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Message from The Political Leader

Philip J Pierre

Since June 6, 2016, our country has gone through a very trying time of mismanagement under a UWP administration. Sadly, this mismanagement has been exacerbated by the Covid-19 pandemic. Today, we are left with a huge challenge of rescuing our country from an economic and financial disaster, following a five- year period of reckless borrowing and spending, and an unprecedented level of corruption. In the meantime, many displaced workers have been denied much needed income support as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic.

My task, together with my team of able men and women, is to restore Saint Lucia to a level of financial stability and to create an enabling environment for wealth creation and employment, particularly among the youth. Notwithstanding the effects of Covid-19, Saint Lucia's fiscal position has been worsening ever since 2016 when the UWP government assumed power, with growing levels of annual fiscal deficits. Our debt to GDP ratio is, now, projected to be over 100% by the end of the next fiscal year. Wastage, misplaced priorities and corruption have become synonymous with this UWP government and have been the root cause of our poor economic and financial state. Never has Saint Lucia had a government that has been so unjustly bias towards a narrow group of people- Friends, Family and Foreigners (FFF)- at the expense of the majority of Saint Lucians.

The only path to restoring our country to economic and financial stability is to grow the economy by facilitating job creation in the private sector, placing more money in the hands of workers, and strengthening the capacity of the revenue collection agencies of government. In addition, we shall undertake to make significant changes to our statutes and constitution, given the mandate to do so, to ensure that the structures for good governance are in place to strongly discourage the incidence of corruption. We cannot prosper as a country if we do not develop a culture of respect for the rule of law. No longer should politicians be allowed to flout the laws of our country with impunity.

We have long lamented the state of our health care system. The vexing issue of an uncompleted St Jude hospital must come to an end. I want to assure you that upon coming into office, we shall complete and commission the opening the St Jude hospital, in the shortest possible time. We shall, also, immediately commence the process of instituting, what we already started, Universal Health Care, so that access to basic health care is available and affordable to all Saint Lucians.

As it relates to the Covid-19 crisis, we recognize that the gamechangers in bringing our country back to normality is to increase testing and to get at least 60%-70% of our population vaccinated. We shall, therefore, ramp up existing efforts to ensure that the necessary vaccines are secured to achieve this objective, and enhance efforts to encourage more citizens to take the vaccine.

The level of crime is now affecting the safety of citizens and negatively impacting the business environment, at a time when job opportunities are fewer. The politization of the police force by the UWP administration, as with so many aspects of government operations, has not helped this unenviable situation, and every effort will be made by a Labour Administration to provide more resources and operational independence to our Police force. We shall also find ways of unclogging the justice system, so that justice can be dispensed more swiftly, especially as it relates to serious crimes.

I am under no illusion of the extent to which we are a very divided nation, created by an uncaring, shortsighted and vindictive UWP government, and the attendant challenges this poses to rebuilding our country. As I have said elsewhere, this country belongs to all of us; I believe that we are here, this place we call home, by design and therefore, we must make the most of this God-given space for ourselves and our children. While we plan for this generation, we must remember the needs of future generations. The social and economic benefits we plan to secure for this generation must not be at a disproportionate cost to future generations. This is why we must design and implement policies that are sustainable and avoid the wastage of our limited resources, financial and otherwise. We cannot, as a country, be borrowing money the way we have been doing over the last five years. Under my leadership, a Labour Administration will be caring and fiscally responsible in borrowing money for financing the real needs of the country.

A Labour government will adopt and govern by the principles of inclusiveness, equity, and meritocracy, in addition to the general principles of good governance in the rebuilding of our nation. We will need the energies and creativity of all our people, especially the youth, if we are to be a strong and resilient nation.

The policy proposals in this manifesto are designed to stem the worsening economic and fiscal position of this country, create an environment of wealth creation, create employment for all those wishing to work, and provide a Labour government with the necessary fiscal space to reverse the deteriorating health and social conditions of our country. The task before us, though challenging, is doable if we come together as a nation. I give you my commitment that given the opportunity to lead this country, together with my team of able men and women, we shall, together, rebuild Saint Lucia differently, so that everyone gets a fair chance of reaching their full potential.

I thank you and look forward to serving you in a dedicated and caring Labour government, which will put the people of Saint Lucia first.



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Core Values of the Saint Lucia Labour Party

1. Equity
2. Respect for the rule of law
3. Inclusiveness

Guiding Principles of the Saint Lucia Labour Party

The governing principles of the Saint Lucia Labour Party are rooted in its history as the political party that enfranchised the working class in Saint Lucia. The Saint Lucia Party has always demonstrated that it is the political party that cares and respects the dignity of the Saint Lucian people. That is why the following principles continue to guide its policies and implementation decisions:

1. Trust
2. Accountability
3. Honesty
4. Transparency
5. Integrity
6. Discipline
7. Effectiveness

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The Context

Our Policies for Putting People First

According to the latest data from the Eastern Caribbean Central Bank (ECCB), Saint Lucia experienced the worst economic contraction among ECCU countries for 2020, 23.8%. Its public debt is just under $4 billion dollars, the highest among countries in the Eastern Caribbean Currency Union (ECCU) and has a Debt to GDP ratio of 89.8%. Data from the ECCB showed that for the period 2016 to 2020, St Lucia's increase in public debt accounted for 60% of the increase of the total public debt among ECCU countries.

Covid-19 necessitated additional borrowing for all countries in the ECCU in the fight to mitigate the spread of the virus and the loss of life and livelihoods. However, St Lucia has borrowed significantly more than others in the ECCU, yet it still recorded the highest number of infections and Covid related deaths in the Union, over 5200 and 86 respectively, at the time of writing. An indication of the government's ineffective management of Covid-19, in spite, having secured more financial resources for that purpose. It is against this background that a Labour government will first need to take measures to arrest the decline in economic growth and the debilitating level of public debt and commence the process of growing the economy to alleviate the suffering of our people and their quality of life.

Meet your 2021 Candidates



Philip J Pierre
Castries East



Ernest Hilaire
Castries South



Shawn Edward
Dennery North



Moses Jn. Baptiste
Vieux Fort North



Kenson Casimir
Gros Islet



Wayne Girard
Anse La Raye
Canaries



Kenny D. Anthony
Vieux Fort South



Emma Hippolyte
Fond St. Jacques
Soufriere



Alva Baptiste
Laborie/Augier



Pauline Antoine Prospere
Choiseul/Saltibus



Guibion Ferdinand
Micoud South



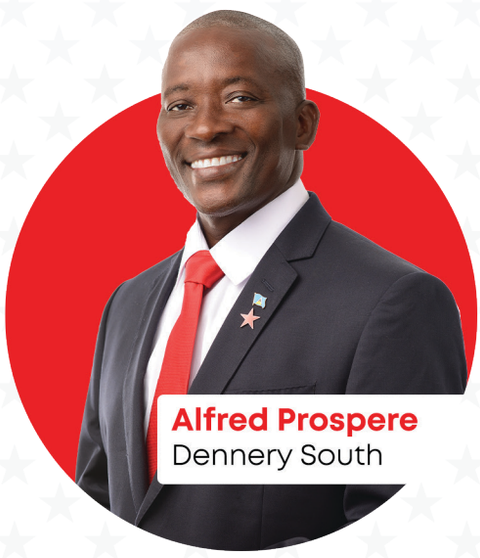
Virginia Albert Poyotte
Babonneau



Jeremiah Norbert
Micoud North



Joachim Henry
Castries South East



Alfred Prospere
Dennery South

Stabilizing and Growing the Economy

Our people have largely been turned into second- class citizens, while preferential economic support and favours continue to be given by this UWP government to friends and a selected few. As a party, we support foreign investment as a path to economic development, however, we believe, as we have emphasized over the years, that it is vital that Saint Lucians be part of the wealth creation of their country, by putting them first.

