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An aerial photograph of Georgetown, Guyana, showing a dense urban landscape with various buildings, a large green field, and a parking lot. A prominent text overlay is centered in the image.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PPP/C TEAM



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In 2026, Guyana will celebrate 60 years since attaining political independence after centuries of colonial rule. We approach this milestone at a time when our country is at one of the most crucial junctures in our entire political and economic history. The decision we make at the upcoming 2025 general and regional elections will determine which of two diametrically different paths we will follow.

On the one hand, we could choose to build on the solid gains of the past five years and remain on course with the tested and proven vision and leadership of the PPP/C. On this path, we are sure to realise the prosperity we have long anticipated and awaited as a country and as a people. And, it will be a prosperity that will benefit all Guyanese and last for generations to come. On the other hand, the alternative would be to divert to a path beset by no vision, no plan, broken promises, and an unavoidable return to economic collapse, abject poverty, and callous hardship.

Guyana's history over the past six decades provides instructive lessons in this regard. Any period in which the PPP/C has been in government has been a period of: demonstrated commitment to democracy; respect for the will of the people; genuine efforts to unite our people; strong and sustained economic growth; rebuilding and expanding our country's infrastructure; and economic and social development for all. In striking contrast, any period in which APNU or the PNC has been in government has been a period of: dictatorial rule; political divisiveness; economic destruction; human deprivation; and pauperisation of the Guyanese people at large.

Every single period in the history of independent Guyana – the PNC's brutal and unrepentant dictatorship from 1966 to 1992; the PPP/C's diligent and meticulous rebuilding of Guyana from 1992 to 2011; the destructive APNU+AFC one-seat majority from 2011 to 2015; APNU+AFC's disastrous misrule and mismanagement from 2015 to 2020; and the PPP/C's very evident and tangible transformation of Guyana from 2020 to 2025 – has illustrated this close correlation between who is

occupying the seat of government at the time and the concurrent political and economic fortunes of our country.

Most recently, during 2015 to 2020, the Guyanese people bore the brunt of APNU+AFC's resurgent dictatorship. They abandoned all pretence at democratic norms, displayed utter contempt for the will of the people, broke every promise they had previously made, and put on full display for all to see their dreadful lack of vision, lack of credibility, and lack of competence to govern. Unsurprisingly, the Guyanese people banished them back to the opposition benches in 2020, when they reluctantly and belatedly called the elections. Even then, the APNU+AFC refused to respect the result of the elections, and held on to power illegally, demitting office only after an extended struggle by the PPP/C to defend our democracy, and after they were faced with international sanctions.

Today, the PPP/C stands tall as a party proud of the fact that we delivered all the commitments we gave to the Guyanese people in 2020, and we far exceeded many of these commitments. We achieved this, despite the fact that for the first two years we were grappling with the deadly COVID-19 pandemic. Not only did we recover as a country from COVID-19 and the APNU+AFC dictatorship, but the Guyanese economy has now become the fastest growing economy in the world. We reversed the hardships that APNU+AFC had imposed on the Guyanese people, and restored the benefits they had taken away. We also initiated the most ambitious transformation our country has ever undergone, literally changing the landscape, and creating opportunities that never previously existed, for every single Guyanese man, woman, and child.

The next five years will see us delivering a modern, prosperous, and inclusive Guyana, one in which our stated aim of translating national prosperity into community, household, and individual prosperity will be realised. The next five years will see Guyana become a place that all Guyanese would regard as the place they prefer to live, learn, work, earn, invest, and retire, and will be able to do so comfortably, happily, and harmoniously.

As the Guyanese people prepare to choose in 2025, we in the PPP/C invite you to consider the reality that our country has advanced and the wellbeing of the Guyanese people has improved in every period that our party has been in government. We invite you to also consider the reality that the PPP/C remains today the only truly national party in our country, the only party with a coherent and credible vision for our country, and the only party with demonstrated commitment, capability, and competence to deliver on our vision for Guyana.

Given the tremendous progress our country has already made over the past five years, building on the transformation already underway, and recognising how infinitely stronger we are when we work together, Manifesto 2025 outlines an exciting and inspiring vision for the PPP/C's next term in office and sets the stage for us to move resolutely and unstoppably **FORWARD TOGETHER FOR A BETTER GUYANA.**



The PPP/C went into the 2020 general and regional elections with a long-established legacy of sound policies, strong management, solid commitments, and steadfast delivery of these.

Faithful to this history, we approached the electorate in 2020 with a manifesto that was prepared after widespread consultations with a broad cross-section of stakeholders, and with direct inputs from tens of thousands of Guyanese persons based on our ongoing outreaches and political engagements at the grassroots level.

Today, five years later, we are proud to offer ourselves for re-election, having delivered on all the commitments we made in Manifesto 2020 and, in fact, having exceeded many of them. The following sets out key highlights from amongst the commitments made in Manifesto 2020 and the results we delivered over the past five years.

Reversing Hardships and Restoring Benefits

- We **reversed the 200-plus taxes and fees** introduced by APNU+AFC, including VAT on electricity, water, data, medical and educational supplies, building materials, heavy equipment, as well as high land rent and drainage and irrigation (D&I) charges, and much more. This immediately made available to the Guyanese people over \$40 billion of additional disposable income annually.
- We **restored the Because We Care cash grant** that was taken away by APNU+AFC. We also increased the grant to \$50,000 per child and expanded it to private schools. Together with the uniform grant, at current rates, this initiative puts over \$11 billion in the hands of parents of over 200,000 children annually.
- We **restored the Disciplined Services bonus**, that was also callously taken away by APNU+AFC, to some 12,000 men and women in uniform which, at current rates, amounts to a payout of nearly \$2 billion annually.



Increasing Disposable Income and Cushioning Costs

- We **increased disposable income** through:
 - Growing the annual public sector wage bill from \$127 billion to \$246 billion now, an increase of nearly \$120 billion over the 2020 level.
 - Doubling the income-tax threshold to \$130,000 per month, removing tens of thousands of persons from the tax net.
 - Reducing income tax rates.
 - Introducing tax relief for persons with children, persons who earn overtime for work beyond their normal working hours, persons who have a second job, and persons who are paying premiums for life and medical insurance.
- We **introduced no new taxes** in Budgets 2020 to 2025.
- We **distributed a \$100,000 cash grant to every adult citizen** of Guyana, along with other grants such as the COVID-19 cash grant to every household.
- We **doubled old age pension** (OAP) from \$20,500 per month in 2020 to \$41,000 now, resulting in an annual OAP payout that is \$23 billion more than the 2020 level.
- We **more than doubled Public Assistance grants** from \$9,000 per month in 2020 to \$22,000 now, with a total annual payout that is \$9 billion more than the 2020 level.
- We **removed the excise tax on gasoline and diesel and maintained zero taxes on kerosene** to mitigate the impact of rising fuel prices globally, thereby saving consumers \$560 per gallon currently, or approximately \$90 billion annually.
- We **spent billions more to subsidise** electricity, water, the cost of mortgages, and much more, to combat the global rise in cost of living.

Rescuing the Productive Sector and Creating Jobs

- We **rescued the productive sector** by reopening the economy cautiously, while still managing the COVID-19 pandemic.
- We **created more than 60,000 new jobs**, beyond our commitment of 50,000, having jumpstarted the economy when we assumed office by:
 - Cutting through bureaucracy and unlocking long outstanding permit applications pending in the oil and gas sector.
 - Restoring private sector confidence in Guyana, triggering a resumption of foreign direct investment and domestic private investment in productive activity.
 - Resuscitating the sugar industry, reopening previously closed estates, and re-employing over 4,000 persons.

- Investing heavily in D&I, which is critical for the rice industry and agriculture more broadly, and providing farmers with fertiliser and seed paddy assistance along with planting materials and breeding stock.
 - Restoring the zero-rated status previously extended to heavy equipment for agriculture, mining, and forestry.
 - Providing additional support to the mining sector, including through the removal of the burdensome tributors tax, and granting land tenure to over 700 small miners in the gold sector.
 - Facilitating increased investment and expansion in bauxite and large scale gold mining operations.
 - Resuming the national housing programme and ramping up the public sector investment programme, triggering a labour-intensive construction boom across the country, and much more.
- We **established a new legal framework for the oil and gas sector** to ensure transparency and accountability in the sector, with the enactment of:
 - The **Natural Resource Fund (NRF) Act 2021** – repealing the egregiously deficient NRF Act 2019. The new Act introduced major improvements to the framework for managing oil and gas revenues and essential enhancements to the governance and transparency arrangements of the Fund. At the end of 2024, the balance in the Fund stood at US\$3.1 billion.
 - The **Local Content Act 2021** – providing an enabling framework for the creation and expansion of opportunities for Guyanese companies and Guyanese nationals. Over 1,000 companies are now on the Local Content Register. Additionally, more than US\$1.5 billion in goods and services have been procured from Guyanese companies and nationals for the sector, and nearly 10,000 Guyanese nationals are now employed in the sector, since enactment of this Act.
 - The **Petroleum Activities Act 2023** – replacing the outdated Petroleum Act 1986, and thereby regulating and managing the development of the country's petroleum sector, covering all upstream petroleum activities, including exploration, development, and production.
 - We also **established a new model Production Sharing Agreement (PSA)** – with new fiscal terms that ensure Guyana receives increased benefits from oil production. The new model PSA provides for:
 - A 10 percent royalty rate, up from 2 percent under the previous regime.
 - A 10 percent corporate tax, up from zero previously.
 - A reduced ceiling of 65 percent on cost oil, down from 75 percent, and maintaining the 50/50 split of profit oil.



Transport Infrastructure

- We rolled out an **aggressive upgrade and buildout of new transport infrastructure**, including:
 - Commencing the construction of the Demerara River Bridge, Wismar Bridge, Linden to Mabura Hill Road, and the bridges to Lethem.
 - Constructing new highways and opening up new arteries to ease congestion (Heroes, Schoonord to Crane, Ogle to Eccles, Aubrey Barker Road, Cemetery Road, Conversation Tree, Lamaha/Dennis Street).
 - Rehabilitating several main access roads and farm-to-market roads (Black Bush Polder, Burma Road, Mahaicony Branch Road, DeHoop Access Road, Lima Sands Access Road).
 - Upgrading of thousands of roads in urban and coastal communities.
 - Rehabilitating and upgrading key hinterland roads, including Kumaka to Kwebanna, Wauna to Settlement, and Karasabai to Paramakatoi, and internal roads within central Bartica, Mahdia, Campbelltown, Princeville, and Lethem.
 - Modernising our ferry and river transport systems, including the rehabilitation of Bartica, Leguan, and Fort Island stellings.
 - Commissioning the MV Ma Lisha, which plies the Parika to North-West District route.

Transforming the Energy Sector

- We **launched the transformative Gas-to-Energy (GtE) project**, which will see the construction of a 300 MW combined cycle gas turbine power plant and an integrated Natural Gas Liquids (NGL) plant within the Wales industrial estate. The pipeline delivering the gas has already landed on site, and work is continuing apace on the other installations. When completed, this project will reduce electricity cost by 50 percent for all consumers on the grid.
- Meanwhile, we **brought into service 186.2 MW of additional generating capacity** in response to the growing demand for electricity, through the operationalisation of the plant at Garden of Eden, installation of emergency power at the Columbia substation, and sourcing electricity from two power ships.
- We also **constructed hydropower plants** at Moco-Moco, Kumu, and Kato and **solar PV farms** at Lethem, Bartica, Mahdia, Wakenaam, and Leguan.
- We **distributed over 36,000 solar-powered home energy systems** to households in the hinterland and riverain communities.

ICT as an Engine for Economic and Social Empowerment

- We **liberalised the telecommunications sector** as soon as we came into office, bringing into operation the Telecommunications Act 2016, which was approved by the National Assembly since 2016, but left languishing by the APNU+AFC.

- Liberalisation **facilitated increased competition** prompting operators to ramp up investment in infrastructure, including additional international and domestic fibreoptic connectivity, resulting in a **95 percent reduction in the cost of bandwidth** and enhancing Guyana's competitiveness as a destination for investment in Information and Communication Technology (ICT) intensive sectors such as Business Process Outsourcing (BPO). We also built a number of BPO shells and are partnering with private investors to create ICT-driven jobs in Berbice, Essequibo, and Linden.
- We **trained thousands** across multiple ICT programmes, building ICT literacy across all age groups.

Quality Education

- We **made education free at all levels**, including by **abolishing tuition fees at the University of Guyana (UG) and government technical training institutions**, immediately reducing the cost of education to thousands of enrolled students.
- We **launched the UG student loan write-off programme**, expected to benefit over 13,000 persons, with billions of dollars of debt cancellation.
- We **trained over 82,000 persons**, including with more than **39,000 online scholarships** through the Guyana Online Academy of Learning (GOAL), beyond our commitment of 20,000 online scholarships.
- We **started paying for up to 8 Caribbean Secondary Education Certificate (CSEC) and Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examination (CAPE) subjects** for all Guyanese students at public and private schools, in an effort to ensure that no child's potential should be constrained by their parents' inability to pay.
- We also **trained over 5,000 teachers** at the Cyril Potter College of Education (CPCE) by introducing virtual and hybrid modes of training, with the aim of achieving 100 percent of trained teachers across the public education system.
- We **commenced the construction of over 100 new schools** and repaired and maintained more than 1,000 school buildings and educational facilities.

