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**Address by The Hon. Michael C. Pintard,
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A COUNTRY READY FOR CHANGE

Dear Fellow Bahamians,

I want to begin this letter the way I begin every conversation when I travel across our Bahamas – by listening.

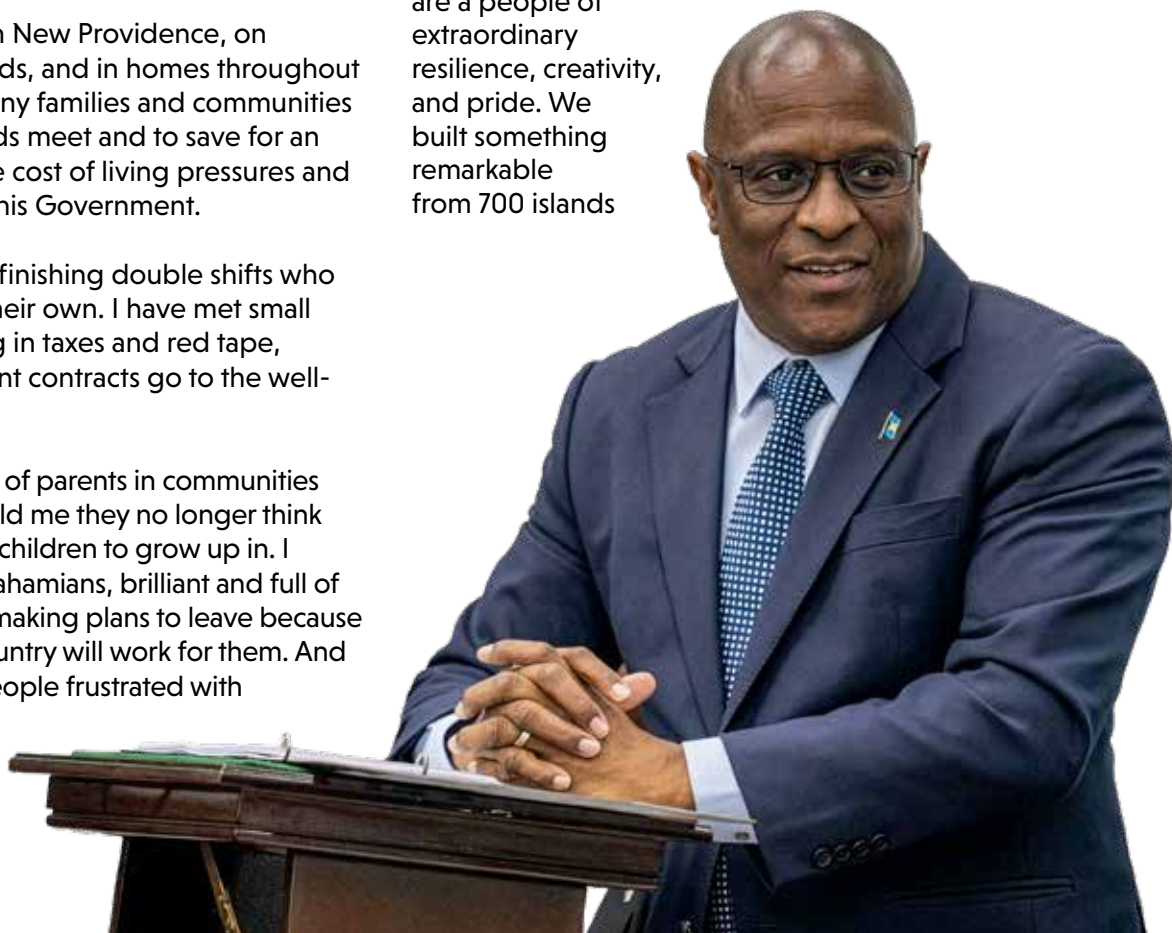
I have sat in living rooms in New Providence, on porches in our Family Islands, and in homes throughout Grand Bahama. Far too many families and communities are struggling to make ends meet and to save for an emergency because of the cost of living pressures and anxieties made worse by this Government.

I have spoken with nurses finishing double shifts who cannot afford a home of their own. I have met small business owners drowning in taxes and red tape, while watching government contracts go to the well-connected few.

I have looked into the eyes of parents in communities scarred by violence who told me they no longer think the country is safe for their children to grow up in. I have spoken with young Bahamians, brilliant and full of potential, who are quietly making plans to leave because they do not believe this country will work for them. And I've spoken to too many people frustrated with a broken immigration system, for which our FNM government will restore integrity to as a priority.

I hear you, and I refuse to accept that this is the best The Bahamas can be.

The truth is that our country is better than the current government it has. We are a people of extraordinary resilience, creativity, and pride. We built something remarkable from 700 islands



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in the Atlantic, a sovereign nation that much of the world knows and admires. But going on five years of a government that has served the few, hidden the truth, and broken promise after promise, too many Bahamians are being asked to stretch their resources further while the people in power reach deeper into the public purse for themselves and those they decide to benefit. We can be and do better as a people. As a nation we have squandered and missed too many opportunities.

That ends with this election.

The manifesto you are reading is not a collection of political promises. It is a contract between me, our party, and every Bahamian who is ready for a government that truly works for you. This is our way to help our nation reach our National Development Goals.

We will cut VAT on everyday essentials and all medical costs and educational supplies, because no family should have to choose between groceries and the doctor. We will hire 100 new doctors and 200 new nurses into our public health system, because the people who care for us deserve care too. We will build 5,000 new homes, because the dream of owning your own place, something your parents and grandparents could achieve, must be within reach for this generation. We will implement the Freedom of Information Act in full because a government that hides what it does is a government that has something to hide. And we will tackle crime with a ten-point plan that is tough, targeted, and treats public safety as the foundation that everything else is built on.

These are not just campaign promises. They are commitments: with timelines, with numbers, and with accountability built in.

A government that works for you means one that answers to you - Not to the donors. Not to the party faithful. Not to foreign investors seeking special arrangements behind closed doors. To you, the nurse,

the contractor, the teacher, the farmer, the young person wanting to realize your potential at home.

The Bahamas I believe in is one where your child's future does not depend on who your family knows. Where you can walk safely in your neighbourhood and operate your business without fear of criminals. Where the clinic on your island is staffed and the medicine is on the shelf. Where you can start and grow a business without government getting in your way at every turn. Where the wealth that tourism and our natural beauty generate stays in Bahamian hands and builds Bahamian lives. Where illegal immigration is checked and reversed.

We have gone backwards as a country under this Government. Instead of progress, we have seen a terrible decline in so many areas of national life. We cannot afford five more years of even more decline. We will restore open honest government where the public will see how we manage your money and resources. You will know what choices we are making on your behalf and why. We will govern for all of you regardless of political colour. We will protect our institutions and country and their reputation. We will use research to drive innovation and development and drive economic growth through diversification.

A better, safer, more prosperous, and fairer Bahamas is possible. We are ready to build it. Let us build it together.

We Will Work For You! Every island! Every family! Every generation!

God bless you, and God bless our Bahamas.



THE HON. MICHAEL C. PINTARD
Leader, Free National Movement

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An FNM government, working for you will:

1 **Cut taxes for Bahamian people by ensuring 0% VAT on all everyday essentials and all medical costs and educational supplies, putting more money back into the pockets of Bahamians.** By eliminating VAT on everyday essentials and on medical services altogether, we will reduce the cost of living and improve public health.

2 **Make home ownership more affordable by reducing down payment requirements for Bahamians struggling to buy their first home, and build at least 5,000 new housing units through effectively leveraging public-private partnerships.** So that more Bahamians can own their own home, we will build the new housing units our islands need and reduce the costs and barriers to home ownership for first-time buyers.

3 **Strengthen the borders with Operation SHIELD and zero tolerance of illegal immigration.** We will ensure that no one who enters The Bahamas illegally can ever become a citizen. We will aggressively implement Operation SHIELD: Secure land, Heighten surveillance, Investigate abuse, End unfairness, Limit approvals, and Disclose data.

4 **Ensure opportunity is more equally spread across all parts of The Bahamas.** This means creating stronger and more resilient economies in Grand Bahama and the Family Islands, empowering local leaders and business persons. Prioritize investment to improve the provision of key services, from healthcare to branch banking on the Family Islands.



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5 Fully implement the 2017 Freedom of Information Act, beginning rollout within the first 90 days and to be completed within the first year, which will give citizens the power to hold the Government to account. We will make sure the Government is providing citizens with the means to view certain documents related to how decisions are made and how taxpayers' money is spent.

6 Slash red tape, build the right infrastructure and invest \$100 million in entrepreneurs to turbocharge Bahamian ownership and business, making it easier for Bahamians to set up and grow successful businesses, getting our economy growing in a way that benefits all Bahamians and creating more well-paid jobs.

7 Fix our broken health service by hiring 100 new doctors and 200 new nurses into places of need in our public healthcare system. With new medical staff we will deliver world class upgrades to our hospitals along with the necessary new construction to meet our people's needs, and address the mental health crisis, and we will upgrade the National Health Insurance system so everyone can afford the care they need.

8 Provide \$200 per month in child support for the first two years of life and transform early years education. We will continue the expansion of universal free pre-school and provide new support for teachers giving Bahamian children the best start in life.

9 Establish a minimum \$100 weekly stipend to help young people enrolled in training courses to gain valuable skills and help address youth unemployment.

10 Restore trust in the Royal Bahamas Police Force and deliver our Ten Point Crime Plan. With independent oversight of law enforcement agencies, we will address the root causes of crime, recruit additional frontline police officers, and give them the support they need to keep Bahamians safe.

PROSPEROUS:

Backing businesses, delivering fairer taxes and driving down living costs

An FNM government will:

Build a stronger, more resilient economy

Give our backing to the National Development Plan and put it on a statutory footing. Vision 2040 is crucial if The Bahamas is to fulfil its true potential across all national sectors, including the economy. That's why we will ensure there are sufficient resources to complete and update the Plan and that a proposed National Development Plan Bill is passed through Parliament to put the initiative on a statutory basis.

