ Continue modernising the national curriculum, scaling reform projects including the revised history curriculum, performing arts curriculum, expanded Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) pathways, and the BPATH Polytechnic programme.

+ Launch a National Digital and AI Literacy Strategy, introducing computational thinking from primary school, coding from Grade 7, and applied AI at senior secondary level.

+ Launch Academic and Vocational Career and College Units at senior high schools, opening pathways in renewable energy, ICT, healthcare, and the creative industries.

+ Integrate entrepreneurship literacy into the curriculum so every student graduates with the skills to start a business, manage finances, and identify opportunity.

Digital Schools and Innovation

Every student, on every island, should have access to modern learning tools and high-speed connectivity.

- + Improve high-speed internet connectivity in schools across every island.
- + Establish Innovation and Science Hubs in secondary schools with labs and maker spaces linked to UB, BTVI, and the private sector.
- + Modernise educational infrastructure, upgrading school buildings, labs, libraries, and sports facilities across the country.

Teachers and School Leadership

No education system can be better than its teachers. We will invest in educators and make teaching a profession that attracts and keeps talent.

- + Expand the Teachers' Professional Development Grant.

- + Strengthen the Teacher Cadet Programme.

- + Equip every educator with the tools, training, and support to do their best work.

Supporting Students and Families

Education works best when schools, parents, and communities work together.

- + Deepen family engagement through the Parent Engagement Unit, the National Parents Association, and a real-time student alert dashboard.

- + Consolidate and scale proven initiatives including universal hot breakfasts, free school bussing, academic success coaches, the Success Maker platform, and national enrichment programmes.

- + Expand the National School Breakfast Programme to all junior high schools, reaching more than 7,000 additional students.

The Education Act

The passage of the Education Act is the most significant legislative reform in Bahamian education in a generation. It establishes the legal framework for every reform in this Blueprint and ensures that progress in education is anchored in law, not left to the discretion of any single administration.

- + Implement the Education Act as the governing framework for curriculum reform, teacher standards, school governance, early childhood education, and accountability across the system.

One Tablet, One Child

Every child in every government school deserves a dedicated learning device —not shared, not borrowed, their own. The One Tablet, One Child initiative will put technology in the hands of our students and transform how they engage with education.

- + Launch the One Tablet, One Child initiative, placing a dedicated learning device in the hands of every student in every government school, with programmes in AI literacy, coding, mathematics, and language training.

- + Roll out the programme in phases, beginning with primary schools on New Providence and Grand Bahama before expanding to the Family Islands.

- + Train teachers alongside students and establish clear performance benchmarks in literacy, mathematics, and digital skills tied to the rollout.

The University of The Bahamas

UB's acceptance as a Candidate for accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) is a milestone made possible by the \$25 million government guarantee for capital and facilities upgrades. Full accreditation will transform what is possible for Bahamian students, faculty, and the country.

- + Continue government support for UB's pathway to full SACSCOC accreditation, opening doors for semesters abroad, international student exchanges, faculty exchanges, and deepened research opportunities.

- + Position UB to join intercollegiate sports associations, creating international sporting opportunities for Bahamian student athletes.

- + Develop student housing to make it easier for Family Island students to attend UB.

Education for Every Child

Every Bahamian child deserves the care, space, and opportunity to learn and grow. The PLP will make sure children with special needs, including those on the autism spectrum, are given the help they need.

- + Build modern facilities for children with special needs and developmental differences.

- + Expand early diagnosis, therapy, and trained classroom support across New Providence and the Family Islands.

- + Restart plans for a Post-Secondary Institute for Disabled Adults to open the door to skills training, independence, and employment.

PROGRESS IN HEALTHCARE

Every Bahamian deserves access to quality care, whether they live in Nassau or on the most remote Family Island. We will extend health insurance to all public servants, expand NHI drug coverage, and continue building on the PHA Academy to grow a new generation of Bahamian health professionals.

In a second term, we go further. Modern hospital infrastructure. A 10-year plan to tackle the chronic diseases that cost Bahamian lives. A 24-hour mental health lifeline. Dental care that reaches every Family Island. And a health system where no Bahamian family is financially destroyed by a diagnosis.

