OUR TOP FIFTEEN PLEDGES TO YOU!

1. We will work vigorously to reduce unemployment to below 15% through a combination of measures, including initiatives in tourism and Government-financed construction.

2. We will continue with plans to develop a major highway along the north east coast of our island, linking Gros Islet to Dennery on the east coast.

3. We will increase the personal income tax allowance from $18,000.00 to $30,000.00 and increase the threshold for House Tax to $300,000.00.

4. We will bring more tax relief to our pensioners.

5. We will assist parents in meeting the cost of the fees for CXC exams.

6. We will establish a Tertiary Education Trust Fund and finance it by an allocation of $3.0 million every year for five years.

7. We will:
   a) Construct a new National Police Headquarters at La Toc;
   b) Construct a new National Judicial Complex;
   c) Construct at Choc a new National Theatre Complex.

8. We will begin planning for a new dam on the Troumassee River.

9. We will develop the renewable energy, information technology and services sectors to ensure that Saint Lucia has a vibrant, robust and resilient economy.

10. We will implement Universal Health Care.

11. We will transform the Sir Arthur Lewis Community College into a University College with full degree granting status.

12. We will work toward a complete transition away from fossil fuels for electricity generation, with a goal of 75% renewable energy by 2035.

13. We will rejuvenate the city of Castries, restoring it to its former status as the most attractive city in the Eastern Caribbean.

14. We will completely transform the agricultural sector, focusing on new value-added products like nutraceuticals and organics.

15. We will enact new legislation to protect the Queen’s Chain (the People’s Chain) and secure and guarantee the rights of way and public access to our beaches.
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My fellow Saint Lucians,

The time has come once again when we are called upon to make a decision about the future management and direction of our country. Four and a half years ago, you exercised that cherished right and voted decisively to place the stewardship of our country in the hands of the Saint Lucia Labour Party. It is a responsibility that my Party accepted with humility and a profound understanding of the responsibility with which we had been entrusted.

OUR INHERITANCE

The task ahead of us back then, in December 2011, was to rescue an ailing economy that had been brought to its knees by the effects of a global economic crisis and a reckless UWP administration that had spent the previous five years fighting with itself and squandering the precious resources that it had inherited when it assumed office. We had to try to revive investor confidence in our country, because we had gone from a situation of almost unprecedented growth and investment between 2001 and 2006, to complete stagnation and zero foreign direct investment between 2007 and 2011. Every single sector was in crisis. The banana industry, in which our administration had invested heavily between 1997 and 2006, was at its death bed from Black Sigatoka infestation. Our national infrastructure was in ruins as a result of the inability of the UWP administration to effect the necessary repairs after the passage of Hurricane Tomas and the dysfunction of the Ministry of Communications and Works at the hands of an ineffective minister. The tourism industry had made little progress, despite the bluster of the then minister and the squandering of millions of dollars on failed promotions, gimmicks and exorbitant revenue guarantees to airlines. Our country’s standing in regional and international circles was at an all-time low because of the number of outrageous political scandals that had become synonymous with the UWP administration. That was the sobering and somewhat depressing reality that confronted my Government in December 2011.

OUR TASK

In the last four and a half years we have worked diligently and relentlessly to improve the fortunes of our country. This was difficult and required a significant amount of under-
standing and sacrifice. We had very little resources to work with. Gone were the days when the banana industry could be counted on for hundreds of millions of dollars in foreign exchange. It took time to convince foreign investors that the sins and bad habits of the previous UWP administration were a thing of the past. We had to wean people off the idea that getting paid via dubious contracts to do shoddy public works was an acceptable way of rewarding political loyalty. We had to reduce a growing fiscal deficit and tame a rising Debt-to-GDP ratio without resorting to the employee retrenchments that some of our Caribbean neighbours had been forced to use. Most importantly, we had to ensure that we did not have to turn to the IMF for help to solve these problems because we understood the excruciating hardship that an IMF austerity programme would cause for our citizens.

**OUR RECORD**

I am very proud of the commitment, dedication and hard work of my Government during this term of government. Never has a Government had to do so much with so little, and we have delivered. Unemployment is trending downward once again, in the direction in which our Government left it when we demitted office in 2006. Our economy has rebounded, and the positive growth of 2015 is set to continue in the years ahead. We have skilfully restructured our economy away from a total reliance on bananas to a more diversified platform of tourism, agriculture, services, construction, manufacturing and promising new sectors like energy and information technology. We have closed the fiscal deficit and stopped the rapid increase in Debt-to-GDP. We have repaired the outstanding damage from Hurricane Tomas and recovered from the impact of the devastating 2014 Christmas Eve trough. We have addressed long-standing problems in our water sector and created new exciting opportunities in the energy sector. We have extended social safety nets to provide relief and support for single mothers, the elderly, the differently abled, the unemployed, and the poor. We have started a revolution in the education sector by equipping our students with laptops and internet access so that they can compete with young people anywhere in the world. We have restored investor confidence in our country, with large, new investments in the hotel, energy and real estate sectors. We have returned decency, transparency and accountability to the workings of Government. Our standing in the regional and international communities is at an all-time high, with Saint Lucians heading major regional institutions and our ministers highly regarded for their work in critical negotiating theatres.

That, my fellow Saint Lucians is the track record that we present to you and ask that you use to determine our suitability to continue to hold the trust that you reposed in my team in 2011. A review of the promises that we made in Our Blueprint for Growth will reveal that once again, we have not only fulfilled most of those promises, but gone above and beyond and implemented several additional measures meant to build a better Saint Lucia.

**OUR PROPOSALS**

But it is not just on the strength of our past record that we now seek a renewal of your confidence. We are not a Party that rests on its laurels or dwells on its past achievements. We are constantly searching for ways to move our country forward and improve the lives of our citizens. The proposals that we make in this 2016 Manifesto are all designed to build on the solid platform that has been constructed to catapult our country into a new, exciting and successful future for every one of its citizens. There are measures in this manifesto to create new jobs, many of these in new sectors, that will appeal to every category of worker. There are policies to continue the recovery in our economy and propel us on a path of sustained economic prosperity. There are ideas that will help our young people realize their true potential and be able to compete with young people anywhere in the world. There are proposals to ensure that the social fabric of our country is strengthened and that our education, health and social services are able to serve us effectively well into the future. There are recommendations that will strengthen law and order, improve national security and ensure that every woman, man and child in our country can once again feel safe and secure. There are plans to protect our natural environment and help us develop resilience to the effects of climate change and other extreme weather events.

**OUR PROMISE**

The proposals in this manifesto are practical and are rooted in a profound understanding of our people, our culture and the needs of our country. They come from a Party that has proven its sincerity and its capacity to deliver. They are made by a group of men and women who have demonstrated their integrity and honesty and their commitment to putting country and people before self. The pledges in this manifesto come from a Party that is with you, for you, for Saint Lucia. We ask that you honour us, once again, with a responsibility that we take very seriously – to work together with you for a better Saint Lucia. We promise to cherish that trust, that responsibility and to always work in your best interests and the interests of our country.

I thank you.

Sincerely yours,

Kenny D. Anthony
Political Leader
OUR ACHIEVEMENTS
2011-2016

★ REVITALIZING THE ECONOMY

★ Reducing Unemployment, Creating Jobs:
  • National Initiative to Create Employment (NICE) launched with over 6,000 new jobs created;
  • $100.94 Million spent on job creation through NICE;
  • Reintroduction of Short Term Employment Project (STEP) with 2000 to 2500 persons employed at each cycle;
  • New Cruise Ship Employment Programme started;
  • Tourism hostess programme implemented;
  • Nursing Program to secure employment for Saint Lucian nurses developed.

★ Taking Tourism to New Heights:
  • Continued to steadily increase visitor arrivals; in 2015 we surpassed the one million mark for the first time;
  • Increased airlift from the major source markets including USA, UK and Canada, without resorting to the use of exorbitant revenue guarantees;
  • Successfully rebranded the Jazz Festival to Saint Lucia Jazz and Arts Festival;
  • Opening of Capella Marigot Bay and the Dive Centre in Rodney Bay;
  • Construction of two new hotels: Harbour Club Hotel in Rodney Bay & Royalton Resort in Cap Estate;
  • Refurbishment and expansion work at seven major hotels.

★ Agriculture and Fisheries Rejuvenation:
  • New jetties at Praslin and Savannes Bay;
  • Increased fuel subsidy to fishers by 100%;
  • Passage of new Agriculture and Fisheries Incentives Act;
  • Increased domestic and hotel purchases of local crops;
  • Effective management of Black Sigatoka disease;
  • Major expansion of cocoa, coconut and coffee production;
  • Improved School Feeding Programme;
  • Farm Labour Support programme through NICE.

★ Supporting Local Business:
  • Small Business Development Centre (SBDC) launched;
  • Export of furniture by local manufacturers to Grenada;
  • Business Name Registration Assistance provided to over 200 persons;
  • Act establishing the Trade Export Promotion Agency passed;
  • Consumer Protection Act passed in Parliament.

★ Stimulating Investment:
  • Successful hosting of inaugural Saint Lucia Investment Forum;
  • New National Investment legislation passed;
  • Commencement of work for the Courts Mega Centre at Marisule;
  • Construction of Dayana Mall on Bridge Street, Castries;
  • Establishment of Caribbean Grains in Vieux Fort.

★ Creative Industries Programme:
  • Establishment of Walcott House;
  • National Performance Program Launched;
• JÊTÉ dance competition developed, providing training to dancers;
  • Saint Lucian Artist Marketing Concert (S.L.A.M) launched.

★ RESTORING LAW AND ORDER

★ Enacting New Legislation:
  • Anti-Gang Legislation passed.

★ Working with the Police:
  • Supported police in crime prevention activities and in their efforts to reduce the homicide rate.

★ CREATING A MORE CARING AND EQUITABLE SOCIETY

★ Educating our Youth:
  • $500 one-time bursary to families whose children pass the Common Entrance examination;
  • $700 annual Teaching Supplies Grant to teachers;
  • Introduction of “One Laptop per Child” Programme. All students in Forms 3, 4, & 5 now have laptops;
  • Partial Zoning introduced to reduce the burden of transportation costs;
  • Refurbishment of Saltibus Combined, Deniere Riviere Combined, Dennery Primary and Desruisseaux Combined schools;
  • Renovation of Vieux Fort Infant, Corinth Secondary, Clendon Mason Memorial, Fond Assau Combined,

Canaries Infant School, Micoud Infant/Primary School

★ Safety Nets and Support for the Vulnerable:
  • Public assistance increased by 25%;
  • New monthly assistance of $200.00 for children with special needs;
  • NICE National Home Help Programme implemented;
  • Single Mothers empowerment programme (SMILE) started;
  • Water and electricity connections made possible for all Saint Lucians regardless of land ownership situation;
  • Caretaker Programme/Roadside Maintenance Programme initiated;
  • No VAT on electricity and water bills.