A new Labour Party government will take the necessary remedial steps to stabilize and strengthen the economy to meet the challenges of creating jobs and wealth for all. In this process we shall be "Putting people first", the Labour Party way.

To achieve this, the Saint Lucia Labour Party will pursue for the following strategies:

The Housing Sector as a Driver for Economic growth

This sector will continue to play a pivotal role in growing the economy and in job creation. To this end the focus will be on Housing, and Public and Private Infrastructural development.

1. A new Saint Lucia Labour Party government, together with private sector participation, will redevelop the City of Castries into modern medium high-rise, multi-level residential buildings. This will be accomplished using a phased approach.

2. Consideration will be given to a mix of housing types to maximize the development cost per unit – single detached units, townhouses (duplexes, quadplexes), low-rise apartment buildings for freehold, and subsidized housing for rent based on tenants' income levels.

3. A Labour government will incentivize a programme for housing repairs to maintain and improve the existing housing stock. House owners will, therefore, be encouraged to carry out repairs to maintain the quality of their homes.

4. We shall encourage the private sector to invest in augmenting the country's housing stock, especially for low-middle income families.

5. A Labour Party government will re-visit the Castries to Gros Islet highway redevelopment project as had been proposed under the previous Labour Party government.

6. We shall revisit plans for the North -South Highway with a view to securing finance and the timing of its commencement.

7. Additionally, we shall continue community road infrastructure maintenance and improvements in housing settlements.

Expansion of the Digital Economy

An SLP government mindful of the new opportunities of the digital economy, especially in this new post-Covid period, will move swiftly to improve the opportunities for local entrepreneurs to offer their products and services to the wider world. To this end we shall undertake the following:

1. Remove the impediments to transacting business in an E-commerce environment.

2. Complete the implementation of all e-government services which started under the Labour government.

3. Increase broadband access across the country to facilitate the supply of local services to external markets.

4. Modernize the legislation for Information and Communication Technology industry, to allow for its development, by updating the following: Data Protection Act, Computer Misuse Act, Electronic Transaction Act and Evidence and Amendment Bill.

New and Emerging Economic Sectors

As part of a Saint Lucia Labour Party government's drive to diversify the Saint Lucian economy, it will explore and build on new and emerging opportunities in the area of services. We shall give attention to the following areas:

1. Consider a Digital Nomad Visa programme for overseas workers and their families, whose work is location- independent, to live and work in Saint Lucia.

2. Engage local medical and health professionals in exploring the possibilities of developing a health tourism sector.

3. Revamp the Citizenship by Investment Programme (CIP).

4. Encourage and facilitate the broadening of existing services available in our Financial Services Sector.

5. Enact the relevant legislation to bring pre-2019, registered International Business Companies in line with the legal requirements for post-2019 registered ones, to avoid the threat of our jurisdiction being blacklisted by the European Union.

Fiscal and Economic Strategy

1. Have a comprehensive and independent review of the finances of the Government of Saint Lucia (GOSL) conducted by the Eastern Caribbean Central Bank or the Caribbean Development Bank (ECCB/ CDB).

2. Cognizant of the new challenges posed by the Covid-19 pandemic, we shall review and update The Medium- Term Economic Strategy (MTES) for 2021-2026, in collaboration with the private sector and professional bodies, with a long-term vision plan of where we would want to see Saint Lucia in 40 years.

3. Provide greater support for Co-operatives and Credit Unions in building and diversifying the country's financial architecture and to deepen their roles in providing St Lucians with greater avenues for savings and access to finance.

4. Review major ongoing capital projects for scale and scope with a view to providing the government with fiscal space and to ensure value for money is secured.

5. In conjunction with International Financial Corporation (IFC) and local financial institutions undertake Debt refinancing with a view to securing lower debt repayments.

6. Renegotiate and consolidate existing loans to ease the burden of repayments.

7. In collaboration with the private sector, transfer some government fixed asset to the private sector, with the intention of converting government loan payments into lease rental payments, to reduce the government's debt obligations.

8. Strengthen and consolidate all revenue agencies with a view to improve revenue efficiency, reduce leakages and improve the level of tax compliance.

9. Prepare and table a supplementary budget to parliament, which focuses on expenditure switching policies to ensure resources are allocated to the needy and for the improvement to the country's health infrastructure.

10. Review the procurement and financial legislation and create an environment of cost-consciousness within Ministries and Departments, to ensure optimal use of resources and a reduction in the incidence of corruption and related wastage.

11. A Labour Party government will exempt workers earning up to $4000 per month from paying income tax. This will eliminate thousands of workers from paying income tax, which will ensure more disposable income and purchasing power for that group of workers and provide a consumer demand-driven boost to the local economy.

12. Notwithstanding the government proposed targeted assistance to Small and Medium Size Enterprises (SME), a Business Recovery Strategy unit will be establish within the Ministry of Commerce to assist, by way of special concessions and technical support, companies which have been badly affected by the Covid-19 pandemic.

13. Establish a Sovereign Wealth Fund to attract external investment funding for the development of state assets and their preservation for the long-term benefit of Saint Lucia.



Youth Economy
(An Economy for the Young)

The Saint Lucia Labour Party is aware that policy makers of the past, in designing programs for economic growth and development, have not given nuanced attention to the needs and special interest of the youth. This partly explains the high level of youth unemployment. An SLP government will, therefore, provide tailored incentives to the youth and allow them to turn hobbies into entrepreneurial activities and skills into businesses. In keeping with this objective, an SLP government will undertake to do the following:

1. Provide fiscal incentives to young entrepreneurs, that are specially targeted and readily accessible.
2. Provide financing to eligible young people to operationalize their business ideas, in the form of grants and low-interest loans.
3. Provide marketing support for these budding entrepreneurs to market their products and services locally, regionally and internationally.
4. Encourage programmes that support skills training, mentorship and the development of their emotional intelligence, to assist them in becoming successful young entrepreneurs.
5. Ensure that the youth economy is an integral part of the wider economy to ensure the creation of a young indigenous business class that can enhance local wealth creation.
6. Establish a separate ministry, the Ministry of the Youth Economy, to administer the programmes and activities of the Youth Economy. This Ministry will provide the required training to ensure that the skill sets of young people are adequate to meet the needs of a global market.

Revitalizing the Business Sector

Cognizant of the operational and financial challenges faced by many businesses during the COvid-19 pandemic, a Saint Lucia Labour Party government will create a Business Recovery Unit, housed in the Ministry of Finance with support from the Ministry of Commerce, to assist badly affected businesses to getting back on their feet. An SLP government through this Unit will undertake to do the following:

1. Review all taxes, duties and government's business processes with a view to easing the challenges faced by affected businesses.
2. Create on-line platforms and databases to provide information and business support.
3. Provide additional tax credits for wages and salaries expenses.
4. Provide limited government guarantees to financial institutions for financing the working capital requirements of affected business during their recovery process.
5. In collaboration with the private sector, address the impediments to doing business in Saint Lucia, to alleviate the new challenges of Covid-19 and allow for an improvement to our global Doing Business ranking.