Modern Hospitals

The infrastructure of our health system must match the ambition of our health goals. We are building modern facilities and integrating them into a national referral network that reduces wait times and improves outcomes for every patient.

- + Complete the Freeport Health Campus and deliver a new, modern New Providence hospital facility.
- + Integrate new facilities into a national referral network.
- + Reduce wait times through triage reform, additional staff, and digital scheduling.
- + Explore public-private partnerships to accelerate healthcare infrastructure expansion.

Health Insurance

Health insurance for civil servants is not a perk. It is the baseline protection a government owes the people who run it. Public servants should not spend years serving their country only to find themselves exposed when they need care. We will ensure every public servant is fully covered.

- + Complete the exercise to extend contributory health insurance to all public servants, including contract workers, with policies and costs finalised by July.

A 10-Year Plan for Better Health Outcomes

Prevention is cheaper than treatment. A government serious about the health of its people invests in stopping illness before it starts.

- + Implement a 10-year national plan to reduce the burden of cancer, diabetes, and heart disease, built on early intervention and community-level prevention.

- + Embed wellness, nutrition, and healthy lifestyle education into schools, youth programmes, and community spaces.

Mental Health and Wellness

Mental health is health. The Bahamas can no longer afford to treat it as anything less.

- + Launch a 24-hour National Suicide Prevention Hotline.
- + Establish community mental health centres.
- + Scale up tele-mental health services and youth-specific programmes.

Stronger NHI Drug Coverage

The cost of medication should never stop a Bahamian from treating a chronic illness.

- + Fully integrate the National Prescription Drug Plan into NHI.

- + Broaden the list of covered drugs.

- + Expand access to GLP-1 medications through NHI to combat obesity and Type 2 diabetes.

- + Strengthen procurement and supply chains to reduce stock-outs.

- + Increase the Catastrophic Care Fund so no Bahamian family is financially destroyed by a serious diagnosis.

Care Closer to Home

Not every Bahamian can travel to Nassau for a check-up. We will bring quality care to them.

- + Expand telemedicine to all major Family Island clinics within three years.

- + Deploy mobile clinics for preventative care, screenings, and maternal and child health services.

- + Expand access to dental care across the Family Islands.

- + Link telemedicine and mobile clinics to the national health information system so patient records follow the individual.

Training More Bahamian Health Professionals

A strong health system is only as strong as the people who run it.

- + Launch an aggressive healthcare human capital building programme anchored in the PHA Academy.

- + Increase continuing education for nurses, doctors, and allied health workers.

- + Align health workforce training with the needs of new hospitals and Family Island clinics.

- + Strengthen recruitment, retention, and benefits for health workers, including housing incentives.

Emergency Services

When a Bahamian calls an ambulance, it must come. We will invest in the fleet and the maintenance schedule to make that a guarantee, not a hope.

- + Continue investing in the emergency vehicle fleet.

- + Implement a structured maintenance schedule to ensure ambulances and emergency response vehicles are available, reliable, and ready.

Protecting Our Elderly

Too many of our senior citizens are spending their final years in hospital beds, not because they are sick, but because their families have no other option. This is a strain on our hospitals and a failure of our duty to the generation that built this country. We will address it.

- + Strengthen the legal framework around elder abandonment, making clear that families have a duty of care for their elderly relatives, with social services empowered to intervene and support families before situations reach crisis point.

- + Expand hospital social work teams with a dedicated responsibility to identify at-risk elderly patients, engage families early, and coordinate discharge into appropriate community care rather than leaving seniors occupying acute hospital beds.

- + Establish community-based elder day care centres across New Providence and the Family Islands, giving families a supervised, affordable alternative to hospital dependency for elderly relatives who do not require acute medical care.

- + Introduce a family caregiver support programme providing practical assistance, including respite care and home aide services, to families caring for elderly relatives at home.

- + Partner with the private sector and NGOs to expand affordable assisted living and long-term care options.

- + Launch a public awareness campaign rooted in Bahamian values, reinforcing our collective responsibility to our seniors and directing families to the support services available.

Dental Care for Every Bahamian

Oral health is health. Every Bahamian, on every island, deserves access to affordable dental care.