★ Better Health Services:
  • Dennery Hospital completely rehabilitated;
  • Soufriere hospital refurbished;
  • Ti-Rocher Wellness Centre renovated;
  • Gros Islet Polyclinic’s hours expanded;
  • Refurbishment of health centres at Babonneau, Micoud, Etangs & Castries
  • La Guerre Wellness Centre constructed;
  • 162 persons received EDF Scholarships to undergo specialised training in health services;
  • Free medication for diabetics and individuals diagnosed with hypertension;
  • No VAT on medication;
  • Amnesty in 2012 for persons with outstanding bills at Victoria Hospital and St. Jude Hospital.

★ Improving Access to Affordable Housing:
  • Construction of homes for underprivileged resi-
OUR ACHIEVEMENTS 2011-2016

REBUILDING OUR NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE

- Repair of Hurricane Tomas damage on the Barre de Lisle;
- Sulphur Springs Road restored;
- Guesneau slope stabilized;
- East Coast Road repairs undertaken;
- Marchand Riverbank Stabilization Programme underway.
  - 21 bridges built or rehabilitated;
  - Several roads rehabilitated around the island, including in Dennery, Vieux Fort, Castries, Soufriere, Choiseul, Laborie and Gros Islet;
  - New Vieux Fort Square constructed;
  - Ongoing construction of the Soufriere Town square;
  - Refurbished Marchand Community Centre.

ACTION ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

★ Protecting our Environment:
  - Saved the UNESCO World Heritage status of the Pitons Management Area;
  - Established Flood Early Warning Systems in Anse La Raye, Canaries and Marchand.

★ Improving the Water Sector:
  - Reorganized and improved WASCO;
  - Started works to improve Micoud and Desruisseaux water supply systems;
  - Secured funding for new water supply systems in Vieux Fort and Dennery North;
  - Rehabilitated intakes at Ravine Poisson and Vanard;
  - Castries city provided with 24 hour water supply;
  - Water Projects completed in Cas En Bas; Rocky Lane/Green Mountain, Dennery; Over the Bridge, Dennery; Bruceville, Vieux Fort and Fond Cacao, Babonneau.

★ Providing Global Leadership on Climate Change:
  - Saint Lucia played an important leadership role at the regional and international levels in climate change negotiations.

★ Igniting an Energy Revolution:
  - Started work on the development of a 12 Mega Watt wind farm in Dennery;
  - Process underway for 3.2 Mega Watt solar farm
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in Vieux Fort South;
• Geothermal exploration restarted;
• Installation of solar panels on NEMO Headquarters and the Mental Wellness Centre;
• Commenced replacement of street lights with energy-efficient LED bulbs;
• Established National Utilities Regulatory Commission.

YOUTH & SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

• Creation of autonomous Ministry of Youth Development and Sports;
• Youth Agricultural Entrepreneurship programme developed;
• Launch of The Beckwith International Leadership Development (BILD) program to instil leadership qualities and strengthen the skills of youth;
• Rehabilitated over 12 sports facilities;
• Lighting installed at 5 sporting facilities;
• Three new multi-purpose courts built.

STRENGTHENING GOVERNANCE

★ Improving the Delivery of Public Services:
• Government 311 Contact Centre established;
• Government Digitization Centre created;
• Saint Lucia Internet Exchange Point commissioned;
• Government vehicle monitoring and tracking system implemented;
• Unified Communication System commissioned; reduces cost of Government’s telephone service by over $2 million annually;
• Employee Assistance Program established;
• New state-of-the-art Public Service Training Institute developed.

★ Using Technology to Empower Citizens:
• Establishment of Community ICT Access Centres in Soufriere, Vieux Fort, Anse La Raye, Canaries, Garand, Micoud and Monchy;
• Free Wi-Fi and new computer equipment for all libraries across the island;
• Expanded internet broadband and establishment of Wi-Fi hotspots in all secondary schools on the island;
• Map Saint Lucia Programme established;
• Over $1 million in grants disbursed for ICT training and ICT business development.

★ More Strategic External Relations:
• Strengthened diplomatic relations with the Government of the Republic of China (Taiwan);
• Established diplomatic relations with Mauritius, New Zealand, Honduras, Mexico and Argentina;
• Opened an Embassy in the Republic of China (Taiwan) 2015;
• Negotiated beneficial technical agreements with the Government of Brazil;
• Facilitated increased assistance from Taiwan, Mexico, Morocco, Venezuela, New Zealand, the United Kingdom and the European Union.
PART 1
OUR SUSTAINABLE GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT AGENDA

DEVELOPING A REVITALISED AND STRONGER ECONOMY
WITH YOU FOR YOU FOR SAINT LUCIA
The past four years have been a period of adjustment for our economy. It was a period of shared sacrifice. Through our efforts, we saved Saint Lucia from the IMF. Now, we are beginning to see the benefits of the adjustments that we made together.

• Our economy grew by 1.3%. We have returned to a period of economic growth.
• Our current account surplus continued to increase in 2015/16 to $73.8 million.
• There was an improved performance in the primary surplus, growing to $45.3 million in 2015/16 from $3.7 million in 2014/15.
• We have reduced our deficit from 9.6% of GDP in 2012 to 3.1% in 2015.
• Unemployment is trending downwards, from a high of 24.5% to 20% in the last Quarter.
• There was a net increase in the employed labour force by 3.8% to 77,131
and a net increase of 5,220 persons employed in the Fourth Quarter of 2015;

• Foreign and Local Investment have returned to our country;
• Agricultural production and output are rising. Banana exports surged by 35.3%.
• Tourism arrivals continue to increase;
• Value added in the construction sector expanded by 7.4%;
• Manufacturing is on a rebound. The sector grew by an estimated 13.7%.

★ INTO THE FUTURE

Your Labour Government will:

• Maintain fiscal discipline but engage in tax reform to increase disposable income, reduce Corporate Tax and spur investment;
• Stimulate construction by addressing key infrastructural gaps;
• Engender economic growth and create an enabling environment for business development;
• Stimulate new investment to increase growth and reduce unemployment.
★ MAINTAINING FISCAL DISCIPLINE

Your Labour Government will:

• Enact a Fiscal Responsibility Act to set targets and benchmarks and compel future Governments to observe certain economic and fiscal benchmarks.

★ ADDRESS INFRASTRUCTURAL GAPS

Your Labour Government will commence or continue under this pillar:

• North-South Link Road;
• Millennium Highway Rehabilitation;
• Castries to Gros Islet and Secondary Roads improvement Project;
• Dennery Water Supply Redevelopment;
• Desruisseaux Treatment Plant;
• Vieux Fort Water Supply Redevelopment;
• John Compton Dam Rehabilitation;
• Castries Water Treatment Project;
• Diagnostic Facility to support Agricultural Development;
• Rehabilitation of agricultural feeder roads.

Your Labour Government will undertake the following new construction projects:

• A new Judicial Complex;
• A new Police Headquarters;
• A new National Theatre Complex at Choc.

★ TAX REFORMS

We will continue our programme of tax reforms, both in respect of Personal Income Tax and Corporate Tax. We were stymied in our efforts at tax reform because of the state of our economy over the past four years but now that our economy is better and stronger we will pursue our tax reform agenda.

Your Labour Government will:

• Within six months, put more money in the pockets of taxpayers by increasing the Income Tax allowance from $18,000 to $30,000. This measure will exempt roughly 3,000 persons from the payment of Income Tax.
Grant more tax relief to our pensioners. Pensioners will receive a further $4,000.00 to the new tax threshold of $25,000.00;

- Increase the qualifying threshold for the payment of Land and House Tax from $200,000.00 to $300,000.00;
- Encourage and stimulate growth and investment by further reducing the Corporate Tax Rate. Within six months in office, we shall reduce the current rate from 30% to 28% and depending on the continued recovery of our economy, to 25%.

★ EXPAND ONLINE TAX SERVICES
Your Labour Government will:
- Decrease the time and costs associated with starting a business by introducing online systems for employer tax registration and VAT registration.

★ ADDRESS CHALLENGES OF INSOLVENCY
Your Labour Government will:
- Establish a unit responsible for the general administration of insolvency proceedings and introduce required legislation to govern reorganization procedures. This will provide support to the domestic banking sector and will offer incentives for more beneficial negotiations between debtors and their creditors.

★ ESTABLISHMENT OF CREDIT BUREAUS
Your Labour Government will:
- Facilitate the establishment of private Credit Bureaus by developing the legal and regulatory framework necessary for their establishment.

★ INCENTIVES TO PROMOTE E-COMMERCE
Your Labour Government will:
- Provide incentives to encourage local businesses to adopt e-Commerce, which can grow their businesses both locally and internationally;
- Offer Corporate Tax deductions on capital and training costs associated with the establishment of e-Commerce websites to businesses which set up e-Commerce websites.

★ FACILITATE ADOPTION OF INTERNATIONAL QUALITY STANDARDS
Your Labour Government will:
- Facilitate the adoption of international quality standards by local businesses, which will improve their competitiveness.
- Strengthen the capacity of the Bureau of Standards to allow it to grow its program for ensuring that Saint Lucian products meet international quality standards.
- Offer a 150% Corporate Tax deduction on a percentage of costs towards international standard certification.

★ STIMULATING INVESTMENT
Your Labour Government will:
- Realise foreign direct investment of ECS$3.5 billion in tourism, infrastructure, energy, ICT and other services over the next five years, to create the jobs that we need to reduce unemployment.

- Strengthen our investment targeting and attraction processes to attract high quality investment which can provide badly needed jobs and support the economic, social, environmental and technological development of Saint Lucia.

★ CITIZENSHP BY INVESTMENT PROGRAM (CIP) TO SPUR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
Your Labour Government will:
- Periodically, review the CIP program to ensure that it promotes economic development and results in sustainable job creation, genuine wealth creation for Saint Lucians of all walks of life and expansion of business development opportunities for the private sector.

★ INVESTMENT DELIVERY AND SUPPORT WORKING GROUP TO INCREASE THE PACE OF INVESTMENT
Your Labour Government will:
• Establish an investment delivery and support working group to increase the pace of investment.
• Reinforce coordination among all public sector entities involved in investment approvals and facilitation by establishing a working group among these entities.

★ DOUBLE TAXATION AGREEMENTS AND BILATERAL INVESTMENT TREATIES

Your Labour Government will:
• Actively seek to increase the number of double taxation agreements and investment treaties to further enhance Saint Lucia’s attractiveness to foreign investors.

