

# The BLUEPRINT for the governing of

**The Commonwealth of the Bahamas**

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## Introduction

There are \$4.5 trillion in global capital markets that are available to every Bahamian right now, and \$12+ trillion in natural resources; yet Bahamians are being discouraged from entering and in some cases are prohibited from entering these markets by government regulations. There is a \$1.4 trillion global food exports market, \$1 trillion pharmaceutical market, a \$450 billion seafood harvesting market, a \$600 billion apparel manufacturing market, and a \$500 million recyclable bio-fuel industry, just to name a few.

The BCP will show you what these opportunities and markets are, and how the government will open the doors to these markets to you.

- Mission:* **“ENSURE THAT EVERYONE’S GOALS ARE ACHIEVABLE”**
- Vision:* **“LEAD THE NATION BACK TO A DEPENDENCE ON GOD”**
- Goal:* **“PUT GOVERNMENT IN THE HANDS OF THE PEOPLE”**
- Platform:* **“PUT THE WEALTH OF THE NATION IN THE HANDS OF THE PEOPLE”**
- Message:* **“YOU AND YOUR CHILDREN CAN LIVE MUCH BETTER LIVES”**
- Purpose:* **“REMOVE POLICIES AND PRACTICES THAT DIVIDE US”**
- Objective:* **“ENSURE THAT NO ONE IS LEFT OUT OR OVERLOOKED”**
- Method:* **“SERVE WITH LOVE, HONOR, TRUST AND RESPECT”**
- Priorities:*
1. To restore law and order in Government and the citizenry.
  2. To create hope and opportunities for all to achieve their goals.
  3. To ensure that every Island is developed and becomes self sufficient.
  4. To help develop our combined and individual creative talents and abilities.
  5. To create equal economic opportunities for all and abolish all monopolies.
  6. To assist students and teachers in achieving a B- national grade level.
  7. To ensure that everyone entering the Bahamas, does so legally.
  8. To create a Democracy so that every citizen is treated equal.
  9. To increase national exports by 1200% and reduce imports by 60%.
  10. To assist the Church in proclaiming Christ to the nation.
  11. To develop performing arts and sports training facilities on all Islands.

## The Plan

Within the next 5 years, the BCP will drastically ameliorate the lives of every Bahamian, by removing the policies that have frustrated, and impoverished the nation. Immediately, your BCP government will, within one year of coming to office, refund \$2 billion in VAT revenue to the Bahamian people. This plan is the blueprint of Governing the Bahamas. It follows the preamble of the Constitution of the Bahamas and the paradigm, that inclusion is the solution. Its tenants are love, respect, unity, and self-discipline.

**What makes a True Leader?** It takes a person whose heart is yielded to God. **1 Samuel 16:7** But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for *the LORD sees not as man sees*; for man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.

## National Goals

Spend the first 6 months in office in town meetings throughout the nation, with a view to finding our common aspirations as a nation, and collating them together as one national goal, spanning the next 5, 10, 20, 40, 50 years.

The BCP's National goals include:

*100% employment by 2025*

*80% reduction in murders by 2025*

*70% reduction in crime by 2024*

*60% reduction in imported goods by 2026*

*1,200% increase in exports by 2025*

*30% reduction in the overall cost of living by 2026*

*10% Customs duty by 2025, 0% Customs duty by 2027*

*800% increase in agricultural output by 2026*

*0% illegal immigration by 2026*

*60% reduction in chronic illness by 2025*

*40% reduction in energy cost by 2027*

## National Identity

Most Bahamians do not conceptualize that none of us are indigenous to the Bahamas. We are a conglomerate of African, Haitian, Jamaican, Turks Islanders, American and British people, educated by the British, serving a predominately American Clientele.

We must first know who we are, where we came from and what is the best course of action for our future. Our destiny has been shaped for us, not by us. We must see the uniqueness and good in each culture, and use that as a means for unity, not division.

Most Bahamians are culturally conditioned with a limiting belief system; focused on what we do not have in terms of abilities and natural resources rather than focusing on maximizing what it is that we do have. For every objective you read in this document, there will be someone who will tell you why we cannot achieve it, rather than how we can.



## Restoring Our Heritage

Preserving our past is important in setting a course for our future. We must preserve what records we have of our past and restore what we can. We should forever teach future generations of our past, which is also their past: taking the good and magnifying it; taking the bad and learning from it; ever progressing forward. Your BCP government will create legislature to create, develop, protect, support and fund national heritage sights and historical districts.



Heritage sites throughout the Bahamas will be restored and converted to national museums



## Minimum Wage

The Bahamas is a talented nation, yet there are some who have become frustrated and are unwilling to work. There is little incentive for an adult to work an entire week, only to collect \$210.00. Our national survey concluded that for an individual to be self-sufficient, they need a minimum income of \$399.00 per week. The BCP seeks to direct unemployed and under-employed individuals into a training program to help them to acquire the necessary skills to become self-sufficient. The BCP will assist working adults by supplementing their income to meet the minimum requirements.