Establish a world-class Sovereign Wealth Fund for the people of The Bahamas. We will repeal the ineffective National Investment Fund Act and replace it with an independently managed and fully accountable sovereign wealth fund to deliver tangible benefits for Bahamians. Much of the revenue earned from both tangible, and intangible resources will go into the sovereign wealth fund to benefit various sectors, including the orange, blue and green economies. This will include partnering with Bahamian entrepreneurs and investors to develop commercial infrastructure, large scale agricultural and fisheries initiatives, solar and renewable energy projects and more affordable housing.

Prioritize economic growth with new defined annual growth targets. The only way in which we can raise living standards and improve public services for all Bahamians in the long run is to expand our economy. Under the FNM there will be overarching near and medium term growth targets and a cross-government council on raising The Bahamas' global competitiveness ranking within the Office of The Prime Minister.

Responsibly manage the economy and reduce the national debt. This means introducing a fiscal rule to ensure that, under normal circumstances, the Government must run a balanced budget. We will also publish a defined plan on how the country will move to a debt to GDP ratio of 50 per cent over the medium to long term. Doing so will safeguard our economy for the future, get interest rates under control, and ensure that we are resilient to future challenges.

Significantly grow productive direct investment. We will ensure there is an effective modern investment encouragement agency modeled on global leading practices to support both Bahamian and foreign investment projects in The Bahamas and for the benefit of Bahamians.



REAL PEOPLE REAL PRESSURES

“ As a Bahamian entrepreneur, I can say firsthand that doing business in this country has become increasingly difficult, not because of a lack of opportunity, but because of the barriers placed in front of us.

In industries like restaurants and bars, even something as routine as renewing a business license has become a frustrating and time-consuming process. Instead of focusing on growing your business, you find yourself navigating delays, changing requirements, and unnecessary red tape.

The challenges are even more serious in the maritime sector. This is an industry with tremendous potential for Bahamians, yet it has become harder for us to participate. There are more fees, more delays, and fewer incentives. What used to take 48 hours, like getting vessels onto the Bahamian registry, can now take months. As a result, many yachts are choosing to fly other country flags instead of ours. This is not a small issue. The maritime sector represents an \$85 million industry, and the impact goes far beyond vessel owners. It affects captains, surveyors, deckhands, taxi and

limousine drivers, restaurants, laundry services, rental car companies, pilots, and many other supporting businesses.

We are seeing real losses, with some estimating a 40 percent decline in activity across major marinas. At the heart of it, the concern is simple. Are Bahamian businesses being given a fair and level playing field, especially when compared to foreign interests?

Entrepreneurship should be a pathway to national growth and self determination. When Bahamians are able to build and expand businesses, the entire country benefits. What we need now is a system that works with us, not against us. Faster approvals, clearer processes,



and real engagement with industry stakeholders. A national maritime committee that brings together those in the field, along with legal and insurance experts, would be a strong step in the right direction. Bahamian entrepreneurs are ready to grow.

We just need the opportunity to do so on fair terms in our own country.

Peter Maury

PROSPEROUS

Improve the transparency of public liability reporting.

We will end the current practice of the non-disclosure of debt obligations to the Bahamian public, under so-called PPPs. We will amend and implement the law to require the Government to report in the budget and fiscal reports, all ongoing liabilities related to projects where the Government will pay the vendor over an extended period for work already completed. We will also require the Government by law to publish all PPP agreements once agreed to by the related parties.

Cut wasteful government spending. Ever higher public spending means higher taxes on hardworking Bahamians, so we will actively contain the growth of public expenditure. We will introduce the concept of 'shared corporate services' to require government agencies and State Owned Enterprises to share back office resources to gain efficiencies and limit costs. We will create a special unit that will investigate and remedy wasteful spending practices by the Government.

Strengthen legislation to ensure financial obligations to workers are kept consistent with established labour agreements. This includes updating labour legislation to address union busting tactics and ensure prompt recognition of lawful agency shops, as well as fully implementing a modern Health and Safety at Work Act to address long standing concerns related to safety and environmental standards in the workplace. We will also commit to a full review of all outstanding agreements within the first 90 days with a view to finalizing same and review public sector mid-management benefits package to align them proportionately with recent improvements to senior public sector benefits package.

Deepen structured engagement between government, employers, and organised labour to support better decision-making and accountability. We will strengthen the National Tripartite Council and improve consultative mechanisms to ensure standing quarterly meeting between union leaders, Prime Minister and Minister for Labour. We will also formalize



the historic role of labour in our social revolution by designating house of labour a historic site #14 and provide land for development of union headquarters.

Create a fairer taxation system to help reduce the cost of living

Cut taxes for Bahamian people by ensuring 0% VAT on all everyday essentials and all medical costs and educational supplies, putting more money back into the pockets of Bahamians. By eliminating VAT on everyday essentials and on medical costs and educational supplies altogether, we will reduce the cost of living and improve public health.

Introduce a child support programme of \$200 per month per child for the first two years of their child's life. Eligible parents will receive financial assistance to help cover childcare costs during the crucial early



bonding and development period. This support aims to alleviate pressure on families and ensure children receive high quality care.

Allow Bahamians to use one of their duty exemptions once per year for online purchases. This will reduce costs for Bahamians while maintaining safeguards against abuse. Making everyday goods more affordable will put money back in people's pockets.

Improve and expand Residential Property Tax concessions to ease the burden on more Bahamian households and encourage home ownership. We will raise the RPT relief for qualifying senior citizens by raising the exemption ceiling to \$600,000.

Make VAT rebates easier for first time home owners. We will use digital platforms to allow for immediate VAT rebates on eligible construction purchases and targeted tax relief for first time home buyers.

Reform the tax appeal regime to make it fairer and faster. Changes will ensure that property owners have access to a clear and timely process when disputes arise. A simple system will help people get problems resolved without long delays.

Ease taxation on Bahamian businesses and builders

Establish a new generation of industry-specific Free Trade Zones in select islands offering corporate tax incentives status for qualifying businesses, streamlined online licensing, and expedited approvals on regulatory matters. This will attract investment in key sectors such as financial services, fintech, digital assets, maritime logistics, light manufacturing, ship repair while ensuring Bahamian entrepreneurs and workers benefit from the new jobs and opportunities.

Reform the Business License Tax Regime. We will replace the current unfair business license tax, that requires businesses to pay a tax on gross turnover even when they are losing money, with a fairer net earnings based tax that will allow for targeted tax breaks for productive capital expansion, charitable giving and social contribution. It will also end the unfair practice of Bahamian entrepreneurs being forced to pay next year's license fees in advance. This will help ensure that companies generating substantial profits pay their fair share, whilst making it easier to grow. The rate will be set after consultation to achieve the correct balance between domestic producers, importers and service based businesses and will ensure the Bahamas remains competitive with peer jurisdictions.

Amend the Real Property Tax regime to incentivize productive use of land. We will do this as a means of addressing systematic imbalances, and provide targeted incentives for productive upgrades on run-down commercial properties whilst also expanding and enforcing sanctions on commercial properties in New Providence left in a state of disuse and disrepair.

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Relax annual audit review requirements for small and medium-sized businesses. We will work with the Bahamas Institute of Chartered Accountants and SMEs to ensure that businesses processes and procedures support increased effectiveness. This may include exemptions or simplified reporting, reducing costs while maintaining confidence in the system. Cutting red tape will free up small businesses to grow and create employment. Our goal is to ensure compliance without stifling profitability.

Introduce a 10-year Real Property Tax exemption and other incentives for all persons who construct or refurbish apartment dwellings of four or more units. We will direct incentives towards projects that target low and middle income renters.

Reform construction bonds for sub-units into staged payments to boost residential development. This will unlock projects more quickly and stimulate growth in the construction sector. Easier financing will mean more homes built and more work for Bahamian contractors.

Reform VAT and business licence laws to simplify compliance and reduce delays. By streamlining administration and paperwork, we will cut costs for business and remove barriers to growth. A simpler system will save time and help businesses focus on serving customers. We will also modernize the VAT payment timeline to ease pressure on businesses and help improve their cash flow.

Back entrepreneurs and innovators

Ensure that the government works in partnership with businesses with a new Taxpayer Charter, making it easier for them to thrive. We will introduce a Taxpayer Charter that sets clear service standards. This will include greater consultation with businesses,

an end to heavy-handed practices such as raids involving armed guards, improvements to the VAT appeals process, and amendments to the VAT Act to prevent government overreach. We will also explore automatic approvals for certain low-risk applications.

Support Bahamian startups with at least \$10 million annually in new grants to small and micro businesses. A proportion of this funding will be dedicated for young entrepreneurs, Family Islanders, and marginalized communities.

Enhance and promote the Provisional Business License Initiative that allows low-risk small and medium-sized businesses to begin operating immediately. To get entrepreneurs in business faster with less red tape, so they can commence their business upon registration.

Recharge the existing MyGateway e-government platform that was introduced by the former FNM administration but stalled under this government. We will complete the original intention and plan to extend it to all eligible public services creating a unified



digital government portal with a single digital ID. This will allow businesses to register, file taxes, and obtain necessary approvals online and ensure that the same documents don't need to be provided multiple times. This will improve efficiency and reduce corruption opportunities by minimizing face-to-face interactions that allow bribery and favouritism to flourish.

Improve internet connectivity. We will expand access to high-speed internet and telecommunications access across the country, taking advantage of recent developments in satellite connectivity.

Offer Most Favoured Status to direct investors in line with international best practice. This will ensure that The Bahamas remains an attractive and competitive destination for capital. A stable and trusted investment climate will mean more jobs and opportunities for Bahamians.

Create a Department of Innovation within the Office of the Prime Minister. This will consolidate all government led and facilitated entrepreneurial entities. This

consolidation will reduce administrative costs and ensure that there are no unnecessary overlaps, while increasing efficiency and dollars available to facilitate innovation.

Create a Department of Research and Development in the Office of the Prime Minister. This department will focus on creating a new industry and ecosystem where companies, Universities, individuals and institutions that are committed to research and development will be able to set up business in The Bahamas to generate knowledge for global and local use in a supportive and collaborative environment.