Improved Health Services

- We **expanded health infrastructure** by commencing the construction of 12 new hospitals and 25 new health centres, establishing a new Pathology Lab, upgrading 400 health facilities, and constructing 5 new regional drug distribution centres.
- We **employed hundreds of doctors, and over 500 nurses, 1,900 nursing assistants, 390 community health workers and 190 pharmacy assistants** to help improve healthcare delivery across Guyana.



- We also **expanded healthcare services** by implementing:
 - Telemedicine services for the first time in Guyana (with over 80 sites operational).
 - Telepathology with the establishment of a new lab at Georgetown Public Hospital Corporation (GPHC).
 - A Cervical Cancer Programme.
 - A School Screening Programme.
- We **commenced the construction of new training facilities** for nurses in Berbice and Essequibo.

Affordable Housing

- We **allocated over 53,000 house lots**, exceeding the target in Manifesto 2020, and spending about \$300 billion in the sector.
- We **made home ownership more affordable for all** by:
 - Removing VAT on locally produced building and construction materials.
 - Increasing the low-income mortgage ceiling at commercial banks from \$8 million to \$20 million.
 - Increasing the ceiling on housing loans at the New Building Society from \$12 million to \$30 million.
 - Doubling the ceiling on Mortgage Interest Relief for housing loans from \$15 million, to which the APNU/AFC had reduced it, to \$30 million.
 - Developing a number of targeted programmes to assist with the cost of home construction, such as the Steel and Cement Subsidy programme.

Safeguarding the Rights of Amerindians

- We **resumed the Amerindian Land Titling Programme**.
- We **reintroduced the Community Support Officer (CSO) programme**, hiring nearly 3,000 CSOs, as well as part-time workers, in Amerindian communities.
- We **trained over 7,500 persons from the hinterland** under GOAL, Hinterland Scholarships, and other programmes, distributed tractors and trailers to all Amerindian communities, and completed 2,500 km of hinterland roads.
- We allocated a minimum of **15 percent of revenues earned from the sale of carbon credits to Amerindian communities** under the Low Carbon Development Strategy (LCDS) 2030, and **transferred over \$14 billion** under this arrangement to finance implementation of Village Sustainability Plans (VSPs).

Empowering Specific and Vulnerable Groups

- In addition to the doubling of the OAP highlighted earlier, we **restored water and electricity subsidies** to over 30,000 pensioners.
- We provided **eyecare support** to almost 19,000 senior citizens while over 7,000 shut-in elderly persons benefitted from **homebased medical care**.

- We **established new Child Advocacy Centres** in Regions 6, 8, and 9, strengthened child abuse prevention systems, and expanded access to affordable childcare to support women's participation in the workforce.
- We built new **Early Childhood and Development Centres (ECDCs)** to provide working parents with additional childcare options.
- We established the **President's Youth Advisory Council** to strengthen the role of youth in contributing to national policy and decision-making.
- We **expanded and upgraded sports facilities countrywide**, including with the reconstruction of the Cliff Anderson Sports Hall, advancing works on synthetic tracks at Bayroc and New Amsterdam, and multipurpose sporting facilities at Mackenzie, Anna Regina and Albion, as well as the installation of lights and upgrading of other community grounds countrywide.

Sustainable Use of Resources

- We **launched the updated LCDS 2030, unlocking the world's first jurisdictional scale carbon credits** under the Architecture for REDD+ Transactions (ART-TREES) standard. This enabled Guyana to secure the largest jurisdictional scale forest carbon credit sale to ever take place in the world, amounting to at least US\$750 million to be paid over the period 2022 to 2032.

Security

- We **enhanced national security** by investing in facilities and equipment, training personnel and using modern technology in our crime fighting efforts.
- We **constructed, reconstructed and rehabilitated more than 20 police buildings**, revitalised the work of community policing groups, and deployed and expanded our Safe City and Safe Country initiative.
- We **improved responsiveness** by adding over 500 vehicles to the inherited dilapidated land and water transport fleet.
- We **enhanced our firefighting capabilities** by adding over 100 units of firefighting assets including 40 specialised units to aid in community firefighting efforts.
- We **improved our coast guard and air corps capabilities** by acquiring a new patrol vessel, helicopters, and other assets.

Governance and Justice

- We launched the **constitutional reform process** with the establishment of the 21-member Constitutional Reform Commission which has started work to review and propose amendments to our Constitution.



- We enacted over 100 politically neutral amendments to **strengthen our electoral laws**, aimed at reducing the risk of abuse and fraudulent infiltration, and creating a more robust, accountable, and transparent electoral system. This will enhance public confidence in the electoral machinery and in those who administer and preside over it.
- We **reconstituted key commissions** and provided substantial funding to support their operations including the Guyana Elections Commission, Ethnic Relations Commission and Rights Commissions, Public Procurement Commission, Public and Police Service Commission and Judicial Service Commission.
- We expanded by legislative amendment the complement of judges in the court system to increase capacity and improve efficiency, and we **appointed new puisne judges and magistrates**, allowing the system to have its full complement.
- We **constructed and rehabilitated** courts at Bartica, Kwakwani, Vigilance, Wales, and the Berbice and Georgetown High Courts. We also extended the Court of Appeal and constructed the Port Kaituma and Mahaicony Magistrates Courts.
- We **equipped more than 30 courtrooms** with digital court recording systems to facilitate remote participation.
- We **launched an electronic litigation (e-litigation) system** in the Court of Appeal and at all the High Court locations that allows the filing of appeals and management of cases electronically.

Considering that **these represent just some highlights** of our achievements and what we delivered over the past five years, the stage is set for a further acceleration in the pace with which we will now proceed to advance the transformation of our country.

Our vision for the next five years and the commitments given in this Manifesto 2025 are now presented, once again with the benefit of widespread input from Guyanese stakeholders from all walks of life and from every corner of our country. They reflect the priorities expressed to us by the Guyanese people, not only through submissions received and from our formal consultations, but also from our ongoing close engagement and daily interaction with the Guyanese people.



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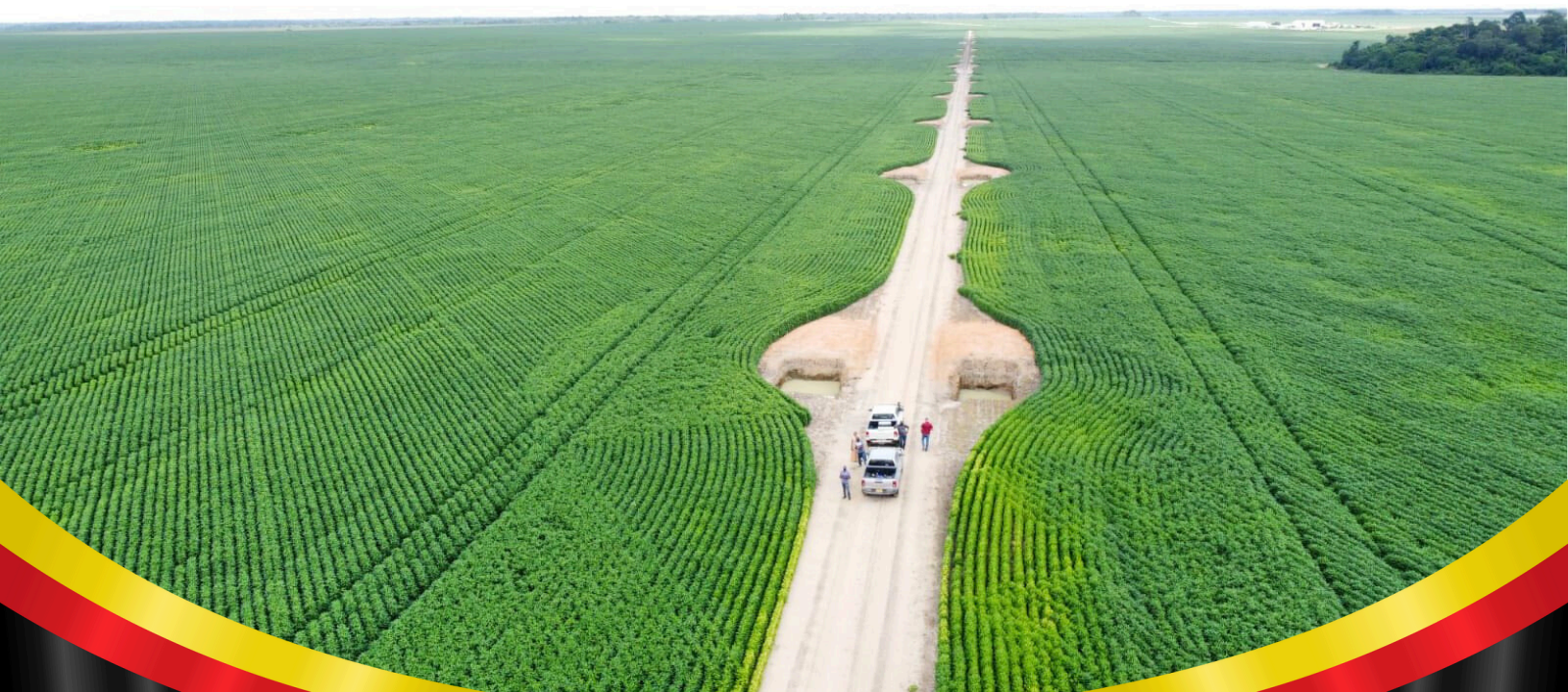


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OUR VISION AT A GLANCE



Building on the foundation laid over the last five years, and in our previous terms of office, the PPP/C is ready and raring to accelerate over the next five years the remarkable transformation that is already visibly underway in our beautiful Guyana.

Our vision for the next five years is a Guyana that is not only stronger and more prosperous, but that is also more filled with even better opportunities for all – for this generation, the next generation, and those yet to come. Today, we lift our sights to the next era of development – one that will see every aspect of life at the national level strengthened and modernised, and every aspect of life at the individual level made more comfortable and more rewarding.

Our vision is a Guyana that is a **respected global leader in climate security, energy security, and food security.**

Our vision is a Guyana that is a worthy and enviable example in the **sound and transparent management** of the oil and gas sector, economic diversification and resilience, and macroeconomic stability and fiscal sustainability.

Our vision is a Guyana where **long term goals are balanced with short term objectives**, and where the aspirations of the current generation are realisable, while the interests of future generations are also safeguarded.

Our vision is a Guyana that is a good example to the world of **ethnic, religious, and other dimensions of diversity being harnessed as an enduring strength** rather than being lamented as challenge.

Our vision is a Guyana where every single Guyanese person has an **opportunity to learn and train, work and earn, save and invest, realise their full potential, and then relax and retire**, all in comfort.

Our vision is a Guyana where **democracy, the rule of law, and freedom are never taken for granted** and are safeguarded and defended at all times.

We will keep Guyana's economy on a strong, steady growth path – rapid and resilient – driven by sound macroeconomic management, responsible stewardship and strategic deployment of our natural resources, and continued expansion and improved competitiveness of non-oil productive activity. We will support the creation of even more good quality jobs by advancing economic diversification, improving access to finance, and cutting the cost of energy. Families, entrepreneurs, and businesses – right across Guyana – will be able to earn, save, invest, build, and thrive.

We will expand on the major infrastructural improvements already delivered – in transport, energy, and the social sector – to unlock economic potential as well as to improve quality of life. We will advance widespread home ownership across Guyana, ensuring that every family can live with security, dignity, and pride in their community. And, we will match physical transformation with quality-of-life improvements in every community. Priorities will include upgrading community infrastructure with concrete roads and drains, creating more green spaces, enhancing public areas, and building new sports and recreational facilities, so that development is felt in everyday life.

We will continue to modernise public services so that government works better for everyone. World-class education and healthcare will be delivered, and the rollout of digital solutions will raise standards and quality further. Digital technology will ensure simplified and more predictable processes as well as greater fairness and ease of access to all public services. These solutions will make public systems more efficient and more accountable so that services are delivered with the quality that citizens deserve.

We will continue the work to make inclusion real, true to our principles, and focused on practical outcomes. Every citizen, regardless of where they live in the country, and regardless of their ethnicity, religion, or gender, will feel a true stake in national development. We will support and celebrate our diverse cultures and identities, ensuring they remain central to how we live and mature as a nation, and unleashing in the Guyanese spirit an unshakeable appreciation that diversity is a source of indomitable strength and is the cement that binds us together in our oneness as a nation.

We will protect fiercely our sovereignty and territorial integrity, keeping both our country and our people safe. In doing so, we will reinforce strategic alliances and diplomatic ties globally, strengthen national defence and security, and guard our territory from external threats and internal instability. We will continue to modernise the justice system, ensure access to justice, and protect and uphold the rule of law at all times. This will include by ensuring a more accountable, citizen-friendly, community-oriented security sector.