Tourism











In an effort to reaffirm a Labour government's commitment to the importance of tourism, we will enhance efforts to ensure that our tourism product is more reflective of our unique strengths of natural beauty, culture and people, and that a greater share of the tourism dollar remains in Saint Lucia. Mindful of the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on ancillary service providers to the tourism sector, we will seek creative ways of assisting entrepreneurs and SMEs, badly affected, to adjust and reorient their businesses to take advantage of new opportunities and to getting back on their feet. A Labour government, therefore, proposes to do the following:

Land-Base

1. Increase the tourism accommodation room capacity by at least 600 within its first term.

2. Promote the Airbnb sector as an integral part of the island's tourism product by assisting property owners in meeting tourism standards.

3. Incentivizing an increase in Airbnb accommodation across the country.

4. Consider strategic alliances with hotel management companies, hotel construction companies and brand hotels as an avenue for increasing our hotel plant.

5. Encourage and monitor the deepening of linkages between the tourism sector and the rest of the economy, especially the agricultural sector.

6. Facilitate grant funding and low-interest loans, in addition to technical and income support, to taxi- drivers, tour operators and other ancillary service providers for the reopening of their businesses.

7. Encourage debt factoring through intermediary financial institutions, like the Saint Lucia Development Bank, for hotel -service providers to improve their cash flow through the sale of their receivables.

8. Provide tailored assistance to SMEs wishing to enter tourism niche markets and opportunities for sports tourism.

9. We shall revitalize existing distressed tourism assets to increase our hotel plant.

10. Revitalize Saint Lucia Jazz and Arts Festival and bring it to the people in their communities.

Cruise Tourism

In addition to preparing Saint Lucia to take advantage of the anticipated post-Covid-19 growth in the global Cruising market, we will, also, intensify efforts to convert more visitors coming to our shores as cruisers to land- based visitors. We therefore propose the following:

1. Pursue the establishment of Home Porting for Cruise lines.
2. Continue the programme of training in collaboration with Cruise Lines for those wishing to work on cruise ships.
3. Encourage and support greater Integration of our local culture and customs into the preparation of land-based and virtual tours.
4. Continue plans for a cruise port in Vieux Fort and the enhancement of the Castries cruise port.







Yachting

We shall implement enabling yachting policies and improve the yachting infrastructure so that coastline communities can benefit from new and sustainable employment opportunities. We propose to undertake the following:

1. In collaboration with SLASPA upgrade Ganters Bay as a small full- service marina with at least 30 floating berths.
2. Construct, with private sector involvement, a small full- service marina with at least 30 floating berths at Port Vieux-Fort.
3. Upgrade the berthing and servicing facilities in Soufriere to accommodate mega yachts.
4. Build strategically located dinghy docks for yachters to access the fishing villages of Anse-La-Raye, Canaries, Choiseul and Laborie.
5. Strengthen the management of the marine protected areas.
6. Leverage Strategic Alliances with friendly countries with yacht- building capacity to develop local skills in boat repairs, refitting and refrigeration of yachts.
7. Establish Saint Lucia as an open Yachts Registry.

Services

The Saint Lucia Labour Party recognizes the important role that local professional services, Information Computer Technology (ICT), the creative industry and the Spa and Wellness sector continue to make, in building our service sector. We shall therefore lend greater support to these areas for employment opportunities and foreign exchange earnings. We are therefore committed to doing the following:

1. Encourage and promote service sector development in government entities and in the private sector.
2. Promote domestic and foreign investments in service industries.
3. Target service sectors for export development and facilitate the increase in the export of services.
4. Review the services regime under the Amended Fiscal Incentives Act (No. 30 of 2019) to address the intangible nature of services and the need for relevant concessions, which go beyond what currently obtains within the Act.
5. Provide local service providers with a fairer share of government procurement services.
6. Provide greater focus and attention to the Spa and Wellness sector in our tourism marketing.
7. Facilitate bi-lateral co-production programmes for existing access market areas like the UK, in the areas of music, audio visual and film.



Arts Culture and Creative Industry

We consider Arts, Culture, and Creative Industry as a vital social and economic sector that needs strategic support for shaping our uniqueness as a people and creating opportunities for economic empowerment. We, therefore, commit to do the following:

1. Create a new structure to direct and develop Arts, Culture, and Creative Industry, to allow the opportunity for sustainable livelihoods. This structure will be the framework through which overarching policies will be developed, with a view to building capacity and encouraging research and conservation. The Folk Research Center, National Trust and the Saint Lucia Archeological and Historical society will be expected to play an influential role in this new structure.
2. Restructure the State-run cultural agencies into one entity to achieve stronger synergy and efficiency, and alignment to national development goals.
3. Bring focused attention to the economic value of the arts, culture and creatives by establishing a dedicated business development unit for packaging and marketing of Saint Lucia's artistic and cultural products for markets beyond St Lucia.
4. Nurture creators by expanding the education curriculum to include subject areas that equip our young to excel in emerging industries such as Digital Media, and Art and Design.
5. Restructure cultural events (Carnival, Jounen Kweyol, Jazz and Arts Festival) to re-engage the wider population in urban and rural areas and to enhance the marketability of these events to the festival travel market.
6. We shall endeavor to construct a new multi-use indoor venue for all forms of artistic expression.
7. Establish collaborative agreements with major festivals in the region, such as Dominica World Creole Festival, Jamaica Jazz and Blues Festival and St. Kitts Music Festival that are likely to provide increased exposure and business opportunities for our artistes, and the enrichment of our festivals.

Manufacturing

COVID-19 has impacted the manufacturing sector negatively, and as a result, a newly elected Labour Government will continue to provide support to this sector by proposing the following:



1. Facilitate the restructuring of existing loans through the SLDB/Commercial Banks over longer repayment periods at lower interest rates.

2. Provide financial loan assistance and tax waver concessions for retooling, raw material purchases and modernization of plant and equipment.

3. Establish Export Market Development Assistance programmes through the provision of technical assistance to develop export marketing strategies for small and medium size businesses capable of producing quality products for exports.

4. Grant support for first time exporters in the areas of packaging and labelling.

5. Provide direct support to rural women, men and youth, seeking sustainable export markets.

6. Incentivize private sector shipping services to other Caribbean countries to enable the export of our goods from Manufacturers/ Farmers/Fishers and Agro Processors.

7. Establish business support throughout the island for small cottage business like hairdressers, beauticians, barbers, tailors, seamstresses and the likes, to allow them to have the necessary infrastructural support like washroom facilities, supply tools and machinery for their trades. These cottage businesses will also receive support via the Small Business Act, established previously by a Saint Lucia Labour Party government.

8. Review the Value Added Tax legislation as it relates to the manufacturing sector to ease the burden of the tax on manufacturing operations.

9. Encourage all manufactures to work more closely with the Bureau of Standard, so that locally manufactured products can meet the necessary standard for local, and foreign markets.

The Agro-foods Processing Sector

As part of the wealth creating strategy for locals, a Saint Lucia Labour Party government will ensure greater support is given to this sector through direct linkages with the Tourism and Agricultural Sectors. The following is therefore proposed:

1. Direct support and assistant through the Trade Export Promotion Agency (TEPA) under the Export Market Development Assistant Program.

2. The repurposing of the IRDCs and construction of mini facilities in all rural communities for the operating of emerging and existing producers.

3. Provide support to ensure that processors and facilities are duly certified with assistance from the Bureau of Standards and that the necessary storage equipment and tools for proper food handling are installed.