Streamline construction permits to match global best practices. Where required, we will outsource to certified professionals such as engineers and environmental scientists to end unnecessary delays.

End the outsourcing of government compliance to private citizens. Small businesses and renters should not be forced to act as de facto compliance officers, and so will not be required to get compliance information that their landlords are responsible for.

Establish a dedicated Commercial Court. This new Commercial Court will be tasked with resolving commercial cases promptly, significantly accelerating the settlement of business disputes.

Attract investment and expand Bahamian ownership

Introduce a National Lottery.

The proceeds will be transparently managed and invested into education, youth engagement, sports, and culture.

Adopt a fair, rules-based investment approval process with clear criteria. This new approach will have minimal political intervention to avoid the abuse, favouritism, and arbitrary changes we've seen.



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Expand Bahamian ownership of the tourism sector.

Projects backed by Foreign Direct Investment should provide for a component of broad-based equity participation by Bahamians as the investment project matures, and we will reform the incentives regime to accomplish this.

Adjust the relationship with cruise lines to deliver greater benefits for Bahamians. Agreements will be structured to ensure that local communities see tangible returns from the industry. Stronger partnerships will ensure that our natural assets work for our people.

Require that cruise destinations in The Bahamas include meaningful Bahamian ownership. The level of ownership will be set to ensure both fairness and competitiveness. Local ownership will guarantee that more of the profits stay in Bahamian hands.

Encourage direct Bahamian participation in the ownership of current and future private islands. This may include joint-venture arrangements to keep wealth in Bahamian hands. Greater participation in ownership will mean Bahamians share more fully in the nation's most valuable assets.

Support Bahamian investors in the banking sector. We will make it easier for qualified Bahamian investors to obtain banking and financial services licenses. We will also enhance the transparency and efficiency of application processes to foster competition, offering Bahamians improved choices and services.

Establish full ownership of the Bank of The Bahamas by the Bahamian people. This will be achieved by increasing Bahamian private shareholding. A truly national bank will give Bahamians confidence that their money is working for them.

End the requirement for Bahamian-owned Airbnbs to register with the Government. Foreign-owned Airbnbs will remain subject to stricter rules and taxation to protect fairness in the sector and support Bahamian homeowners.

Support our tourism industry

We will implement a new long-term strategy to futureproof and diversify our tourism industry.

We will develop, publish and implement a 10-year strategy to diversify our tourism offer, through the facilitation of major investments in the sector – across all the major Family Islands. This will look to go beyond the resort model and will include eco-tourism, health and wellness travel and cultural attractions.

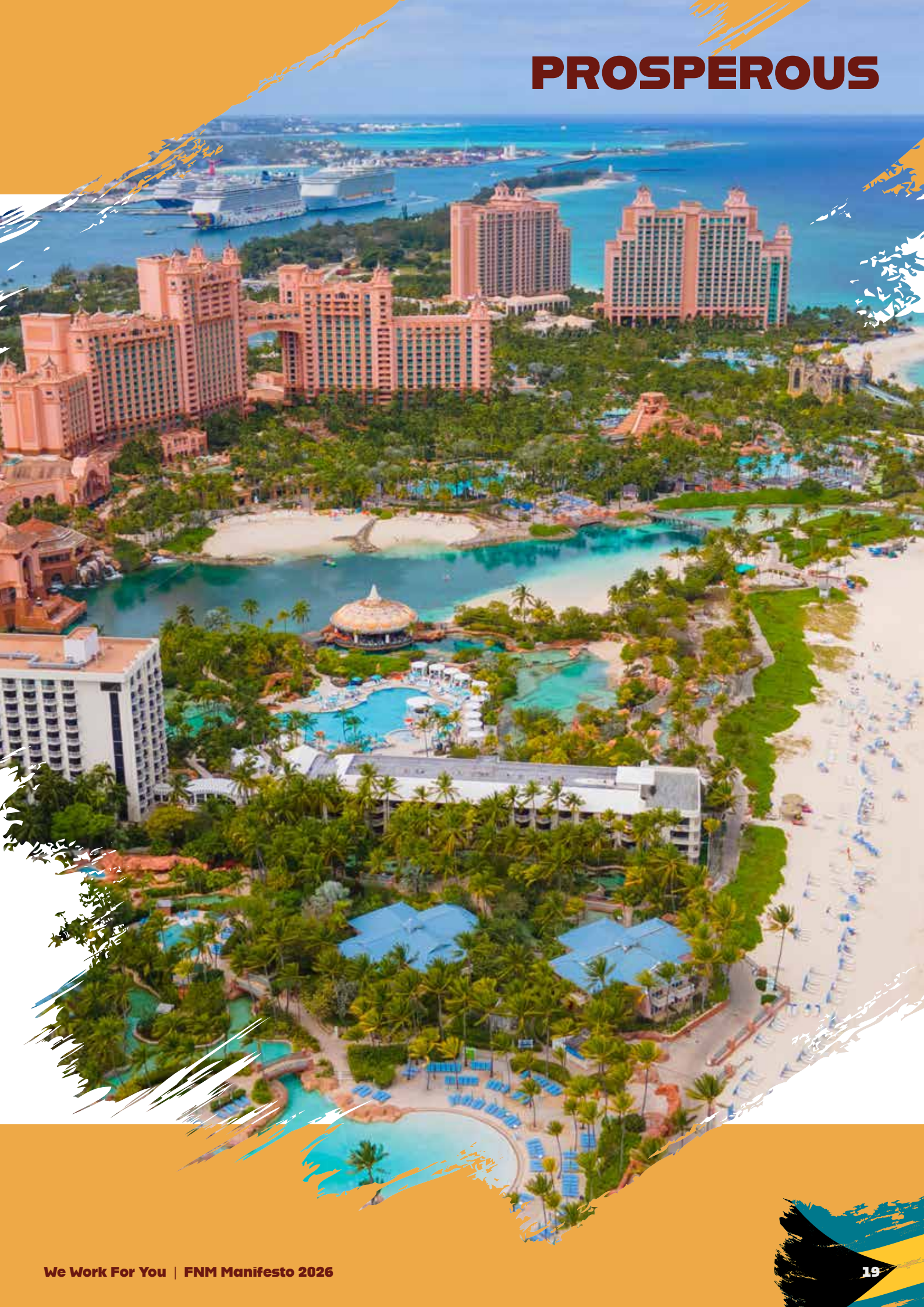
Support our tourism industry through funding, training and marketing. We will support Bahamian hospitality entrepreneurs through access to capital and technical training. We will also use data-driven marketing campaigns to re-engage core visitor markets.

Target a 35% increase in stopover visitors. Consistent with this strategy, we will seek to deliver more stopover visitors, including to the Family Islands and Grand Bahama by refocusing efforts on total tourist expenditure instead of arrival numbers. This will help ensure that we deliver more benefit to the Bahamian people. Will simultaneously continue to grow our cruise visitor business by providing new opportunities for passengers to disembark, and stay longer in port in Nassau and Freeport.

We will seek to secure UNESCO Heritage Site designation for our historic communities. This would unlock new global attention and cultural tourism value for sites like Fox Hill, Bain Town, Gambier, Adelaide, and Downtown Nassau.



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TOURISM THAT WORKS FOR BAHAMIANS

“ I make beds in a hotel, but I cannot wake ends meet. For most of the year, I clock in two, maybe three days if I am lucky, and my rent, my groceries, and my light bill do not care about my schedule — they come for me all the same.

I hear the Minister talking about record-breaking numbers, visitors pouring in, the island thriving, he says. But I stand in an empty hallway for most of the year, wondering where they are, because they are not in my hotel and they are not in the hotels of my friends, and when we look at each other, we don't have the words.

We understood and accepted the darkness of the pandemic. But that storm has long since passed, and still the sun has not come for us. I have lived through hard times before, but I do not remember a time — no hurricane, no recession, no COVID — when a normal year felt like this.

My children go from door to door with their qualifications and their willingness, and still, no one is hiring. We do not ask for much: only that the season lasts a little longer, as it used to, that the work be there, and that my children have somewhere to go in the morning.

That is all we ask, and I am still waiting and praying.”

Hotel Worker

“ I have been driving taxi in Nassau for twenty-two years. My father drove before me, and his father before him. This road built our family. So when I tell you something is wrong, I am not complaining; I am telling you what I see with my own eyes, every single day.

The government comes on the radio and announces thirty thousand cruise passengers, but they are not in my cab or anybody else's. The cruise lines built their shops and restaurants right inside that port, the ships pull out by five or six in the evening, and by nightfall, Bay Street looks the way Sunday morning used to look: quiet, empty, and forgotten. Miss Clara has been at the Straw Market for thirty years and she cannot give her goods away. The restaurants that are still open tell me the same story. We are not saying the ships are not coming. We are saying the people on those ships are not reaching us, and there is a difference.

Twenty-two years on this road. I know when things are good and I know when things are bad. Right now, things are not good and my pocket does not lie.”

Taxi Driver, Nassau



Strengthen our tourism partnerships and infrastructure. We will strengthen partnerships with airline carriers and international tour operators to stabilize and grow the number of visitors and improve infrastructure at key ports of entry to enhance the visitor experience.

Energize Grand Bahama's tourism with the BOOM Initiative. Building Opportunities and Optimizing Momentum (BOOM) will revive local tourism and rebrand the island for global markets. Festivals will be organized from West End to East End, as well as eco and heritage tours, to boost tourism and cultural vibrancy.

Create a new Downtown Authority. In partnership with The Bahamas Chamber of Commerce and Employers' Confederation (BCCEC) and the Downtown Nassau Partnership (DN)P, this will drive access to capital, concessions, and support for Bahamian-owned businesses.

We will reinvigorate Bay Street as part of a Bay Street Promenade Way and launch the Orange Districts for our creative industries. From Navy Lion Road to East Street, this area will become the "Bay Street Promenade Way," a vibrant commercial hub with greater pedestrian access. From East Street to Christie Street, Fort Fincastle to Fort Charlotte they will be dedicated to downtown living, murals, museums, theatres, authentic eateries, and a multi-purpose Junkanoo and cultural centre.