“If a man does not wish to work, neither shall he eat” 2 Thessalonians 3:10

## Protecting Bahamian Workers

Our labor laws must guarantee the rights of all workers; and the laws must be upheld by the courts and enforced by government. Safe working conditions, adequate compensation and individual respect for each worker must be the norm.

There is no job in this country that a Bahamian cannot be trained to do. There is no job in this country that a Bahamian should be unwilling to do. Our labor laws should be sufficient to protect all workers and see that they are properly compensated for their efforts. All civil servants (Government Employees) shall have opportunities for career change, promotions and educational pursuits. All will receive a 30% increase in salary.



**Under-employment is fast becoming a great of a threat as unemployment.**



## Individual Rights

The constitution of the Bahamas is not taught in the classroom, yet it outlines the basic rights, privileges, and responsibilities of citizenship. Equal opportunity should be presented to both the rich, middle class and the poor. Most Bahamians are not pursuing their dreams and have no visible means of doing so. Today most are in a job, any job that they can find, just to pay their bills; rather than in the career they themselves chose. When a tourist is a victim of crime, the government acts swiftly and immediately to bring forth justice. The same courtesy should be extended to all Bahamians.



## Inclusive Nation Building

We understand that in order to build an inclusive nation, where everyone is able to develop their talent and achieve their goals, we must start at the community level. Each community must have its needs met; all citizens must see themselves as part of a team: working toward the same objective and a common welfare for all. Truly we must be our brother's and our neighbor's keeper. We must learn respect, honor, trust and caring for our neighbors. Two generations have past not learning these basic humanitarian traits. The current tenants must return to the classroom.



*Each community is better when its members are involved.*

## Focus on the Family

Children should be brought up in an environment where they are nurtured and encouraged to set their goals high, and taught a framework showing how to achieve them. We seek to promote activities that the entire family can enjoy together.



*Do you remember the days when families were happy and stayed together?*



## **Social Inclusion** (The Road to Recovery)

The Department of Social Development (Social Services) will play a key role in nurturing society. Within this Department of Government, are professionally and highly trained counselors and social workers, who are capable of leading the nation back on the right path, if presented with the right tools and opportunities. The BCP shall create those opportunities. We will focus not on social services, but rather on social development. If our society is to become strong, morals must be high, and the family must flourish. We need socially and morally balanced individuals for the nation to flourish.

“Half way” houses will be made available for those in recovery, who are homeless or incapable of providing for themselves. No one will be left, to live on the “streets”.

Through political savvy, our leaders have led the “grassroots” inadvertently into embracing a culture of exclusion and a predilection toward victimization.

The Church as instituted by God is a higher authority than the government. Funds given to churches are for the main purpose of preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom of God, and the government is in no way desirous of taxing church revenue. The BCP is more interested in adding to it. As such, churches will be free from all forms of taxation, and receive 10% of the government’s portion from the Sovereign Wealth Fund.



The nation needs a message of hope, and the church has a major role to play in this.

**“A Better Bahamas starts with the Church”**

## Freedom of Information

Government is of the people and for the people. As such, citizens have a right to know what its government is doing at all times and what their money is being spent on. They have the right to review all bids received by the government; the right to review audited reports of the spending of all government funds; and the right to view all government deals. The BCP will expand the Freedom of Information Act, but it will not be written by the government or attorneys for the government. It will be written by the people, for the people. The people will outline how they want their government to operate.

## The Best of the Bahamas

Bahamians do not generally share in the best that this country has to offer: not the best beach front lots, not the best homes, not the best of anything.

The Quieting Title Act of 1959 will be repealed and recommendations from the Adjudication Bill 2010, the Law of Property Bill 2010 and the Registered Land Bill 2010, will come into effect as law, to protect Bahamian land owners and families with Commonage land, also known as 'generation property'.



*It is better in the Bahamas, but should it not be better for Bahamians too?*

## The End of Dynastic Politics

The world has changed; Bahamian politics has not. We now live in a global economy and this country needs leaders who understand the challenges that our nation faces. No major national issue has been solved in this country in 25 years. In fact, they have all gotten worse.

No longer can we afford to vote for a political party just because of what the founders did for the nation 40 years ago. That era has passed. No longer can a man or woman feel entitled to govern simply because of the party they belong to.

**The Politics of Corruption is the politics of entitlement and has led to systemic poverty in the nation. Poverty deliberately caused by Politicians.**

## Socially Responsible Investing

We encourage corporate practices that promote environmental stewardship, consumer protection, human rights, and diversity. The Elderly should enjoy retirement and have all their needs taken care of. Geriatric care is one of our primary focus. The young should be protected and have a hope for the future. Those in schools and universities should know that several jobs are waiting in their field that they can choose from when they graduate. Parents should feel that their children are safe and have a prosperous future. Equality is the natural state of humanity, yet in this country, there is much frustration in the nation due to inequality of rights and privileges. Your BCP government will ensure that there is a job for everyone, who is willing to work.