4. Promote the creation of a recognizable Saint Lucian brand in the packaging and labelling of locally made products.

Agriculture

A new government of the Saint Lucia Labour Party will remain committed to Agriculture and the need to protect the food security of our country. As a result, a Saint Lucia Labour Party government will implement an action plan directed at ensuring that Saint Lucians, at all times, will have access to enough food that is affordable, safe, healthy, and meets the nutritional needs of citizens, and is produced in an environmentally safe way.

The Banana Sector

AS a result of the collapse of WINFRESH, the once marketing arm of the Banana Industry, the industry has become severely compromised. A Saint Lucia Labour Party Government will make the necessary interventions to bring stability back to banana farmers and their families by undertaking to do the following:

1. Set up a taskforce to meet immediately with Fyffes and supermarkets with a view to reestablish a marketing presence for banana and other crop producers.

2. Seek to explore regional markets for our bananas.



Other Agricultural Sectors

1. Encourage, develop, and provide support to the expansion of hydroponics and aquaponics in Saint Lucia by providing support to existing farmers and establish a model farm Hydroponic farm at Roseau to serve as a demonstration and training center.

2. Redesign the agricultural system for higher efficiency and lower cost of production by integrating technologies, such as precision agriculture and biotechnology tools, informed by research done in collaboration with CARDI, into the agricultural sector.

3. Give greater emphasis to agricultural financing, with adequate measures for credit risk mitigation, and revisit incentives to hotel operators to ensure that import duty exemptions given to them do not disadvantage local agricultural producers.

4. Provide special incentives to young farmers, as part of the development the Youth Economy to enter the industry, including the provision of leased lands or other facilities, together with technical support.

5. Encourage the promotion of value-added agricultural products in the development of an alternative medicinal sector.

6. Encourage and support farmers in Rainwater Harvesting (RWH) Programmes to enhance their irrigation capacity, by providing direct intervention with water storage tanks, building of ponds and wells and other necessary equipment. This should assist greatly during prolonged periods of drought.

7. Strategically pursue measures to reduce price volatility of agricultural produce and improve the cash-inflows of farmers from the sale of the produce to hotels, supermarkets and other institutions, with a view to stabilizing rural livelihoods.

8. Facilitate the export marketing of agricultural produce to the Caribbean diaspora through Farmers Cooperatives and/or suitable government agency.

9. Support the development of the Apiary (Beekeeping) subsector with the view to producing more higher value-added products.

10. Lend greater support to Seamoss farmers wishing to export their products.

Cannabis

In dialogue and consultation with health officials, education officials and advocates for marijuana legalization, we shall develop a medicinal and recreational Cannabis Industry. We shall undertake to do the following:

1. Provide the necessary resources to create and maintain a sustainable and vibrant market for Cannabis, regionally and internationally.

2. Expunge the records of crimes relating to the possession of small quantities of Cannabis.

3. Decriminalize the use of marijuana to be followed by its eventual legalization.



Fishing









We shall promote fishing as a sustainable livelihood that is financially rewarding. To this end we shall undertake the following:

1. Support the Fishers through their Cooperatives and immediately remove the additional $1.50 excise tax on fuel sold to the fisheries sector.

2. Explore the creation of a new Fisheries Corporation (La Peche Ste Lisi Inc.) to attract investments through joint ownership among any combination of the following interest groups: GOSL, Fishers Cooperatives, National Insurance Corporation (NIC), Credit Unions, and other Private Sector entities. This new corporation will manage state-owned fish landing sites and facilities, and be responsible for trading with fishers and consumers.

3. Review and rationalize incentives to encourage greater investment and entrepreneurship in fisheries, including tax concessions on refrigerated vehicles for those involved in the wholesale purchase of fish from local fishers.

4. Incentivize training in related skills to enhance safety at sea, and value-added processing, which includes cutting, freezing, and packaging.

Livestock

A Saint Lucia Labour Party government will buttress the livestock production with a view to becoming self-sufficient. We, therefore, propose to do the following:

1. Establish a Master Butcher Training Program with the Sir Arthur Lewis Community College (SALCC) or the National Skill Development Center (NSDC) through International/Regional Technical Cooperation agencies.

2. Design a Livestock Development Program: to reinvigorate the livestock sector, to attract younger farmers, provide support and encouragement for the poultry industry to adopt contract-farming production systems, provide livestock farmers through waivers of duties on animal feed and medication for a reasonable period and the production of genetically improved breeds of cattle, pigs and small ruminants.

3. In recognition of the high local and international demand for pork, we shall provide a package of support to pig farmers to ensure the safe and efficient production of pork for local consumption and export.

4. Pursue the re-establishment of the Meat Processing Facility at the earliest and allow for the ownership structure to include Livestock Farmers Co-operatives, Government, and the private sector.



Technical Assistance and Training



1. A Saint Lucia Labour Party government will collaborate with the SALCC to examine, revamp, and revitalize the Division of Agriculture of the institution, to provide a broader range of training in agricultural technologies – hydroponics, vertical farming and the development and use of computer applications, inter alia.

2. A Saint Lucia Labour Party government will institute a farm labour support program to increase rural employment.

Environmental Protection and Sustainable Development

As a small developing state, it is imperative that the protection of our environment, the efficient use of resources and social inclusion remain an integral part of our development strategies if we are to have a sustainable economy. A Labour government will commit to doing the following:

1. Heighten the interventions that will lead to the protection of our environment, especially the quality of our coastal waters, the degradation of our lands and soil loss, and the quality and sustainability of our water supply and physical infrastructure.

2. Encourage and support the work being done by the GEF Small Grants Programme in Saint Lucia, in engaging and supporting citizens at the grassroots level in projects that conserve and restore the environment.

3. Help create a national culture that appreciates the inescapable link between human needs and environmental imperatives if we are to secure sustainable development.

4. Incentivize the adoption of practices and use of equipment that allow for more efficient use of energy and the use of renewable forms of energy for households and businesses.

5. Enact legislation, in discussions with Lucelec, to allow private residents to generate their own electricity for private consumption and sale to the national grid.



The Blue Economy and Coastal Management

Other than fishing, there are many other economic activities taking place in our coastal and offshore areas that require collaboration between private and public sector interest if we are to create sustainable employment opportunities. We shall therefore undertake to do the following:

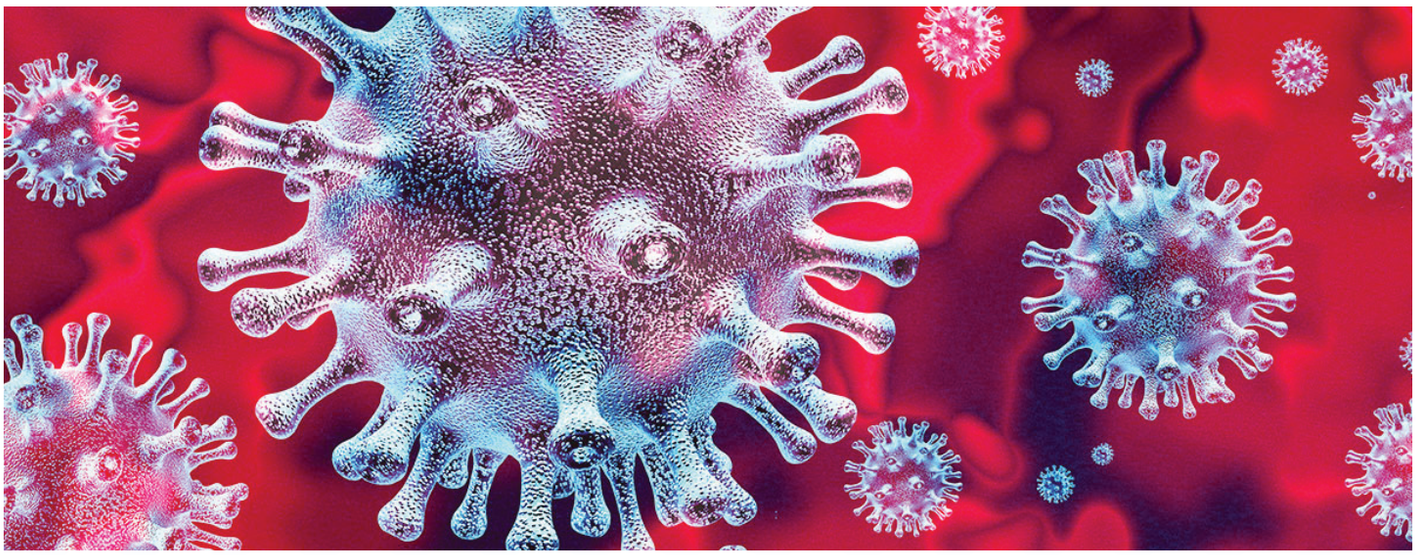
1. We shall revive the Soufriere Marine Management Area (SMMA) by way of financial support, to continue its work of managing the activities along the Soufriere coastal area.

2. We shall extend the management of our coastal waters for the North-Western Coast, from Pigeon Island to the Vigie Peninsular by the establishment of an appropriate authority, similar to the SMMA.

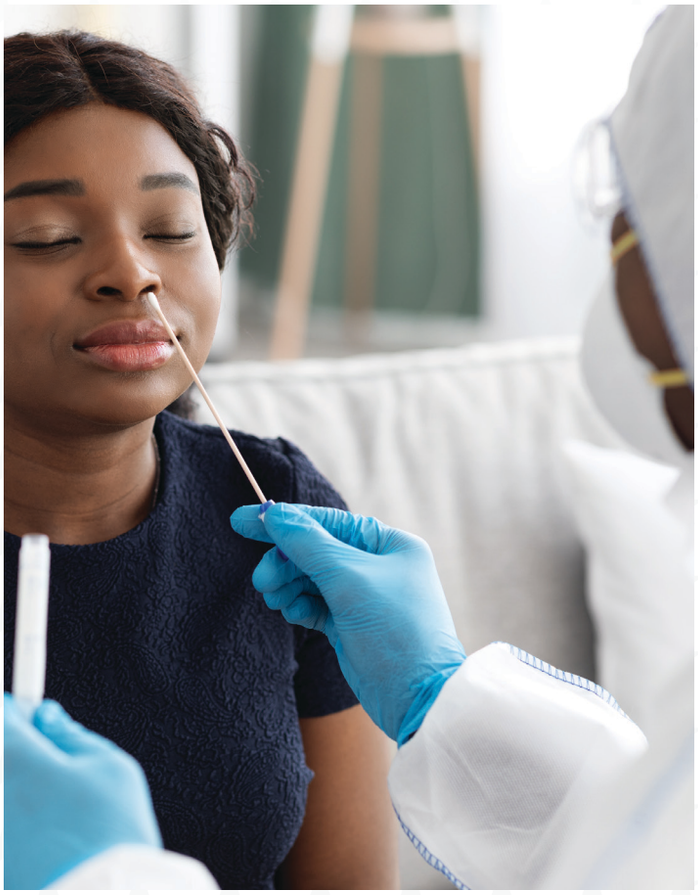
3. We shall activate the existing arrangements for the coastal management of the Anse La Raye and Canaries areas.

4. We shall alleviate the problems posed to fishers and residents, by the sargassum buildup along coastal areas.

Our Covid-19 Response



No meaningful effort to revitalize our economy can be undertaken without a comprehensive and credible plan to bring the spread of Covid-19 under control and return our country to a level of normality. We shall be guided by the science in the formulation of policies, be truthful in the dissemination of relevant information, and give the highest priority to the safety and health of our citizens. We shall therefore undertake to do the following:



1. We shall increase the country's testing capacity to ensure more people are being tested, to allow for an understanding of the level of spread and the making of appropriate interventions in the management of Covid-19.

2. We shall adopt a proactive approach to testing by going into communities to undertake testing rather than respond to persons requesting tests.

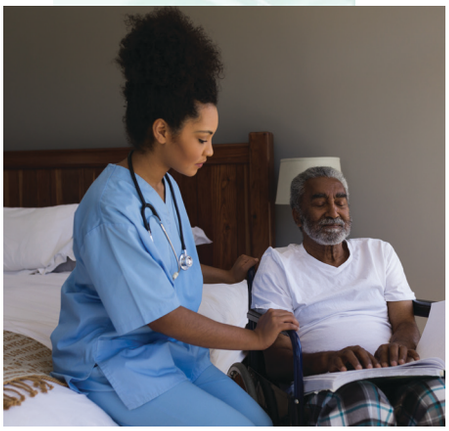
3. Embark upon an intensive campaign to encourage more citizens, especially vulnerable groups, to get vaccinated.

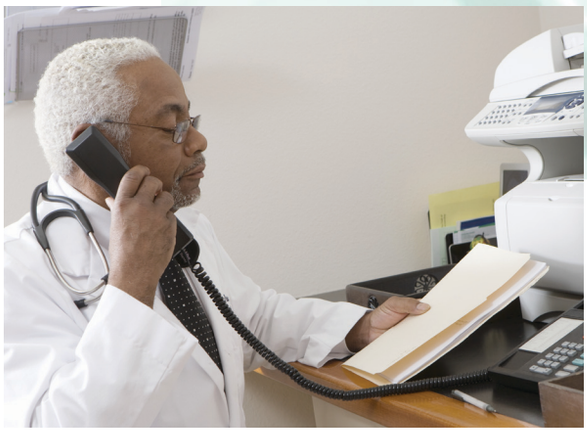
4. Improve the respiratory facility at Victoria Hospital so that people can begin to feel comfortable about the possibility of being isolated there.

5. Actively seek to secure the required level of vaccines necessary to achieve herd immunity.

6. Seek the assistance of friendly governments, which have successfully been able to manage the pandemic, to secure the necessary expertise and resources to better manage our Covid-19 challenges.

Health







A Saint Lucia Labour Party government will pursue a health policy that is patient-centered, evidenced based, equitable, accessible and affordable. The main focus of our health policy will be as follows:

1. There will be no privatization of Saint Lucia's public health care services, however, a Labour government will incentivize the provision of private health care services not publicly available, in order to enhance the level of health services on island.

2. Universal Health Care will be implemented within the first term of a Labour Party government.

3. The St Jude hospital will be reopened within the shortest possible time.

4. The OKEU Hospital will be adequately resourced with proper emergency services.

5. We shall make the employment of all eligible contracted nurses and doctors permanent.

6. In order to keep the cost of health care at manageable levels over the medium to long term, priority will be given to creating an environment of healthy lifestyles by encouraging regular exercise and healthy eating to reduce, in particular, the prevalence of non-communicable diseases like hyper-tension and diabetes. In the adoption of preventative health care measures, the quality and availability of primary health care on island will also be enhanced.

7. In creating a new culture of a health -conscious society, we will strengthen the school health programme by establishing a health desk at schools to enable early diagnosis and treatment of health problems being experienced by students, through the use of technology, while ensuring the protection of patient confidentiality.