Develop a Central Park. We will include the area from Marcus Bethel Way to Chippingham Road, inclusive of the Botanical Gardens. This will further enhance the Downtown experience for Bahamians and visitors alike.

Make Downtown Nassau come alive through our 24/7 Nightlife Project. These reforms will create new opportunities for Bahamian entrepreneurs, artisans, and musicians, alongside existing and new businesses.



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Revise the current uncompetitive yachting fees and regulations to restore The Bahamas as the most efficient and competitive yachting destination in the region. This will strengthen The Bahamas as a global yachting hub. Lower costs will attract more visitors, supporting local jobs and businesses.

Revise the foreign yacht charter regime, to ensure fairness, equity, and simplicity, to bring more commerce and economic opportunities to those communities across The Bahamas. We will standardize the taxes on charter services, reversing the ill-considered policy decision that has driven away a substantial portion of our business.

Develop a Bahamian National Maritime Policy that brings together all maritime stakeholders, supported by consistent Government commitment promoting a true blue economy for Bahamian businesses and real conservation. We will create a unified digital maritime platform integrating Customs, Immigration, and the Port Department into a single, user-friendly system for: cruising permits, charter licenses, annual vessel fees, pay fees in advance, and receive real-time processing updates and approvals.

Reform the banking and financial services sector

Introduce greater protections for consumers. We will deliver a suite of new financial legislation to set service

standards and consumer protection oversight by a financial consumer protection agency, without stifling competition.

Hold banks accountable for high fees. Banks will have to explain their charges to regulators and must offer low or no fee accounts for smaller customers, so no one is locked out of the banking system. We will ensure that all fees, including for electronic transactions, are transparent, fair and justified, eliminating unnecessary "junk fees".

Make it easier and quicker for individuals and businesses to open bank accounts. We will implement performance thresholds that mandate that personal accounts be opened in 1 business day, and basic business accounts within 3 business days.

Ensure regulations and digital infrastructure allow Bahamian entrepreneurs ready access to modern app based payment systems - both local and international. This will simplify payments and help businesses to undertake transactions.

Lower energy bills and work towards renewable energy

Prioritize lowering energy bills for people and businesses. The Bahamas faces very high energy bills and we will support the planned upgrade of





the transmission and distribution networks to lower costs in the long term. Central to our energy reform will be to ensure that the Bahamian people directly as shareholders and through their government have significant ownership in all aspects of the energy, infrastructure and ecosystem.

Reduce the cost of electricity further. Will do this by institutionalizing the practice of fuel hedging, to ensure optimal energy price stability; introducing senior citizen discounts for qualifying Bahamians; and readjusting household discounting, based on consumption, to benefit those that need it most.

Invest in new renewable energy technology to increase resilience and meet climate goals. We will work to make renewable energy 30 per cent of electricity needs by 2030, building on our 2021 manifesto commitment. This will include initiatives such as incentivizing independent power producers to

start building a selection of renewable energy plants, and expanding solar panel usage. We will bolster the electric vehicle charging infrastructure at workplaces by giving businesses a tax incentive on the costs to install chargepoints.

Reduce emissions. We will seek to reduce emissions at the Clifton Pier plant by ensuring that its aging diesel units are upgraded to cleaner alternatives and retiring those that cannot be converted.

Improve the Small-Scale Renewable Generation (SSRG) program. This allows residential and commercial customers to connect solar systems to the grid and more easily receive credits for excess energy produced.

Implement the option for pre-paid electricity meter billing. Available at the request of the consumer, this will both help ensure people are not locked out of the market whilst also encouraging energy conservation.

SAFER:

Tackling crime, improving national security and cracking down on illegal immigration to safeguard our nation

An FNM government will:

IMPLEMENT OUR 10-POINT PLAN TO TACKLE CRIME

Focusing on tough policing to keep Bahamians safe

1

Hire and retain more officers. An FNM government will fix the shortage of frontline officers. We will launch a major recruitment drive, guided by the FNM's manpower audit, to put more police where they are needed most. New officers will be properly equipped with vehicles and mobile units to respond quickly to crime and new technology to tackle strategic threats like drugs and illegal guns, while measures will be put in place to boost retention. The current administration has failed on this front. Today there are fewer sworn officers than under the last FNM government.

2

Restore trust through transparency. The FNM will strengthen independent oversight. We will amend and enforce the Independent Commission of Investigations Act to root out corruption and serious misconduct in law enforcement, while protecting good officers from malicious complaints. That means independent appointments, stronger investigators, and regular public reporting so Bahamians can trust the system.

3

Broaden community policing. The FNM will make community policing real. Community policing cannot just be a slogan. We will properly resource it, rebuild trust between officers and residents, improve information gathering, and make sure local concerns are addressed. That includes reinvigorating the National Neighbourhood Watch Council, which this government has sidelined, but which the FNM will make central to crime prevention.

4

Modernize the Force for the future. We will commission a full, expert-led review of policing within the first year of office, to go further on training, leadership, standards, technology, and equipment, to ensure the Royal Bahamas Police Force is modern, professional, and fully prepared to meet today's challenges.

Ensuring effective justice to hold offenders accountable

5

Clear court backlogs and dramatically speed up cases. We will clear backlogs so offenders are held to account quickly. That means expanding virtual hearings to cut delays, digitizing case management to use our courts more efficiently, and building a modern forensic lab so evidence moves faster. We will also strengthen specialized courts, from gun courts that deliver swift justice, to drug and mental health courts proven worldwide to reduce reoffending, whilst at the same time ensuring that there are sufficient resources for public defenders. Our plan will also speed up forensic work, strengthen victim services, and assign case advocates so families get the answers they deserve.

6

Update loose laws. An FNM government will modernize laws to fight today's threats. We will press ahead with a long promised, but not progressed modernization of the Firearms Act to address the threat of high-powered weapons and assault rifles, as well as from 3D-printed guns and ghost guns. At the same time, we will review whether current sentences need to be toughened up to respond decisively to gun crime and the alarming rise in sexual violence against women and children. Our priority is to keep women and children safe, to make reporting sexual assault easier, and to make sure survivors are believed and supported.

7

Stop the abuse of bail. We will take a stronger stance on bail to keep high-risk individuals off the streets. Public safety must come first, especially when retaliatory killings are a concern. While we respect the independence of the courts, an FNM government will appeal questionable bail decisions, ensure the system has the resources to do so, and work with police to better supervise those on release. We will also consider further sensible reforms to the Bail Act, including stricter mandatory conditions, to give Bahamians greater protection. We need a robust system to monitor prolific offenders who have been charged multiple times to prevent further crimes.

Prevention and intervention to break the cycle of violence

8

Break the cycle of reoffending and support victims. We will expand evidence-based rehabilitation programmes with skills training and real job placements for low-security prisoners ready to turn their lives around. First-time youth offenders will be separated from hardened criminals and supported with reintegration. At the same time, we will strengthen support for victims ensuring survivors of violent crime, including sexual assault, have access to counselling and protection.

9

Prevent and protect. An FNM government will invest in prevention as a public health issue to stop crime at its roots – tackling drugs, gangs, and the causes of violence. We will provide immediate funding for evidence-based prevention programmes focused on youth, drug addiction, and gang diversion; strengthen collaboration across policing, health, education, and community groups; and make the Green Paper on violence prevention a priority, with an effective Strategic Action Plan for the reduction of youth involvement in crime; whilst taking a whole of government approach in collaboration with the private sector, civil society and churches to empower and positively direct our young people. We will also expunge the police record of those persons who were convicted of possession of small quantities of cannabis for personal use.

10

Revive communities. An FNM government will clean up communities to reduce crime. We will target visible signs of disorder, such as abandoned cars, overgrown lots, and neglected spaces, while creating jobs for at-risk youth. These areas will be turned into safe community spaces, supported by police, social services, and CCTV. And we will restructure Urban Renewal so it delivers real impact, not just in cleaning up inner-city neighbourhoods, but in improving the lives of the people who live there.

FAIRNESS AND SOVEREIGNTY



SECURE OUR LAND



HEIGHTEN SURVEILLANCE



INVESTIGATE POLITICAL ABUSE



END UNFAIRNESS



LIMIT APPROVALS



DISCLOSE DATA

Protect our borders, and restore fairness and integrity to immigration

Initiate Operation SHIELD to restore trust, uphold the law and protect our sovereignty through a fair, transparent and lawful immigration system. This national mission will eliminate political favours and special treatment, while publishing data on entry, citizenship, work permit, and residency decisions for public review. It represents the FNM's commitment to integrity and accountability in every immigration decision.

Secure our land and end illegal occupation by launching a national audit of public and private land occupation, pursuing swift legal action to remove unauthorized developments. We will support private landowners in reclaiming their property, intervening and recovering costs where owners cannot act, and strengthen enforcement of the Immigration Act's harbouring provisions. A permanent enforcement and education strategy will ensure Bahamians understand their land rights, responsibilities and the consequences of unlawful occupation.

Heighten surveillance by bolstering maritime enforcement, establishing the Immigration Reservist Body, and expanding biometric tracking for deportations. We will enhance RBDF patrol operations





and coastal monitoring in partnership with CARICOM and US agencies to deter smuggling, while trained reservists on every Family Island will supplement Immigration Teams. Improved biometric tracking systems will streamline identification and deportation processes.

Investigate political abuse through a Select Committee of Parliament, a strengthened whistleblowing hotline, and a permanent independent Oversight Board for Immigration. The committee will review every citizenship and residency decision for legality and expose any undue influence, and will be empowered to go through the backlog of immigration matters, while the hotline will offer protections and rewards for tip-offs. Once the committee reports, a cross-sectoral board, including government, opposition and civil-society representatives, will maintain ongoing transparency.

End unfairness and enforce stronger penalties by amending the Nationality and Immigration Acts, raising bonds, regulating consultants, clearing work-permit backlogs, prosecuting abusers, and maximizing deportations. We will explicitly bar illegal entrants from ever gaining citizenship, tighten regularization pathways, increase employer bond requirements, and require all immigration consultants to register and disclose fees. Mobile application units and an online portal will eliminate permit backlogs, and any public official who flouts the law will face prosecution, while detention and removal powers will be fully exercised.