**With the BCP, everyone will have an equal opportunity.**

## \$12 Trillion Available to Bahamians

It is estimated that there are more than 1 billion metric tons of oolitic aragonite sand on the seabed of the Bahamas, worth more than \$2 trillion. It is estimated that there are more than 17 billion gallons of oil in the Bahamas, worth close to \$1 trillion. The Bahamas also has natural gas that some expect to exceed \$4 trillion in value; and alkaline mud in West central Andros worth more than \$600 billion. All of these are exclusive of our farming and marine resources, and the value of the land itself. This has been known by successive governments for more than 30 years. Billions of dollars worth of aragonite have already been exported by foreign companies and no account has been given to the Bahamian people. The natural resources of the nation collectively belong to all Bahamians and all decisions pertaining to the mining and extraction of natural resources should collectively be made by the Bahamian people. Still, the greatest natural resources we have are the minds and abilities of the people, minds and abilities that should be encouraged to create, produce, and export.



Our vision: The sovereign wealth fund, generating cash dividends for Bahamians.

## Sovereign Wealth Fund (Shared Wealth)

The Bahamas cannot become self-reliant until the people become self-reliant. While you may not be poor, you know that you should be living better. As long as the people remain poor, the government and the country will be poor. The best thing that can be done for the poor is to teach them how to overcome poverty and give them the tools to do so. Your BCP government will collect 30% of all proceeds from the sale of natural resources. Of the 30%, half (50%) will be utilized by the government, 40% will be distributed in cash to Bahamian citizens and 10% will be distributed to Churches.

49 countries have a funded, Sovereign Wealth Fund. Not surprisingly, the Bahamas is not in that list. China, United Arab Emirates and Norway have more that \$1 trillion each, for their citizens. The BCP's goal is for the Bahamas to have the largest fund in the world, for the benefit of the Bahamian people. Contracts will be awarded by open bids.



Isn't it time for you to be able to take a fun, family vacation?

## Expulsis Piratis Restituta Commercica

This is the slogan Governor Woodes Rogers used when he was assigned to the Bahamas in 1717. It means "Pirates Expelled, Commerce Restored." Every form of piracy and corruption will be rooted out of the nation. The wealth of the nation will be placed in the hands of all the people.



The Pirates are back; this time they are wearing business suits





**ALL DAY, EVERY DAY**



With a 30% reduction in the marginal cost of living, Bahamians will live better lives.

## Foreign Exchange Deregulation

Your BCP government shall remove exchange control regulations to allow Bahamian businesses to open and operate foreign currency accounts in US\$, Pounds Sterling, Canadian dollars, Euros, East Caribbean Dollar, Japanese Yen and Chinese Yuan, to allow for the easy facilitation of payments and the receiving of funds for imports and exports. To this end, your BCP government will open branches of The Bank of the Bahamas International in New York, Los Angeles, Hong Kong, Tokyo, Toronto, Haiti, Paris, and London; to be staffed by Bahamians.

## Banking Deregulation

A positive, non-interventionist approach to banking is needed, as we are of the view that it is normally futile and damaging to the growth rate of an economy, particularly an open economy, for the Government to attempt to plan the allocation of resources available to the private sector and to frustrate the operation of market forces.

As such, your BCP government will deregulate collateral requirements and allow the banks to set their own risk tolerance, so that banks have to compete for your money and not be forced to use the interest rates forced on them by the government. The banks are not as calculable as they are made out to be. It was the government that forced banks to insist on 100% collateral for loans, not the banks themselves. Your BCP government will deregulate banks to allow them to set their own security and collateral requirements based on their years of experience and risk tolerance. If a bank chooses to loan a customer money without collateral, no law should prevent them from doing so.

When banks compete, the borrower benefits

## The Nation's Capital Cities

Nassau is the hub of all economic activity in the Bahamas and is usually the first stop for most Investors and visitors. As such there should be free flow of traffic, excellent communications, uninterrupted supply of electricity and an abundance of fresh, clean water. All Capital cities for each Island will be upgraded to the level of other capital cities around the globe. The BCP will commence with a traffic management plan that can sustain Nassau for the next fifty (50) years with the assistance of Bahamian Civil Engineers.

### *New Providence.*



The BCP envisions upgrades to improve the flow of traffic in New Providence

### *West Grand Bahama.*



The BCP's vision, for the new improved Capital city of West End, Grand Bahama, which will serve as the location for the Office of the Prime Minister on Grand Bahama Island.

### *Family Island Capital Cities.*

Similar upgrades will be implemented on all Islands, where Bahamians reside.

## The Cure for Neglect

Read the obituaries on television and one phrase keeps recurring, “formerly of...” There are Bahamians who for the past 80 years have been leaving the Island of their birth, moving to Nassau for economic opportunities, with the intent of returning home. Yet still today, there is nothing to go back to. Many parents are now telling their children to not return to the Bahamas when they go abroad to college because there is nothing here for them, just disappointment. The BCP shall give Bahamians in the Family Islands the funding and opportunity to develop their Island, as they choose.

“Land is wealth” and the Bahamas government owns 2.74 million acres of it, with a conservative cash value of \$640 billion. The Bahamas Government is by no means poor, it simply makes poor use of its assets, while keeping most of the land out of the hands of its citizens. Yet the land is equally owned by all Bahamians, and as such, every citizen shall share in the proceeds from the sale or lease of crown land.