- + Fully implement the Dental Professions Bill and modernize dental regulation.
- + Expand public dental services so that every Bahamian on every island has access to affordable dental care.
- + Integrate dental screening programme into public school so children receive an annual dental check.
- + Launch a National Dental Internship Programme through the Department of Public Health, with supervised placements at approved dental facilities feeding directly into a new Paediatric and Adult Community Dental Programme.
- + Deploy mobile dental clinics across the Family Islands.

PROGRESS IN SAFER COMMUNITIES

In 2025, murders fell by 31%. That did not happen by accident. It was the result of a deliberate, evidence-based, five-pillar crime strategy that brought enforcement, prevention, prosecution, rehabilitation, and community together in a way this country had never coordinated before.

The work is not finished. But the direction is proven. We will deepen every pillar of that strategy, secure our borders with the toughest enforcement regime in our history, and prepare our islands for the digital threats that are now as real as any threat on our streets and borders.

Protecting Women, Children, and Families

No Bahamian should live in fear in their own home. We will strengthen the systems that protect women, children, and families from violence, and ensure that every survivor receives the support they deserve.

- + Fully resource and operationalize the Protection Against Violence Act.
- + Expand the RBPF Domestic Violence Unit to Grand Bahama.
- + Expand sexual violence prevention education in schools.
- + Ensure the legal framework around gender-based violence keeps pace with international best practice through ongoing legislative review in consultation with civil society.

Prevention and Community Resilience

The best time to prevent crime is before it happens. Investment in young people, communities, trauma support, and violence interruption is not soft on crime. It is the smartest and most evidence-based crime-fighting investment a government can make.

- + Launch targeted youth employment and skills training programmes for young Bahamians in high-crime communities.
- + Create local Community Justice Centres.
- + Strengthen School Resource Officers and campus security.
- + Construct a therapeutic boarding school for at-risk youth combining education, counselling, life skills, and mentorship.

Policing and Community Safety

We will give law enforcement the tools, the technology, and the legal backing they need to do their jobs, while holding them to the highest standards of conduct and accountability.

- + Deepen the five-pillar crime strategy and complete the expansion of the national closed-circuit television (CCTV) network.
- + Intensify zero-tolerance enforcement for illegal gun possession and expand specialist firearm courts.
- + Expand community policing and the Clear/Hold/Build strategy.
- + Ensure the Independent Commission of Investigations is fully functioning.
- + Institutionalise the Gang Crime and Justice Task Force and expand cooperation with CARICOM, CARICOM Implementation Agency for Crime and Security (IMPACS), and the United States.

Prosecution and Justice

Justice delayed is justice denied. A backlog of court cases denies victims closure and allows perpetrators to wait out the system. We will reform the justice system so cases move faster and justice is delivered.

- + Launch a Backlog Reduction Court to clear outstanding cases within 24 months.
- + Establish a dedicated Sexual Offences Court.
- + Expand digitisation and virtual hearings to Family Island Magistrates Courts.
- + Expand the Public Defender's Office.
- + Revamp Crown brief fees and expand witness protection.

Punishment, Corrections, and Rehabilitation

Punishment must serve a purpose. We will build the facilities for consequence and the programmes for rehabilitation, because a Bahamian who leaves prison without tools to rebuild their life is more likely to return.

- + Complete the new correctional facility and virtual court complex.
- + Complete the Female Juvenile Detention Centre.
- + Expand access to dental care across the Family Islands.

+ Introduce modern risk assessment tools for sentencing and parole.

+ Expand mental health and substance abuse treatment in correctional facilities.

+ Expand Bahamas Department of Correctional Services (BDOCS) reintegration services.

Immigration, Border Security, and National Sovereignty

The Bahamas is a sovereign nation. Our borders will be controlled, our laws will be enforced, and those who violate them will face real consequences. We will deploy biometric technology, real-time maritime surveillance, and employer sanctions that have teeth.

+ Establish a National Maritime Domain Awareness Platform integrating radar, satellite, Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) feeds, and Royal Bahamas Defence Force (RBDF) positions, and stand up a Maritime Surveillance UAV Unit.

+ Procure a National Biometric Immigration System and deploy biometric e-Gates that flag prior deportees and multiple-identity fraud, with overstay alerts triggered within 48 hours.