Limit approvals by instituting rigorous vetting free from political interference and enforcing renunciation of prior citizenship in every naturalization decision.

We will work proactively with US Homeland Security and other partners to verify flagged individuals' histories before action, and ensure each immigration and citizenship decision adheres strictly to the Nationality Act's renunciation requirement. This will end unwarranted passport and voter registration grants and restore public confidence in our borders.

Disclose data by publishing the overdue migration report and all related findings and recommendations.

After peaceful public demonstrations and an unfulfilled 2023 promise, we will release every detail of our review to demonstrate genuine reform and accountability. This transparent publication will rebuild trust in our immigration system.

Wage war on the illegal drugs trade, which continues to present a major challenge for our nation, fuelling corruption and damaging vital relationships with neighbouring counties.

Both our 10 Point Crime Plan and Operation SHIELD working together, alongside efforts to tackle corruption, will strengthen our borders and crack down on the illegal trade in drugs. We will use all available resources to end the drugs trade, secure our islands and protect Bahamians.

Establish an Independent Oversight Body made up of a cross-section of Bahamians that will ensure implementation of immigration reform and enforcement of legal and policy objectives.

SMALL BUSINESS RECOVERY IN ABACO

“ As a small business owner in Abaco, Hurricane Dorian devastated my business and left what once seemed like years of hard work reduced to rubble overnight.

The destruction across Central Abaco was so severe that recovery felt almost insurmountable. Businesses like mine could not rebuild on determination alone; national leadership and international assistance were critical to helping our communities begin again.

One of the most impactful measures that supported my recovery was the duty-free concessions under the Special Economic Recovery Zone (SERZ). This policy allowed me to replace critical signage equipment and rebuild my inventory without the heavy burden of import duties. Without that initial relief, restarting operations would have taken far longer, if it were even possible at all.

In addition, support through the Small Business Development Centre Bahamas loan programme helped me finance some of the essential equipment needed to resume operations. These targeted interventions made a real difference for small

businesses trying to stand back on their feet. However, years later, many small businesses in Abaco are still rebuilding. Recovery requires sustained policies that support expansion, modernization, and resilience.

Small businesses have demonstrated remarkable determination, but resilience alone cannot replace strategic government support.

Going forward, we need strong, targeted government policies that accelerate business recovery after disasters. Policies such as expanded duty-free concessions, easier access to capital, and structured disaster recovery programmes for small businesses must become a permanent part of national planning.

Small businesses are the backbone of communities like Abaco. With the right policies in place, we can not only recover faster after disasters but also grow stronger, creating jobs and driving economic development throughout the Family Islands.”

Desmond Bootle | D'Signs and Imaging, Abaco

Strengthen the resilience of our islands

Establish the first stand-alone National Fire Department. The department would be led by a senior official and structured similarly to the leadership of the Police, Defence Force, and Corrections. The department would ensure that fire trucks and modern equipment are available on every major island and coordinate with the private sector and international partners to provide rapid responses and strategic support.

Reform the local government framework for The Bahamas, including the introduction for New Providence. This will de-centralise the administration of public services and empower local communities to make decisions on the things that most impact them on a daily basis.

Fund the Disaster Risk Management (DRM) Authority and local disaster committees to protect Bahamians and our islands from the effects of climate change. The Government talks a lot about climate change, but has done little to nothing to ensure that we are protected



from stronger and more powerful hurricanes. The IMF found these challenges threaten to undermine the country's potential output over the long term by inflicting damages to physical assets and eroding natural capital, which is vital to its tourism-driven economy.

Ensure that the islands are environmentally sustainable and resilient to climate change. Flooding in Nassau and Abaco point to urgency. An FNM government would address the longstanding infrastructure issues and implement proven nature based solutions, including mangroves, to address these challenges.

Initiate proposals for sea walls and construct a storm surge berm to prevent flooding and protect against rising sea levels and hurricanes. Not one sea wall has been built under this administration. Disasters disrupt The Bahamian economy and significantly hinder sustainable development, yet this area remains frequently overlooked. Panic buying has emptied store shelves of bread and water amid hurricane fears. This engineered coastal barrier will protect vulnerable communities and critical infrastructure from extreme storm events.

Strengthen our unified emergency response services under a single chain of command, directly accountable to the Prime Minister. The new service will conduct a capacity review and procure modern, off-the-shelf firefighting equipment and appliances suited to The Bahamas' unique geography including securing a firefighting plane and 25 new fire trucks across the country.

Protect the unique beauty of our natural environment and continue to partner with Bahamian and international environmental agencies in the areas of environmental conservation, protection and education. This will include initiatives such as increasing penalties for illegal dumping, proper waste management sites across the Family Islands, establishing an organized national campaign to address the rodent problem, and invest further in our national parks.

Improve food security

Increase efforts to substitute food imports with locally grown and made items, potentially reducing our import bill by hundreds of millions of dollars. This will include supporting agribusiness innovation, improving distribution networks, and encouraging greater use of Bahamian produce in hotels, restaurants, and schools. It will include a target to become self-sufficient in poultry meat and eggs within two years.

Provide additional resources to empower Bahamian farmers. We will make more land available to credible farmers through lease arrangements and crown grants to drive entrepreneurship. This will include establishing six agro villages on different islands. Investment in training, modern equipment, and access to affordable financing will ensure they can increase yields, improve quality, and compete effectively. And to inspire the next generation of farmers we will establish agriculture and aquaculture initiatives in schools.

Create a system of island-wide community pantries for The Bahamas, harnessing the full potential of the large amount of underutilized land on the islands and expanding community gardens. This initiative will expand community farming, improve food storage and distribution, and ensure fresh produce is accessible to all residents while creating local jobs. Local cultivation projects will supply fresh produce while pantries ensure no family goes hungry during times of hardship.

A GENERATION LOCKED OUT

“ I was 25. I had saved. I had prepared. I walked into that bank ready to take the biggest and most responsible step of my adult life.

They told me it would be easier if I found someone to sign on with me.

I was a young woman who had done everything on her own: worked hard, lived carefully, and saved with one goal in mind. In that moment, the message was clear: the system was not built for someone like me.

I am 31 now. I stopped looking altogether.

Six years of my life, and the dream of owning my own home, lost not because I wasn't ready, but because nobody in that system believed a single woman could be.”

Nurse, 31, Eleuthera

“ We started looking for a home about a year ago and it's been a difficult process. Banks want a lot of information from you and the average cost of homes are minimum \$300k. A mortgage would be 3 times the cost of our rent and when we factor in a downpayment of \$30k plus closing costs, it's unrealistic for us as average Bahamians with a dual income.”

Recently married couple, 37 and 33, Legal and financial administration professionals, Nassau



Enforce the 'Buy Bahamian' policy for grocery stores and hospitality sites, reintroducing the scheme utilized under the last FNM government.

Under this scheme, 40 per cent of the food used by every hotel, food store and restaurant must have been purchased from Bahamian producers where available. In government, this scheme would ensure that 70 per cent of the government's food spending is focused on locally produced items, before purchasing from other sources.

Improve housing

Make home ownership more affordable by reducing down payment requirements for Bahamians struggling to buy their first home, and build at least 5,000 new housing units through effectively leveraging public-private partnerships.

So that more Bahamians can own their own home, we will build the new housing units our islands need and reduce the costs and barriers to home ownership for first-time buyers.

Make better use of Crown and Treasury land to ensure affordable homes are available for public servants.

This will open up further opportunities so that public servants like nurses, teachers, and social workers can afford a home of their own in the communities in which they serve. Similar special provisions will mean such affordable homes will also be available to people with disabilities.

Resolve the housing crisis through innovation:

The FNM identified three keys to a housing revolution: (1) Developing and implementing new housing and subdivision solutions that

incorporate innovative designs, building technologies, and land-use strategies to make homeownership more affordable. (2) Mobilizing hundreds of millions of dollars in private and public lands to create a Real Estate Investment Trust (REIT) capable of large-scale

developments that could build and restore thousands of homes over a five-year period, funded in part by a \$100 million injection from the National Investment Fund (3) Reforming outdated laws, reducing public sector bureaucracy, and addressing banking inefficiencies that hinder Bahamians from building and owning homes.

Offer safe, secure, and stylish housing solutions that more working Bahamians at all income levels can afford.

Create a competition among Bahamian architects, engineers, and urban planners to design attractive housing and neighbourhood solutions. These designs should meet environmental standards, be climate smart, have energy efficiency, optimize space use, and foster shared neighbourhood environments that enhance community welfare. Substantial cash awards should be provided for models that meet these objectives.

Introduce support for first-time buyers who can afford monthly rent payments but cannot afford the deposit needed to buy a home.

We will incentivize affordable rental construction and modernize first-time homebuyer tax breaks by making VAT exemptions instant and digital. As well as providing duty-free and other incentives for persons building affordable multiple unit rental facilities for long term rentals only.

Mobilize a portion of the hundreds of millions of dollars in private capital to work alongside public initiatives in making the substantial investments necessary in housing.

Leverage the Government's inventory of land and underutilized public buildings and place qualifying parcels into a public-private real estate investment trust (REIT-PPP). It would: accept Bahamian investor

funds and be managed independently with quarterly reporting and annual audits; fund the development of thousands of housing units, including repurposed public buildings and houses acquired from repossession; and remain independent, with decisions made by a board of directors composed primarily of private investors.

Eliminate outside toilets in The Bahamas by setting minimum living standards for rental properties.

Landlords will be required to meet basic requirements before they can charge rent, because every Bahamian deserves to live in safe, decent housing.

Resolve issues with social service verification and eligibility for rent support. Streamlined processes and simplified criteria will speed up benefit approvals and reduce administrative errors.

Address the legal and bureaucratic hurdles that hinder private housing and homeownership. We will do this by reviewing and updating enabling legislation, engaging stakeholders such as financial institutions that provide mortgages, while ensuring that all lenders operate with transparency. Lenders must clearly outline fees, interest, and other costs, and allow customers the fair opportunity to change lenders.