Through the “Family Islands Development Act”, your BCP government will make 2 acres of land available on the family Islands, along with \$60,000 in cash, to each single person and \$100,000 for couples with a feasible development plan for that land. The act will require that persons take up residency on that Island. Provisions will be made through the Bahamas Mortgage Corporation for families that live on generation property (commonage land) to receive mortgages at favorable rates for the construction of single dwelling homes, businesses, guest houses and resorts.

**“THE GREATEST FAULT OF PRESENT AND PAST  
GOVERNMENTS, HAS BEEN THE NEGLECT OF THE  
NATIVE BAHAMIANS”**

C. E. McKinney

*A BETTER BAHAMAS*



Presented below is a vision for development and diversification of the economies of the Family Islands: the cure for neglect.

**The Abacos:** Your BCP government will open a Bank of the Bahamas branch in Sandy Point, and a sub-branch in Moore's Island. It will improve and upgrade government services and roads throughout Abaco and facilitate the construction of a convention center in Marsh Harbour. Funding will be made available to local farmers, and food processing and packaging facilities will be constructed to facilitate the global exportation of local products. Improvements will be made to clinics and ambulance and fire rescue services in Central and North Abaco. A modern dock will be constructed at Hard Bargain in Moore's Island with a terminal building; disposal of waste will be regularized; and the school upgraded. Construction of a mini sports complex will be facilitated, and weekly Doctor visits are planned.



*Artist rendering that is similar to the planned Abaco Convention Center*

**Acklins:** All public roads will be paved, and a Bank of the Bahamas sub-branch will be constructed in Salina Point. Government facilities such as the clinic, school, and sports field, will be improved. A packing house and food processing plant will be constructed in Lovely Bay and improvised infrastructure are planned for Chester's Bay, Snug Corner and Binnade Hills.

Your BCP government will cause to be constructed: a new harbour in Mason's Bay to accommodate cruise ships and cargo ships. Construction of a chlorine extracting plant with shipments going directly to Europe, England and China; and the linking of Acklins to Crooked Island by bridge, are also planned.



**Andros:** Plans include: making Mangrove Cay a Port of Entry for boats and aircrafts, building a sponge processing plant, upgrading the airport terminal and runway at Andros Town to allow commercial jets; using a fast ferry link to move passengers, vehicles and freight quickly to and from New Providence; building a sports center and a teachers training college with dormitories for out of town students; improving financial services, banking services in Fresh Creek, increasing recreational activities in Love Hill, San Andros, Mastic Point; and a cruise ship port in Driggs Hill, South Andros.



Artist rendering: similar to the planned Behring Point's Eco Resort



Plans include Modern toll free bridges in Andros.

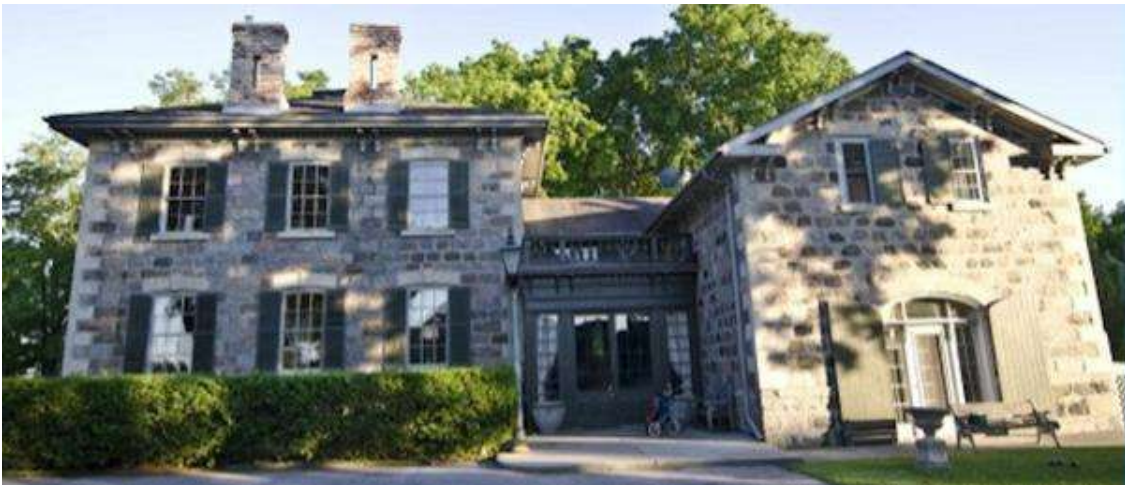
**Berry Islands:** A Bank of the Bahamas sub-branch in Bullocks Harbour; a resident Doctor; a maintained ecosystem that is designated as a national bird sanctuary; and improved docking facilities in Bullocks Harbour and Great Harbour Cay; are some of the plans for this island.

**Bimini:** The BCP plans a repaving of the roadway, construction of dock terminal buildings in North and South Bimini, improved ferry service to transport vehicles and golf carts from North to South Bimini, and a new power plant. All licenses will be issued by Bimini Local Government to ensure that residents decide on all new business licenses.