We will continue to lead the world in sustainable development. Our forests, biodiversity, and natural ecosystems have already made Guyana a global example – but we will take that leadership further, expanding environmental stewardship to boost long-term prosperity and resilience for our people. And, we will act as responsible global citizens – standing up for fairness, sustainability, and ambition in all our international partnerships.

Manifesto 2025 elaborates all aspects of this vision into a vast array of specific commitments under each sector, the implementation of which the PPP/C is firmly committed to delivering in their entirety over the next five years.

Manifesto 2025 is guided by a comprehensive strategic planning framework and is premised on a rigorous analysis of the macroeconomic context within which it is prepared.

Over the years, successive PPP/C governments have led the development of several visionary strategic plans. These were always based on the best of technical advice and extensive stakeholder contribution. They include the National Development Strategy (NDS), the Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper (PRSP), the National Competitiveness Strategy (NCS), and the original LCDS as well as the updated LCDS 2030. Each of these outlined policy and investment priorities aimed at reducing poverty, accelerating economic growth, and improving the lives of the Guyanese people.

The NDS elaborated a wide-ranging agenda for national development across all sectors. The PRSP placed a strong emphasis on increasing investment in the social sector as a means of reducing poverty. The NCS focused especially on improving the investment and business climate to catalyse higher levels of growth. And, the LCDS pioneered an approach to monetising our standing forests and accelerating growth along a low carbon trajectory. All of these strategies remain relevant today and, together with our detailed sectoral plans, guide our agenda to realise the development aspirations and goals of contemporary Guyana.

At the same time, the PPP/C's agenda is consistent with a robust and viable macroeconomic framework. In this regard, our aim continues to be the realisation of strong and sustainable economic growth. Our policies therefore ensure that the current period of high economic growth is navigated in such a manner as to mitigate the risk of Dutch Disease, contain inflationary pressures, secure competitiveness, and ensure that economic growth results in meaningful and lasting improvements in the wellbeing of all of the people of our country.

We also remain mindful that the global economic context continues to be characterised by much uncertainty. We are acutely aware that volatile external markets can have severe implications for domestic price stability, economic growth, and fiscal outcomes. For this reason, our policies ensure an increasingly resilient domestic economy, one that can withstand external shocks, and one that bolsters its resilience by building adequate buffers and by diversifying the sources of growth.

Against this background, Manifesto 2025 outlines a technically sound, eminently credible, and thoroughly viable plan to improve the lives of the Guyanese people for today and for generations to come.

FUELLING GROWTH, CREATING JOBS, IMPROVING LIVELIHOODS

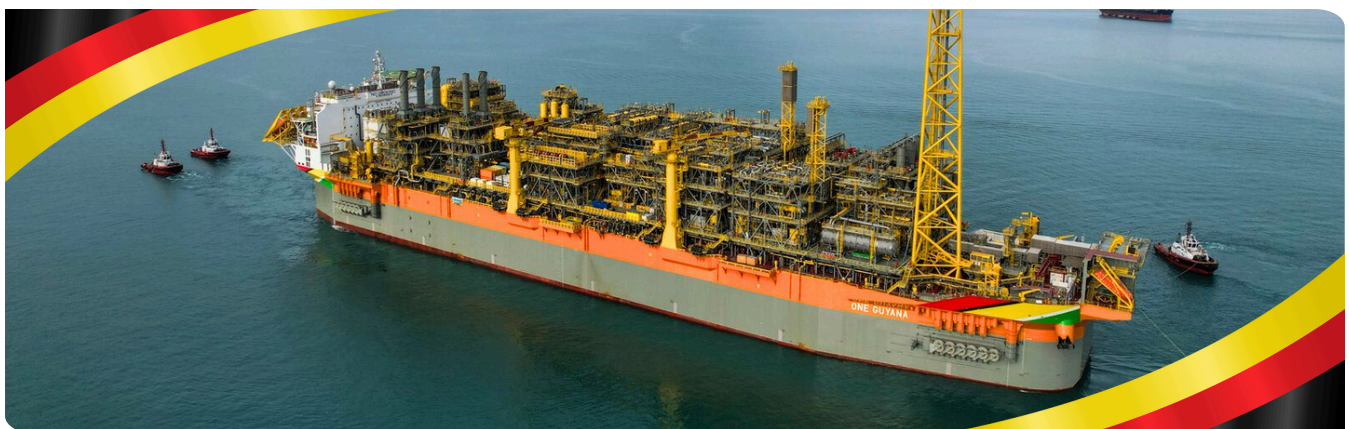


By positioning Guyana as one of the world's most attractive investment destinations currently, the PPP/C has successfully delivered on its commitment to create good quality job opportunities for citizens during the last five years. Over the next five years, the PPP/C government will continue to build on this foundation to establish a vibrant and diversified economy by maintaining an attractive climate for private investment and for doing business, coupled with aggressive investment in human capital and skills development. The ongoing economic revolution will unlock a vast array of job opportunities, empower citizens, and ensure their long-term wellbeing and prosperity.

Optimising on Our Oil and Gas Resources

Since August 2020, the PPP/C government has made tremendous progress in developing our nascent oil and gas sector. Focus has been on establishing a robust legal framework to manage Guyana's oil wealth responsibly, while promoting local content development so that Guyanese can participate and benefit meaningfully. That framework is now in place and is fully operationalised, and the industry is now functioning within a framework that is considered a global standard worthy of replication.

Over the next five years, we envision an oil and gas sector that is on course to having total production capacity of 1.7 million oil equivalent barrels per day from eight developments by 2030. The rapidly expanding sector will benefit from robust oversight, a more favourable PSA, a petroleum data repository, and the implementation of a strategy that would encourage investment in infrastructure to monetise our gas reserves.



With the aim of optimising on the benefits of our oil and gas reserves, over the next five years, we will:

Accelerate Oil and Gas Exploration

- **Conclude PSAs under the new and enhanced terms** with successful bidders from the 2022 auction, which will see new blocks brought into accelerated exploration and ultimately production.
- **Complete 3D seismic surveys** across unlicensed blocks, and **operationalise a Petroleum Data Repository**, which will make new data available and further enhance the marketability of the basin.
- **Conduct more international auctions** of additional blocks as we seek to further ramp up exploration and production.

Roll Out Wales GtE

- **Operationalise the GtE project at Wales**, including the **300 MW power plant and the NGL plant** producing enough cooking gas to meet and exceed domestic requirements.
- **Develop a second GtE power plant at Wales**, which is expected to generate up to 300 MW of additional power.
- Utilise the NGL to **provide more affordable and cleaner energy for remote communities**, taking into account alternative options for distribution.
- **Construct an NGL ship-loading terminal** to enable export of cooking gas to CARICOM countries and beyond.



Launch a Major Berbice Industrial Development Initiative

- **Monetise our gas reserves found offshore**, either by bringing the gas onshore to a **major industrial complex in Berbice** which could include power generation for export, or shipping it via a floating offshore facility, or a combination of the two.

- Advance the **integration of the Berbice industrial development with the wider transport infrastructure network**, including the deepwater port, a new bridge over the Berbice River, the highway to Georgetown, road and possible rail connections to northern Brazil, as well as the highway along the Corentyne coast, a bridge across the Corentyne River, an all-weather road to Orealla and Siparuta, and upgraded overland connectivity to Kwakwani.

Improve Supply and Storage of Refined Fuel Products

- **Examine the possibility of reducing the cost of landing refined fuel products** (gasoline, diesel, kerosene) through the establishment, possibly in partnership with the private sector, of a strategic national fuel depot with access for large carriers.
- Continue to **explore partnerships with the private sector on oil refining** to meet domestic demand for refined products in the first instance.

Expand Local Content Opportunities

- **Review the schedule to the Local Content Act 2021**, in consultation with the oil and gas industry and with the non-oil private sector and other stakeholders, with a view to identifying opportunities for expanding and updating the schedule.
- **Examine the possibility of expanding applicability of the Local Content Act to other sectors**, particularly the gold and bauxite mining sectors especially in light of imminent large scale developments.
- Continue **aggressive training and capacity building efforts, to equip more Guyanese nationals** to be able to take up good quality jobs in the oil and gas sector, and equip more Guyanese companies to be able to compete for business opportunities in the sector.

Maintain Strong Governance and Transparency

- **Continue to oversee the sector in a responsible manner**, ensuring that the NRF is managed transparently and that all transfers from the NRF are made through the parliamentary budgetary process and are subject to parliamentary oversight.
- **Ensure continued compliance with applicable international standards**, particularly the Santiago Principles and the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI).
- Ensure that the operators comply with **environmental and technical standards** at all times.
- Continue to **build capacity** within all relevant government agencies for **stronger oversight and independent monitoring of operations**.

Unlocking the Potential of the Mining Sector

The mining sector, particularly gold and bauxite, plays a critical role in Guyana's economic wellbeing, generating employment and incomes that are critical to several large communities, such as Bartica and Mahdia in the case of gold, and Kwakwani and Linden in the case of bauxite. Going forward, the PPP/C is committed to maintaining a framework that remains attractive to private investment in mining to boost production, exports, and employment.

Over the next five years, in the gold mining sector, the PPP/C government will:

- Continue to work with private investors to **realise new large-scale mining operations** coming into production, creating thousands of jobs, and injecting dynamism into the economies of surrounding communities.
- Make **more lands available for small miners** to be able to access concessions.
- **Continue to invest aggressively in hinterland roads and airstrips** to improve access to mining areas.
- **Maintain the favourable fiscal regime** for the sector, with **no increase in royalties, no VAT on heavy equipment, and no tributors tax.**

In the bauxite mining sector, the PPP/C government will:

- Continue to work with private investors to **ramp up fully the metallurgical grade bauxite (MAZ) project in Linden**, which is already creating hundreds of jobs and breathing new economic dynamism in Linden and Region 10 more broadly.
- Engage with private investors to **resuscitate bauxite mining at the abandoned locations in the Berbice River**, while encouraging exploration of other areas with bauxite mining potential.
- With the landing onshore of our gas resources, including the second pipeline landing in Berbice, **explore the viability of alumina refining**, in collaboration with private investors.

Additionally, we will continue to **support rapid expansion in the production of quarry stone and sand products**, the demand for which is growing exponentially given the construction boom underway.

A Globally Competitive Agriculture Sector

The PPP/C has long recognised the agriculture sector as a major anchor of our country's non-oil economy. A vibrant, dynamic, and globally competitive agriculture sector is essential to maintaining Guyana's food and nutrition security as well as realising the sector's potential to contribute to overall economic growth and to the livelihoods of farming communities and households.

Our aim is to reinforce the position of agriculture and food production in our non-oil economy as we strive to maintain food and nutrition security for every citizen as well as to become a prominent food producing hub in the region. Achieving this vision will require continued expansion of productive capacity, robust infrastructure, sustainable D&I systems and efficient networks, prioritising investment in modern farming technologies, along with adequate support services that will empower local farmers and enhance productivity in every industry in the agriculture sector.

With these aims in mind, over the next five years, we will:

- Make Guyana the food producing capital of the Caribbean through:
 - Agricultural diversification, including into new and non-traditional crops, with **integration of climate-smart technology**.
 - **Encouraging mega-production systems** to harness the benefits of greater economies of scale.
 - **Operationalising the regional food hub at Yarrowkabra**, which will include technologically and scientifically driven storage, processing, and packaging facilities.
 - **Establishing an agri-tech and agro-industrial complex** and **co-invest with agro-processors** to crowd in private capital into value-added food production and create additional markets for farmers for their fresh produce.
- **Open up more than 100,000 new acres of arable land** for cultivation, thereby increasing productive capacity.
- **Continue to upgrade farm-to-market roads** in farming communities, improving ease of access to farmlands.
- **Expand D&I systems and networks**, including with the **completion of three major D&I networks in Regions 3, 5, and 6** (the Hope-like canals), to bolster the sector's climate resilience.
- **Provide additional support to farmers**, including breeding stock, planting materials, and fertiliser.

- **Expand and modernise extension services**, providing training to farmers, and deploying appropriate technology in such areas as monitoring weather, soil, and water conditions, for a more scientific approach to farming and food production.
- **Promote more markets for local food products**, including with the expansion of the Guyana Shop countrywide and at all major ports of entry, as well as in major diaspora communities.
- **Establish a network of permanent farmers markets** where farmers can sell their produce directly to consumers, thereby reducing the margin between farmgate prices and final consumer prices.
- **Emphasise human capital development**, especially in relation to training of farmers on, and involving more young people in, scientific methods of farming.

Sugar

Efforts to restore the sugar industry to viability, after years of decay by APNU+AFC, and to modernise and diversify its operations are already underway, with mechanisation advancing at several estates, a packaging plant at Albion nearing completion, and ethanol feasibility studies ongoing.

Over the next five years, we will:

- **Ensure the sugar industry remains open** and sugar workers remain employed.
- Continue to **convert our fields for strategic mechanisation**.
- **Modernise our factories**, and **invest in value-added production** such as packaged refined, and specialty sugars.
- Position GUYSUCO as a **hub for rural economic development**.
- **Convert land into high-yielding, high value productive activity**, including through coinvestment options.