★ SUPPORT FOR INDIGENOUS AND DOMESTIC INVESTORS

Your Labour Government will:
• Support the growth of domestic investment by strengthening business development support services.
RECOGNITION OF THE SERVICES SECTOR

The Services Sector in our economy is beginning to show encouraging signs of growth and development. We believe that this sector has tremendous potential for growth.

Your Labour Government will:
• Enact a special regime of incentives for this sector.

PROMOTING GOOD GOVERNANCE FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

A key aspect of development is the creation of institutions that will provide sound decision making and promote transparency and predictability in public policy. Consequently, we must focus on institution building to support governance to promote economic, political and social stability.

Your Labour Government will:
• Implement reforms aimed at creating a single window for construction permits;
• Focus on the development of competition policy and regulations across major sectors of the economy. Work towards the establishment of a Competition Commission.

CORRESPONDENT BANKING

Banks in Saint Lucia, and the rest of the Caribbean, have had to deal with the impact of measures associated with ‘de-risking’. This has resulted in some US and UK based correspondent banks being reluctant or refusing to hold deposits or provide other services to Caribbean banks, such as cheque clearing, wire transfers and trade finance.

This threatens the immediate, medium and long-term developmental prospects of our region and our country. This is a very serious situation, which requires considered and resolute action.

Your Labour Government will:
• Work with the ECCB to ensure that Caribbean banks and regulatory bodies comply with the best practices and global regulatory standards in the fields of finance, banking and taxation, including those established by the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) and the Global Forum.
• Formulate targeted requests for financial and technical assistance from international development partners and developed countries.
• Engage in intense lobbying and diplomatic efforts in countries where correspondent banks are located.
• Effectively articulate and communicate to the financial regulatory authorities and banks in the U.S. and
UK the message that Caribbean banks are compliant, and are zones where “money-laundering” and financing of terrorism activities will not be tolerated.

- Develop direct market-based solutions that ensure less reliance on the correspondent banking services offered by U.S. and UK banks.
- Search for alternative markets in which banks are ready and willing to provide correspondent services to Caribbean banks.

★ EMPLOYMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Providing the environment for an expansion of employment opportunities remains the number one priority for our Party.

We will continue our efforts in this term of office.

Your Labour Government will:

- Set out the most ambitious employment strategy ever, to reduce unemployment to below 15 percent in 5 years by creating new jobs in a range of sectors;
- Establish a new minimum wage after consultation with all stakeholders;
- Promote the growth of micro, small & medium enterprises through special tax benefits, development clusters and incubators;
- Develop a revitalised Youth Entrepreneurship & Enterprise Equity Programme;
- Expand the NICE - Agricultural Workers Support Programme;
- Strengthen the NICE - Home Help Programme;
- Develop a new NICE - Tourism Safety & Hospitality Programme;
- Provide training to young people in information and communications technology, using the newly established ICT Access Centres
- Develop new employment opportunities in the energy sector
- Create new economic and employment opportunities in the agricultural sector through new value-added niche products
The tourism sector has been one of the many successes of our administration over the past four and a half years. We have recorded growth in virtually every single segment of the sector and Saint Lucia’s standing in the marketplace has continued to grow. This has been achieved by spending less money on wasteful and ineffective marketing gimmicks and without providing expensive revenue guarantees to international airlines.

★ INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT
Your Labour Government will:

- Develop an integrated tourism experience through better product development, destination management and stakeholder collaborations;
- Cause investment in hotels and villas so that the number of visitor rooms will expand by over 50% or 2500 new rooms by 2020, resulting in an additional 100,000 stay-over visitors per year to our shores;
- Ensure that these new properties all meet high environmental standards, particularly with respect to waste management, water capture and storage, and renewable energy and energy efficiency.
• Improve the attractiveness and competitiveness of brand Saint Lucia by developing a world-class, high standard, authentic destination that pays attention to safety, detail and comfort;

• Expand indigenous ownership in the tourism sector;

• Provide support to the growing Bed and Breakfast sector that was created by the incentives provided by the Labour administration of 2001-2006. Ensure they meet the requisite industry standards and can continue to grow and make a significant contribution to our tourism product;

• Support the development of niche markets including yachting, health and wellness and sports Tourism.

★★ AIRLIFT AND MARKETING
Your Labour Government will:

• Strengthen online marketing of our island and seek out greater value-for-money for our marketing dollar;

• Revamp and enhance Saint Lucia’s online presence, supported by a call centre handling in-bound and out-bound services, including a visitor help desk;

• Ensure that our marketing is vertically integrated to the entire product;

• Seek to increase airlift into Saint Lucia out of our traditional markets of the US, UK and Canada. In particular, we will seek new and additional flights out of Fort Lauderdale, Dallas, Chicago, Montreal, and Manchester;

• Attract new flights from Latin America, specifically Brazil and Panama.

★★ YACHTING
Your Labour Government will:

• Provide support for the enhancement of services and amenities at our major yachting destinations;

• Improve safety at the ports frequented by yachts and pleasure craft;

• Work with marina operators to attract more mega yachts to Saint Lucia.
Saint Lucia is the only country in the Windward Islands that still exports bananas to the UK and last year banana production surged. Production of fruits and vegetables, and revenue from their sale to local hotels and supermarkets, continue to increase under our stewardship. There has been a revitalization of the agriculture and fisheries sectors and a renewed confidence of farmers and fishers in the sectors.

★ INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT

Your Labour Government will:

- Restructure and provide more support to the Extension services so that clients may be served more effectively;
- Modernize the livestock infrastructure, with a focus on the ‘Small Ruminant’ sector and the establishment of communal systems;
- Formalize “commodity platforms” to strengthen local and regional market access;
- Establish a comprehensive School Feeding Programme, with a centralized production centre that purchases local produce from farmers and converts these products into packaged nutritious and tasty...
meals that are distributed to schools around the island. This will stimulate agricultural activity, generate employment, address hunger and nutrition problems in schools, and assist in the fight against non-communicable diseases.

• Focus on increasing food security by:
  * Incorporating cassava in 40% of flour preparations in public institutions;
  * Encouraging small female-led community based livestock projects;
  * Promoting value-added in major commodities;
• Continue to repair the network of agricultural feeder roads;
• Expand acreages in coffee, cocoa and coconut production to take advantage of domestic and external market opportunities.

★ VALUE-ADDED PRODUCTS

Your Labour Government will:

• Establish Agro-parks for the production of specific pre-selected commodities for both local and export markets. Special emphasis will be placed on com-
modities that are in foreign markets where we already have market links. Winfresh will be engaged to partner with us in this venture;

- Develop an Essential Oils industry by:
  * Providing assistance for structuring the sector;
  * Promoting research and propagation of “exotic” plants for oil production;
  * Seeking assistance for the setting up of a plant for the processing of oils, in partnership with private sector;
- Work with Winfresh to produce agricultural commodities to supply its chain of processing facilities;
- Orient production in suitable locations to take advantage of the growing global demand for nutraceutical products such as medicinal herbs, facial scrubs and masks, natural vitamins and supplements.

★ FISHERIES

Your Labour Government will:

- Establish Marine Management Authorities to manage our shared marine spaces, with a view toward consolidating them under one management structure;
- Expand mariculture to new coastal communities around Saint Lucia;
• Renew efforts to promote and encourage long line fishing;
• Seek assistance to get our fisheries facilities certified for value-added fish processing.

★ CLIMATE RESILIENT AGRICULTURE
Your Labour Government will:
• Source funding for climate change adaptation activities in the agricultural sector;
• Take advantage of the energy revolution to encourage the use of solar photovoltaic panels on fisheries facilities, solar dryers for value added in fruits and vegetables, and bio-digesters for use on livestock farms;
• Promote sound use and management of our water resources, including providing incentives for rain water harvesting and storage for irrigation.

★ COOPERATIVES
Your Labour Government will:
• Energize and modernize the long established “Friendly Societies”;
• Enact new Cooperatives and Friendly Societies legislation;
The current global economic situation necessitates that Government continues to embrace policies that support sustainable economic development through trade and investment facilitation, business development, standardization, growth of the micro and small business sector, development of the service sector, empowerment of entrepreneurs through training, technical support and access to finance, encouraging innovation, embracing green technology, and taking advantage of information and communications technology.

We will pursue these policies through a whole-of-Government approach, in partnership with the private sector.

★ BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT

Your Labour Government will:

• Restructure and streamline the Trade Export Promotion Agency (TEPA) and the Small Business Development Centre (SBDC) to provide seamless business support services to prospective and existing enterprises;
• Encourage new employment opportunities by creating a structured support programme for businesses during the start-up stage (the first two years of existence);
• Introduce a national Export Advisory Service and Volunteer Technical Assistance Programme to increase the level of technical expertise available to micro and small enterprises, and to increase technology transfer by industry experts;
• Introduce a Business Internship Programme and Mentorship Programme for Micro and Small enterprises (MSEs) to augment their human resource capacity, improve productivity and enhance performance;
• Implement programmes to strengthen the linkages between the tourism and export sectors and strengthen the local value addition of the tourism product by creating opportunities for local producers and suppliers;
• Develop a branding strategy to promote local goods and services in both the domestic and export markets - a Trustmark that depicts, quality, excellence and distinguishes Saint Lucian products and services;
• Create a framework for the promotion, application and regulation of the national brand geographic indicators and other existing quality marks to enhance the benefits to producer and exporters;
• Provide greater encouragement to young people to become entrepreneurs, particularly in areas like the creative industries, information technology and agriculture;
• Establish an Innovation Fund to stimulate and facilitate the patenting of inventions in selected areas and generate viable new business concepts that create employment;
• Introduce anti-dumping legislation and the corresponding implementation and monitoring capability to safeguard local producers and exporters from unfair practices by external competitors;
• Encourage our manufacturers to embrace green technology and information technology in an effort to reduce the overall cost of operations and be competitive;
• Develop an adequate legislative and operational framework for the development and export of local music.

★ OUR INTERNATIONAL GATEWAYS: MODERN AIR & SEA PORTS

Our economic development is heavily reliant on the efficiency and effectiveness of our Ports and the services they provide. We are fortunate to have two air ports and two sea ports and over the years we have used these facilities to good effect.

However, with the passage of time the facilities at our Ports have become sub-optimal to support our continued economic growth and development.
HEWANORRA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Your Labour Government will:
• Begin the redevelopment of the Hewanorra International Airport so that by 2020, we will have a modern gateway capable of handling air transport demand for the next 25 years. This will involve creation of a spacious terminal building, the provision of jet bridges, new parking areas, the expansion of the aircraft parking, a Fixed Based Operator private jet facility, and expanded cargo operations.