A 100% Bahamian owned, major Recording Studio is planned for Bailey Town, Bimini.

**Cat Island:** Construction of a new school with a sports field, improvements to roads, improved packing house facilities, as well as funding for local farmers, are envisioned. Arthurs Town, New Bight, Port Howe, Hawks Nest will have additional upgrades. The BCP will create a historical district on the Island of Cat Island, restoring all of the historical homes and landmarks dating back to the 1770's. A New Cruise Port at New Bight will welcome more than 500,000 locals and tourists annually to this important historic Island.



Restoration of buildings; development of historical districts with museums are planned.



**Crooked Island:** Construction of a Bank of the Bahamas sub-branch, paved roadways, improved docking facilities, and refurbishment of existing facilities in Landrail Point and Colonel Hill, are planned. A bridge will link Acklins and Crooked Islands to assist in developing commerce between these two Islands. Weekly fast ferry service between Crooked Island and Long Island, and Crooked Island and Inagua, are planned to further boost the commercial exchange between these Southern Islands.



A 100% Bahamian owned, eco luxury resort is planned for Crooked Island

**Eleuthera:** Construction of a Bank of the Bahamas branch, a desalination plant for the delivery of fresh, drinking water, and a sporting facility; improvement in schools, clinics, roads, and airports; and the permanent repair of the glass window bridge; are all planned for this popular tourist island. A cruise ship port is planned for Rock Sound.



The aquarium planned for Rock Sound, will encourage Tourism growth in Eleuthera.

**Exuma:** We will work to: improve government facilities and service;; improve financial services; improve schools; provide more recreational activities; upgrade the airport terminal; improve the fast ferry service; improve flood drainage and infrastructure in George Town, Thompsons, Williams Town, Rolleville, Rolle Town, Emerald Bay, Farmers Hill, Mount Thompson, and Stocking Island. An international airfreight terminal and international cargo freight center are planned for George Town. A cruise ship port is planned for Farmers Hill.



Artist rendering similar to the Air Cargo Terminal, planned for George Town, Exuma

**Grand Bahama:** Bank of the Bahamas sub-branches will be constructed in High Rock and West End. Your BCP government will create commercial districts in McLean's Town, West End and Martin Town; and enhance residential living in Holmes Rock, Pineridge, and Riding Point. Plans include redesigning Eight Mile Rock into a commercial and financial district; construction of an Agriculture and Marine Sciences University in Freetown, and the development of West End into a capital city, having a Passport Office, Post Office, Fire Station, Road Traffic Office, Cruise Ship Port and the office of the Prime Minister.



Bahamians will train at the new medical school.





Artist rendering similar to the upgraded shopping center, Freeport, Grand Bahama



Plans for Eight Mile Rock, Grand Bahama include (A), a mail boat and fast ferry dock, (B) a shopping plaza, and (C) a resort, on the government side of the harbor.

Additional plans include turning the former Royal Oasis Hotel into a branch of the University of the Bahamas that houses a medical school, BTVI and a Hotel Training College, with a working hotel. The former International Bazaar will become the Bahamian Bazaar, featuring locally manufactured products.

**Inagua:** Plans for this island jewel include improved economic opportunities for locals in business and financial services; a new airport terminal; improved docking facilities with terminal building and twice weekly fast ferry service for passengers and cargo; and improved school and sports facilities.



Every major Island will have a working fire truck and ambulance.

**Long Cay:** Mail Boat Dock built, road paved, electricity, running water, telephone and internet services upgrade are envisioned.

**Long Island:** The BCP will develop Clarence Town into a modern city, upgrade the airport at Deadman's Cay to accommodate jet aircrafts, pave all government roads, improve banking facilities, provide subsidies to farmers and fishermen, create incentives that encourage diverse new business investments, generate reliable fresh drinking water, facilitate cable TV and Internet, improve the opportunities for college and vocational students locally by constructing a branch of the University of the Bahamas with dormitories to serve the southern Bahamas. Mortimers, Seymours, and Deadman's Cay will be upgraded with improved infrastructure, utilities and government services.



Modern amenities are planned for Long Island. (artist rendering)

**You will get better when you vote better.**



**Mayaguana:** The BCP plans these necessary construction projects on this beautiful island: a branch of the Bank of the Bahamas in Abraham's Bay; an airport terminal building; a new dock capable of receiving large vessels in Pirate's Well, with full amenities; a new clinic; and a high school with a sports field. It will pave all roads, work towards the diversification of the local economy, bring improved government services into Betsy Bay.



Artist rendering, similar to the new Mayaguana Control Tower and Terminal Building

An upgraded airport and terminal building is needed to facilitate additional persons traveling to and through Mayaguana, as Mayaguana can serve as a central hub for persons traveling from the Southern Bahama Islands as well as persons traveling from the Turks and Caicos Islands. This in turn will provide more skilled workers and create more opportunities for former residents of Mayaguana to return home to establish businesses.

**Ragged Island:** Improved roads, construction of a government dock, improved government facilities, construction of an ecofriendly resort that is 100% Bahamian owned in Duncan Town, and improved government services throughout the Island; these are all planned for this worthy island.