Rice

During the period 2020 to 2025, the PPP/C government demonstrated a strong commitment to improving the rice sector, through a series of targeted interventions and strategic investments. Together, these resulted in rice production reaching its highest annual level ever in 2024, a record expected to be surpassed this year.

Over the next five years, we will:

- **Bring additional acreage under rice cultivation**, especially in Regions 2 and 6.
- **Expand seed processing facilities** in Region 2, 3, and 4.
- Facilitate the **establishment of domestic fertiliser production** using our gas resources, which will reduce the cost of fertiliser to farmers.
- **Organise rice producing clusters** in key areas and equip these with critical machinery, including a tractor and combine harvester, to be managed collectively by farmers.
- Enhance storage capacity, with the **establishment of climate-controlled storage hubs** in Regions 2, 3, 5, and 6.
- Work more aggressively internationally to **secure lucrative markets for our paddy and rice**, to ensure that millers and farmers are able to sell their increased output.
- Promote the **development and marketing of value-added rice-based products**, including rice noodles and fortified cereals to facilitate more markets and higher margins for millers and farmers.
- **Roll out the first ever crop insurance facility** for rice farmers to help build resilience.



Other Crops

The PPP/C has advanced agricultural diversification through hinterland cultivation of soya and corn. Additionally, efforts were also made to boost coconut and citrus production, expand shade house cultivation of high-value vegetables and fruits, and promote import substitution crops like onions, turmeric, and cocoa. Agro-processing capacity expanded with new facilities and hubs, while discussions on ethanol production continue. Additionally, youth engagement has grown through entrepreneurship, shade house projects, and hydroponics training programmes.

Going forward, the PPP/C is committed to enhancing public-private partnerships to leverage and create new products and technology-driven production processes to boost the competitiveness of crops of economic significance and reduce critical import dependencies in the other crops sector. With respect to other crops, the PPP/C's mission for the next five years includes:

- **Achieving and maintaining self-sufficiency in corn and soya production**, with plans to supply the CARICOM market.
- **Expanding value addition and agro-processing with new fruit pulp hubs** (mango, pineapple, cherry, etc.) to support expanded domestic juice production as well as to enter export markets.
- Promote the **development of an industry to produce vegan dairy alternatives**, such as plant-based milk products.
- **Establishing port facilities at Charity, Parika, and Port Kaituma**, featuring state-of-the-art cold storage, packaging and agro-processing facilities, which will extend the shelf life of produce and improve access to markets.
- **Promoting the development of the coconut industry** with the distribution of more than one million high-yielding seedlings, and encouraging more diversified value-added coconut-based products, such as coconut water, oil, milk, cream, and copra-based products.
- **Promoting the resuscitation of cocoa and coffee cultivation**, particular in Region 1, and in other areas where this might be suitable.
- Promoting more aggressively the **development of the honey industry**.
- **Promoting climate-smart farming** through training, more water-efficient irrigation, soil conservation, and pest management, as well as more flood-resistant storage and greenhouses.
- **Strengthening water management** with smart irrigation, rainwater harvesting, and coastal desalination systems.
- **Agricultural research and genetic innovation** to drive development of climate-resilient, high-yield crop varieties.

- **Improving efficiency and reducing costs** through smart farming tools, precision and data-driven agriculture, and genetic and biotech advancements.
- **Reducing post-harvest losses and improving export readiness** with cold storage and logistics infrastructure, including at the regional food hub at Yarrowkabra.
- **Advancing youth and women empowerment in agriculture** through targeted training, startup grants, and access to agri-tech tools and programs.
- **Enhancing digital market access** through e-commerce platforms and mobile market tools.



Cattle and Livestock

In its current term in office, the PPP/C government expanded support for both small and large-scale livestock farmers, distributing thousands of breeding animals, feed, and supplies across the country and treating tens of thousands of animals through enhanced extension services. Genetic improvement is underway with imported breeding stock, artificial insemination, and bull rotation programmes. New facilities, including a beef abattoir and modular processing plants, are boosting meat and dairy production, while training has been provided in key areas like disease prevention and clean milk production. Affordable poultry financing has been introduced, and nearly 29,000 acres of pasture developed under new livestock zoning to support organised, conflict-free expansion.

By 2030, the livestock sector will be playing a vital role in fostering innovation in agri-food. In this regard, over the next five years, the PPP/C government will:

- **Strengthen our national breeding programme** for all classes of livestock.

- **Achieve self-sufficiency in hatching eggs** and then transition into a regional exporter.
- **Pilot the production of high yielding forage** to meet the needs of the sector.
- **Construct modular and mini-abattoirs** in key livestock producing areas.
- **Promote precision livestock farming**, such as with the use of smart collars/tags.
- **Establish a well-developed halal and kosher certified food system** for cattle and small ruminants for the domestic and export markets.
- **Secure ISO certification for our Veterinary Services Laboratory** and the **Nutritional Laboratory**, and **invest in regional laboratory services** for disease detection and predictive modelling.



Fisheries

The PPP/C government has strengthened the fisheries sector by upgrading landing sites and relaunching the National Fisherfolk Organisation. Aquaculture saw significant investment with hatchery upgrades, training, and expanded prawn and tilapia farming. Regulations and standards were also upgraded to boost exports. New cage culture projects and community partnerships, especially in indigenous communities, are thriving. In addition, anti-piracy efforts advanced with the launch of a Fisheries Monitoring Centre and GPS tracking. By 2030, aquaculture production is expected to surpass marine production. The PPP/C envisions a sustainable fishing and aquaculture sector that features certified products, allowing access to international markets.

Over the next five years, the PPP/C government will:

- **Develop aquaculture hubs** by converting over 500 acres of underutilised coastal land for commercial tilapia and shrimp farming.
- **Expand cage culture aquaculture in hinterland communities** to boost local food production and income.
- **Strengthen and increase the number of fisheries cooperatives** to empower local fisherfolk and improve coordination.
- **Support income diversification for fisherfolk** through training, value-added initiatives, and alternative livelihood opportunities.
- **Remove taxes on outboard engines up to 150 horsepower** to support fisherfolk.
- **Continue to upgrade landing sites** with improved cold storage, sanitation facilities, and safety equipment to support fisherfolk and reduce spoilage.
- **Expand landing sites** where possible to include facilities to host regular fresh catch markets, thereby providing fisherfolk with direct access to final consumers.
- Facilitate **access to new regional and international markets** for seafood and aquaculture products, with the support of certification in the industry.
- **Maintain and strengthen management systems for industrial fishing fleets** to ensure sustainability and compliance.
- **Improve maritime security** through an expanded Vessel Monitoring System to protect national waters and resources.



Forestry

Over the last five years, Guyana's forestry sector has recovered dramatically. Timber production and employment in the forestry sector have grown significantly and thousands of jobs have been created. The PPP/C has invested heavily in roads, equipment, and value-added facilities, while promoting sustainable forest management through increased monitoring and validation of the National Forest Inventory.

The PPP/C has a strategic vision for Guyana's forestry sector, with focus on sustainable development, environmental conservation, and value-added production. Recognising our forest as both a national treasure and a critical global asset in the fight against climate change, the PPP/C government will strengthen capacity to ensure that timber extraction is rigorously monitored and adheres to strict environmental guidelines.

Key components of our plans for the next five years include:

- **Maintaining responsible management of our forest resources** to preserve sustainability imperatives and ensure the safeguarding of our country's impeccable climate credentials globally.
- Continuing to invest heavily in **expanding and upgrading the hinterland road network** to improve access.
- Working with the sector to **encourage more value-added production**, including in such areas as pre-fabricated furniture and houses.

Unleashing Our Tourism Potential

For far too long, Guyana has been an undiscovered destination for tourism purposes, with some of the world's most spectacular flora and fauna remaining unknown and unseen. This has been for a variety of reasons, including inadequate and costly airlift, insufficient accommodation, and a relatively under-developed product.

All of that is changing rapidly now, with Guyana enjoying greater market visibility and global awareness. Over the past five years, Guyana welcomed eight new airlines and is on track to add over 2,000 new hotel rooms by the end of 2025, including investments from major international chains. Further, construction is underway on a new Hospitality and Tourism Training Institute (HTTI), which will provide world-class training and certification in key areas such as customer service, culinary arts, tour guiding, and nature-based tourism.

The PPP/C is committed to transforming Guyana into the Caribbean's premier tourism destination. By reviewing, updating and implementing the National Strategic Tourism Action Plan, we will harness Guyana's unmatched natural beauty, eco-tourism potential, and rich cultural heritage of our country.

Over the next five years, the new PPP/C government will:

- **Construct a new terminal at the Cheddi Jagan International Airport (CJIA)** which, together with the new electronic immigration processing systems, will transform passenger experience, improve efficiency, and expand capacity.

- Continue aggressive work to **attract additional international airlines**, to introduce services to new destinations, improve connectivity globally, and reduce cost.
- **Construct two new municipal airports at Lethem and Rose Hall/Canje**, giving domestic and regional airlines additional options, opening up the possibility of domestic shuttle services, and improving connectivity and convenience for passengers in the respective catchment areas.
- **Transform the eco-tourism sub-sector** by attracting medium and large scale branded eco-tourism outfitters and property owners to invest in Guyana's growing and vibrant industry.
- **Attract investments** in riverain marinas, adventure and nature parks, recreational facilities, tour operations, glamping structures, luxury lodges and services.
- More aggressively **develop new niches**, such as entertainment tourism, event-based tourism, agro-tourism, heritage tourism, medical tourism, and health and wellness retreats.
- **Transform Guyana into a hub for sports tourism** with cricket, football, basketball, racquet sports, horse racing, motor racing, and others, as key attractions.
- **Continue to showcase Guyana's unique tourism product** in niche markets, specialist magazines, and other outlets especially online channels.
- **Market Guyana as a preferred destination in the Caribbean and north-eastern South America** for conventions and corporate events.
- Work with the tourism sector to **develop and promote more affordable tourism packages** targeting specifically the domestic market, and develop an aggressive staycation programme.
- **Improve service quality** through aggressive capacity building and training, especially with the completion of HTTI, and more regular inspection of facilities and closer collaboration with operators.



The Industrial Capital of the Caribbean

The dominant constraint against the emergence of a viable industrial and manufacturing sector in Guyana has historically been the cost of energy. With the imminent coming into operation of GtE, and the intended 50 percent reduction in electricity tariffs, manufacturing enterprise will become viable and can achieve global competitiveness for the very first time ever. We envision an industrial and manufacturing sector that embraces technological innovation, thrives on strategic investment in research and development, and is equipped with the necessary skills to excel in a competitive global market. This vision will be realised through continued collaboration between the public and private sectors, which will see Guyana becoming the industrial capital of the Caribbean.

Over the next five years, the PPP/C government will:

- **Complete the industrial estate at Wales** which will host a vast complex of industrial and manufacturing enterprises, including the manufacture of enough cooking gas to meet and exceed domestic requirements as mentioned earlier, along with ammonia and urea for use as fertiliser, and establishment of a hub to use the electricity for other manufacturing.
- **Construct a second such industrial estate in Region 6**, where, as indicated earlier, private capital could be mobilised for such activities as oil refining, alumina refining, fertiliser manufacturing, and a new petrochemical industry.
- Work with the private sector to **achieve full occupancy at existing and soon-to-be completed industrial estates** at Belvedere, Lethem, Onderneeming, and York, and **construct additional estates** to meet growing demand.
- **Establish a Small Business Development Complex** in Georgetown to provide SMEs with organised spaces and proper infrastructure, to grow and operate more efficiently.
- **Designate mini- industrial and commercial zones** to relocate particular categories of businesses, thereby also enhancing living conditions in established communities.

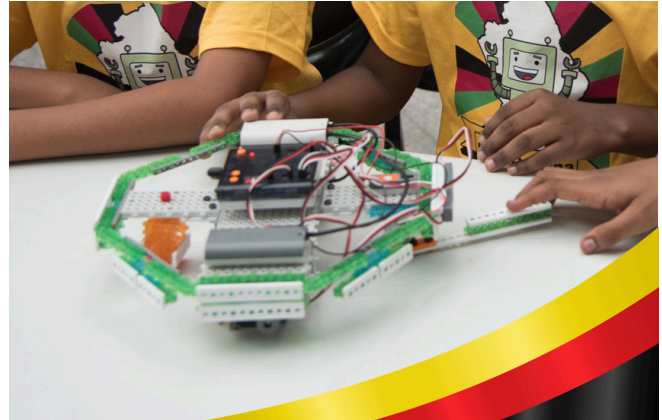
Incubating Innovation for the New Economy

The PPP/C recognises the rapidly changing world in which we live, and we are mindful of the implications of the latest technological advances including: AI, big data, machine learning, and cloud computing; robotics and automation; biotechnology, pharmaceuticals, and genetic modification in agriculture; amongst others. All these areas hold vast potential for innovation and promise the emergence of an entire new economy.