Introduce a national home insurance programme. A unified scheme will pool risk and negotiate bulk premiums to make flood and hurricane cover affordable for all homeowners.

Defend Bahamians' interests at home and on the world stage

Remain a strong and independent nation. While we will work alongside our allies, to deepen our existing relationships and establish new ones, we will never jeopardize our independence, our values, our prosperity.

Work with our allies to solve our shared challenges. Through diplomacy, economic partnership, and military

cooperation, we will deepen our relationship with our existing allies and forge new partnerships to tackle shared challenges, such as illegal migration, piracy, and international organised crime.

Engage our regional partners to support our efforts to disrupt international criminal elements. We would work to secure the help of our allies, working alongside our undercover national security operatives, to infiltrate and dismantle organised gangs in the country. This regional cooperation would enable us to dismantle cross-border criminal enterprises and adopt best practices employed elsewhere (Crime plan).

Conduct a review of our foreign and trade policy to ensure they are fit for the future. Geopolitics and international trade are becoming more and more complicated across the world. To meet these challenges, we will conduct a review of our approach to our relationships with foreign nations, their investments in our country, and the threats facing our nation – including the readiness of our Royal Bahamas Defence Force (RBDF).

Commission a National Security Infrastructure Audit. This audit will assess the readiness of our military, police, and security personnel, as well as their respective bases, stations, and equipment. This will highlight the livability of all bases, barracks, and family island accommodations and provide recommendations for upgrades.

We would strengthen the National Trade Commission by creating a Board of Trade which leading Bahamian business people will sit on. This will increase business outreach and assess and confront anticompetitive





trade practices which prevent the Bahamian consumers from obtaining the lowest prices on products purchased here at home.

Reform the Public Sector

Improve the hiring and promotion practices in the civil service. Ensure that recruitment and advancement are consistently based on merit, competence, and clear performance standards, in consultation with representative bargaining units. This will create a more capable and motivated public service that delivers fairer, faster, and more consistent results for all Bahamians.

Upgrade outdated systems and create healthy work environments. This means modernizing technology, improving workflow processes, and ensuring that offices are safe, well-maintained, and conducive to productivity.

Introduce flexible working for public servants in appropriate roles, centred around core hours and hybrid working between the office and home. A better-resourced and more efficient workplace will mean quicker services and less frustration for the public. This approach will always be balanced against the operational needs of public services.

Build a culture of respect through trust and open communications. We will encourage collaboration across government departments, ensure that staff feel heard, and create channels for constructive feedback without fear of reprisal. By valuing every voice, we will foster a public service that works together in the national interest.

Make accountability and transparency to the public a part of our culture. Regular reporting, clear performance metrics, and public access to key information will build

trust and keep the Government answerable to the people. When citizens can see how decisions are made and money is spent, they can have greater confidence in their government.

Create the infrastructure to foster innovation. This will include digital platforms, research partnerships, and flexible regulatory frameworks that allow new ideas to be tested and scaled quickly. Encouraging creativity and problem-solving will help the Government respond more effectively to the needs of a changing Bahamas.

Deploy the Government's Delivery Unit. This specialized team will track progress on key priorities, troubleshoot bottlenecks, and ensure that policies translate into measurable results for citizens. By keeping promises on time, we will show that the Government can be trusted to deliver.


Set minimum standards of excellence in our security services. We will pass legislation that sets out the minimum qualifications for senior leadership positions in the security agencies. That change will be accompanied by an open application process and a rigorous interview process.

End political interference within the uniformed branches. No elected official will be able to promote any person into a position who is not among the two top candidates recommended by the respective service commissions.

Modernize the Post Office. The FNM will transform the country's Post Office into a parcel and package distribution and delivery hub in line with current realities and needs. This moves the Post Office from its focus on declining traditional mail service and allows it to participate effectively as a key hub for the digital economy allowing households and entrepreneurs alike to access global markets while creating new opportunities and revenue streams for the Post Office centers across the country.

GRAND BAHAMA

Grand Bahama can lead in maritime, technology, and tourism. Our plan backs local entrepreneurs, unlocks investment, and builds a modern, resilient island economy that delivers good jobs and pride in Grand Bahama.



Redevelop the Grand Bahama Airport. This will encourage investors to the island and will also allow for increased tourist activity. We will also undertake to negotiate the reintroduction of USA pre-clearance on the island of Grand Bahama.

Require the Grand Bahama Port Authority to expand direct participation of Freeport Licensees in decision making of the port area. We will require the GBPA to expand direct participation of Freeport licensees in decision making of the port area, and we will encourage new ownership of GBPA to manage the regulatory environment.

Simplify and streamline the approval process for investment projects in the port area. Once established criteria are met, there will be no secondary requirement for central government approval

GRAND BAHAMA



other than issues of work permits, which shall remain the sole remit of central government control and not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed.

Work to develop a world-class industrial park to attract businesses in maritime, logistics and technology.

Grand Bahama Shipyard is one of the largest ship repair facilities in the world. We will establish a free trade zone to boost this and attract businesses.

Require the GBPA to cause redevelopment, as part of their contractual obligations. The Freeport Port area presently has an abundance of derelict and run-down buildings. As part of their obligations to the proper management of the port area, the GBPA will be required to cause a redevelopment of these spaces.

Support small businesses and regional development of the East and West End. To encourage businesses and growth outside of the port area, we will provide grants and low-interest loans to local entrepreneurs, to stimulate local economic growth and job creation in these communities.

We will establish a tech hub at the University of The Bahamas Grand Bahama campus. We will transform the island into a Caribbean leader in technology, innovation, and digital entrepreneurship. We will work to partner with global tech companies and provide research grants and incentives to establish a new tech hub.

We will designate Marine Zones specifically for Aquaculture. Marine Aquaculture parks will be able to lease plots at a low cost. To ensure this is properly maintained we will establish training centres and partner with the University of The Bahamas and international marine institutions to offer certification in fish hatchery management, aquaculture operations and water quality control. In doing so this will ensure we have a stable supply and protect our environment.

Create a Reef Ranger Program. This will create employment and protect marine life. By employing young Bahamians as full-time marine Reef Rangers, they will help protect our marine zones whilst also educating tourists and monitoring any potential environmental threats.

Establish Grand Bahama as a global yachting hub. We will work with The Bahamas Ministry of Tourism, yacht brokers, and marina operators to market Grand Bahama in top yachting markets like Florida, Europe, and South America.

Diversify the economy by establishing a Grand Bahama Creative Arts District. This would support local music, film, photography, design and digital content production. As part of this program we would offer grants, establish recording studios and performance spaces for young creative talent.

Attract regional and international film makers. The Bahamas has a unique landscape with many international films being made here. We will further develop this by launching a Film Production Incentive Program for Grand Bahama.

THE FAMILY ISLANDS

The Family Islands deserve the same chance to thrive. With targeted incentives to encourage Family Islanders to return, stronger connectivity, empowered local leadership, and essential services guaranteed, we can unlock opportunity on every island.

Create new free economic zones in the Family Islands. These new zones will offer a range of benefits designed to encourage new businesses to set up, for entrepreneurs to base themselves there and bring economic prosperity to the area.

Bring back bank branches to the Family Islands. Increasingly we have seen big banks close their local branches on the Family Islands, leaving islanders without easy access to their money. With measured state support, commercial banks will have a corporate social responsibility as an element of their license to provide access to branch banking in designated underserved islands. The re-establishment of branch banking and establishment of community led credit unions will give more opportunities and provide more jobs.

Fostering inter-island linkages to ensure further development and enhance economic growth to our Family Islands. We will invest in the modernization and development of Family Islands' docks to expand inter-island sea travel and more regular mail boat services.

Redevelop Family Islands airports. Develop airports in major Family Islands in accordance with the Family Island Development Plan, this will include: completing the airport in Exuma, and building new airports in North Eleuthera, and Long Island. We will encourage local airlines to establish hubs and partner with international airlines to boost tourism, trade and services, further boosting the local economy.

Give local government more powers to get things done and empower Family Island local government to provide more efficient and standardized services to residents. Family Island communities know what they need - so we will give them the power to make sure they can approve and manage basic projects without having to wait on Nassau. We will give the Family Islands the powers to control their futures, making decisions around economic growth, development and governance. This will include allowing them to



THE FAMILY ISLANDS



transparently procure goods and services to maximize community benefit. We will also ensure longstanding local government employees are afforded tenure and pension benefits.

Provide Local Government Councils with access to the Family Island Development Fund. This was discussed but never delivered by the current administration. This fund will be used in part to provide Each Local Government Council with a dedicated capital budget to allow for small projects and upgrade of facilities.

Encourage economic growth by mandating each island to develop a strategic and businesses development plan approved by Government. This will ensure islands have a plan and help them prosper. We will also encourage each island to establish an Economic Council. The Council will be made up of qualified professionals to provide counsel on economic growth and overall development of the island economies.

Ensure our Family Islands have essential services for basic health, survival, growth, and stability. Locals must have access to quality portable water, health care, functioning firefighting equipment with trained firemen, hurricane shelters and telecommunications.

All of these are essential for island stability and survival.

Jump start the economy of the family islands.

We will adopt incentives that will harness the growth of our islands, including: government contracts specifically for Bahamians based on the islands, relocation of government offices and ministries' activities to Family Islands where appropriate, and the purchasing of office supplies and materials locally.

Develop and Implement a National Sailing and Festivals Development plan. This will move from ad hoc coordination to a structured collaboration between central government and the key stakeholders in the various Family Islands.

Deliver targeted relief to more projects on the Family Islands. By amending the Family Island Development Act, we will provide greater support on projects focused on employment, social integration, and the championing of locally produced goods.

Provide more direct support for Family Island Volunteer Fire Brigades, including insurance coverage when on active duty. The FNM will always support those who volunteer to protect their communities and will ensure they have the tools needed.

Improve local sporting and community centers. This will ensure that each island has appropriate facilities.

Ensure new homes are built where they are needed. We will give priority to the development of new housing settlements in Abaco, Eleuthera, Exuma and other islands which face particularly severe housing crises.