8. A labour government will adopt a proactive approach to health care by establishing structures within the health care system that will allow for the tracking of diagnoses and data from specific labs, in real time, by geography and demographics, so as to observe trends and design timely preventative measures and treatments as the situation requires.

9. Given the immense economic and social challenges Covid-19 have placed on our country and the likelihood of another pandemic with similar impact, a Labour Party government will develop stronger environmental and port health services to respond effectively to the threat of the importation of diseases into Saint Lucia. We shall establish quarantine/isolation facilities in the north and south of the island, a medical outpost at all ports of entry and measures for improved hygiene and social distancing mechanisms at ports of entry, schools and public buildings.

10. In demonstration of a Labour Party government's commitment to health care and the well-being of its citizens, a percentage of GDP will be committed to the maintenance and improvement of Saint Lucia's health care system.

11. We shall ensure that the health and safety of all consumers are protected through strengthened consumer protection legislation and adequate market surveillance activities.

Education

We shall promote education as a right and not a privilege and a means to unlocking the full human potential of every citizen, for the good of the citizen and the community. Our education policy will, therefore, encourage life- long learning, and will address all levels of the education process in a coherent way, from early childhood (ECD) to tertiary level and personal economic empowerment. We therefore propose the following:



Early Childhood Education (ECD):

1. A Labour government will pursue as a fundamental country goal equitable access to early childhood education.

2. In support of ECD, appropriate incentives will be provided to ECD centers across the country.

3. Develop a National Policy on parenting to prepare parents to stimulate their children's learning and development at home.

4. We will facilitate and support the integration of modern technology into ECD learning environments for teaching, for student learning and for administrative purposes.

5. We shall develop a comprehensive national training programme for ongoing professional development of ECD personnel.

6. A Labour government will improve the necessary support systems for Special Needs Education (SNE), to ensure it is fit for purpose.

7. Incorporate into the education system an early detection system, with a view to taking remedial action in response to the identification of any learning impediments of children.

8. We shall introduce the teaching of a least one foreign language: Spanish, French and Mandarin, at the first entry into the education system.

Primary

1. Government will pay the facility fees for Primary school students.

2. Broaden Primary School Education to address 21st century learning needs-critical thinking, effective communication, problem solving, global thinking, conflict resolution and emotional intelligence.

3. Incorporate the development and implementation of Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) skills at the primary level by introducing Design and Technology in the primary school curriculum.

4. Introduce Saint Lucian History and Heritage at the primary level.

5. Include the teaching of Civics to nurture responsible citizenship, national pride, a sense of community, volunteerism and allegiance to country at an early age.

6. Sensitize pupils, with the help of the Ministry of Agriculture, to the value of kitchen gardens.

7. Re-introduce the principal assistant programme at the Primary school level to enhance the supervisory role of principals.

Secondary

A Saint Lucia Labour Party government will have as its goal that secondary education be free of financial impediments, be modern and accessible, and promotes independent and self-directed learning. We, therefore, propose to do the following:

1. Government will pay all facility fees for secondary school students.

2. Government will absorb the cost of CXC examinations fees for English and Mathematics for form 5 students.

3. Establish ICT in smart classrooms and virtual learning environments.

4. Include Saint Lucian, Caribbean and African History as part of the secondary school curriculum.

5. Provide greater financial and institutional support for the Centre for Adolescent Renewal (CARE).

6. Introduce the concept of an economy for the young and its entrepreneurial opportunities in all secondary schools.

Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET)

1. Bring Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) in line with general education and have all secondary schools equipped to offer Technical and Vocational Education with a view to Caribbean Vocational Qualifications (CVQS)

2. Develop a programme, in collaboration with the private sector, for the development of technical competencies and employable skills throughout secondary schools.

3. Review and restructure the TVET Unit to allow it to be more effective and efficient in pursuing its mandate.

Information Communication and Technology (ICT)

A Labour government considers ICT as an essential part of any modern educational infrastructure, and so proposes to do the following:

1. Immediately reinstate the One-Laptop per child programme.

2. Commence the transition from textbooks to digitized certified literature to relieve parents of the burden of the cost of textbooks.

3. Introduce Computer coding in the Primary and Secondary school curriculum.

Tertiary

1. We shall actively pursue the policy that every Saint Lucian household has at least one University graduate within a reasonable time.

2. We shall encourage Sir Arthur Lewis Community College (SALCC) to collaborate with the TVET Council and industry-based organisations (hoteliers, farmers, manufacturers and others) to foster greater synergy and smoother transition from formal education to the needs of the society.

3. We shall encourage students during their tenor at SALCC to be engaged in some structured volunteerism programme.

4. Commit to empowering the Vaughn Lewis Innovation and Research Institute (VALIRI), under the auspices of SALCC, to be a repository for all research in Saint Lucia.

5. To encourage the virtues of equity, inclusion and social justice within the Teacher Education Programme.

6. We shall address the contractual arrangements in which uncertified teachers are not remunerated during the school holiday month of August.

7. We shall increase the subvention to the SALCC to ensure our main educational institution is able to provide Saint Lucians with a high-quality education and provides affordable access to the learning institution.

8. We shall provide tax relief to individuals and business places, which assist employees, for educational expenditure.

9. There will be a revamping of the Adult Literacy programme to raise the level of literacy to over 95% within a reasonable time.

10. To close the gap between the skills required in the workplace and the skills available, we shall review the government's priority list for the granting of scholarships.

11. Consider the viability of converting Sir Arthur Lewis Community College into a full- fledged University.



Housing

As a social good, affordable, quality housing will be a priority of a Saint Lucia Labour Party government. The inadequacy of the housing stock, especially among low to middle income families, will be adequately addressed by a Labour government. In addition to government increasing the housing stock for this group of citizens, greater access to land will be made to that group at an affordable price. To this end a Labour government will commit to the following:







1. Remove the current Property Tax on residential buildings

2. Engage citizens in a process of consultation to determine where they would prefer to live in relation to their place of employment or key services, and to inform the planning and locating of housing developments.

3. Integrate land-use planning strategies into the development of climate resilient housing.

4. Address infrastructural deficiency by re-developing some of our unplanned settlements in and around urban and suburban areas.

5. Renew and regenerate inner-city communities to help reduce the impact of urban sprawl.

6. Revitalize and intensify the Programme for the regularization of Unplanned Development (PROUD) to encourage greater land ownership.

7. In the interest of fairness and equity, a Saint Lucia Labour Party government will continue its 2015 Crown Lands Rectification Policy and Programme to restore lands owned by citizens prior to 1984, who failed to claim during the Land Registration Titling Project (LRTP).

8. Through well- structured Private-Public-Partnerships, we shall pursue the development of residential lots and houses for those who do not currently own property. This will be done in collaboration with financial institutions, which will facilitate loan financing for land acquisition.

9. In addressing the housing deficit, a Labour government will incentivize growth in the rental housing sector, especially in the north of the island where the problem is acute and rent prices are high.

10. For those wishing to own their homes but are unable to do so, state agencies will offer “rent to own” accommodation to the lower income segment of the housing market.

11. A Labour government, in the early part of its administration, will undertake a massive house-building programme, in addition to other incentivized private sector initiatives, to address some of the aforementioned issues.

12. Incentivize a programme of house repairs to help house owners maintain the quality of their homes and the general aesthetics of communities.