In order to ensure that Guyana is appropriately positioned at the forefront of technological innovation, over the next five years, the PPP/C government will:



- **Prioritise science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) at all levels of the education system**, and encourage more persons to pursue studies in these fields.
- **Establish an innovation village, as well as Tech Parks and Innovation Hubs** as previously indicated, to promote and encourage more innovative, technologically-driven, commercially viable enterprise.
- **Restructure the Institute of Science and Technology into a world-class National Innovation Centre**, and collaborate with global partners to drive strategic research, development, and innovation with practical and viable commercial potential.



Advancing on New Frontiers

Recognising the importance, now more than ever before, in identifying, exploring, and extending new frontiers, the PPP/C government will ensure that our country is at the cutting edge of the major and most promising new fields of human endeavour, all with the aim of ensuring that these are harnessed in a manner that creates opportunity and long term value for the Guyanese people.

Biotechnology

Over the next five years, we will position Guyana not only as a world-class healthcare provider but also as a biotech research hub. In pursuit of this objective, we will **construct a world-class life sciences park**, which would provide for:

- Biobank storage.
- Facilities for diagnostics, drug/vaccine manufacturing, and biologics.
- Clinical trial capabilities.
- Establishment of a Tropical Medicine Institute.
- Co-location of leading academic research institutions.
- Translational and biomedical research hubs.
- Data warehouse development with advanced analytics and AI for the life sciences.

Climate Services and Biodiversity

We will continue to promote Guyana's LCDS 2030 globally, as a model for balancing environmental protection and economic development, particularly through forest conservation and carbon credit financing, to foster new areas of innovation in conservation and financing for biodiversity and ecosystem services, scale up the sale of high-integrity carbon credits under the ART-TREES standard, and ensure Guyana's experience informs global climate policy.

Over the next five years, in addition to continued promotion and implementation of our LCDS 2030 as it relates to managing and monetising our forest resources, we will also:

- **Establish an International Centre of Excellence for Biodiversity Research.**
- **Implement the Action Plan of the Global Biodiversity Alliance** to advance biodiversity conservation and cutting-edge scientific research including environmental DNA (eDNA).
- **Promote opportunities for bioprospecting and develop and implement models for biodiversity financing** including biodiversity credits.
- **Expand protected and conserved areas** in keeping with the Convention on Biological Diversity, while creating eco-enterprises in partnership with indigenous and local communities.
- **Expand and restore Guyana's mangrove forests and ecosystems.**
- **Transform the National Zoological Park and the Botanical Gardens**, with the establishment of a wildlife conservation and education centre, and designated spaces for showcasing various flora and fauna.

The Blue Economy

In our LCDS 2030, we recognise that the ocean and our marine resources offer a new frontier for economic development. We view the ocean as being just as important as our forests and remain fully committed to managing our marine space and resources sustainably and responsibly to ensure they benefit all Guyanese people. We will continue to embrace the development of these resources within the context of the blue economy remaining faithful to our objectives of low carbon growth and development, resource efficiency, and social inclusion. Over the next five years, we will:

- **Launch Guyana's first National Blue Economy Strategy** to sustainably grow the ocean economy – starting with a new Fisheries Policy to regulate licensing based on updated fish stock assessments.
- Finalise and **implement an Integrated Water Resources Management policy.**

- **Introduce a digital licensing and monitoring system** for large commercial fishing vessels.
- **Expand value-added seafood exports.**
- **Invest in expanding two major low-carbon port and cold-chain logistics hubs** to support sustainable marine trade and coastal livelihoods.

Using Satellite Technology

In keeping with our aggressive drive to push the boundary and extend the frontier of innovation in our country, over the next five years, we will explore the possibility of more extensive use of satellite technology in pursuit of national development objectives.

In this regard, we will **develop a comprehensive plan to use satellite imagery** and other data to enhance efficiency in such areas as: precision farming in agriculture; disaster risk analysis and management, including drought and flood conditions, as well as forest fires; and strengthening border security.

The Orange Economy: Culture and the Creative Industries

Still on the subject of advancing on new frontiers, we intend to position Guyana as a leader in the Caribbean in the creative and cultural industries, by **investing in, incentivising, and protecting these industries.**

In particular, we will focus on promoting the visual arts, literature, performing arts, fashion and design, culinary arts, and our natural and human heritage as cultural niches in which we have the potential to generate considerable economic activities and in which we can excel. Culture and creativity will therefore be harnessed not only for emotional appreciation but as economic activities that can generate jobs and provide incomes. Culture and the creative industries will therefore be mainstreamed into the economy.

Over the next five years, in partnership with the artistic community, we will:

- **Build and establish a new national museum** to showcase our country's natural and human history, and a **new national art gallery** to display our artistic heritage and the work of contemporary artists across all media and styles.
- **Develop a digital gallery** to catalog and showcase Guyana's visual artwork over the years, particularly paintings and sculptures, as well as a digital marketplace for Guyanese artwork through which pieces may be sold at home and abroad.

- **Create a world-class fashion design and production environment**, including with an annual Guyana Fashion Festival, showcasing Guyanese designers and their work, and establishing a digital marketplace for Guyanese fashion to be marketed domestically and globally.
- **Create a world-class film production and performing arts environment.**
- **Expand the Guyana School of Music** to promote greater interest, broaden involvement, deepen technical skills, and nurture talent.
- **Launch a calendar of musical events** to showcase and promote local talent across all genres and provide additional exposure to local performers.
- Similarly, **launch a calendar of events to showcase Guyana's literary talent** and provide more exposure through technical workshops for new and aspiring writers.
- **Establish the Guyana Cultural Market at Palmyra**, with thematic arcades within, including an Arts Arcade, a Craft Arcade, a Fashion Arcade, as well as a Flavours of Guyana Foodcourt.
- Establish permanent sites in heavily traversed but easily accessible areas for **Art and Craft Markets** and **Flavours of Guyana Foodtruck Parks**, providing marketing opportunities for Guyanese craft and culinary delights.
- **Review and amend, where needed, the legislation on the National Trust and heritage assets** including monuments, sites, and objects of national importance, increase investment in preserving and promoting national heritage facilities, and consider legislation to protect the creative industries.



An essential component of the transformation currently being implemented by the PPP/C government is the move to deliver world-class social services to the people of Guyana. This is at the core of our government's efforts to ensure that every single Guyanese person is able to live a long, healthy, and productive life, and is also equipped with the skills needed to participate in and contribute to the economic life of our country in a meaningful and rewarding manner.

World-Class Education for All

Since returning to office in August 2020, the PPP/C government has made significant strides in enhancing the quality and delivery of education, towards our aim of world-class education for all. Over the next five years, the PPP/C government will deliver a world class education system, with particular focus on ensuring universal access at all levels, improvements in quality, providing greater flexibility and more options particularly in relation to the mode of delivery, incorporating technology to improve effectiveness, and relieving parents of the financial cost of educating their children.

Over the next term of office, key priorities will include:

- Maintaining **free education at all levels**, including university level through UG.
- Continuing the GOAL programme, with **unlimited number of scholarships** available to all eligible Guyanese.
- Increasing the annual **Because We Care cash grant to \$100,000** per child, and maintaining the policy of including students of public and private schools.
- Providing an annual **Transportation Support Grant of \$100,000** per child.
- **Expanding the School Feeding Programme** to improve attentiveness and nutritional outcomes.
- Continuing to ensure **adequate availability of all textbooks**.
- Maintaining the policy of **paying for up to 8 CSEC and CAPE subjects** per child.
- **Increasing salaries and benefits**, and improving the working conditions of teachers across the system.
- **Modernising school infrastructure and facilities**, in order to ensure that all secondary schools are equipped to deliver a certain minimum specified content.

- **Ensuring that every Region has a special education needs (SEN) facility.**
- Ensuring a more responsive and effective education system, by **strengthening school management and accountability**, including with the use of the ICT-based Education Management Information System.
- **Incorporating modern technology into the system**, including through the deployment of Artificial Intelligence (AI) to strengthen and personalise teacher training, content development, and student assessment.
- **Rollout of the Guyana Digital School (GDS) initiative**, providing parents with a choice in relation to mode of learning for their children, even where the GDS is used to complement traditional face-to-face delivery of content.
- Ensuring that parents do not have to choose between taking up paid employment and their children's wellbeing, by **expanding day and night care facilities and ECDCs in all Regions.**



- **Modernising Technical and Vocational Education (TVET)**, to ensure that our country has enough skilled technicians with the right skills and certifications to meet the needs of the current and future labour market.
- Working with the TVET sector and UG to **facilitate better integration and coordination between the technical institutes and UG**, as well as to facilitate transfer of credits from the TVET institutes to UG.
- **Allocating more resources to UG to encourage emphasis on STEM** subjects, as well as to create room to introduce additional critical programmes not currently offered, such as veterinary medicine.
- Exploring options for **delivering key programmes** such as engineering and medical science in Berbice, on the Essequibo coast, and elsewhere.



- **Establishing and equipping each region with a technical centre** for those enrolled in online scholarships to conduct practical exercises where needed.
- Identifying subjects where Guyana has an obvious comparative advantage, such as tropical forestry and environmental science, and collaborate with international partners to **develop global centres of excellence** in these areas.
- Ensuring that the education system produces not only academically strong students but that it also produces good citizens, including by **introducing civic education into the school system**.

Accessible, Modern, World-Class Healthcare

The PPP/C government remains steadfast in our commitment to building a robust, inclusive, and transformative healthcare system for every Guyanese. Over the last five years, we have taken bold and unprecedented steps to strengthen our health infrastructure, invest in our healthcare workforce, embrace digital transformation, and lay the foundation for a healthier future. In the next term, we will take Guyana's healthcare system to the next level, a world-class, equitable, science-driven, and patient-centred system.

Over the next five years, in ensuring that the Guyanese people are able to access world-class healthcare, the PPP/C government will:

- Modernise our health infrastructure, with the **completion and full operationalisation of state-of-the-art health facilities across every Region**. We will also **rehabilitate other hospitals and build other facilities** to international standards. These will provide comprehensive, decentralised, and quality care to citizens closer to where they live.
- **Recruit and train more healthcare professionals**, including medical specialists and at least 6,000 nurses over the next five years, with key initiatives including:
 - Expansion of the UG medical programme, collaboration with private medical schools, and accessing postgraduate training and fellowships through strategic international partnerships.
 - Completing the construction and operationalising of new nursing schools in Berbice and Essequibo, along with continued delivery of the hybrid programme for nurse training.
- Ensure **adequate and timely availability of drugs and medical supplies**.
- **Deploy Digital Health** in order to ensure that no matter where one lives, high-quality healthcare is just a screen away, with such initiatives as:
 - Nationwide rollout of Electronic Health Records, already launched at GPHC, which will achieve full portability of health records.

- Expansion of telehealth services to 200 sites, linking remote communities with specialists.
- Integration of AI in diagnostics and clinical decision-making (X-rays, CT scans, pathology).
- Implementing AI-powered systems for drug supply chain management, ensuring efficiency and reducing waste.
- Introduction of phone apps to make hospital appointments.
- **Deploy a fully integrated Emergency Medical Services (EMS) system** across the country, with key deliverables including:
 - Establishment of a National Ambulance Authority.
 - Fleet expansion with procurement of new land, air, and river ambulances.
 - Pre-deployment of units in strategic areas to improve response times.
 - Training and professionalisation of EMS personnel.
 - Emergency call centres integrated with GPS tracking and real-time response technology.
- **Strengthen preventive medicine programmes.**
- **Expand advanced tertiary care.**
- **Introduce targeted care for women and children**, including with further rollout of relevant early screening programmes.
- **Provide prosthetic limbs** for persons in need.
- **Strengthen partnerships with private healthcare providers**, including in such areas as laboratory and pharmaceutical services, dialysis, surgical interventions, and organ transplant services.



Affordable Homes, Stronger Communities

Since August 2020, the PPP/C government has made substantial progress in delivering affordable housing to the Guyanese people, exceeding our allocation target of 50,000 residential lots. Looking ahead, our aim is to ensure that every single Guyanese adult has within their reach the goal of becoming a homeowner and is able to live in a community that is comfortable and hospitable. Our aim is that every single Guyanese person will be able to own their own home.

Over the next five years, the PPP/C government will:

- **Expand the housing programme**, working to ensure we eliminate the backlog of applications in all regions, and fast-track all pending housing applications.
- **Focus heavily on the construction of new homes** through the provision of **direct assistance to build**, especially to the most vulnerable families; **accelerated construction of core homes; accelerated construction of young professional homes**; and continued provision of incentives to encourage affordable home construction, all with the aim of **constructing 40,000 new homes** over the next five years.
- Continue to **regularise any remaining informal settlements** to provide residents with legal ownership and improved living conditions.
- **Upgrade existing communities** with concrete drains, street lights, recreational spaces, and security cameras.
- **Advance the Silica City project** to create a modern smart city as a prototype for replication elsewhere in the country in the future.