+ Implement daily overstay fines from day one, blocking future visa applications if unpaid.

+ Enact a tough Employer Immigration Compliance Act, raising penalties for employing undocumented workers from B\$3,000 to B\$5,000 for a first offence, B\$10,000 for a second, and B\$15,000 plus 12 months imprisonment for a third.

+ Launch a Bahamian E-Verify portal and create an Immigration Fraud Intelligence Unit.

+ Launch a National Immigration Digital Transformation Programme, phase out paper forms entirely, and establish a National Identity Verification Database with AI-powered fraud detection.

+ Introduce mandatory sentences for officers who facilitate fraud, including penalties of up to 10 years imprisonment or fines up to \$50,000 for passport fraud.

+ Implement a four-tier statutory re-entry ban framework giving real teeth to deportation.

+ Introduce tiered maternity-care cost recovery for non-citizen patients and establish a Bahamas Migrant Health Insurance Scheme with a firewall between health data and enforcement.

Cybersecurity

The threats to our national security are no longer only physical. We will build the digital defences, the legislation, and the trained professionals to protect every Bahamian in the digital age.

- + Enact comprehensive cybersecurity legislation and establish a National Cybersecurity Authority.
- + Transition Computer Incident Response Team of The Bahamas (CIRT-BS) to 24/7 operations.
- + Establish a National Digital Forensics Laboratory.
- + Implement a Child Online Protection Strategy.
- + Introduce cybersecurity education in schools.

Disaster Resilience and Climate Preparedness

Dorian taught us what unpreparedness costs. We will not be caught that way again. We will strengthen shelters, drainage, early warning systems, and community response capacity across the country.

- + Train and equip Community Emergency Response Teams on every major island.
- + Ensure every populated island has a hurricane-resilient shelter.
- + Complete and enforce the updated Bahamas Building Code.
- + Improve early warning systems for flooding and complete the Pinewood drainage initiative.
- + Help families protect their homes through grants, technical assistance, and flood-risk maps.
- + Scale up mangrove and wetland restoration.
- + Adopt the Comprehensive Financial Strategy for Disaster Risk Management.

Police Recruitment

We delivered the largest law enforcement recruitment drive in Bahamian history. In a second term, we will sustain that pace and invest in the officers who keep our communities safe.

- + Build on the 787 new police officers, 379 correctional officers, and more than 300 immigration officers hired in a single term, the largest law enforcement recruitment drive in Bahamian history.
- + Recruit at least over 100 new frontline police officers per year in a second term.

PROGRESS FOR THE FAMILY ISLANDS

The Family Islands are not an afterthought. They are the heart of this country. They are where our culture lives, where our history was made, and where the character of The Bahamas is still being shaped every day by communities that have too often been told to wait their turn.

The waiting is over. Every island will have its own dedicated development plan. Every island will have broadband. Every island will have reliable, affordable energy. Every island will feel the full reach of progress.

A Development Plan for Every Island

The days of one-size-fits-all Family Island policy are over. Every island has different natural assets, different economic potential, and different community needs. We will plan for each one accordingly and hold ourselves accountable for delivering real development on every island.

- + Develop a dedicated economic development plan for every Family Island.
- + Begin public consultation on the development of the City of Andros.
- + Expand economic activity through targeted investment incentives for businesses outside New Providence and Grand Bahama.

Infrastructure and Connectivity

You cannot develop what you cannot reach. Infrastructure and connectivity are the foundation of Family Island development. Airports, broadband, banking access, and transportation links determine whether an island grows or stagnates. We will build the infrastructure that allows the Family Islands to grow.

- + Complete the Family Island Renaissance programme for the 19 designated airports.
- + Ensure every inhabited island has functional broadband by 2031 and establish a Family Island Digital Connectivity Fund to move beyond stopgap satellite solutions to permanent infrastructure.
- + Expand direct airlift to the Family Islands and establish a National Seaplane Network.
- + Establish a Family Island Banking Access Programme expanding Sand Dollar adoption and mobile banking to replace contracting physical bank branches.