Due to Ragged Island's Central location, it can easily service as a boaters' haven.



**Rum Cay:** The BCP envisions improved docking facility, upgraded government amenities and services, and an improved airport facility and terminal building in Port Nelson for this lovely island.



The BCP's vision of what roads should look like, on every Family Island.

**San Salvador:** Along with improved roads, government facilities, schools, telecommunications facilities, and financial services; the BCP will ensure this island gets a needed fire engine and a diversified economy. We will construct a series of bridges linking Cockburn Town to Fortune Hill; establish a Historical Museum and Historical sites in San Salvador; and upgrade the airport terminal for local and international passengers: making sure that persons can consistently access jet fuel.



Artist rendering of an Airport terminal building. Similar terminals are planned for Arthur's Town, Governors Harbour, Matthew Town, Cockburn Town and Deadman's Cay.

## Airports and Runways

(Airports on all major Islands will be upgraded to accommodate the largest passenger jets, night flights, and international flights, with full Customs and Immigration facilities).

**Abaco:** Marsh Harbour, runway length increased to 11,000 feet; night landings allowed.

**Acklins:** Spring Point, runway length increased to 11,000 feet, upgraded to full services including refueling, improved terminal building, upgraded to port of entry with customs and immigration.

**Andros:** Andros Town, Congo Town and Mangrove Cay runway length increased to 11,000 feet, upgraded terminal buildings, full service with jet fuel and night landings

**Bimini:** South Bimini, runway length increased to 8,500 and expanded terminal building.

**Cat Island:** New Bight - runway length extended to 11,000 feet, upgraded terminal building and facilities, jet fuel, Customs, Immigration, night landings.

**Crooked Island:** Colonel Hill - upgraded terminal building, upgrade to port of entry, facilitate refueling.

**Eleuthera:** Governor's Harbour, runway repaved, upgraded terminal building, upgraded to accommodate night landings.

**Exuma:** Moss Town, upgraded terminal building, improved parking, improved facilities.



Every major Family Island airport will be upgraded to accept international flights.

**Grand Bahama:** Freeport, upgraded terminal building and parking (Private airport).

**Inagua:** Matthew Town, runway extended to 11,000 feet, upgraded terminal building.

**Long Island:** Deadman's Cay, runway extended to 11,000 feet, upgraded terminal building, night landings, jet refueling, upgraded to port of entry with Customs and Immigration, improved facilities.

**Mayaguana:** upgraded terminal building and runway, refueling, night landings, upgraded to port of entry with Customs and Immigration.

**New Providence:** Nassau (recently upgraded).

**San Salvador:** Cockburn Town, upgraded terminal building and facilities.

\*The fourteen (14) Islands listed on this page are considered, Major Islands, based on population.

Every island in the Bahamas will be given equal care and attention.

## Cruise Ship Ports and Docks

**Abaco:** Marsh Harbour, upgraded; Sandy Point, cruise ship port constructed.

**Acklins:** Spring Point, upgraded with a new cruise ship port.

**Andros:** Driggs Hill, upgraded with a new cruise ship port.

**Berry Island:** Improved terminal building, fuel, lighting.

**Bimini:** South Bimini, dock and terminal building improved to accommodate fast ferries

**Cat Island:** Lovely Bay, improved dock to accommodate cruise ships.

**Crooked Island:** Colonel Hill, dock improved to accommodate fast ferries.

**Eleuthera:** Rock Sound, cruise ship port; Governor's Harbour - upgraded dock.

**Exuma:** George Town, upgraded dock and buildings, Farmer's Hill - cruise ship port.



Photo of the cruise ship port in Grand Turks. It is inexpensive and so simple to build, yet the Bahamas Government has not built any cruise ship ports in any of the family Islands.

**Grand Bahama:** East End, a cruise ship port with terminal buildings.

**Inagua:** Matthew Town, dock improved to accommodate cruise ships.

**Long Island:** Stella Maris, terminal building and dock to accommodate cruise ships.

**Mayaguana:** terminal building and dock to accommodate cruise ships.

**New Providence:** Nassau, entire facility upgraded and renovated.

**Ragged Island:** Dock improved to accommodate fast ferries, terminal building.

**Rum Cay:** Dock improved to accommodate fast ferries, terminal building.

**San Salvador:** Cockburn Town, a cruise ship Port.

It is time to expect more from Government



## The Government

*“When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice: but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn” (Proverbs 29:2, KJV).*

We must adhere to a much higher standard of public and private conduct. Trust and truth must be the hallmark of all Government leaders and every citizen.

We also support the view that Parliamentary Democracy as it is practiced in the Commonwealth Nations infer too much power upon the Prime Minister and much of this power should be in the hands of the Bahamian people. We should collectively work together until this vision becomes one. With shared vision, mutual trust, and respect; then and only then can we move forward as one.



Today's issues are the same issues of 20 years ago. They will not solve themselves.