DEVELOPMENT OF OUR SEA PORT INFRASTRUCTURE

Your Labour Government will:
• Undertake a strategic review of our seaport operations. This will be done with assistance from the International Finance Corporation to investigate the way forward for phasing the redevelopment of Port Castries and Port Vieux Fort;
• Explore all possibilities to come up with the best and most efficient option for a new cargo port for Saint Lucia at either Cul de Sac or Vieux Fort, capable of handling future demand, while generating new transhipment demand;
CASTRIES CRUISE AND LEISURE PORT

Your Labour Government will:

• Begin the conversion of Castries into a dedicated cruise and leisure port;

• Attract investment to ensure the marine real estate in Castries is maximised. The three main areas of interest for redevelopment are Pointe Seraphine and Ganters’ Bay, Jeremie Street and downtown Castries, and Bananes Bay/Faux-a-Chaud;

• Commence redevelopment of the Jeremie Street/Northern Wharf/La Place Carenage Expansion as a first phase;

• Begin redeveloping Ganters’ Bay by expanding Point Seraphine. This will include the development of a waterside promenade and include new duty-free shops, vending areas, restaurants, boutique hotels, marina and marine excursions centre.

We have been blessed with a beautiful country and a rich and proud cultural inheritance. This unique blend of nature and culture caused us to acquire the title of ‘Helen of the West’. Unfortunately, a lack of forward thinking and planning over several decades has resulted in the diminution of some of that beauty. It is imperative that we take action quickly if we are to save our country from an irreversible transition to a harder and less aesthetically pleasing appearance.

Your Labour Government will:

• Ensure that Saint Lucia has a new National Physical Plan within three years;
• Streamline the development planning process to make it more efficient;
• Expand the use of Geographical Information Systems in development planning;
• Establish areas that are zoned for entertainment and reduce noise pollution;
• Promote the use of special architectural conservation areas through special incentives;
• Curb urban sprawl and promote walkable, pedestrian-friendly neighbourhoods;
• Introduce new planning regulations to guide developments in coastal, hillside and environmentally sensitive areas.

★ REVITALISING THE CITY OF CASTRIES

Your Labour Government will:

• Enhance the historic and cultural assets of our city to make it a more attractive tourist destination;
• Transform downtown Castries into a duty-free shopping precinct for selected products;
• Undertake parking, greening and pedestrian improvements to make Castries a friendlier city;
• Develop new housing options for persons in low quality housing and encourage new development;
• Create new strategic areas for micro-entrepreneurship and work with vendors to upgrade their products and customer service;
• Begin the process of redeveloping areas such as Faux-a-Chaud, Grass Street and Wilton’s Yard;
• Assist in the restoration of historic structures in the Castries City Centre;
• Develop other sites of interest in the city alongside improved directional and interpretive signage.
Repairing our road network was a critical imperative for our administration when we took office in 2011. All over the country were signs of neglect of public infrastructure. The Barre de Lisle was littered with balconies around collapsed sections of the road. Many bridges were near failure due to poor maintenance. Very little evidence could be seen of the work undertaken from the large contracts that had been awarded for road works around the country. Direct awards for contracts had become the norm, rather than the exception.

We established a new Ministry of Infrastructure. We put in place strong measures of accountability for the award of works contracts. We diligently set about repairing our damaged and failing public infrastructure. Four and a half years later, roads have been repaired or
completely rebuilt, new bridges constructed or repaired, schools rehabilitated or in some cases rebuilt, and health centres repaired or constructed.

★ ROADS & BRIDGES
Your Labour Government will:
• Reduce congestion in the north through the upgrade of the Castries-Gros Islet Highway and secondary roads. Financing for this has already been secured.
• Commence construction of the new North-East Coast highway to reduce congestion in the city of Castries, improve transit times, and also open new swathes of land in the north-east corridor for economic development
• Undertake a comprehensive roads audit and development plan to prioritise road development over the next 20 years
• Ensure that future road corridors and alignments are reserved and unencumbered by residential or commercial development
• Improve critical secondary roads across the island to serve as relief/bypass roads where possible
• Continue major improvements to community roads
• Continue to build back better critical infrastructure to ensure a resilient transport network
• Promote walkable communities and introduce cycling lanes and bike routes as viable commuting alternatives
• Access climate financing to make our roads, bridges and public buildings more resilient to the impacts of extreme weather events such as flooding and hurricanes.

★ TRANSPORT SYSTEM
Your Labour Government will:
• Strengthen the national public transport system through new infrastructure, incentives and concession arrangements
• Improve road safety through a mix of better enforcement and new safety infrastructure
• Together with LUCELEC, ensure that all major communities and roads are served by adequate street lighting
• Commit to a modern ecologically-friendly, affordable public transport system that serves the needs of Saint Lucians and visitors alike
• Provide special incentives to encourage the development of a night-time west coast bus service and other night-time public transport services.
The water sector was in dire straits when we took office in 2011. WASCO was bankrupt and unable to pay its monthly electricity bills. The John Compton Dam had been neglected after having suffered significant damage from heavy siltation during the passage of Hurricane Tomas. Residents of Dennery North and Vieux Fort had no hope of getting access to a reliable supply of drinking water. Throughout the length and breadth of the country residents were complaining about the sad state of WASCO and the seemingly endless litany of water problems.

We have improved the water sector in the country. WASCO is moving toward financial viability and is now able to finance water supply improvements in critical areas around the island. Customer complaints have reduced significantly and relief is on the way for some residents in communities previously afflicted with perennial water problems.

However, there is still much work to be done before we can boast of a water sector that can meet the demands of our residents and visitors. Our focus in water will continue in our next term of office.
★ WATER INFRASTRUCTURE

Your Labour Government will:

• Construct a new Dennery Water System to provide clean, potable water for the residents of the Dennery Valley. This new system will cost EC$24 million and funding has already been obtained through a grant from the Mexican government and a loan from the Caribbean Development Bank;

• Undertake the total redevelopment of the Vieux Fort Water Supply at a cost of over EC$65 million, funding for which has already been secured;

• Desilt the John Compton Dam, thereby securing a reliable, resilient water supply for the north;

• Replace the raw water line from the John Compton Dam to reduce the significant leakage of water. We expect that this and other system line upgrades will reduce the loss of water by WASCO from 56% to 30%;

• Embark on a comprehensive rehabilitation of rural water systems through the use of climate financing so that every community can be guaranteed a reliable supply of water;

• Initiate the rehabilitation of critical watersheds throughout the island;

• Commence preliminary studies for the construction
of a new dam and reservoir on the Troumassee River to serve the south of the island;

- Encourage rainwater harvesting and dual plumbing by households and commercial users for non-potable water needs;
- For a period of three years, to encourage better water storage by households and businesses, zero-rate water storage tanks and place these items under price control.

★ WASTEWATER

Your Labour Government will:

- Improve the water quality in the Castries Harbour by investing in a new Castries Sewage System.
- Undertake comprehensive studies to look at sewage options for the towns and villages, especially Soufriere and the Greater Vieux Fort Area.
- Apply international water quality standards for our riparian and marine waters and ensure that all developments comply with high standards to keep our environment clean and our water sources pristine.

★ FLOOD MITIGATION

Your Labour Government will:

- Tackle the problem of flooding in the Cul de Sac Valley by exploring options to mitigate the problem, including the possibility of constructing a mini dam on the Cul de Sac River catchment;
- Implement works on flood protection and mitigation measures to reduce the likelihood of flooding in the Bex-on-Crown Lands area. The studies have been completed and the funds for this project have been approved by the CDB;
- Undertake a flood mitigation study for the heavily developed Bois d’Orange-Corinth River Valley, and seek support from development partners in implementing the recommendations;
- Commission a state-of-the-art national flood and hazard early warning system. This will be done through financial support from the Italian Government.

★ WATERSHED MANAGEMENT

Your Labour Government will:

- Ensure that better consideration is giving in our planning regulations and physical plans for management of water through special zoning for water conservation, flood risk areas and areas that will require water storage due to scarcity of potable water supply;
Our government has made great strides in its promise to develop an intelligent energy programme. In the last four and half years we have installed rooftop solar photovoltaic systems, revised energy legislation and drafted new regulations, restarted geothermal exploration, installed LED streetlights, and started work on development of a wind farm and a solar farm.

We will build on this solid platform and the goodwill developed with our wider range of development partners to accelerate what can only be described as a revolution in the energy sector.

★ RENEWABLE ENERGY
Your Labour Government will:
• Construct a 3.2 MW utility scale solar photovoltaic plant at La Tourney, Vieux Fort;
• Construct a 12 MW wind farm in Dennery;
• Mobilise financial support to complete the exploratory phase for developing geothermal energy, which has been estimated at over 60 MW capacity;
• Work toward a goal of 75% renewable energy for electricity generation by 2035;
• Undertake a pilot project to install mini solar farms in two underprivileged communities and reduce or eliminate the burden of paying electricity bills for at least 60 vulnerable households;
• Replace the Electricity Supply Act with a new Electricity Supply Services Act and a suite of regulations to support a modern, diversified energy sector.

★ ENERGY EFFICIENCY
Your Labour Government will:
• Undertake a complete retrofit of the stock of over 21,000 conventional streetlights to LED bulbs, thereby saving the Government roughly $5 million in electricity payments annually;

• Install solar photovoltaic panels on at least ten public buildings to reduce the expenditure on electricity by almost $1 million annually;

• Promote the use of electric/hybrid vehicles and begin by gradually replacing the Government’s fleet with hybrid vehicles;

• Establish a special training programme at SALCC to train persons in renewable energy technology;

• For a period of three years, zero-rate the VAT and remove the duties on a basket of renewable energy and energy efficiency products to encourage homes and businesses to join the energy revolution;

• Retrofit the stock of public buildings with LED lights and energy-efficient air condition units through a competitively tendered energy service company (ESCO) arrangement;

• Request that LUCELEC examines the economic feasibility of introducing pre-paid metering to allow customers to better manage their use of electricity and pay for their bills.
We have deliberately placed our policies for environmental management in the section on a revitalised and stronger economy because our Party recognises there can be no sustainable economic development without a solid environmental underpinning. All of the economic sectors on which we rely, depend on a healthy environment. The wellbeing of our most important resource, our citizens, depend on a healthy environment.

Over the last four and half years the Government of Saint Lucia established a powerful reputation internationally as a strong advocate for action in support of Small Island Developing States. Our work in the climate change negotiations cemented our position as an important player in environmental diplomacy.