Accessible, Affordable, Potable and Treated Water

Since returning to office, the PPP/C has made substantial strides in improving **access to, and quality and affordability of, potable and treated water**. Government reduced water tariffs, removed VAT on water consumption, and reinstated subsidies for pensioners. Major infrastructure investments included the construction of water treatment plants, drilling of wells serving hinterland residents, and the installation of small treatment systems.

Over the next five years, the PPP/C government will:

- **Ensure water remains affordable**, with policies that put people first, because water is a basic right, not a privilege.
- **Continue to modernise and upgrade water infrastructure**, replacing old systems to ensure reliable and consistent water supply.
- **Construct new surface water treatment plants**, including at Hope on East Coast Demerara (ECD) and Diamond on East Bank Demerara (EBD).
- **Continue to invest in hinterland communities**, bringing first-time access to safe water where needed most, and ensuring that every community has access to potable water.
- **Work to further reduce water loss and improve efficiency**, through leak detection, and digital management systems.



Sanitation and Solid Waste Management

The PPP/C is dedicated to improving environmental sustainability and public health outcomes, as well as realising a more pleasant living experience in our communities, through enhanced solid waste management. We have developed a comprehensive plan to enhance solid waste management at the local level through timely collection and appropriate disposal.

Over the next five years, the key measures to be taken to ensure that the Guyanese people are living in a cleaner and more pleasant environment include:

- **Improving solid waste management, community sanitation, garbage collection and disposal, countrywide.**
- Upgrading the Haags Bosch Sanitary Landfill, including the **construction of a recycling center** to improve waste processing capabilities.
- **Developing new landfill sites** in all Regions to decentralise waste management and reduce regional burdens, while continuing to upgrade existing sites, and supporting local government bodies to discharge these responsibilities more effectively.
- **Deploying key waste management equipment**, including compactors, compactor trucks, and strategically placed bins to enhance collection and disposal efficiency.
- **Upgrading wastewater treatment** in Georgetown and extending across the country.
- **Launching an aggressive waste recycling programme** to promote sustainable waste management practices.
- **Implementing public awareness and community engagement campaigns** to educate citizens on proper waste disposal and the benefits of recycling.
- **Assessing proposals from private investors to convert waste into energy**, aiming to reduce landfill dependency and generate alternative energy sources.



INFRASTRUCTURE TO UNLOCK OPPORTUNITIES AND IMPROVE WELFARE



The transformative potential of infrastructure cannot be overstated. In Guyana's case, infrastructure gaps have long been a constraint on a more rapid transformation of our country and on the realisation of many significant economic opportunities. It is only more recently, with the country's improved economic situation, that the PPP/C government has been able to accelerate the infrastructure agenda in the manner required.

The following sets out selected highlights, particularly in the areas of transport and energy infrastructure, which constitute only extracts from what will be a much more **detailed National Infrastructure Plan with a strong regional dimension.**

Transport Infrastructure

Over the past five years, the PPP/C government has delivered the most transformative infrastructural development ever seen in the history of this country. This is especially visible in relation to our country's transport infrastructure where new transport networks have been constructed while others have been upgraded countrywide. Looking ahead, the next five years will see the PPP/C government continue to roll out our aggressive agenda for transformation of our country's transport infrastructure, with the dual aims of unlocking economic potential and improving quality of life.

In pursuit of these objectives, priorities for the next five years include:

Roads and Bridges

- **Completing major roads and bridges** to connect Guyana with our neighbours, opening new markets and unlocking trade and economic opportunities, as well as to improve connectivity between communities, and open more productive land. Selected highlights include:
 - Continuing the upgrade of the Linden to Lethem highway, and constructing bridges at Kurupukari and Puruni.
 - Completing the upgrade of the Linden to Soesdyke highway, and the four-lane highway along EBD to CJIA.
 - Completing the highway from Land of Canaan to the Linden to Soesdyke highway, Silica City, and the CJIA.
 - Constructing a four-lane road from Schoonord to Goshen.
 - Expanding the main road in Essequibo to a four-lane highway.
 - Completing the four-lane ECD highway from Mahaica to D'Edward.
 - Constructing the new four-lane bridge across the Berbice River.

- Completing the road along the East Bank Berbice (EBB) to Mara and upgrading connectivity to De Velde.
- Completing the four-lane highway from Palmyra to Moleson Creek.
- Constructing the road from Moleson Creek to Orealla and Siparuta, and upgrading connectivity to Kwakwani.
- Constructing the new Corentyne River Bridge, to be built in collaboration with our Surinamese counterparts.
- **Establishing heavy-duty parking lots** for trucks and large vehicles, complete with lighting and security, across the country.
- **Continuing to upgrade the hinterland road network** in Regions 1, 7, 8, and 9, to improve connectivity across regions, between villages, and within villages.
- **Upgrading farm-to-market roads to all-weather roads** in major farming areas to reduce the cost of transit for farming produce.
- **Advancing the upgrade of community roads and streets** in established communities, complete with concrete drains, street lights, and security cameras, setting the stage for more modern, comfortable, and hospitable living conditions.



Air Transport and the Aviation Sector

- Building a **new terminal at CJIA** and **municipal airports at Lethem and Rose Hall/Canje**, as previously indicated.
- **Upgrading hinterland airstrips**, and **extending runways** where appropriate.
- Collaborating with the private sector to **establish an aviation school in Guyana**, with capability to train personnel across all areas of aviation, including the capacity to train and certify pilots domestically.

Marine Transport – Sea and River

- In collaboration with private investors, **construct a deepwater port in Berbice**, connected to a road and/or possible rail link integrated with the Linden to Lethem road.
- Building **new port facilities at Charity, Parika, and Port Kaituma** to support agricultural exports, and a marina to support riverain leisure and watersports activities.
- Conducting **capital dredging at the mouths of the Berbice and Demerara Rivers**, and putting in place arrangements for ongoing maintenance to ensure adequate depth and turning basins for more efficient movement of cargo.



Urban Parking and Mass Transit

- **Expanding availability of parking spaces** in major urban and commercial centres to improve safety and ease congestion.
- **Evaluating the potential for mass transit systems within and around Georgetown and other heavily populated areas** to ease congestion, including such routes as: within central Georgetown and around the perimeter of the city; between central Georgetown and Diamond/Grove; between central Georgetown and Turkeyen; across the mouth of the Demerara River; and along the Demerara River, from Linden to central Georgetown via Diamond/Grove. Modalities to be examined will include cable car, light rail, and water taxi systems.

Adequate, Reliable, and Affordable Electricity

Since assuming office, the PPP/C has brought into service 186.2 MW of new generating capacity to meet immediate needs. The transformational GtE is well advanced to completion, and will bring a 50 percent reduction in energy costs for consumers on the grid. We have also commenced a complete rebuild of the transmission and distribution (T&D) network, to ensure that the system is ready to offtake the additional power that the GtE will be delivering and to prepare for future expansion.

Looking ahead, over the next five years, the PPP/C government will:

- **Complete GtE and reduce electricity tariffs by 50 percent** to consumers on the grid.
- **Complete the rebuild of the T&D network**, and the **installation of a smart grid**, to offtake the additional power being produced, improve network reliability, reduce losses, and improve efficiency.
- **Launch GtE II to bring online an additional 300 MW of power at Wales** to meet future demand given the economic growth trajectory.
- **Continue efforts to resuscitate the Amaila Falls Hydropower Project (AFHP)**, and **install an additional 100 MW of solar power**, to further advance the diversification of the energy matrix.



The PPP/C is unwavering in our commitment to building a **modern, intelligence-led, and technology-driven security architecture** that fortifies national resilience and protects and safeguards every citizen.

Over the next five years, we will continue to deploy state-of-the-art technologies to establish a responsive and adaptive security sector that is capable of anticipating, preventing, and neutralising emerging threats in this increasingly complex global environment. This approach will not only ensure the safety and security of our citizens but also reinforce public confidence in our law enforcement institutions.

In pursuit of these objectives, we will remain focused on developing a defence and security framework that is intelligence driven, AI-powered, cyber resilient, technologically advanced, human capital focused, regionally integrated, and resilient and responsive.

Protecting Our Country

Over the next five years, the PPP/C government will further strengthen our capabilities to defend our sovereignty and territorial integrity and, in particular, to protect our borders, our Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ), and our natural resources. Key priorities will include strengthening the capabilities of the Guyana Defence Force with:

- **Continued investment in aerial, maritime, and terrestrial assets** for strengthened intercept capability.
- **Strengthened border surveillance using AI-driven automated systems**, leveraging emerging satellite technologies and utilising radar technology to cover all domain spaces (aerial, terrestrial and maritime, including with drone capability).
- **Adequate, well-trained** personnel equipped with relevant skills and expertise, including to support technological systems.
- **Construction of new barrackroom spaces and accommodation** to support operational functions as well as troop welfare.

Securing Our Communities

With the aim of ensuring that communities are more secure and that our citizens enjoy the comfort of better safety and security for themselves and their assets, over the next five years we will strengthen the Guyana Police Force and its capabilities with:

- **Further development and rollout of the Safe Country initiative**, with installation of CCTV and establishment of Regional Command Centers.
- **Expanded police presence within communities** across all Regions.
- **Automated Citizen Reporting Platform**, to facilitate easy and timely filing of reports on incidents, and greater accountability through digital tracking of the entire incident life cycle.
- **Automation of regional police dispatch and the fleet management system.**
- **Digitalisation of case management** including hinterland regions for real time data collection and analysis.
- Strengthened systems to ensure the **integrity and accountability of our police personnel.**
- **Development of a comprehensive road safety programme**, supported by the Smart Road initiative which includes automated/radar speed limit and seatbelt detection.

All as part of our broader agenda to strengthen the security sector, we will also:

- **Strengthen the Guyana Prison Service with:**
 - Further infrastructure upgrades to **ensure modern detention facilities.**
 - Introduction of more **modern prison management systems.**
 - **Reforms to the service** to make it more of a correctional service.
 - **Human rights and advanced prison management training** for officers, alongside **state-of-the-art equipment**, to improve working conditions and rehabilitation programmes.
 - Introduction of **targeted programmes for rehabilitation of juvenile offenders** to ensure that they are brought back into the mainstream in the shortest possible time and are able to contribute meaningfully to society.
- **Strengthen the Guyana Fire Service with:**
 - **Additional fire stations in the hinterland, increased marine capabilities, and advanced training** in industrial fire hazards to ensure more rapid responses.
 - **Digital transformation and interstation connectivity** to improve responsiveness and meet new demands.
 - Rolling out of the **voluntary firefighting brigades in all Neighbourhood Democratic Councils (NDCs)**, and ramping up their training.
- **Strengthen the Customs Anti-Narcotics Unit with:**
 - **Advanced surveillance tools** to counter drug trafficking and smuggling.
 - **Enhanced data analytics.**
 - **New integrity mechanisms** to combat corruption.

The PPP/C has long recognised the potential of digital technology to revolutionise access to public services, transform citizen experience in interacting with public and private institutions, improve efficiency, and catalyse economic opportunity.

In the next term, the PPP/C government will roll out a digital transformation strategy that will take Guyana into a new digital era, rooted in innovation, inclusion, and efficiency. This strategy will see the creation of a vibrant citizen-centric digital ecosystem that leverages the full power of modern technology and innovation to uplift lives, enhance the delivery of government services, and connect every Guyanese to opportunities available within and outside Guyana. At its core, it will promote digital equity and inclusion to ensure every Guyanese person is able to participate and prosper in an increasingly digital world.

Digital Guyana is our commitment to building a smarter, safer, more connected Guyana for all Guyanese, where technology makes public services faster, more easily accessible, and more responsive. Powered by innovation and anchored by our national Electronic Identification (e-ID) system which is already being implemented, this transformation will make Guyana a digital leader in the region, and a more comfortable and citizen-friendly place to live, learn, work, invest, transact business, and raise a family.



Some of the key initiatives are as follows:

One Guyana, One Platform: The MyGuyana Citizen Portal

During the next five years, incorporating the e-ID system, we will **establish the MyGuyana citizen portal**, a single, centralised, one-stop, digital platform, available via website, Android, and iPhone apps, bringing together key government services in one simple user-friendly, digital window.

With just a few clicks in the MyGuyana portal, having logged in with their e-ID, citizens will be able to:

- Apply for birth certificates, ID cards, passports, and driver's licences.
- Access health, education, and other publicly held records.
- Apply for business registrations and other business permits and licences, as well as file tax returns and pay taxes.
- Apply for and track OAP and NIS pensions, as well as other statutory entitlements.
- Apply for house lots, land titles, building permits, and utility connections.
- Pay utility bills and mortgage instalments.
- Use a secure national eWallet integrated with local banks.
- And much more, as other sectors and services are integrated into the system.

AskGov: Your AI Assistant

During the next five years, we will also **implement AskGov**, Guyana's official Artificial Intelligence (AI) assistant for government services. AskGov will be available 24/7 to answer citizen questions and help complete tasks like renewing a licence, checking your application status, requesting documents, enquiring about processes to access specific government services, and file complaints and follow up on these. Powered by agentic AI, AskGov will be able to answer a wide range of government queries and solve problems without human intervention.