Develop and implement a legal framework to allow beneficiaries of commonage land. This will allow for legally recognized beneficiaries to make use of the land for housing and development.

FAIRER



FAIRER:

Cracking down on corruption, restoring trust, and giving everyone a fair chance to succeed

An FNM government will:

Establish an anti-corruption regime

Implement a comprehensive raft of anti-corruption legislation that will reform how we hold the Government to account. This will include the Public Anti-Corruption Bill and the Public Officials' Code of Conduct Bill, and the Independent Commission of Investigations Act. We will also update the disclosure regime for politicians to strengthen it and make it more applicable, including introducing sanctions for non-compliance. We will also ensure that politicians are individually responsible for their disclosures. Further, we will partner with global experts to learn from best practice jurisdictions on the work of independent anti-corruption agencies and courts.

Strengthen government oversight

Fully implement the 2017 Freedom of Information Act, beginning rollout within the first 90 days and to be completed within the first year, which will give citizens the power to hold the Government to account. We will make sure the Government is providing citizens with the means to view certain documents related to how decisions are made and how taxpayers' money is spent.

Strengthen whistleblowing protections. Including ensuring there is a single whistleblowing hotline across all government activities, and that whistleblowers have appropriate statutory protections.

Fully empower the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) to hold the Government to account. We will reaffirm and strengthen its independence, formalizing its rules, and allowing it to undertake investigations and hearings on current activities, not just audits.

Place the Auditor General's Office under the supervision of Parliament. This shift will ensure independence from the Executive Branch and strengthen the checks and balances of our democracy.

Introduce Independent Board members to improve oversight within State Owned Enterprises (SOEs). New independent members will be selected by civil society and the business community for key government boards to promote transparency and minimise narrow political considerations in the oversight of the SOEs.

Fully implement the Ombudsman Act and ensure that the Ombudsman's office has the independence and resources to ensure laws, regulations, and policies are being followed. This means enforcing the Act, the appeals process, and establishing the necessary training and digital infrastructure to respond to appeals and to ensure timely answers.

Strengthen fiscal oversight

Reform Public Finance Management Act 2023 to require all Bahamian State Owned Enterprises (SOEs) to publish quarterly unaudited statements in addition to their annual audited reports. We will ensure that regular reporting is made available to the public to end the practice whereby SOEs receive hundreds of millions of dollars every year without providing any details on how monies are spent.

Require State Owned Enterprises (SOEs) to make public statements if and when scheduled audits are delayed. Board chairs and executive managers will face administrative sanctions for non-compliance, with exemptions granted only in cases of national emergencies or clear, documented contingencies. SOEs will also be required to publicly explain the reason for any delay.

Enhance transparency in public procurement

Dutifully enforce the existing laws to ensure taxpayers get value for money in public procurement and root out corruption, cronyism and favouritism. By ensuring existing laws are rigorously followed, we will ensure that the details



of all government contracts are publicly accessible online, ensuring transparency. In cases of exemptions, we will ensure that a comprehensive justification is provided, in accordance with the law, specifically the Public Procurement Act. This will also apply to State Owned Enterprises, which, under Section 5 of the Public Procurement Act 2021, will be required to publish any contracts exceeding \$25,000, along with the method by which those contracts were awarded. We will also strengthen and enhance these laws to ensure liabilities for non-compliance for both the politicians involved and officials who enable them.

Strengthen protections for the vulnerable and uphold equal justice

Strengthen protections for vulnerable people, including women, children, the elderly, persons with disabilities, and the homeless. We will ensure that laws, social programmes, and community services provide security and support where it is most needed. A society is judged by how it treats those least able to protect themselves, and we will not fail in that duty. We will strengthen the

partnerships with civil society organizations and expand funding and support to civil society organizations.

We will modernize the Matrimonial Causes Act and rules to bring dignity to parties seeking to get divorced and the process of custody for children, maintenance, properties and others assets. Parties involved in contested divorce should not be required to give evidence in open court.

Take steps to ensure the gender pay gap between men and women is addressed. We do not have the pay transparency to ensure true parity on pay, with some estimates suggesting women earn around a third less than men. We will ensure that the Office of National Statistics publishes annual gender pay gap reporting.

Modernize the law around parental responsibility to ensure that both parents are able to be involved in a child's life. Making sure that children in The Bahamas can benefit from both parents being involved in their upbringing, including when parents have separated.

Support Bahamian families with the cost of having a family. We will increase the value of the maternity grant by 50 per cent.

Ensure there are shelters in The Bahamas to protect Bahamian women and children fleeing violent environments. Too many Bahamians are forced to flee their homes due to gender-based violence, so we must ensure there are places of safety where they can be protected from serious harm.

Establish a pilot network of adult day activity centres for Bahamians with disabilities. These centres will provide structured daytime programmes and therapies, with accessible transport, and respite for caregivers in New Providence and select Family Islands, in partnership with trusted groups and organizations.



HEALTHIER:

Fixing our health system so Bahamians can live longer, healthier lives

An FNM government will:

Make healthcare more affordable

Ensure that the National Health Insurance Authority continues to expand its scope so that everyone has access to healthcare. Coverage will be expanded to cover catastrophic care including cancer treatment. We remain committed to progressing towards universal health coverage for all Bahamians and legal residents in our archipelago so that people have the security of knowing they can get the treatment they need. We will continue to progress with further expansion, for example to maternity, as quickly as possible whilst ensuring its affordability for taxpayers.

Transform the health system and move towards preventative care. Chronic diseases such as diabetes and heart disease affect too many Bahamians. We will increase awareness and education through outreach programmes and ensure families go for regular checkups by increasing screenings.

Reduce the need for expensive medical travel. By enhancing local clinics and telehealth services, more patients will receive treatment remotely or by their local physician, cutting costly medical travel. This will help reduce the need to travel internationally and within The Bahamas.

Tackle the shortage of medical professionals

Tackle the serious shortages of doctors, nurses and allied health professionals in The Bahamas. We will do this by immediately launching a recruitment campaign for 100 doctors and 200 nurses in the public health system, as well as improving pay and conditions to aid retention of existing staff and slow the exodus of those who train in The Bahamas then move abroad to work, taking their skills elsewhere. This will ensure that we can make full use of the existing facilities available, for example, raising the utilization of operating theatres, and reduce waiting times.

Reinvest in nurses through affordable housing, professional development, certification, and mentoring. Investments will be made in nursing pay, technology allowances, and housing support for nurses, especially on the Family Islands, to strengthen retention and improve the quality of public service delivery.

Develop a comprehensive health workforce plan. This will ensure The Bahamas is able to train, recruit and retain the right amount of healthcare professionals to meet a rising demand for care in the years ahead. We will have a long-term ambition to ensure we have a ratio of doctors and nurses to the population at least in line with the average for high-income countries.

HEALTHIER

Invest in hospitals and clinics

Fast-track an urgent programme of basic repairs at existing health facilities. Under the current administration, we have seen ongoing issues at health facilities without the most basic of infrastructure like air conditioning and hot water.


Redevelop the Princess Margaret Hospital on its current campus and upgrade the Rand Memorial Hospital. We will listen to the four in five Bahamian doctors that have said that existing hospital upgrades are needed, and deliver on the long promised multi-storey medical, surgical, maternal and child health facility at the Princess Margaret Hospital and the expansion and modernization of the Rand Memorial Hospital in Freeport, Grand Bahama. In addition, we will undertake the necessary new construction to meet our people's needs across The Bahamas and complete medical facilities under construction in Grand Bahama.

Expand and upgrade Family Island healthcare facilities. This includes investing at least \$50 million in infrastructure, with a substantial focus on AI and telemedicine.

Invest in new auxiliary health infrastructure to make our health system more resilient. This includes creating a national blood bank, building a standalone morgue and coroner's facility. We will bring a Funeral Homes Bill to Parliament to modernize and better regulate this sector.

Ensure a continued healthy supply of blood by investing in mobile donation units. There have been numerous blood supply shortages, risking lives, we will seek to put an end to this with mobile donation units and establishing a national blood bank.

Invest in future technology and groundbreaking drugs. We will work to improve the availability of groundbreaking treatments, exploring the use of AI in diagnostics, to reduce the time it takes to identify



serious diseases such as cancer. We will also explore new treatments such as genomics to provide Bahamians with the highest quality of treatment.

Invest in infrastructure and hurricane prevention. We have seen severe damage to healthcare facilities in the past, particularly on the Family Islands. We need to be prepared for this, therefore we will invest to strengthen the resilience of facilities so that health treatment will not be impacted.

Tackle the mental health crisis

Deploy mental health professionals in all major community clinics across The Bahamas. Suicides have doubled in recent years. To reverse this, we will make preventative care as an accessible standard service in our 53 main public clinics.

Introduce mental health first aid training for at least one staff member in every public secondary school. The 2025 Global School Health Survey revealed that one in five Bahamians aged 13-18 have attempted suicide. This is unacceptable. We will ensure young



Improve urgent and emergency care

Audit the current ambulance fleet and commit to replacements where required. In light of recent shortages, we will review the order by the Government of new ambulances identified as not fit for purpose.

Address the causes of overcrowding and long waits at A&E. Waits at A&E are unacceptably long, with some exceeding 24 hours. On top of our plans to address the shortage of medical professionals, we will ensure that the overdue renovations of the A&E at Princess Margaret Hospital are completed to the highest standard.

Strengthen quality dental care

Fully implement the Dental Professions Bill and modernize dental regulations in The Bahamas. We will guard against dental scams and ensure people are able to access the right dental profession when they need them.

Ensure outlying areas are able to access dental care in The Bahamas. An FNM government, through the Ministry of Health and Wellness, will work with the dental profession to make sure there are a sufficient number of dental professionals providing coverage in all areas of the country.

people have the support they need and enable staff to intervene early and help at-risk students.

Pilot digital therapeutics in difficult to access areas, including the Family Islands. We will extend support to Bahamian residents unable to access in-person services.

Incentivize recruitment and retention of mental health professionals, with targeted benefits for young doctors and nurses who specialize in mental health and commit to serving in the public system.