Over the next five years we will mobilize financial and technical support to transition toward an economic development model that is sustainable and green. Our policies for the environment are based on ensuring we protect the land and its natural resources, while providing new avenues for economic growth and job creation.
★ CLIMATE CHANGE

Your Labour Government will:

- Continue to demonstrate regional and international leadership on climate change and environmental advocacy to cause action to be taken and support provided to vulnerable Small Island Developing States (SIDS) like ours
- Mobilize significant financial and technical resources to fight the wide-ranging effects of climate change
- Collaborate with the health, tourism, agriculture, infrastructure and water sectors, among others, to develop national resilience to the impacts of climate change
- Continue to work toward the phase-out of all harmful ozone depleting substances.

★ NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Your Labour Government will:

- Protect our rich biodiversity, which has been threatened by poor land use practices, pollution from chemicals and other man-made threats, by embarking on a wide range of measures, including proper land zoning and more effective legislation
- Develop a system of protected areas, both land and marine, that will preserve these sites for the use of current and future generations
- Effectively manage our forest reserves so that they can continue to supply us with fresh water, timber products and serve as healthy ecosystems for our flora and fauna
- Work to reduce land based sources of pollution and marine litter, which are harming our marine ecosystems
- Partner with research institutions to develop the economic potential of our indigenous products, such as medicinal herbs and other natural products with economic value

★ WASTE & CHEMICALS MANAGEMENT

Your Labour Government will:

- Following stakeholder consultation, implement measures to reduce on the volume of waste being sent to our landfills, which will include steps to encourage recycling and reuse, and the conversion of waste to energy
- Reduce on the volume of plastics and Styrofoam products being imported into the country
- Implement better chemicals management policies, including lessening the amount of harmful agricultural and toxic pesticides that are discharged into our environment
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STABILITY PROGRESS
PART 1
OUR SUSTAINABLE GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT AGENDA

BUILDING A SAFE AND JUST SOCIETY
WITH YOU FOR YOU FOR SAINT LUCIA
The judicial system is a critical component of our governance structure. The efficient delivery of justice redounds to the benefit of every citizen and every sector of our society. It engenders confidence among residents and also investors who are deciding on a safe and fair jurisdiction in which to establish a business.

It is necessary that we do whatever is within our purview to provide the right environment for the effective and efficient delivery of justice and the smooth operations of the judiciary.

**JUDICIAL INFRASTRUCTURE**

Your Labour Government will:

- Construct a modern National Judicial Complex to improve the delivery of justice in Saint Lucia;
- Continue to improve the conditions of the Magistrates' Courts in the various districts. In the coming term, we will make improvements at Soufriere and Gros Islet;

Appoint a team of experts to review the Criminal Justice System.
• Modernise the business processes of the judicial system, from the recording and filing of cases by the Police, to handling by the Prosecution and the Courts;
• Automate the process of case management, creating a paperless recording and transfer of information.

★ THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM
Your Labour Government will:
• Improve the efficiency of the Criminal Justice System. Within our first six months in office, we will review the current Criminal Code and bring forward legislative amendments to make our justice system more efficient;
• Strengthen the Crown Prosecution Service to bring it to full working capacity by the end of 2016;
• Appoint a team of experts to review the Criminal Justice System;
• Work with the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court to ensure that we can expedite the backlog of matters, particularly for persons on remand and persons accused of capital crimes;
• Promote community service and mandatory counseling as more cost-effective alternatives to reform prisoners and reduce on the number of persons incarcerated;
- Strengthen the Probation and Parole Unit to support our alternative sentencing efforts;
- Introduce new monitoring technology to manage persons who have been sentenced or on remand. This will also be used in instances where high flight risk persons are granted bail;
- Support the “Year of Mercy” called upon by Pope Francis. Within our first 90 days in office, we will ensure that the Committee on the Prerogative of Mercy provided for by Section 75 of the Constitution meets and advises on the inmates who are deemed fit to be returned to society;
- Make it possible for video evidence by children to be introduced by the Police and at Courts with remote links in order to reduce the number of times child witnesses are re-victimized within the judicial system.

★ REFORM AND REINTEGRATION

Your Labour Government will:
- Develop a national strategic plan for reform and reintegration of inmates;
- Build on our efforts to reform persons who have been incarcerated by expanding the educational, skills development and psychological support offered to all inmates;
- Reduce the rate of recidivism through the establishment of a Recidivism Reduction Programme that focuses on assisting persons to reintegrate with society and their families;
- Support the establishment of a half-way centre to ensure many former inmates can be engaged in new livelihoods.
Our women and children are often vulnerable to the effects of domestic and physical abuse. In recent times, we have seen worrying levels of rapes and domestic abuse in our society. This is not a feature that should ever be tolerated. Every citizen and every visitor to our country, regardless of age, gender or other categorization, should and must feel safe and secure in Saint Lucia. Therefore, we will spare no effort to protect those who find themselves vulnerable to the actions of the deviant and lawless few in society.

**PROTECTION AGAINST SEXUAL VIOLENCE AND EXPLOITATION**

Your Labour Government will:
• Establish a special National Task Force on Rape and Sexual Offences, in conjunction with the Department of Gender Affairs, the Police, Human Services and civil society groups to recommend to Cabinet a National Strategy Against Gender-Based Violence;
• Engage in an intense and sustained national public education campaign against rape, incest and sexual abuse;
• Ensure that education on sexual and reproductive health is part of the school curriculum;
• Establish a Sex Offenders Registry;
• Review the rules and procedures governing evidence in cases of rape, incest and sexual assaults.

**CHILD CARE & SAFE SPACES**

Your Labour Government will:
• Promote and encourage the establishment of child care spaces at
places of work to reduce the incidence of children roaming the streets after school is dismissed;
• Establish a system of children’s parks and playgrounds to promote safe areas for children in each major community throughout the island;
• Promote the development of more childcare facilities that allow women, and especially single mothers, to get a job;
• Strengthen standards and quality assurance of facilities and provide mechanisms for parents who cannot afford such facilities to access them.

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SUPPORTING OUR POLICE & PREVENTING CRIME

Keeping our country and our citizens safe and secure remains a top priority of a Saint Lucia Labour Party Government. The last four and half years have seen us make strides in this area. Homicides have reduced appreciably and there has been a downward trend in many other crime statistics. We salute the men and women of the Royal Saint Lucia Police Force for the admirable job they have done, under sometimes difficult circumstances, to fight crime.

However, there are still too many violent crimes being committed in our society and it is our goal to dramatically reduce the incidence of crime in all forms, against all categories of victims, and in all communities around the island.

★ POLICE INFRASTRUCTURE
Your Labour Government will:

- Construct a new, modern National Police Headquarters at La Toc;
- Build a new Northern Police Divisional Headquarters at Massade, Gros Islet, with its own Criminal Investigation, Community Police, Special Services and Vulnerable Persons Units;
• Establish a new Central Police Station on Chaussée Rd, as part of a redevelopment of Wilton’s Yard;
• Invest in two Mobile Police Units to aid the Police in providing a rapid response, tackling trouble areas and delivering support to mass crowd events;
• Expand the use of police using bicycles in the city of Castries and also in towns and urban centres like Gros Islet, Rodney Bay, Soufriere and Vieux Fort. This will be done in tandem with a new special constabulary for high visitor-use areas.

★ COMMUNITY POLICING & CRIME PREVENTION
Your Labour Government will:
• Establish community protection and policing strategies at each Police Station on the island. These strategies will include community safety audits, neighbourhood watches, safety signage, lighting improvements, de-bushing and public education;
• Expand CCTV cameras into every hot spot and at every major junction;
• Establish a Drone Unit to assist in crime prevention and detection.

★ BORDER PROTECTION
Your Labour Government will:
• Strengthen the Marine Police through new equipment;

Use of Science and Technology in Crime Solving
Your Labour government will:
• Ensure that the Forensic Laboratory becomes a reputable and secure authority, capable of serving the entire Eastern Caribbean;
• Introduce legislation to require DNA samples from all convicted or incarcerated persons and build up a national DNA database to aid in solving crimes;
• Increase the use of Geographical Information Systems in crime solving.
PART 1
OUR SUSTAINABLE GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT AGENDA

WEAVING A COHESIVE SOCIAL FABRIC
WITH YOU FOR You FOR SAINT LUCIA
PROVIDING BETTER HOUSING AND ACCESS TO LAND

Our Party has always had our eyes firmly fixed on the need to provide as many Saint Lucians as possible with the opportunity to own the land on which they live. This is why we established the PROUD initiative, which gives vulnerable families title to the land on which they and their families have lived for decades. Over the past four and half years we constructed homes for underprivileged residents in Dennery, Soufriere and Vieux Fort. We completed the Monchy Housing Project that provided 22 new homes for sale and 20 for the relocation of former Conway residents. We launched new housing projects in Mocha, Bois d'Orange/Trouya and Black Bay.

Access to land opens doors to better economic and social development, as well as allows government to address many of the environmental issues that result where unplanned and unregulated developments occur.

Your Labour Government will:
• Introduce new residential developments with social housing components to begin the systematic redevelopment of the city of Castries,
• Promote the development of higher-density condominium and multi-family residential units;
• Promote the regeneration of existing neighbourhoods to reduce on urban sprawl;
• Continue the PROUD initiative in areas with unresolved land squatting issues;
• Provide incentives to private developers of residential lots to encourage the use of rainwater harvesting for non-potable water needs and renewable energy and energy-efficient equipment;
• Undertake a major land rectification programme to resolve outstanding land title problems concerning lands belonging to the Crown.
The work of the Saint Lucia Labour Party in positively transforming the education landscape is impressive. Among our many successes are abolishing the shift system in primary school, achieving universal secondary education, providing book bursaries to underprivileged children, initiating the one-laptop-per-child policy, expanding the school feeding programme, revamping the transportation subsidy programme, and providing bursaries to the parent of every child passing the Common Entrance examination. We are in the process of providing more computers and expanded internet access to all libraries and secondary schools around the island.

★ A Labour Government is always an Education Government.

Early Childhood Development

Your Labour Government will:

• Place strong emphasis on Early Childhood Development (ECD), with the universal implementation of ex-
tended early childhood health outreach;
- Ensure that every child, between the ages of birth and 3 years old, is enrolled in State-certified day care facility;
- Provide for universal preschool education for children between the ages of 3 and 5yrs;
- Implement and monitor ECD local standards adapted from the CARICOM standards;
- Offer structured training to early childhood educators to improve the quality of learning support provided island-wide.

★ PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL
Your Labour Government will:
- Implement universal physical education and sports to encourage healthier lifestyles and build greater team spirit and conflict resolution skills;
- Provide greater exposure to the creative arts in school;
- Insist on the teaching of Saint Lucian studies in areas such as Saint Lucian history, civics, Kweyol and culture;
- Provide life skills training throughout and imple-

ment an adolescent development approach in secondary schools;
- Introduce a programme to assist parents in meeting the cost of the fees for CXC exams. This programme will be based on need and performance and will come into effect in 2017;
- Establish universal youth service learning as the school component of the National Youth Service;
- Make time spent in providing service a prerequisite for graduation at all levels;
- Introduce clubs in primary school, and insist that throughout the school years every youth must be in at least one constructive extra-curricular club;
- Amend the Education Act to abolish Corporal Punishment;
- Make the learning of French and Spanish universal;
- Provide impetus and leadership at the OECS level for the full conversion to E-Textbooks;
- Revitalize our community libraries and make them once again places of learning and research.

★ TERTIARY EDUCATION
Your Labour Government will:
- Establish a Government Tertiary Education Fund, capitalized to the amount of $3 million per year, to provide scholarships to deserving students, from underprivileged households, to pursue studies at the undergraduate level in a subject area of relevance to Saint Lucia’s development;
- Convert the Sir Arthur Lewis Community College into a full degree-granting University College;
- Make a direct connection between Foreign Direct Investment and human resource development by insisting that for every US$1 million granted to companies by way of concessions, the benefiting company must contribute US$50,000 toward a scholarship for a Saint Lucian student in the field in which the foreign company is investing;
Our Government has always made the delivery of efficient, modern and affordable health services one of the pillars of our administration. Our record in this area is unparalleled. Very shortly, we will commission the Owen King-EU National Hospital and St. Jude Hospital. Over the past four and half years, we have facilitated scholarships to 162 public officers to receive training in several specialised areas in the health sector. We repaired and built several health centres around the island.

However, our work in the Health Sector is far from finished. We must now consolidate on the significant improvements in infrastructure and human resources to make the delivery of health services more encompassing, efficient and affordable.

★ HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE

Your Labour Government will:

• Establish the Owen King-EU Hospital as the best health facility in the Eastern Caribbean;
• Operate the new St Jude Hospital through a public-private partnership geared towards health tourism;
• Develop Saint Lucia as an international centre for medical research in diabetes;
• Continue the rehabilitation of Health Centres around the island;
• Strengthen the existing organs of the Ministry, at the Council and Board levels.

★ HEALTH CARE

Your Labour Government will:
• Implement Universal Health Care (UHC), with a professionally managed health fund that is contributed to by diverse sources of revenue. In particular, we will ensure a strategy for the growth of private health insurance that contributes to the health fund;
• Implement a system of governance through the establishment of a Care Commission that has the mandate to regulate national quality systems and licenses at all health facilities, based on documented standards and audits;
• Aggressively promote a Healthy Lifestyles agenda in all sectors and all communities, which will involve close collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture, the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Youth Development and Sports;
• Implement the Constituency Health Teams, which provide a broad based, multi-sectoral community
based team that can implement health and other community programmes in a coordinated way. Register these teams as non-profit community associations that can mobilize private sector and private finance for programs;

• Seek opportunities for public-private partnerships in service provision.

★ RESEARCH AND PLANNING
Your Labour Government will:

• Develop a health research agenda that builds national capacity and also encourages scientific, peer-reviewed research into the use of local medicinal plants;

• Develop and implement national plans in each of the following areas:
  • Communicable diseases
  • Non-communicable disease
  • Sexual and Reproductive health
  • Child and Adolescent health
  • Environmental health
  • Oral Health
  • Emergency Medical Services
  • Mental Health and Substance abuse
  • Food and Nutrition
  • Violence and Injuries
  • Eye-Health and Disabilities
  • Social Protection

★ MARIJUANA
Your Labour Government will:

• Within the first six months, establish a multi-disciplinary Commission to initiate wide-ranging stakeholder discussions and make recommendations to government on a position on the decriminalization and use of Marijuana. This will be done in conjunction with the CARICOM Commission.
Throughout the Caribbean, governments are faced with the serious problem of youth at risk. In a report on youth development, the CARICOM Secretariat noted that Caribbean youth are faced with a multiplicity of problems, which may be mitigated by action in four areas: (i) better understanding of the transitional nature of adolescents and youth, (ii) tangible recognition of the contribution of young people, (iii) more investment in them for greater returns to the country, and (iv) a radical shift toward partnering with them to tackle many of the burning issues confronting us.

Your Labour government is committed to the meaningful integration of youth into national development. However, we are particularly invested in addressing the problems facing those young people who find themselves at greater risk or vulnerability due to societal and other issues, not of their making.

During this term, your Labour Government will:

★ YOUTH SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

Your Labour Government will:

• Provide life skills training throughout the school cycle
and implement a comprehensive adolescent development approach in secondary schools;

• Proceed with the plans to enact a National Youth Service Bill. The National Youth Service will have a youth corps of youth between 18 and 25 years. This corps will be part of the national volunteers and will also work in the youth service programmes;

• Implement After School Activity Programmes (ASAP) in every school and in every community.

The ASAPs will engage students as well as communities in a variety of programmes - sport, creative arts, technical, literacy, business and academic;

• Provide Parenting Skills Training to young parents so that they have the skills and the temperament to care for and nurture the adults of tomorrow;

• Implement a new mode of youth governance at schools in the student councils, and in the constituencies as elected youth representatives who attend Youth Parliament;

• Establish an electronic employment database, which will be managed by the Labour Department. It will be available nationally and allow for information on jobs available in all sectors, nationally and externally.

★ YOUTH HEALTH

Your Labour Government will:

• Make comprehensive reproductive health more accessible through existing clinics, mobile clinics and health outreach;

• Enhance broadcasting legislation to restrict the exposure of the youth to irresponsible and inappropriate vulgarity;

• Strengthen mental health services through the community mental health programme that will work with all stakeholders to address depression, anxiety and other mental health issues;

• Implement preventive programmes that enhance life skills and healthy coping skills through all the education levels;

• Address the vexing issue of substance abuse. The alcohol age limit laws will be enforced in every community.

★ AT-RISK YOUTH

Your Labour Government will:

• Adopt and institutionalize a zero-tolerance policy for
perpetrators of youth harm;
• Introduce peace building as a programme in every community. Community leaders will be identified and trained in conflict resolution and peace keeping;
• Implement Juvenile Justice Reform, to include alternative sentencing as much as possible. Also we will promote sentencing to non-custodial rehabilitation programmes;
• Introduce the use of electronic bracelets for certain youth offenders. Convicted youth will not have a police record that is available to agencies other than the police and the courts;
• Introduce universal attendance in education and rehabilitation programmes at the Bordelais Correctional Facility;
• Reinstate the programme of Court Diversion;
• Expand the After-School Activity Programme (ASAP) into areas with high levels of at-risk youth and pursue all means to encourage these young people to participate in these programmes;
• Ensure that children in need of care and protection are separated from young offenders and that children on remand are not mixed with convicted young offenders;
• Implement a comprehensive school feeding programme to ensure that no child is without food at school because of their family’s inability to afford a decent meal.
Our Government has always had its eye firmly set on protecting the vulnerable and the disadvantaged among us. Our record in this area is unmatched. Helping the poor is part of our DNA, it is who we are. It is the motto of our Party.

In our last term we reactivated the PROUD initiative to allow poor people who have been squatting on government lands for years to gain title to that land. We revived STEP to help those people who find it difficult to get jobs earn a living to support themselves and their families. We established NICE to provide job placements for better skilled persons in various sectors. The SMILES programme targeted single mothers, who are among the most vulnerable in our society. We provided financial support for families with differently-abled children in their care. We re-introduced our Home Repair Programme for the Elderly and our Home Help programme extended a helping hand to our senior citizens, our often forgotten champions, so that they could live with dignity in their twilight years.

★ THE ELDERLY
Your Labour Government will:
• Provide further assistance to our pensioners. We will exempt from tax an additional $4000.00 of any income from a source in Saint Lucia by way of pension for past services to all pensioners, or income earned by resident individuals who are citizens of Saint Lucia and have attained the age of sixty years;

• Continue our Home Repair for the Elderly Programme so that vulnerable seniors may live in comfort, safety and dignity;

• Expand our Home Help Programme to provide support for even more elderly citizens who do not have the means to care for themselves.

SINGLE MOTHERS
Your Labour Government will:
• Continue the SMILES Programme to provide dedicated support to single mothers;
• Work toward the enactment of minimum wage legislation so that single mothers may earn a decent pay for a day’s work;
• Strengthen the laws to protect single mothers from exploitation and harassment in the workplace.

DIFFERENTLY-ABLED
Your Labour Government will:
• Provide the Association of Persons with Disabilities with specialised computer equipment and internet access so that their members can access internet services for education and other uses;
• Introduce a Sign Language service for all news broadcasts on the National Television Network;
• Continue to provide concessions for vehicles catering exclusively to persons with disabilities.
Over the past four and half years, we have worked hard to improve the sporting infrastructure around the island. Many playing fields and courts have been built, repaired or received lighting. Our sportsmen and women have also experienced success in many disciplines during this period.

We intend to consolidate on these gains and invest even more heavily in the development of our athletes.

★ SPORTS & RECREATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Your Labour Government will:

• Restore and rehabilitate the George Odlum Stadium as part of a new modern National Sports Centre, inclusive of ancillary facilities for swimming, a national sports academy and hostel-type accommodation for an integrated sports development programme;

• Refurbish the indoor gymnasium at the Beausejour Sports Complex to increase the comfort of athletes and spectators;

• Maximise the use of the Darren Sammy Cricket Ground;
• Complete the construction of the national swimming facility;
• Continue to improve and modernise the Mindoo Philip Park and Marchand Grounds to include enhanced spectator seating and players’ facilities;
• Continue the installation of lighting and upgrade of playing fields at Corinth, Marigot, Banse, Mon Repos and Bexon;
• Provide better recreational facilities in communities so that everyone, from child to senior, can walk and exercise outdoors and enjoy a healthier, more active lifestyle.

★ ATHLETE & CLUB DEVELOPMENT

Your Labour Government will:
• Strengthen the elite athletes and national coaching programmes;
• Work with the countries with which we have diplomatic relations, particularly those with Embassies in Saint Lucia, to provide specialised coaches in disciplines such as football, basketball, netball, boxing, tennis and volleyball;
• Beginning in 2017, fund one athletics scholarship annually for an outstanding youth athlete to allow him or her to develop their skills to elite status while gaining a university education;
• Ensure that each of our 80 playing fields is properly maintained by the respective Local Councils;
• Increase the number of junior leagues and actively promote the development of sports clubs;
• Assist more Saint Lucian athletes to gain international sports scholarships through the National Sports Academy.
PART 1
OUR SUSTAINABLE GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT AGENDA

DEFINING OUR NATIONAL IDENTITY
WITH YOU FOR YOU FOR SAINT LUCIA
PROMOTING OUR CULTURE & CREATIVE INDUSTRIES

Saint Lucia’s cultural history is distinctive and impressive. We are a multi-cultural and bi-lingual people who are energetic and innovative, with a vibrant history of community-based creative expression, particularly in dance, craft, arts, music and cuisine.