Guyana's First Sovereign AI Cloud: AI and Big Data for Better Lives

We will **build Guyana's first sovereign AI cloud**, which will keep Guyana's data within our borders. This digital foundation will enable cutting-edge tools such as:

- Big data to identify trends and support better informed decisions in health and education.
- Generative AI to create reports, curriculum guides, and assist with chat support.

In education, students and teachers will benefit from AI-supported personalised content development and learning delivery, even in the most remote areas. In healthcare, AI will enhance diagnosis, track diseases, and prioritise critical cases faster. For everyday services, citizens will get real-time, intelligent support, irrespective of where they are.

Integrated GIS Infrastructure Mapping

Digital Guyana will also **introduce an Integrated Geographic Information System (GIS)** to map and monitor national infrastructure in real time. This system will:

- Create 3D models of physical infrastructure across the country such as roads, bridges, kokers and other drainage and irrigation structures, underground conduits, utility posts, hydrants, and more.
- Serve as a single, unified data layer for both public and private sector use.
- Enable smarter planning, quicker emergency response, and more efficient utility coordination.

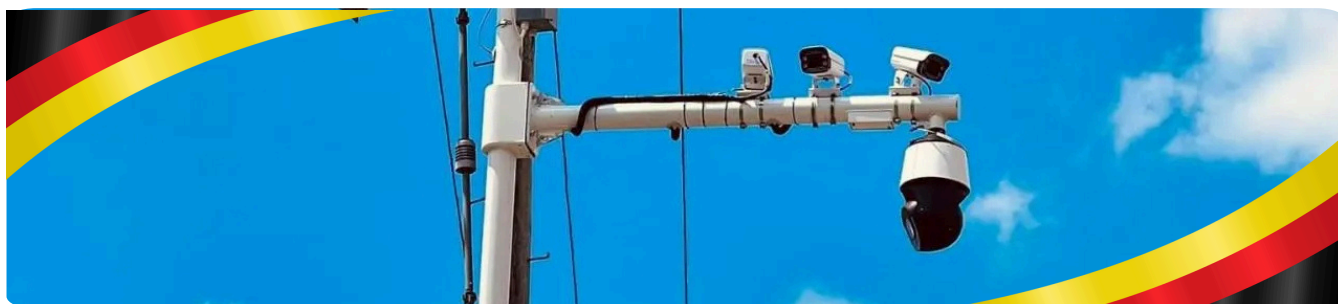
Developed through public-private collaboration, this GIS model will become the backbone for infrastructure management, linking Smart City and Smart Country technologies with the real-world systems that support our communities.

Safer Communities Through Smart Technology

Digital Guyana will **expand the Safe Road, Safe City, and Safe Country initiatives**, using smart technology to improve public safety and environmental monitoring with:

- AI-driven surveillance for crime detection and response.
- Data sharing between law enforcement agencies for coordinated response.
- Smart traffic systems for congestion management and road safety.
- Environmental sensors to monitor weather conditions, noise, air and water quality, and illegal dumping.

These upgrades will help promote cleaner, safer, and more liveable communities.



Financial Inclusion for All

The **MyGuyana portal will be integrated with banks** and financial institutions, enabling:

- Instant, secure verification for account opening.
- Digital sales by banks, and faster and easier access to loans for borrowers.
- A reduction in barriers to formal banking for low-income and remote populations.

To support this, the National Data Management Authority (NDMA) will manage a secure, trusted API Gateway to integrate Digital Guyana with the financial sector, the credit bureau, fintech services, and the wider private sector. This will enable interoperability, privacy, and scalability for future innovation, and ensure all Guyanese can participate in and benefit from the digital economy.

Digital Industry and Innovation

In order to promote the incubation of digital industry and innovation, we will facilitate and **support private investment in technology and innovation** by creating Tech Parks and/or Innovation Hubs, with basic infrastructure built out to host AI, fintech, software development, cloud services, and other ICT-based and technology-based firms. We will also encourage the creation of remote and hybrid tech jobs in all 10 Regions of Guyana.

Digital Talent for the Future

In order to incubate digital talent amongst our youth in particular, we will:

- Develop and **implement a National Digital Literacy Programme** targeting youth, women, the elderly, Amerindian communities, and other unserved and underserved groups.
- Introduce **coding in every secondary school**, including with the use of online instruction where appropriate.
- Offer **free digital certifications** in cloud, cybersecurity, AI, and data science.
- Organise **regular hackathons and digital bootcamps** for youth, to stimulate interest and involvement and facilitate competition and innovation.

Cybersecurity and Data Protection

With more services going digital, protecting your personal information will be a top priority. Under Digital Guyana, we will **adopt global best practices in data encryption and secure cloud hosting**, ensuring that AI is used responsibly and transparently.

Digital Guyana is our roadmap to a better future, within reach and within five years. With the PPP/C, during the next five years, Guyana will **become a digital nation for all Guyanese**. With these and other related initiatives, we will build a new Digital Guyana – one that is inclusive, innovative, and future-ready – one where **every citizen is connected, every service is available online, every youth is equipped for the digital economy**, and where the rest of the world will respect Guyana for our leadership in digital transformation.

Despite the solid gains already made over the past five years in growing the financial sector, such as rapid expansion in private sector credit, and improvement in the quality of the financial sector's lending portfolio, the PPP/C believes that much more can be done to make financing more easily and affordably available to Guyanese businesses, especially small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and households.

To this end, we are committed to fostering a more inclusive financial system, empowering all Guyanese to access the system and to participate in saving and investment opportunities. This would be achieved through public education, legislative and regulatory reforms where needed, and targeted interventions aimed at promoting more innovative and accessible investment instruments. Our aim is to maximise the ease and affordability with which Guyanese businesses and Guyanese nationals are able to access financing and therefore be better able to participate in, contribute to, and benefit from Guyana's economic growth.

By this means, we envision a Guyana where every citizen has the knowledge, tools, and access to participate fully in the economy and in the formal financial system. Through our strategy to promote financial literacy and financial inclusion, the PPP/C government will empower citizens to make informed financial decisions, build financial independence and economic resilience, and create boundless opportunities for upward mobility for themselves and their families.

Financial Literacy and Financial Inclusion

Over the next five years, the PPP/C government will:

- Implement a **comprehensive National Financial Literacy and Financial Inclusion Strategy** aimed at deepening understanding of basic financial and investment concepts, and banking and financial services, and widening participation in the formal financial system.
- Work with commercial banks to **expand banking services** to those who are currently unbanked by improving the ease with which persons can open a bank account, apply for a loan, and process transactions, all online.
- **Promote the use of agent banking networks** to facilitate easy access to banking services in smaller, more remote, and hard-to-reach communities especially in the hinterland which are currently unserved or underserved by the banking system.

- **Promote the use of digital payment systems and financial technology (fintech) solutions**, including digital banking and mobile wallets, to improve the ease of access to financial services nationwide, bring more people into the formal financial system, and reduce cash dependency across the economy.

Access to Financing and Innovative Investment Opportunities

With the aim of ensuring that Guyanese businesses and households have easier and more affordable access to financing, as well as to a wider range of opportunities to invest and earn, over the next five years the PPP/C government will:

- **Establish an SME Development Bank** which will **provide micro-credit loans to SMEs at zero interest**, along with mentorship and support where appropriate to help SMEs grow their business.
- Provide **training and support to build capacity** amongst the private sector, especially SMEs, to prepare **credible business plans and successful loan applications**, helping them to graduate to the formal financial system.
- Review the legal and regulatory framework governing the banking and quasi-banking sector and enact any amendments needed to remove impediments to a **more borrower-friendly lending environment and more flexible collateral requirements**, while safeguarding stability.
- Review the legal and regulatory framework governing the capital market, and enact any amendments needed to make it easier for companies to **list equity and debt instruments publicly**.
- **Structure investment vehicles** through which domestic private investors, including small investors, may participate through equity or fixed-income instruments such as bonds, in major projects and assets, such as the industrial enterprises that will emerge from the harnessing of our gas resources.



MORE IN YOUR POCKET, CUSHIONING COSTS



The PPP/C will also pursue the financial empowerment of the Guyanese people and of Guyanese families by ensuring that every family has access to economic opportunities that can generate higher levels of disposable income. This would make it more viable for families to save, including by acquiring capital assets such as their own home and their own means of transportation, as well as to invest including in SMEs and household level enterprises and income generating activities. In pursuit of these objectives, and in particular to ensure that the Guyanese people have more disposable income and that cost of living pressures are cushioned, over the next five years, we will:

- Maintain our policy of **no new taxes**, throughout all the budgets that we will present during the coming term of office.
- **Lower taxes generally**, including: **lower income and corporate taxes**, thereby rewarding and incentivising greater effort; and **lower taxes on vehicles**, while maintaining our policy of allowing importation of vehicles irrespective of age, thereby making vehicle ownership more affordable.
- Seek to **conclude multi-year agreements with the unions** in the public sector, in keeping with the principles of collective bargaining, and continue to **grant salary increases and improve benefits** to employees.
- Increase **OAP to \$60,000** per month, or more depending on revenue collections.
- Provide an annual **Transportation Support Grant of \$50,000** to each OAP recipient.
- Increase **Public Assistance grants to \$40,000** per month.
- Provide **additional cash grants** to households and individuals.
- **Reduce the cost of electricity by lowering the tariff on the grid by 50 percent, reduce the cost of cooking gas**, and continue efforts to **keep fuel prices low**.
- Maintain policies to **keep interest rates low**, especially for home ownership, while advancing our national housing programme, thereby helping Guyanese families to become home-owners and acquire a readily collateralisable asset.
- Maintain policies that **encourage private investment, job creation, and income generation**, and continue to invest heavily in training, so that persons are equipped to take up the good quality jobs being created.

Through these and other policies, the PPP/C aims to help every single Guyanese family be better able to earn, save, accumulate equity, invest, establish credit worthiness, and build stronger household balance sheets that can be leveraged for income-earning and wealth-creating opportunities.

The PPP/C's vision includes safeguarding and uplifting children, women, and the elderly, young people, and other special populations, ensuring that their interests and priorities are adequately addressed and incorporated into our policy agenda.

Children, Women, and the Elderly

In addition, to all of the programmes in the education, healthcare, and other sectors that would benefit children, women, and the elderly, over the next five years, the PPP/C government will also:

- **Continue the one-off newborn cash grant** for every baby born in Guyana to a Guyanese mother.
- Expand **day and night care facilities and EDCs in all Regions.**
- Expand the **programme to tackle violence against women**, including through legislation, training, and sensitisation aimed at eliminating sexual and domestic violence.
- **Remove taxes on personal hygiene and health items** used by children, women and elderly.
- **Expand the shut-in and direct delivery of OAP** to remote and hinterland communities along with **expanding options for digital payment of OAP.**
- **Continue to increase National Insurance Scheme (NIS) pensions.**
- **Expand home-based healthcare services** for the elderly.
- **Use telemedicine or create virtual clinics** that specialise in senior care, offering holistic check-ins via video and in-home kits for vitals monitoring.
- **Deploy mobile health units that regularly visit rural and underserved areas** to provide screenings, chronic disease management, dental care, and preventive health services tailored for elderly populations.
- Complete and operationalise **new facilities for residential care** for the elderly for both dependent and assisted living.
- Create **more structured opportunities and institutionalised programmes for seniors** in volunteerism, mentorship, and community projects.

The PPP/C is implementing a comprehensive youth development strategy aimed at equipping young Guyanese with the skills and opportunities necessary for national and personal advancement. In addition to the provision of free education at all levels, vocational and entrepreneurial training programmes like Youth Entrepreneurial Skills Training (YEST) and President's Youth Arm Republic of Guyana (PYARG) have been relaunched and the Youth Advisory Council established to ensure that young people have a voice in national decision-making.

Over the next five years, the young people of Guyana will benefit from our efforts at:

- Creating **greater opportunities for participation by youths** in government, private sector, and every facet of national life.
- Ensuring **full access to education and skills training** in all Regions.
- Expanding **investment in sports and recreational facilities countrywide.**
- Increasing **employment opportunities**, especially targeting young people.
- Supporting **youth entrepreneurship and innovation.**
- Improving **access to affordable housing.**

In particular, in order to ensure that our young people have adequate opportunity to realise their full potential in sports, we will:

- Complete the **new international stadium at Palmyra**, as well as the synthetic tracks, multipurpose sports centres, and other modern sports facilities currently under construction countrywide.
- **Transform the Albion Sports Complex** into a world class cricket academy.
- **Continue to upgrade community grounds countrywide.**
- **Construct a world-class indoor stadium** with a 15,000 capacity, designed to host boxing matches, Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) championships, and concerts.
- **Construct a velodrome** to raise the standard of cycling as a competitive sport.
- **Establish a high-performance conditioning facility for athletes** to support pre-competition preparation, high intensity training, and rehabilitation.
- **Establish a career pathway for our top retired athletes**, particularly in training and coaching, to ensure that our best athletes remain gainfully engaged beyond their competitive years and pass on the benefit of their skills and experience to our young people.