Grand Bahama

Grand Bahama has waited too long. The Freeport Health Campus, the airport, and the Grand Lucayan redevelopment are underway. We will complete them and build a new chapter for this city and this island. Grand Bahama will again become a major centre of industry, tourism, logistics, and opportunity.

- + Meet with Grand Bahama Port Authority (GBPA) licensees to develop a roadmap for development and secure annual payments and arrears from the GBPA via the second phase of arbitration.
- + Release a Regulatory Roadmap for Freeport and publish a Grand Bahama Development Policy.
- + Require public quarterly GBPA reporting.
- + Complete the Freeport Health Campus, Grand Bahama International Airport, and Grand Lucayan redevelopment.

- + Build on advances in tourism, the cruise ship terminal, private cruise ship destinations, maritime, shipping, logistics, technology, events, and entertainment.

- + Establish the Afro-Caribbean Marketplace.

- + Complete acquisition of the Grand Bahama Power Company.

Aviation

In an archipelago, aviation is not a luxury. It is infrastructure as essential as any road. Aviation connects islands, supports tourism, enables business, and creates high-value careers for Bahamians. We will invest in aviation and position The Bahamas as a regional aviation leader.

- + Expand the Lynden Pindling International Airport (LPIA) footprint and develop an airport hotel.

- + Target a Skytrax 5-Star rating and execute the Landside Development Plan.

- + Implement a Green Airports Programme and position The Bahamas as a Caribbean Maintenance, Repair, and Overhaul (MRO) centre.

- + Pursue a seat on the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Council and achieve The Bahamas' first direct issuance licence by Q3 2027.

- + Execute 25 new air service agreements.

- + Relaunch pre-clearance at Grand Bahama International Airport.

PROGRESS FOR TECHNOLOGY AND AI

Technology should make government faster, education better, and life easier for every Bahamian. The Bahamas will be the first country in CARICOM with a dedicated AI Governance Act. We are already ahead of the region. In a second term, we secure and extend that lead.

Digital government on MyGateway. Artificial intelligence in every classroom. 5G in Nassau and Freeport. A Bahamas that does not watch the digital revolution from the sidelines, but leads it.

Digital Government

Every form a Bahamian fills in twice is a failure of government. We are ending that failure through MyGateway and the “Once Only” principle, where a citizen provides their information once and it follows them across every government service. Digital government should mean faster service, fewer lines, less paperwork, and a government that works at the speed of modern life.

- + Enact the eGovernment Act requiring all agencies to be on MyGateway within three years.
- + Launch a National Digital ID.
- + Implement the “Once Only” principle across government services.
- + Enforce the Data Protection Act with mandatory 72-hour breach notification.
- + Target 250,000 MyGateway users by 2031.
- + Deploy AI-powered permit and application processing across government.

AI in Education and the Economy

Artificial intelligence will reshape every industry in the next decade. We will make sure Bahamian students and businesses are equipped to lead in that world, not scramble to keep pace with it. The goal is not just to use AI, but to train Bahamians to build, manage, and govern it.

- + Launch the Bahamas AI Academy through BTVI and UB.
- + Deploy adaptive AI learning tools in all government schools within three years.
- + Introduce AI into the K–12 curriculum from Grade 4.
- + Establish clear ethical guardrails, including no facial recognition without parliamentary approval, no predictive policing of individuals, and no social scoring.

Digital Connectivity

You cannot participate in the digital economy without digital access. Connectivity is no longer a luxury. It is infrastructure. We will expand broadband, deploy 5G, and ensure every island can participate in the digital economy.

- + Deploy 5G in Nassau and Freeport within three years.
- + Establish a Nassau Internet Exchange Point.
- + Expand Free WiFi in the Parks to additional parks and community centres.
- + Continue expanding broadband access across the Family Islands.

PROGRESS FOR NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

A great country is more than an economy. It is its culture, its institutions, its environment, and the trust its citizens have in the government that serves them. This section brings together our commitments to good governance, national planning, creative and sporting ambition, and the protection of the natural world that makes The Bahamas unlike anywhere else on earth.

Progress in national development means a government that is transparent, accountable, and worthy of the trust Bahamians place in it. And it means a Bahamas that invests in what makes it special: its culture, its athletes, its ocean, and its people.