Our goal is to harness the creative potential of our people and create sustainable platforms that will enable Saint Lucia to become the hub for creative excellence in the Caribbean.

We will do this through a programme that:

- Strengthens Saint Lucia’s brand identity by showcasing and celebrating our unique Kweyol heritage;
- Brings internationally renowned creative companies, brands, celebrities and high-level industry practitioners to visit, study, teach, create, work, play and live in Saint Lucia;
- Creates world-class higher education programmes for skill-sets that are highly teachable and in demand globally;
- Has great potential for multi-tier employment opportunities and entrepreneurial pursuit;
- Creates high-value exportable products and services;
Generates substantial public goodwill and visibility.

To realize this goal, we will work along six (6) critical areas – Governance, Infrastructure, Institutional Support, Arts Festival, Branding and Education.

★GOVERNANCE
Your Labour Government will:
• Establish a separate Ministry for Culture and the Creative Industries. This Ministry will be called the Ministry of Heritage, Culture and the Creative Industries.

★INFRASTRUCTURE
Your Labour Government will:
• Construct a National Cultural & Congress Centre and establish cultural infrastructure in select communities around the island;
• Give a new mandate to a revamped Cultural Development Foundation to make Saint Lucia the hub for creative excellence in the Caribbean.

★INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT
Your Labour Government will:
• Conduct an audit with the aim of significantly reduc-
ing and where possible removing duties and tariffs related to the importation of materials critical to the work of creative industries professionals and artisans;

• Develop a suite of incentives to encourage international companies and entities to produce and undertake international projects in Saint Lucia, such as movies, photoshoots, conferences, retreats, and recording sessions;

• Provide greater support to the Saint Lucia School of Music, the Saint Lucia School of Ballet and other local institutions involved in providing instruction in the creative arts;

• Devise creative ways to encourage local companies to purchase, commission and/or utilize the products or services of local creative industry professionals

★ ARTS FESTIVAL
Your Labour Government will:

• Evolve the arts component of the Saint Jazz and Arts Festival to become a globally acclaimed Arts Fair;

• Invite internationally renowned gallerists, curators and artists to participate in this Arts Festival;

• Create a large-scale local and regional art showcase and host international creative industry fora.

Branding
Your Labour Government will:

• Develop a collective, attractive brand under which small local producers and creative practitioners can be more effectively represented and promoted globally. The brand will provide the platform for representation of our creative industries practitioners and their products and services at major global trade fairs;

• Develop a global marketing initiative promoting Saint Lucia as an ideal location for artists of all endeavours to be inspired and create (film scenes, write, paint, digitize, design, etc.).

★ EDUCATION
Your Labour Government will:

• Develop a School of Creative Studies as a division of the Sir Arthur Lewis Community College;

• Establish this School of Creative Studies as the preeminent place in the Caribbean to study Art, Design, Animation, Videography, Video Editing, Sculpting, Photography, Film Production, Audio Production, Mobile Application Development, and Video Game Production;

• The School will also provide a space for young local artists to discover, work, practice, collaborate, perform and exhibit.
Saint Lucia has a rich and proud patrimony - a legacy of our multi-cultural ancestry. Unfortunately, we have not focused enough attention on preserving that heritage or on educating our young citizens on its importance and value.

It is regrettable, that a country with such a rich history in culture, education, politics, sporting endeavour, public service and private entrepreneurship, to name but a few areas, does not have a museum that pays homage to those who went before and on whose shoulders we now stand. It is even more unfortunate that the deeds and exploits of these pioneers are unknown to most of our modern day citizenry.

Your Labour Government will:

- Establish a National Museum and Art Gallery, in conjunction with the National Trust;
- Continue the process of naming public buildings and infrastructure after Saint Lucians who have excelled and contributed in various fields of endeavour;
- Incorporate Saint Lucian Studies into the curriculum at the Primary School level;
- Revive and elevate the Best Village and Community competitions and make the award part of the annual observance of Saint Lucia’s Independence;
- Provide support for the annual recognition of contributions by Saint Lucians from all walks of life to national development, separate from the Order of Saint Lucia awards;
- Encourage shows and exhibitions that showcase Saint Lucia’s cultural, natural and biological diversity, such as Agricultural Exhibitions, Flower Shows, and Craft Exhibitions;
- Enhance the UNESCO World Heritage Site Pitons Management Area through the construction of an interpretation centre and development of education programmes that teach people the economic, social and environmental value of our World Heritage Site designation;
- Provide incentives to the private sector to invest in the beautification and regeneration of our towns and villages, while preserving the cultural and historical character of the communities.
PART 1
OUR SUSTAINABLE
GROWTH AND
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MAKING
GOVERNMENT
MORE ACCESSIBLE
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WITH YOU ★ FOR YOU ★ FOR SAINT LUCIA
Our country enjoys a fine and proud democratic tradition. There are always, however, avenues for improvement. The Constitution Review Commission that was appointed by our administration during its previous term in office, listened to the voices of our citizens and made certain recommendations that it felt would improve our governance arrangements.

Your Labour Government will:

• Consider the passage of legislation to establish a fixed date for the holding of General Elections;
• Begin the transition to a system of elected representation at the Local Government level;
• Devolve more power and autonomy to Constituency Councils for the management of some services at the community level;
• Continue to strengthen oversight of the work of statutory agencies to ensure there is accountability, proper use of public finances and value for money in the delivery of services;
• Appoint a Joint Select Committee of Parliament to proceed with the implementation of the recommendations of the Constitution Reform Commission.
We are committed to the improvement of service delivery in the Public Service. Over the past four and half years we implemented several measures that were designed to increase efficiency in the Service. Some of these like the 311 Contact Centre, GPS Vehicle Tracking, the Unified Communication System and the Employee Assistance Programme were trail-blazing and dramatic in the improvements they achieved. Others, like the Senior Management Mentoring Programme, payment by credit cards and improvements in service delivery in the Registry have made a significant difference in the lives of the people who use Public Services.

We will continue the process of transforming the Public Service.

★ GREATER EFFICIENCIES

Your Labour Government will:

• Enact a modern, comprehensive Public Service Management Bill and regulations;
• Completely digitize the authoring, management and distribution of Government documents and records to allow for more efficient transfer, storage and retrieval;
• Fully integrate the Unified Communication System in the operations of Government so that all public offices in Saint Lucia and all of our overseas Missions and Embassies are digitally connected. The annual savings to the Government from this exercise is expected to be approximately $2 million;
• Continue to review and streamline the structure of critical Public Sector agencies to eliminate wastage and inefficiencies and to make these agencies more responsive to the needs of their clients.

★ BETTER SUPPORT FOR PUBLIC OFFICERS

Your Labour Government will:

• Use the modern state-of-the-art Public Service Training Institute to equip our Public Officers with the enhanced skills they require to improve the range and effectiveness of the services that we provide to the general public;
• Create a child care facility on the Waterfront to provide a safe place for Public Officers to keep their children after school is dismissed;
• Continue to address occupational health and safety issues in the work place.

★ DECENTRALIZED SERVICES

Your Labour Government will:

• Complete the Vieux Fort Administrative Complex and provide a wide range of Government services to persons living in the south of the island, who previously had to travel to Castries to obtain these services;
• Make it possible for the Community ICT Access Centres to serve as ‘Government Service Centres’ to provide a range of Government services online to the public using the revamped Government of Saint Lucia Portal.
EMPOWERING CITIZENS 
THROUGH TECHNOLOGY

We recognize that a modern and vibrant Information and Communications Technology (ICT) sector is a major catalyst for growth. ICT brings opportunities for employment creation, personal and professional development through continuous learning and knowledge, innovation and entrepreneurship. ICT can also significantly transform the operations of Government. It is one of the few available tools with the potential to facilitate the sustained economic prosperity of a country, particularly a small island developing State like ours.

We have worked hard in the ICT sector over the past four and a half years. The launch of the new Government Web Portal, the establishment of a dedicated Saint Lucia Internet Exchange Point, the commissioning of new ICT Access Centres and Wi-Fi hot spots in Soufriere, Canaries, Anse La Raye, La Resource, Vieux Fort town, Micoud village, Garand, and Monchy, and large financial grants for ICT training and ICT related businesses, are all examples of our pioneering efforts in this sector.

- Enhance the Government of Saint Lucia Web Portal to allow citizens to access more services online, such as renewal of Driver’s Licences and Application for Birth Certificates;
- Complete the roll-out of our Island-wide integrated ICT network infrastructure. This will include providing Wi-Fi hotspots at all libraries, community centres and secondary schools around the island;
- Expand our Community ICT Access Programme so that every major community has an Access Centre. By the end of 2016, we intend to have twenty (20) ICT Access Centres established across the country;
- Continue its efforts to make data services more affordable to the population and work to increase the level and quality of telecommunications services provided island-wide.

★TRAINING

Your Labour Government will:
- Provide training to young people, using the Community ICT Access Centres, in subjects such as mobile app development, digital photography, website development, animation, and video editing;
• Continue to provide support for ICT business ventures through a dedicated funding facility.

★ OPEN DATA AND FREEDOM OF INFORMATION
Your Labour Government will:
• Enact Freedom of Information legislation to enshrine citizens’ right to public data;
• Create an Open Data Portal that will make available disaggregated data, from sectors such as education, agriculture, health, tourism, meteorology, construction, finance, in an open format that may be used for research, mobile app development and other constructive activities.

★ SERVICE ENHANCEMENT
Your Labour Government will:
• Integrate the successful Government 311 Call Centre with the Emergency 911 and 999 services for enhanced and more effective and efficient response services;
• Continue the process to digitally map Saint Lucia so that every public asset and every building or place of interest is geo-located and identified on a digital map of Saint Lucia.

★ RE-TOOLING THE WORK FORCE
Unquestionably, Saint Lucia requires a skilled, competent, modern workforce that is technologically savvy.
Your Labour Government will:
• Institute a programme to upgrade and enhance the information technology skills of Public Officers;
• Provide incentives to private sector companies to encourage them to invest in the retraining of their workers for a digital, knowledge-based environment;
• Require the SALCC to re-establish a strong continuing education program to enable working adults to pursue higher education using both face-to-face and distance learning modes. This new distance learning outreach of SALCC will use Secondary Schools and the ICT Access Centres to facilitate delivery in most communities.
The world is our marketplace. Saint Lucia must be deeply connected to the globe for trade and development. Over the past four and a half years, we strengthened our cooperation with the global community through a number of development partners, resulting in major gains for our country. We witnessed the establishment of a new embassy by Argentina, as our island became the hub for diplomatic missions in the Eastern Caribbean. In particular, we saw increased assistance from Taiwan, Mexico, Morocco, Venezuela, New Zealand, the United Kingdom and the European Union.