Persons Living with Disabilities

The PPP/C is committed to fostering an inclusive and supportive environment for all Guyanese. Since August 2020, a comprehensive agenda to enhance the lives of persons with disabilities (PWDs) has been implemented. The PPP/C has provided financial support through targeted cash grants, distributed assistive aids, and provided skills training in a wide range of relevant areas.

Over the next five years, we will:

- Strengthen systems to **facilitate early identification, intervention and treatment** of PWDs.
- **Develop and implement an updated SEN policy** aimed at ensuring that children with disabilities have an opportunity to acquire a meaningful education.
- **Increase the integration of children with disabilities into mainstream schools**, in addition to establishing a SEN facility in every Region.
- **Increase the availability of durable mobility and other assistive aids** including electronic assistive aids to persons with disabilities, ensuring greater independence.
- **Create targeted job opportunities** for PWDs, including through collaboration with the private sector and with construction of more business centers for PWDs.
- Promote **improved access to public buildings and public services** for PWDs.
- Provide **special support to PWDs for access to house lots and housing solutions**.



DEVELOPMENT OF AMERINDIAN COMMUNITIES



Since August 2020, the PPP/C government has significantly advanced the development and wellbeing of our Amerindian communities through targeted investments and inclusive policies. Notable achievements include revitalisation of the Amerindian Land Titling Programme, and reinstatement of the CSO programme. Additionally, under the LCDS 2030, at least 15 percent of carbon credit revenues earned was allocated to Amerindian communities, supporting the implementation of VSPs and empowering communities to lead their own development initiatives.

Over the next five years, in addition to all the national programmes under the various sectors that our Amerindian brothers and sisters will benefit from, we will:

- **Further advance the Amerindian land titling and demarcation programme.**
- Continue to provide **LCDS funding** to Amerindian communities, by **allocating at least 15 percent of the proceeds of carbon credit sales, to support the implementation of VSPs** containing transformative economic and developmental projects.
- **Expand the CSO programme, retrain and upskill CSOs**, empower them for greater opportunities, and **increase their stipends**.
- Ensure **universal access to secondary education** in the hinterland, with the completion of schools and dormitories where needed.
- Ensure **easier access to good quality healthcare**, with the further roll-out of telemedicine centres across the hinterland, and provide health posts with equipment and transport capabilities.
- **Continue to support local economic initiatives** and the realisation of a viable village economy in every community.
- **Support community-based enterprise and job creation, and expand training opportunities** to promote more entrepreneurial activities, with special focus on **agriculture and agro-processing to ensure food security** at the village level.
- Support the **development of village-level tourism products**, including through the design and marketing of packaged multi-village tours, as well as providing training to raise the quality of the visitor experience.

- Introduce **more ICT hubs in remote communities**, and **advance ICT training** to persons of all ages.
- **Invest in transportation and connectivity**, including hinterland roads and airstrips, thereby improving access to communities.
- **Removal of taxes on all-terrain vehicles, and outboard engines** up to 150 horsepower for hinterland and riverain communities.
- **Upgrade playgrounds and recreational facilities.**
- Introduce a **Specialised Youth Training Programme.**



As more basic human needs are met and standards of living rise, citizens will rightfully expect to live in a more humane and caring environment, and in a society that is more accountable and service-oriented. In this regard, we recognise the importance of promoting a culture of being more respectful, caring and compassionate at all times, where civility and service quality are embraced.

In this regard, the PPP/C government will continue to promote harmonious relations within our society, grounded in respect for human rights, the multicultural fabric of our society and the equal dignity of all Guyanese. Our commitment is not only to build a nation that is wealthier, but also a kinder, fairer and more compassionate one. We will build a society where the rights of every individual are protected, and where the government works in a true and deep partnership with all the people of our country.

Consolidating Human Rights and Preventing Discrimination

Over the next five years, we will:

- **Enact and enforce legislation for the prevention of discrimination**, including any discrimination faced on the basis of sexual orientation.
- **Introduce tougher legislation with significant penalties** against persons seeking to incite racial hatred or division.
- **Implement policies ensuring equal pay for equal work**, ensuring no gender or other discrimination in the emoluments paid to persons for work done.
- **Bolster support systems and build more shelters for victims** of domestic abuse and gender-based violence.
- **Improve training for security forces**, including mandatory integrity and human rights instruction.

Raising Service Quality in All Aspects of Daily Life

Recognising the importance of, and urgency of need for, improved service quality across the public sector as well as the private sector, we will launch a nationwide programme to improve standards in all aspects of daily life, and seek to encourage **greater pride in the quality of service delivered**. Key initiatives will include:

- **Introducing mandatory service standards across public sector institutions**, including publication of advisories that outline, among other things, transaction procedures, required documentation, processing times, and prescribed fees at government ministries and agencies.
- **Establishing a single and easy to use national call and message centre**, in addition to AskGov, where citizens can lodge complaints, request information, and provide feedback, ensuring that every voice is heard and every issue is tracked through to resolution.
- **Implementing mandatory customer service training** for public-facing employees.
- Encouraging private sector entities to do same.

Improving Animal Welfare

Over the next five years, the PPP/C government will introduce policies to improve animal care and prevent animal cruelty, and will:

- **Launch awareness campaigns** on the Animal Welfare Act, and on the importance of humane treatment of animals.
- Provide **support for more mobile veterinary units and animal shelters**.
- Partner with animal shelters to **implement programmes to promote more humane stray management**, for example, a spay and neuter programme.
- **Strengthen enforcement of penalties** against animal cruelty.

Deepening the Engagement with Civil Society

The PPP/C values greatly the engagement we have always enjoyed with civil society, and we remain committed to strengthening relationships with Civil Society Organisations (CSOs), to foster continued strong participation in our consultative approach to governance and better informed policymaking.

In our next term in office, we will:

- **Maintain structured mechanisms that allow for consultation**, where CSOs can participate meaningfully and continue to contribute to our policy-making and decision-making functions.
- **Continue to support key CSOs**, including with increased subventions where appropriate or other forms of partnership, to support them in the discharge of their respective important mandates.

STRENGTHENING GOVERNANCE AND CONSOLIDATING OUR DEMOCRACY



The PPP/C believes that a resilient democracy and strong governance are the cornerstones of national progress and an inclusive society. Our vision is anchored in transparency, accountability, and citizen participation, ensuring that every Guyanese has a voice in shaping our collective future. Strengthening institutions and deepening trust between citizens and the state, and safeguarding rights, all help foster a culture of shared responsibility. Together, we will build a modern democracy where good governance drives development, protects freedoms, and upholds the principles of equity and justice for all, as we maintain an **active and vibrant Parliamentary agenda**.

Advancing Constitutional Reform

To build on our legacy of empowering citizens and deepening democratic governance, we will advance the constitutional reform process. Through meaningful consultations, we will **ensure the constitutional reform process reflects and incorporates the aspirations of our citizens** and serves as a catalyst for national unity, resilience, and progress. In this regard, the work of the Constitution Reform Commission will continue apace in the new term of office with widespread national consultations and the broadest possible stakeholder input.



Strengthening the Justice System

To foster greater public trust in the justice system, the PPP/C government will strengthen the efficiency of our courts, ensure that justice is delivered in a transparent and timely manner, and support the **enhancement of judicial accountability**. We will also ensure greater efficiency in the operations of key institutions in the legal affairs sector.

In particular, over the next five years, we will:

- **Continue to build a modern, efficient, and impartial justice system** to which all citizens have equal and easy access and that guarantees an independent and competent judiciary where citizens can resort to enforce their constitutional rights, resolve legal disputes and one that will prosecute criminal offences in a timely manner.
- **Continue to update and strengthen the Laws of Guyana** to:
 - Provide greater legal protection and social and economic empowerment of our citizens.
 - Boost Guyana's law enforcement agencies' crime-fighting capabilities in order to enhance law and order and public safety.
 - Create an enabling framework to support the economic policy objectives we have set ourselves.
- **Strengthen and modernise the legislative and administrative frameworks of the Deeds and Commercial Registries Authority and the Land Registry** with the intent of providing an efficient and modern menu of services, by:
 - Transitioning from manual to e-transactions and e-payments.
 - Digitising the records of these institutions not only to preserve and store important historical records but also to make access to all records easy.
 - Continuing to ensure that all services are accessible by citizens in all Regions of the country.



Improving Local Government Effectiveness

The PPP/C government will continue to renew and empower local government bodies to be dynamic engines of community development and service delivery at the village and community level, and we will more rigorously monitor and evaluate their performance in relation to the discharge of their mandate and the quality of their service delivery.

Over the next five years, we will:

- **Continue to hold local government elections** in accordance with the applicable laws, in order to ensure periodic renewal of the mandate of local elected leaders and ensure the infusion of new energy in these bodies.
- **Clarify the responsibilities of local government bodies**, particularly in connection with maintenance of infrastructure, solid waste management, and provision of other services to the community.
- **Strengthen capacity by providing targeted specialised training** to elected officials and staff of NDCs, improve effectiveness in the discharge of their mandate, and **strengthen accountability for their performance**.
- **Continue to increase the subvention to NDCs.**
- Provide through the NDCs **trained helpdesk staff**, whose responsibility will be **to assist citizens in accessing basic government services** and to receive and transmit for action issues of concern.

Ensuring Transparent Public Procurement and Fighting Corruption

Over the next five years, the PPP/C government will continue to **ensure that the public procurement system is fair, transparent, competitive, efficient, and promotes value for money**. By additional streamlining and simplification of the bidding process, we will further democratise access to government procurement opportunities, improve both the competitiveness and fairness of the system, facilitate deepening of capacity on the supply side, and improve value for money in government procurement transactions.

In our ongoing efforts to combat corruption, we will: strengthen laws where needed; **establish an anti-corruption unit; use technology such as blockchain** to aid transparency, reduce bureaucracy, and improve efficiency; and fully enforce the Access to Information Act.



Strengthening International Relations

The preservation of Guyana's sovereignty and territorial integrity is a national responsibility involving all citizens – one which must transcend partisan politics. In the face of Venezuela's continued aggressive claim to Guyana's Essequibo, no efforts or resources will be spared to ensure the preservation of our sovereignty and territorial integrity. Guyana will continue to support and respect the judicial process currently underway in the International Court of Justice.

In our effort to maintain and further consolidate Guyana's position regionally and globally, and in order to advance our strategic national and economic interests, over the next five years we will:

- **Maintain and further deepen existing relationships** with traditional bilateral partners, while forging new and complementary relationships with friendly countries that share our values.
- **Examine the option of establishing new diplomatic missions** and/or consular offices across Latin America, Africa, Asia, Europe, with focus on the promotion of investment and trade opportunities.
- **Identify and pursue opportunities for trade in international markets** for Guyanese products, and provide intelligence on market conditions and access requirements for identified markets to Guyanese businesses with interest to export.
- **Continue to lobby for the removal of non-tariff barriers to trade.**
- **Continue to implement Guyana's commitments and obligations** under the various extant bilateral, regional, and multilateral agreements.
- **Continue to provide strong leadership in CARICOM** on the pressing issues facing our Region.
- **Develop a migration policy** that protects the rights and interests of Guyanese workers, investors, and nationals, but allows for foreign workers to be recruited where needed to meet the needs of our country's rapid economic growth, without compromising the said Guyanese rights and interests.

An Active and Engaged Diaspora

The PPP/C recognises the vast potential of the Guyanese diaspora to contribute to and participate in the transformation currently underway in Guyana. We are committed to deepening ties with this group of Guyanese.

Through targeted and sustained engagements, we will ensure that the members of the diaspora remain informed of national developments and priorities, and we will **encourage investments, foster collaborations, and create pathways for the diaspora to participate in key sectors**, including oil and gas.

Additionally, we will maintain diaspora outreaches as a means of unlocking the expertise, capital, and innovation potential available within the diaspora. Through these and other initiatives, we will continue our efforts to ensure that members of our diaspora maintain a strong connection with Guyana and serve as good ambassadors for Guyana to the rest of the world.



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Supporting Youth
and Women
Entrepreneurship

Transportation Support
Grant for Children

Sports Facilities

World-Class
Education for All

More Support to
Amerindian Communities

More Housing
for All

Protecting our
Territorial Integrity

More Scholarships

Accessible, Modern,
World-Class Healthcare

Vibrant and Diversified
Economy

More Benefits for
Pensioners and Children

Reduce Taxes on
Vehicles

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Building an Inclusive
Digital Society

More and Better
Paying Jobs

Reduce Income and
Corporate Taxes

More Support for
People with Disabilities

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ONE PEOPLE
ONE FUTURE

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Development Bank

FORWARD TOGETHER

FOR A BETTER GUYANA

No New
Taxes

Introducing
Civic Education

VOTE PPP/C 

Day and Night
Facilities for Children

Stronger, Safer
Communities

More Land, Support
for Farmers and Miners

Cheaper Electricity
for All

Higher Wages, More Benefits
for Public Servants

Incentivising and Protecting
the Creative Industries

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