Sports

The potential contribution of sports to nation building, livelihoods, discipline, the promotion of healthy lifestyles, and national pride makes it a very important area for any government wishing to enhance the quality of life for its citizens, especially the youth. A Labour government will, therefore, seek to correct current deficiencies in the country's sports infrastructure and enhance development opportunities for our sports men and women. We propose to undertake the following:



1. Return a repaired and improved George Odlum Stadium to being a National Sports stadium after the completion of the St Jude hospital.

2. Repair and maintain the Darren Sammy Cricket Ground to ensure it is a safe and well facilitated stadium for the hosting of local, regional and international cricket, as well as other national events.

3. Modernize the Marchand and Mindoo Phillip Grounds to allow for seating capacity for spectators and players' facilities.

4. Encourage the participation of a wider range of sporting activities- to include swimming, dominoes, chess, table tennis and darts and other indoor-sports- through club structures.

5. Provide well maintained recreational facilities with lighting, in communities to allow for more out- door exercise activities in keeping with healthy lifestyles.

6. Secure professional coaches for the more popular and competitive sports like football, cricket, basketball, netball, tennis, volleyball and athletics, to assist in creating highly competitive sports men and women and teams, wishing to compete regionally and internationally.

7. Through our Embassies and Overseas Missions seek more sporting scholarships for our talented sports men and women to further their education and sporting ambitions.

8. Establish indoor sporting facilities for the south of the island by repurposing existing government buildings.





Crime and Justice







In addressing the issue of crime, the social structures giving rise to it must be examined to make the necessary remedial policy decisions. In addition to crime mitigation measures, attention will be given to the basic unit of the society, the family, along with housing and employment opportunities. Families need to be strengthened to produce children that are likely to be caring, responsible and productive adults of the society. A Labour government's approach to crime will therefore be proactive, while adopting measures to contain it, by assisting the police in finding new ways to increase crime detection rates. To achieve this, we propose the following:

1. Increase Human Services Support, which should include, among other things, counselling, mentorship, conflict resolution and the development of emotional intelligence for all children attending school.

2. Encourage a national service programme for students who have left school. This programme will include skills training and the payment of a stipend to participants.

3. Provide additional resources to the Social Transformation Department to assist the most vulnerable families in which parents are unable to provide the necessary physical care and emotional support to their children.

4. Reinstate the NICE and STEP program to increase employment opportunities in communities.

5. With the assistance of the Royal Saint Lucia Police (RSLP) encourage the establishment of more Neighbourhood Watch Groups across the country.

6. Increase the installation of surveillance cameras in communities.

7. Introduce the use of drones by the RSLP as a monitoring and detection device in crime fighting. In addition, we shall enact legislation to regularize the importation of drones.

8. We shall equip traffic police vehicles with digital vehicular registration data bases for the tracking of suspicious vehicles and the identifying of unlicensed and uninsured vehicles on public roads.

9. To sensitize the public, both motorists and pedestrians, through education, the need for road safety.

10. Allow the Police Commissioner to have greater operational independence over the management of the police force to increase its effectiveness in the prevention and fighting of crime, and to have them more accountable to the public when the circumstances demand it.

11. Provide the necessary resources, in addition to equipment, for improved working conditions, and psychological and emotional support, so that they may be more effective in the execution of their duties.

The Retired, Elderly and Vulnerable Groups



A Labour Party government in recognition of its core value of inclusiveness will find ways of engaging retired, elderly and vulnerable groups, with a view to encouraging their participation in nation building. For those who have served the country well, as skilled individuals and still able to do so, we shall find suitable ways of social engagement of retired people with the younger generation, so that the latter can benefit from the experience and expertise of the former. We, therefore, propose to do the following:

1. Encourage and support a system of mentorship so that the young can draw on the experiences and skills of the older generation of retirees.

2. A Labour government will undertake measures to reduce the structural and attitudinal impediments to retired and elderly citizens continued participation in nation building.

3. A Labour government will support and encourage efforts by individuals and groups to reduce and, hopefully, eliminate any form of discrimination on the grounds of gender, race, religion, sexual orientation, and political affiliation.

4. Enact a Child Protection Bill.

5. Relocate the Vulnerable Person's Unit from its current stigmatized location, which suggests wrongdoing on the part of the victims.

6. Provide more resources to men and women shelters for abused persons.

7. A labour government will work more closely with the Saint Lucia National Council of and for Persons with Disabilities (NCPD) to find more opportunities for the differently- abled to be full participants in the development of their country

Protection of our Heritage and Patrimony

Our heritage and patrimony are what defines us and provides us with a uniqueness as a people and nation. Therefore, every effort will be made to protect our heritage and patrimony for all generations. Our strength as a people can only be leveraged for economic and social advancement if we are true to ourselves. We must resist the temptation of trying to copy other nations, with a different history and culture. To this end we must protect and develop the institutions that have been designed to protect our heritage and patrimony. A Labour government will therefore commit to doing the following:

1. Bring to an end the undermining of the role of the Saint Lucia National Trust (SLNT) by reinstating its annual subvention immediately upon coming into office.

2. Assist the Folk Research Center in securing new premises to allow it to carry the valuable work it has been doing in supporting and promoting Saint Lucian culture.

3. Provide the SLNT with the autonomy to carry its mandate.

4. Engage the SLNT in consultation on matters of natural conservation affected by economic development plans.

5. Preserve public access to our beaches and to the Queens's chain.

Good Governance, Anti-Corruption and Constitutional Matters

During the last five years, Saint Lucia has witnessed an unprecedented assault on its constitutional and parliamentary conventions and the abuse of the institutions of our democracy, by the UWP Government. We must restore openness, transparency, honesty and trust in our governance. Our government must be for all the people not some of the people.

To return our country to a system that respects our democratic norms and the rights of our people, a Saint Lucia Labour Party government will:

1. Reactivate the bipartisan parliamentary committee to review Justice Suzy D'Auvergne constitutional report and the parliamentary recommendations with a view to adopting final recommendations for implementations within the first year of a Labour government being in office.

2. Strengthen the Integrity Commission so that it can undertake meaningful action against public officials and politicians who engage in acts of corruption.

3. Enact appropriate legislation so that Members of Parliament are not allowed to sit in parliament and be remunerated if they fail to submit, to the satisfaction of the Integrity Commission, their annual returns for any year in the previous parliament in which they became due.

4. Commence the process for the accession to the Caribbean Court of Justice (CCJ) as Saint Lucia's final appellate court as the replacement to the Privy Council.

5. Enact Anti-Corruption Legislation.

6. Adopt and implement a Policy on Good Regulatory Practice to ensure that our legislative drafting processes are open, transparent, efficient and effective, and informed by sound Regulatory Impact Assessments

7. Enable the fulfillment of constituency needs by providing parliamentary representatives with annual allocations for their constituencies and have them to account for these allocations.

8. Ensure that the House of Assembly is always properly constituted with the election of a deputy speaker and working parliamentary committees, which can draw on public expertise according to the standing orders of the parliament.

External Relations



Recognizing the strength of strategic alliances with countries and regional and international organizations as an avenue for the advancement of our people's interests, a Saint Lucia Labour party will continue building on its existing relations with foreign governments and organizations and seek to build new alliances. We shall, therefore, seek to undertake the following:

1. Establish economic diplomacy with non-traditional countries in order to expand our country's economic links and the opportunity for more foreign direct investment.

2. Strengthen our relations with the French Caribbean to deepen cultural exchanges and economic activity.

3. Commit to the concept of multilateralism in international affairs and non-political involvement in the affairs of other countries.

4. Continue to provide unwavering support, in the spirit of regional integration, to the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) and the Caribbean Community (Caricom) and for the harmonization of OECS foreign policy.