**STRONGER PARTNERSHIPS**

Your Labour Government will:

- Within the first 6 months, host a major Development Partner Conference, involving all friendly countries with which we enjoy diplomatic relations, development partners such as the World Bank and USAID, as well as representatives of Saint Lucia’s Missions overseas. This conference will set the basis for seeking support for a number of our country’s critical development initiatives;

- Work towards establishing deeper diplomatic relations with Central & South American countries by expanding the responsibilities of the current Ambassador to Petro-Caribe/ALBA to be Ambassador-at-large to Latin America;

- Strengthen our partnerships with the French Caribbean, particularly our cultural and economic ties with French Guiana, Martinique & Guadeloupe;

- Expand our outreach into the Diaspora. As a first step, we will establish an online database where Saint Lucians living abroad can register to indicate their skills, areas of expertise and interests.

**COLLABORATION WITH TOURISM, TRADE, INVESTMENT & ENVIRONMENT**

Your Labour Government will:

- Pursue economic diplomacy with non-traditional countries in order to expand Saint Lucia’s economic links internationally, and increase inward flows of foreign direct investment;

- Develop synergies in the marketing and promotion efforts of the Saint Lucia Tourist Board, Invest Saint Lucia, TEPA and our foreign missions by the sharing of resources and the hosting of joint trade, tourism and investment initiatives;

- Undertake a review of current postings of Saint Lucia Honorary Consuls worldwide with a view to ensure that our country maximises its trade and investment reach;

- Host regular Trade, Export, and Marketing Events for Saint Lucian businesses and professionals so that they can become aware of the available opportunities under existing bilateral assistance;

- Leverage our global successes and leadership in Climate Change to gain greater financial support from climate financing agencies and instruments.
At the Constituency Level, your Labour Members of Parliament will focus on the following priority projects during our next term in Government.
GROS ISLET
1. Construction, renovation, remodeling and establishment of Community Resource Centers and Innovation Centers (CORIC) with WIFI Hot Spots in selected communities in the constituency;
2. Construction of a Northern Police Headquarters at Massade;
3. Installation of CCTV for surveillance of key areas and roadways;
4. Installation of LED street lamps throughout the Constituency;
5. Improvement of roads, sidewalks and drainage infrastructure.

BABONNEAU
1. Redevelopment of Babonneau Central;
2. Remodelling of the Multi-Purpose Centre to include an Administrative Building;
3. Improvement to roads and sporting facilities infrastructure, including lighting of the Fond Assau Field;
4. Construction of the La Guerre Primary School;
5. Establishment of a Babonneau Tourism Project, to include Grande Anse Turtle watch, Camping, Hiking, Bird Watching, Exploring, and a Farmers’ Market.

CASTRIES NORTH
1. Construction of Multipurpose Courts in key areas in the constituency, such as Agard, Bisee, Sunbilt and Carellie;
2. Completion of the upgrade of the La Clery Playing Field;
3. Raising the La Clery river wall;
4. Surfacing the Active Hill/Carellie link road;
5. Rationalization of lands in Bisee and Active Hill (upper and lower).

CASTRIES EAST
1. Addressing the occupation of lands at Rock Hall and Bagatelle through the Proud Programme;
2. Continuation of the renovations at the Marchand Grounds to include the stands and James Belgrave Court;
3. Purchasing an existing building for use as a community centre for the people of Pavee;
4. Working together with adjoining constituencies to construct a community centre on government owned lands at the Bocage/Morne Du Don junction;
5. Continuation of the program of “Transforming Lives, Building Communities”.
CASTRIES CENTRAL

1. Completion of the Conway Relocation program;
2. Upgrading and modernization of the Castries Market, including the outdoor vending areas;
3. Acquisition and relocation of Wilton’s Yard;
4. Development of a Human Resource Centre at Lastic Hill;
5. Reconstruction of the main waterway from Black Stars, Morne Du Don ending at New Village.

CASTRIES SOUTH

1. Construction of a Multi-Purpose Court in Faux-a-Chaux;
2. Building a Community Center for Ciceron;
3. Repaving of the road from Marigot Bay to Ti Colon;
4. Construction of a Multipurpose Court for Upper Ciceron;
5. Regularization of settlement issues in the Hospital Road Cemetery.

CASTRIES SOUTHEAST

1. Slope stabilization project for La Croix, Trois Piton, Barre Denis, and Sarrot;
2. Construction of Human Resource Centres for Forestierre and Derriere Fort;
3. Establishment of children play grounds in at least 3 communities;
4. Construction of a Park in Odsan;

ANSE LA RAYE/CANARIES

1. The construction of a Human Resource Development Centre in Anse La Raye;
2. The construction of a Human Resource Development Centre in Canaries;
3. The establishment of a Residential Development in Canaries to facilitate the relocation of residents from flood prone areas in the village;
4. Rehabilitation and expansion of the Jacmel Playing Field to meet FIFA standards;
5. Rehabilitation and expansion of the Vanard Playing Field to meet FIFA standards.
**SOUFRIERE/FOND ST JACQUES & CHOISEUL**

**SOUFRIERE/FOND ST JACQUES**
1. Enclosure of the Soufriere Mini Stadium and placing seats on existing concrete benches;
2. Rehabilitation of road network in New Development;
3. Rehabilitation of Derache road;
4. Construction of Esperance /Diamond road;
5. Improvement to the water supply in Bouton, Bois Den, Chateau Bellair, and Belle Fond.

**CHOISEUL/SALTIBUS**
1. The construction of a Fire Station in La Fargue, Choiseul;
2. The construction of a jetty/landing-pier in Choiseul;
3. The construction of a Human Resource Development Centre in La Fargue;
4. The construction of a road in the community of Franciou;
5. The construction of the Park Estate/Gia-Bois Road.

**LABORIE & VIEUX FORT NORTH**

**LABORIE**
1. Sale of lands at Black-Bay/Augier to current occupants, at a concessionary price;
2. Complete rehabilitation of the Augier Combined, Laborie Boys’ Primary & Banse/La Grace Combined Schools;
3. Completion of the Olibo playing field as well as the upgrade of the Augier and Laborie Playing fields, including lighting;
4. Construction of the Banse/La Grace multipurpose court;
5. Construction of the Laborie Youth Centre (near Cross Over Park);

**VIEUX-FORT NORTH**
1. Construction of a new school/Town Hall complex building as a replacement for the badly deteriorating Pierrot Combined School;
2. Rehabilitation of the La Retraite/Grace road;
3. Construction of a new building block for the Grace Combined School;
4. Acquisition of land in the Fond Campeche Bamboo area for water conservation and protection;
5. Provision of land and amenities for relocation of affected families at Joyeaux and Morne Cayenne who have been affected by landslides and flooding.
DENNERY NORTH

1. Completion of the Dennery North water supply improvement project;
2. Construction of Aux Lyons /La Pelle link road;
3. Re-commissioning of the La Ressource Health Center;
4. Establishment of FIFA Goal Project in Grand Riviere;
5. Expansion of the Aux Lyons Housing Programme.

DENNERY SOUTH

1. Rehabilitation of the ridge road on the summit of Bois Jolie leading to the WASCO water storage tank;
2. Construction of a Human Resource Centre;
3. Construction of the community’s main drain;
4. Rationalisation of unplanned developments in the constituency to provide title to the affected families;
5. Establishment of a modern Community ICT Access Centre with free Wi-Fi to allow residents to make use of technology for education and entrepreneurship.

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2. Construction of a multi-purpose Center in Mon Repos with accommodation for a fitness gym, computers and Wi-Fi;
3. Establishment of FIFA Goal Project in Grand Riviere;
4. Beautification and enhancement of the Patience Playing Court area;
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1. Rehabilitation of Calypso Road;
2. Rehabilitation of multi-purpose courts in Desruisseaux, Ti Rocher, Dugard and La Cour Ville and Anse Ger;
3. Restoration of lights on Ti Rocher and Desruisseaux multi-purpose courts;
4. Establishment of After School Activity Programmes for children of the constituency with limited recreational opportunity (particularly Dugard and La Cour Ville);
5. Improvement and upgrading of health care facilities in Desruisseaux and Ti Rocher to provide additional services.
1. Redevelopment of the seafront of Vieux Fort town, its beautification and transformation so that it becomes a recreational area for the residents of Vieux Fort;

2. Beautification of the Bruce Ville Promenade by installing lights and benches along the entire promenade;

3. Completion of the process to allow the residents of Bruce Ville, La Ressource, La Tourney, and Cantonment to own the Government lands which they have occupied over the years;

4. Continuation of the search for investment to provide employment opportunities for the people of the entire community;

5. Extension of the programme of building roads and footpaths in all communities throughout the constituency, including:
   a. Expansion on the programme to replace the existing bitumen roads in Cedar Heights with concrete roads; and
   b. Reconstruction of the road linking Beanfield to the main VieuxFort/Castries Highway. This will entail the construction of drains and a concrete surface.
TWENTY-FIVE REASONS WHY I AM VOTING LABOUR

1. Because I want a government that cares for poor people and wants to help them survive
2. For better jobs for everyone, not just a few people
3. To prevent a return of the corrupt practices of the UWP
4. For Universal Health Care for me and my family
5. So that my children can get a better education
6. So I can get a laptop and internet access to do my school work
7. So I can get help to make sure my children get a good education
8. For a better water supply in Dennery North
9. Because our farmers need help in fighting Black Sigatoka
10. For me to get a job in the tourism industry
11. For a stable political environment for my company to grow and expand
12. Because I want to be able to use our beaches freely
13. Because Labour’s ministers are respected at home and abroad
14. I don’t want more scandals like we had when UWP was in office
15. For support for single mothers like me
16. Because my STEP job is the only one I ever had and I don’t want to lose it
17. Because of Labour I now own the land that I live on
18. A Labour government provided the scholarship that made me become a doctor
19. Because Chastanet and the UWP don’t get it; they don’t understand our problems
20. My community is better because of Labour
21. Because Labour works for me, not for itself like the other guys
22. I got incentives to establish my company from a Labour government
23. Because I am elderly and the Home Help Programme has been a God-send
24. I feel safer with Labour
25. Because Labour is better, it’s that simple
STABILITY  PROGRESS  VISION

VOTE LABOUR