**Parliamentarians' Responsibilities:** The Parliamentarians of today, are like the Pharisees of Jesus' day: they keep control over the masses by enacting strict laws to keep them in poverty. Laws that they themselves feel that they are above. They love money and are corrupt to the core, never admitting to any flaw and blacklisting anyone who would challenge them. Sure, there were a few exceptions then and there are a few exceptions now. Like Nicodemus, who had a conscience. But he was not the norm.

What is the Parliamentarian's responsibility? When it comes to crime, they say it is not their responsibility. When it comes to certain laws, they say they cannot be upheld. Yet they are the ones who make the laws. When it comes to improving the human condition, they say the country is "broke". When it comes to illegal immigrants, they say our oceans are too vast to patrol. When it comes to unemployment, they say foreign investors need to solve that.

All Constituency offices in each Constituency will be permanent with government employees manning them, to ensure continuity. They will be Non-partisan offices, paid for from Public Funds. They will be **Community Centers of Hope**.

The BCP plans to build a new Parliament, with sufficient amenities for all MPs to meet their constituents.

## Reducing the Power of Government

Under no circumstance should one individual have the sole right to determine who does business in the Bahamas, or what type of legal business a Bahamian can own.

We are of the view that no legislature should be in place that allows the government to act in a manner or fashion contrary to the wishes of the majority of its citizens.

The current system allows Parliamentarians to be overly controlling. All power lies in the House of Assembly and the Prime Minister, but should be in the hands of the people.



Your voice should be heard EVERYDAY, not one day every 5 years

## Decentralizing Government

Every major Island in the Bahamas shall have its own public treasury. 80% of the revenue generated on that Island will remain on that Island, and the other 20% shall be sent to the central government: 10% of which shall be used to run the central government and the remaining 10% shall be pooled in a central fund and made available to service the shortfall of any Island that cannot meet its financial obligations.

Local government officials will be provided with the tools and funding necessary to travel throughout the Bahamas or other countries to seek investment opportunities for their Island or export partners or markets for the goods produced on their Island. Local government in New Providence will be setup as in the Family Islands.

## A Debt Free Government

The current administration borrows, on average, \$200 million each month. Every Bahamian child is born owing the government \$17,493. Collectively, that is close to \$9 billion.



Our goal is a debt free government and ultimately debt free Bahamians

Through prudent cash management and the sale of government common stock in private enterprises, additional cash will be raised. Through a restructuring of loan repayments and interest only payments for the first twelve months, additional cash will be retained in the public treasury. With the new economic policies in place, coupled with the removal of exchange control restrictions, we expect the government to cease borrowing and to pay off all its debt by 2026.

### National Debt Ceiling

There must be legislated policy that limits the amount of money governments can borrow in any one year and a limit must be established for the debt service ratio. A limit should also be set on tax percentage increases in a given year.

**“The lender is servant to the borrower”** (Proverbs 22:7, KJV)

## From Independent to Sovereign

**Sovereignty** (Complete independence and self-government). By the time we celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> Independence celebration, the T-shirts that display our national symbols should be made in the Bahamas. We should be able to print our own currency, and manufacture our own flags. We must get to the place in our collective mindset where the Bahamian Investor is celebrated more than the Foreign Investor. We must get to the place where we are able to judge ourselves and all matters in the nation instead of relying on foreign Judges to make the final decisions in the nation. This is true independence, and as such, the BCP does not support the view of the Queen being the head of state or the Bahamas joining the World Trade Organization (WTO), or any organization that would hinder our ability to determine our own destiny.



## Bahamas Defense Forces

The Bahamas Defense forces will be divided into five major branches: The Bahamas Police Services, Bahamas Navy & National Guard, Bahamas Air Force, Bahamas Coast Guard, Bahamas Customs and Bahamas Immigration. Select Officers from these five units will rotate duties and collectively serve as the National Intelligence Agency, utilizing personnel and equipment from all units as necessary, for the protection and safety of the nation.

From the combined divisions, 200 personnel will serve as counter-intelligence officers to infiltrate crime organizations and simply gather evidence, so that when a criminal is taken to court, a conviction is guaranteed. 400 Defense Force Officers will directly assist the Police Services in a special reconnaissance unit to remove all illegal weapons from the streets; and 600 combined Navy Seals, Air Force Officers and Police Officers, will be deployed to infiltrate and eradicate all gangs in the nation.

## Border Protection

The amount of illegal aliens in the nation is said to be in the vicinity of 50,000, but no one knows for sure. Over the past 25 years, apprehension and repatriation has been dismal, no matter which political party has been in power. All have promised a solution, but, have brushed off their incompetence with perfunctory admissions of failure.



Unmanned MQ-9 Reaper aerial drones with video cameras will patrol our borders daily.

## Bahamas Police Service

The Police Force will operate in the capacity of service and will be more keenly focused on counter-intelligence to circumvent criminal activities. It will have direct accept and support, with personnel and equipment from the Air Force and Navy; and shall operate independently of the Government, as the Commissioner of Police and Attorney General will be an elected officials.

## Bahamas Air Force

The BCP will construct Air Force Bases at the old Government airport in George Town, Exuma, and also at local airports in Inagua and Abaco; with a minimum of two (2) fighter jets on the main base that can take off within two minutes of a distress call.