OPPORTUNITY:

Improving the education system to give our young people the best chance to succeed

An FNM government will:

Give Bahamian children the best start in life

Continue the expansion of universal, free pre-school for Bahamian children. This will make sure that every Bahamian child starts school having received the best foundation for their future education.

Ensure no students are left behind in school

Make it a national mission to make sure that all children can read, write, and manage basic mathematics by the end of primary school.

An FNM government will declare literacy and numeracy as a universal right. Legal framing will reinforce accountability at every level of government and this goal will be a foundational right of every Bahamian child and the core benchmark for our education system.

Provide personalized learning, with small group tutoring and individualized plans to deliver extra support for students who are falling behind, expanding access to dedicated intervention programmes. This support will be prioritized for schools with higher numbers of underperforming students and tailored to meet individualized needs. International evidence shows that early

intervention, especially in the first three years of schooling, dramatically boosts long-term achievement for pupils.

Introduce a Day One curriculum transformation initiative to modernize the school curriculum and introduce a civic programme, making sure Bahamian history and culture is included. On the first day in office, we will start a comprehensive syllabus consultation and review so we can update subjects, syllabi and teaching materials. A cohesive plan will ensure changes are in place before the next academic year to equip pupils with the skills they need to progress to their next stage.



Phase in a free school transport system to support students from primary school to university. We will implement a phased school bus system that will start by allowing uniformed students to ride public buses free of charge during school days, ensuring transport costs are never a barrier to education.

Reintroduce the technical and vocational school model. This rollout will expand access to technical education in schools, and on the other Family Islands. We will also subsidize professionals to provide after-school technical training for children.

Improve attendance and overall education for young people by expanding after-school and summer programmes to give every child safe, structured, and enriching activities. We will also mandate civic programmes in schools and launch a nationwide mentorship initiative focused on supporting young Bahamians, including young men who are disproportionately likely to be targeted by gangs. These measures will be designed to improve attendance and provide young people with positive pathways.

Address the scarcity of resources needed for teachers and students, including uniforms, textbooks, technology, and classroom materials. We will ease the financial burden on families by reducing the cost of school uniforms for those who need support, ensuring that every child can participate fully in school life. In addition, an FNM government will purchase in bulk the items necessary for the preparation of individual classrooms and bulletin boards throughout the country, ending the need for teachers to fund these items from their own personal funds.

Employers will be encouraged to support parents through the inclusion of personal days in the Employment Act. These changes will be introduced in a way that is fair to both parents and businesses, making sure that parents are able to play an active role in the child's progress at school.

Reinvest in teachers through affordable housing, professional development, certification, and mentoring. Investments will be made in teacher training courses, peer mentoring schemes, and certification incentives, and all practising teachers will undergo regular re-certification and continuous professional learning. Teacher pay, technology allowances, and housing support for educators, nurses, and social workers, especially on the Family Islands, will strengthen retention and improve the quality of public service delivery.

Expand SEND testing and evaluation to every school district so that children are identified early and given the individualized support they need to thrive. Special educational needs will be addressed through dedicated resources, trained support staff, and adaptive curricula to promote equal access for pupils with disabilities. We will also work to ensure that school premises have appropriate access and facilities for disabled pupils.

Encourage more male teachers into our high schools. Men should be encouraged into the teaching profession, giving more young boys strong male role models.



THE NEXT GENERATION MUST STAY

“ My journey has been shaped by a deep passion for science, a commitment to excellence, and a desire to contribute meaningfully to the world around me. As a Bahamian student studying in the United States, I pursued my scientific ambitions with determination, gaining early experience in Immunology and contributing to published research at Emory University. Although returning home to Grand Bahama initially presented challenges, those experiences strengthened my resilience and broadened my understanding of the opportunities—and limitations—within our local scientific landscape.

My career path has taken me from the classroom to the laboratory, from Human Resources to clinical research, and ultimately into the specialized field of Quality Assurance. Living and working in

Canada allowed me to refine my expertise, lead clinical studies, contribute to the development of three COVID-19 vaccines, and ensure regulatory compliance for medical devices and drug products. These experiences expanded my skills and revealed my full potential, but they also highlighted the emotional cost of being far from home.

Returning home has allowed me to merge global experience with personal fulfillment. I recognized that there was no established pathway in The Bahamas for me to continue advancing my career in Quality Assurance at the level of my training and experience. As a result, I transitioned into my own international consultancy business, where I could fully utilize my expertise, contribute to global regulatory and compliance standards, and continue growing professionally in a field that remains limited locally. My journey has shown me that growth often requires stepping beyond familiar borders. To maintain scientists like me and bringing qualified Bahamians back home, The Bahamas must invest in a sustainable scientific ecosystem—one that provides meaningful career pathways, modern research infrastructure, competitive compensation, and opportunities for global collaboration. With these elements in place, the country can not only retain its scientific talent but also position itself as a regional leader in innovation, research, and regulatory excellence."

Samantha Hanna, M.Sc., Scientist & Global Quality Professional

Expand university to nurture talent at home

Develop a Higher Education Strategy within the first year of government to set a clear roadmap for Government support for the University of The Bahamas. This will identify priority areas for growth, establish sustainable funding models, and expand access for Bahamians across all islands. The strategy will also set out how to attract international students and strengthen the University of The Bahamas as a regional centre of excellence.

Support the establishment of a new, larger School of Nursing and Community Sciences at the University of The Bahamas, increasing the nursing programme's annual intake by 50 per cent. Funding will be provided to launch the Hilda Bowen MBE School of Nursing and Community Sciences and a scholarship programme, in honour of the former Chief Nursing Officer who was the first Bahamian born matron at Princess Margaret Hospital. This will fill the 200 nurse vacancies and provide specialist training in community health, midwifery, and advanced clinical practice.

Support the further expansion of degree-level creative arts programmes. We back the creation of the Creative and Performing Arts School of The Bahamas, and will support its continued development, alongside other programmes, helping to develop the Bahamian cultural sector and provide diverse career pathways for young Bahamians.

Support young people into training and work

Refocus the curriculum on digital literacy, problem-solving, and critical thinking, so students are ready for work, apprenticeships, or to start a business. By high school we will expand an offer of vocational training experience through partnerships with The Bahamas Technical and Vocational Institute, which will consult regularly with employers through a Bahamian Employers Skills Consultation, to make sure the curriculum in schools aligns with the skills needed in the workforce.

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Expand High School apprenticeship programmes with technical and vocational institutes across the country. Structured apprenticeships and certification programmes will be expanded to additional industries and will link classroom learning and curriculum development with hands-on industry experience. Partnerships with businesses and unions will ensure relevance to current employers' needs and improve the quality of training received by young people before they enter the workforce.

Enforce the Apprenticeship Act to expand opportunities for Bahamians. A trial will test on-the-job training models, starting with key industries including marine, financial services, agriculture, and tourism, to refine the apprenticeship framework for a nationwide rollout.

Establish a minimum \$100 weekly stipend to help young people enrolled on training courses to gain valuable skills and help address youth unemployment.

Establish a national Bahamian strategic arts and sports programme

Provide up to \$100 million over 5 years to support Bahamian cultural entrepreneurs to ensure they can benefit more fully from our tourist industry as well as their expansion on the world stage. By way of tax incentives and subsidies under one umbrella, this will focus on business built on culture like live Bahamian music, one of our proud cultural exports, including rake'n'scrape, calypso, and Junkanoo, alongside cultural revues, theatrical productions, and Bahamian dance for all ages, as well as other Bahamian owned business linked to the orange economy.

Renew the National Performing Arts Centre, ensuring it has the facilities required to be a world-class showcase of our performing arts heritage. With a sufficiently resourced Arts Director and a year-long calendar of events including the likes of the National Youth Choir, National Dance Company, National Youth Orchestra, National Children's Choir, with approved privately funded shows also offered for visitors and citizens.



Introduce a Cultural Heritage Art and Entertainment Encouragement Bill. This will lay out the framework for the growth and expansion of the various genres of art in The Bahamas.

Increase support for public artistic organizations, including the National Dance Company, to ensure their sustainability. The Performing Arts Centre will also carry out ongoing training in the performing arts for Bahamians of all ages drawing on local and regional expertise.

Support and develop our libraries, museums, and national galleries to showcase and celebrate our heritage and culture. We will continue to support the ongoing development of Bahamian libraries, the National Art Gallery of The Bahamas; and work towards the development of the National Museum of The Bahamas; and continue to work with the Antiquities, Monuments and Museums Corporation to protect, secure and showcase Bahamian heritage.

Implement plan to support Junkanoo and independent commissions, to allow Bahamian brilliance the room to expand beyond Bay Street. We will fund state-of-the-art, multipurpose Junkanoo shacks owned by the Junkanoo

groups or their business arm to help Junkanooers monetize their craft. The shacks would include creation spaces, performance spaces, cafes, recording studios, and gift shops.

Protect the independence of the Junkanoo and keep politics out of the Junkanoo.

Junkanoo is one of the greatest expressions of Bahamian identity, it belongs to no government, no politician, no political party. It belongs to the Bahamian people, especially those who have built, sustained and protected it for generations. An FNM government will

also provide support for new shacks with additional funding, whilst maintaining the independence of the Junkanoo for a secure future.

Support our sporting infrastructure across all the islands of The Bahamas. This will include refurbishing the Queen Elizabeth Sports Centre Complex; creating sporting facilities in the Family Islands; completing the Andre Rodgers Baseball Stadium; completing a 10-year sports infrastructure plan; ensuring there are well-maintained and resourced parks on all major Family Islands; and completing the state-of-the-art gymnasium in South Andros.

Strengthen support for Bahamian athletes competing at the highest levels by establishing a structured high-performance pathway. We will build on existing programmes to provide consistent funding, coaching, and international exposure from youth development through to elite competition.

Put sport at the heart of our communities, expanding access to local programmes and making it easier for people of all ages to take part close to home. By working with schools, clubs, and community groups, we will ensure facilities are active and accessible to build stronger, safer communities, and support public health.

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