5. Invite highly skilled and distinguished Saint Lucians in the diaspora back home to share their knowledge, achievements and experiences, as part of an annual event, to inspire and motivate our young.

Constituency Programmes

GROS ISLET

1. Establish an affordable housing programme for constituents in areas from La Borne to Grand Riviere.
2. Establish a day care Center for the elderly.
3. Build a full- service Police station for the constituency.
4. Establish an entrepreneurship program to harness the skills and talents of young constituents in collaboration with the Party's Youth Economy initiatives.
5. Facilitate the establishment of a Gros-islet Co-operative Credit Union.

BABONNEAU

1. Repurpose unused spaces at primary schools to increase access to Early Childhood Education and Adult Education programmes.
2. Establish a Babonneau Eco-Tourism project which will include turtle watching, outdoor camping, bird watching and hiking trails.
3. Provide Wi-Fi access across the communities in the constituency.
4. Improve access to land under a land rationalization programme for housing and agriculture.
5. Redevelop Babonneau Central with a view to improving access to the services provided by the Multi-Purpose Center.

CASTRIES NORTH

1. Construction of multi-purpose courts in Agard, Bisee and Carellie.
2. Continue the upgrade of the La Clery Playing Field.
3. Raise the La Clery river wall.
4. Surfacing the ActiveHill/Carellie link road.
5. Ratioalization of lands in Bisee and Active Hill (Upper and Lower)

CASTRIES EAST

1. Complete the renovations to the Marchand Grounds, to include stands, and the James Belgrave Court.
2. Acquire an existing building for use as a Community Center for the residents of Pavee.
3. Construct a Community Center on government lands for the adjoining communities of Bocage and Morne Du don.
4. Continue the programme: "Transforming Lives, Building Communities".

CASTRIES CENTRAL

1. Regularize the occupation of occupied lands at Morne Du Don.
2. Complete the Conway Relocation Programme
3. Construction of a Human Resource Center in Lastic Hill.
4. Reconstruct the main waterway from Black Stars through Morne Du Don and ending in New Village.

CASTRIES SOUTH

1. Construct a multi-purpose court in Faux-A- Chaux
2. Construct a Community Center in Ciceron.
3. Repave the road from Marigot to Ti Colon.
4. Construct a multi-purpose court in Upper Ciceron.
5. Regularize settlement issues in the Hospital Road cemetery.

CASTRIES SOUTH EAST

1. Assist residents in the constituency in securing title under the Proud Programme for lands they occupy.
2. Provide easier and affordable transportation access for residents, especially seniors, at Blear and Derrefort, to health care services in nearby communities like Ciceron.
3. Facilitate the creation of physical market space for farmers wishing to sell their produce to residents.
4. Establish a Fire and Police station for the constituency.

ANSE LA RAYE/ CANARIES

1. Equip the constituency with fire appliances for early response capability before the arrival of fire-fighting officers from a nearby Fire Station.
2. Relocate houses in flood-prone areas.
3. Build an ICT center in Jacmel/Roseau Valley and Millet.
4. Facilitate the reactivation of Anse-La-Raye Friday night activities.
5. Address the issue of very limited access to transportation to and from and within the constituency.

CHOISEUL/ SALTIBUS

1. Establish an Agro Processing plant for the constituency.
2. Build Resource centers for Delcer and Piaye.
3. Upgrade the water distribution system for the constituency.
4. Upgrade the playing fields in Jetrine, Cafiere, Delcer and Saltibus.
5. Revamp the Choiseul Craft Center.

SOUFRIERE/FOND ST JACQUES

1. Restructure the Soufriere Regional Development Foundation to consist of broader representation of key sectors and to ensure a more equitable sharing of the revenue it generates, among beneficiaries.
2. Improve the water supply in Colombette, Palmiste, New Development, Chateau Bellair, Bois Den, Belle Fond, Fond St Jaques, Zenon and Cressland.
3. Establish a fish storage facility and fish processing plant in the constituency.
4. Implement an appropriate programme to assist first- time buyers to own their homes in the constituency.
5. Pedestrianize the waterfront from Baron's drive to the Old Market.

LABORIE

1. Arrange for the sale of the lands at Black Bay/ Augier to current occupants, at a concessionary price.
2. Complete rehabilitation of the Augier Combined, Laborie Boys' Primary and Banse/La Grace Combined Schools.
3. Complete the Olibo playing field and upgrade the Augier and Laborie playing fields, to include lighting.
4. Construct the Banse/La Grace multipurpose court.
5. Construct the Laborie Youth Center (Near Cross Over Park).

VIEUX-FORT NORTH

1. Establish, immediately, a constituency -wide employment programme.
2. Undertake a road rehabilitation programme for the constituency.
3. Rehabilitate the Grace and Pierrot School infrastructure.
4. Initiate a major water conservation and storage programme in areas with underground springs throughout the constituency.
5. Construct modern pavilions for sports and community activities.

VIEUX FORT SOUTH

1. Resume the construction of the Administrative Complex, to include a performing arts center.
2. Speedy completion of St Jude Hospital.
3. Design and construct a boardwalk from the Fisheries Complex to the Vieux Fort market.
4. Rehabilitate existing roads in Cedar Heights, La Ressource and Cantonement (all in concrete).
5. Vest ownership of house lots in residents of Vieux Fort town, Cantonement and parts of La Ressource.

DENNERY SOUTH

1. Construct the Dennery South healthcare facility.
2. Create job opportunities for young people by assisting them in setting up new businesses under the party's Youth Economy initiative.
3. Establish a farmer's market and expand the storage capacity of the Daito, and the creation of a fish processing center.
4. Encourage home ownership, especially among young people, and assist those with property on squatted lands to secure ownership of those lands.
5. Commence an active drainage improvement programme to regulate the flow of water and the mitigation of flooding in low-lying areas.

DENNERY NORTH

1. Establish a Human Resource center in Grand Ravine.
2. Establish a link road from Aux Lyon to Perle Link road.
3. Create a Farmers Organization and Co-operative, which can provide marketing and technical support to farmers.
4. Develop Maduah Lands for the purpose of providing house lots for young residents of Auxlyon and Mabouya Valley.
5. Construct a multi-purpose court and entertainment center in La Ressource.

MICOUD SOUTH

1. Facilitate educational access for constituents, from Early Childhood to Tertiary level.
2. Incentivize the creation of small businesses and encourage entrepreneurship among the youth.
3. Incentivize agricultural development with special emphasis on youth and women.
4. Establish sporting development programmes for youth.
5. Collaborate with government agencies and the private sector in trying to reduce unemployment in the constituency.

MICOUD NORTH

1. Assist residents occupying crown lands for many years in securing land title.
2. Construct multi-purpose centers, with ITC access, in La Pointe and Malgretoute.
3. Provide lighting for Wenn, Mon Repos and Patience playing fields.
4. Build a jetty and fish storage facility for the constituency.
5. Construct a health center in Patience.

Conclusion

By the end of a Labour government's first term in office, the proposals in this manifesto intend to create a recognizably better place for people to live, work and recreate. Our health system will have improved, significantly, and we will have rebuilt our country from the bottom up, giving every citizen a chance to participate in the development of their country. We shall approach the governance of our country within the laws of the land and by the principles of good governance. In the absence of any major debilitating external economic or climatic shocks, our country will have grown with more job opportunities and more people employed and hope of an even brighter future. Join the Saint Lucia Labour Party way, where you the people come first.

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