National Development Plan and Framework

Good governance requires a long-term vision that outlasts any single government. We will develop and implement a National Development Plan that sets out where The Bahamas is going and holds every future administration to account for getting there.

- + Commit to a comprehensive National Development Plan setting out a long-term vision across economic growth, infrastructure, human development, environmental sustainability, and institutional reform.

- + Implement the National Development Framework as the governance structure coordinating planning across ministries, agencies, and islands.

- + Develop a National Master Development Plan establishing the spatial, infrastructural, and land-use blueprint for coordinated development across the entire archipelago.

Good Governance

Trust in government is not given. It is earned through transparency, accountability, and consistent delivery. We will strengthen transparency laws, oversight institutions, and public reporting so Bahamians can see clearly how their government is performing.

- + Fully fund and operationalise the Independent Investigations Commission.

- + Continue expanding and fully funding the Freedom of Information Act and ensure every public body has a trained Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) officer and disclosure log.

- + Appoint a fully independent Ombudsman with the authority to investigate and resolve complaints about government actions.

- + Introduce a Public Progress Dashboard on MyGateway tracking delivery against every commitment in this Blueprint.

- + Publish an annual State of Progress report and conduct a mid-term public review at 30 months.

Legislative Reform

The laws that govern our digital economy, our built environment, and our democratic institutions must be fit for the world we are building. We will modernise legislation and close the gaps that have held The Bahamas back.

- + Enact the AI Governance Act, the first in CARICOM.

- + Enact comprehensive cybersecurity legislation.

- + Update the Bahamas Building Code.

- + Continue electoral modernisation with biometric voter cards and electronic poll books.

Technology, Arts and Culture Centres

Access to technology and creative space should not depend on where you live or what your family can afford. Technology, Arts and Culture Centres will bring opportunity directly into communities, acting as engines of urban renewal, youth development, and community empowerment.

- + Establish Technology, Arts and Culture Centres across select constituencies as modern community hubs focused on skills development, youth engagement, innovation, and community empowerment, including computer labs, digital literacy training, after-school programmes, mentorship, workforce development, and spaces for arts and cultural expression.

Festivals in Paradise: The Bahamas' Orange Economy

Bahamian creative talent is world-class. The creative economy is a multi-billion dollar global industry, and The Bahamas is sitting on untapped assets. We will build the infrastructure to turn that talent into sustained, globally competitive economic power.

- + Establish a world-class creative hub with performance venues, recording studios, artist residencies, a culinary arts destination, an artisan village, and commercial space.

- + Build a dedicated Artist District with professional studios and international exchange programmes.

- + Develop an artisan supply chain for Bahamian-made goods and build “Made in The Bahamas” as a global mark of quality.

- + Position The Bahamas in global film, animation, and digital media with a “Filmed in The Bahamas” national brand.

Creative Economy

From Junkanoo to film, from music to digital content, The Bahamas has a creative identity that is vastly undervalued as an economic asset. We will invest in infrastructure, training, and international partnerships to turn it into a thriving industry.

- + Support CAPAS in expanding training and partnerships.

- + Build a new National Centre for the Performing Arts.

- + Commission a National Junkanoo Museum.

- + Build a Production Village for film, TV, music, animation, and VR.

- + Enact Film Production Incentive legislation and provide seed funding for a Production Finance Fund.

Support for Bahamian Digital Creators

Bahamian digital creators deserve access to the same global platforms, payment systems, and intellectual property protections as creators anywhere in the world. We will advocate, legislate, and fund for it.

- + Launch a Creator Micro-Grant Fund.

- + Build an online rights registry with a fast-track small-claims mechanism.

Protecting Our Environment

The ocean is our inheritance and our most important economic asset. We will protect it with legislation that has teeth, enforcement that is real, and blue carbon commitments that generate revenue while preserving the ecosystem for generations.

+ Increase fines for illegal dumping and implement environmental performance bonds.

+ Establish the Bahamas Environmental Tribunal.

+ Pass comprehensive waste management and marine pollution legislation.

+ Ensure blue carbon governance includes independent oversight, transparent revenue reporting, and community benefit-sharing.

+ Direct conservation toward mangrove protection, freshwater lens conservation, and climate-resilient coastal infrastructure.





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