Air Force Bases will be established in Exuma, Andros and Mayaguana. Defense Force Bases will be established in Abaco, Long Island, and Inagua. Coast Guard Bases will be established in Acklins, Grand Bahama and Ragged Island

## Bahamas Navy

The Bahamas Navy will spend more active time at sea. Weather permitting; there will always be vessels on the ocean at strategic locations through the nation, ready to move into action as needed. They will be assisted by aerial drones that can take off from a ship to cover a wider surveillance area.

## Bahamas Coast Guard

Coast Guards will comprise of a combined division of the Air Force and Navy to assist with Military and Civilian matters.

## Equality of Justice for All

The legal framework in the Bahamas must be characterized by a high degree of transparency, accountability, and integrity. To allow for more equality of justice, it is our plan to put in place, legislature for the implementation of an independent Judiciary Review Board that will be comprised of elected officials and not appointed by Parliamentarians. It is envisioned that all matters pertaining to the appointment, salaries and benefits of Judges will be decided by this board. It is also envisioned that this board will be responsible for the appointment of all judges. The BCP also supports a Restorative Justice program.

We purpose to make constitutional amendments in support of the view that the positions of the Attorney General and the Commissioner of Police, should be elected: voted for by the people, so that they function without influence from the Government. Further the law that provided for criminal libel against citizens expressing their freedom of speech will be abolished.

## The Cure for Crime

Crime is mainly a social ill, and it's main cause is inequality, real or perceived. What type of rehabilitation goes on at Her Majesty's Prison? Murderers are being born and bred in the Bahamas. What are the conditions, circumstances and environments that serve as an incubator for criminal behavior?

The Bahamas has an epidemic of murders, ranking 11<sup>th</sup> worldwide. Most murders in the Bahamas are blamed on gang retaliation, so the question must be asked, why have so many violent gangs flourished in the Bahamas? In 2012 there were 111 intentional homicides (murders) in the Bahamas that has a population of approximately 374,000 persons. In contrast, Serbia had 111 murders the same year, out of a population of 7 million persons.

Your BCP government will start by eliminating the gangs and getting the guns and the drugs, off the street. Next, your BCP government will remove governmental practices and policies that frustrate the citizenry: policies that contribute to economic hardship and poverty. We shall level the playing field so that no one is above the law. Next, your BCP government will strengthen laws relating to crime against the person and domestic violence. Finally, your BCP government will enact educational reform that will teach morality and conflict resolution in the classroom. Collectively we will remove the causes of crime that scourge the nation, by teaching the people how to live better, and providing them with the means to do so. With virtually no gangs, no drugs, no guns and people living happier, more contented lives, crime will be reduced yearly. Your BCP government will dramatically reduce suffering in the nation, caused by malfeasance, and other factors.



The suffering in the nation has become too purgative to bear.

In 2014 the Bahamas ranked 18<sup>th</sup> out of 244 countries for the highest percentage of its citizens in prison (363 for every 100,000). In 2014 there were 1,396 persons in prison in the Bahamas. Compare this to Oman with 1,300 persons in prison, but a population of 3.63 million.



# CONTENTMENT



Contented people are less likely to engage in an altercation or commit crimes.

We shall expedite the legal process, and make legal representation available to all, so that justice is swift, decisive, and fair.



All persons in prison will work, and be charged for rent, electricity, water, food, clothing.

## Habilitation

It is impossible to rehabilitate a person, who has never been habilitated. Habilitation Centers will be set up on all islands with major population to teach persons how to conduct their lives with gravitas. While rehabilitation assumes that the person has been habilitated, habilitation will seek to give the individual those skills and attitudes that they should have acquired as a child, including morals, manners, discipline, and family values. It seeks to replace anti-social behaviors and mindsets with behavior patterns that are conducive to the individual's success in life regardless of beneficence. Persons will be sent to habilitation centers for the following infractions: loitering, drug use, petty crimes, slapping, fighting, rowing in public places, cursing, and disorderly conduct in public places like public transportation or classrooms. Conflict resolution will be mandatory training in the habilitation process.

## The Age of Consent

Under our current constitution, the age of consent is 16, but one is considered an adult only upon obtaining the age of 18. All persons under the age of 18 years are considered children. Therefore, the BCP will raise the age of consent to 18 years, thus greatly reducing the incidents of pedophilia.

## Capital Punishment

The BCP supports the view of capital punishment as a means of punishing the most serious of offenses. Dialog must be initiated so that the public can share its views and concerns.

**Business Ownership Rights** – We believe that it is the right of every citizen to own a business if they choose to do so. As such your BCP government will make it easier and less expensive for Bahamians to start their own businesses. We expect the creation of more than 3,000 new businesses over the next 5 years, which along with the government's assets, will create an additional 55,000 jobs for Bahamians, exclusive of part time jobs for college students, so that they can work while still studying.

**Election Fraud** – Fines and imprisonment will be levied on any person, group or organization engaged in election fraud or voter tampering. Unrealistic statements, exaggerated promises, outright lies that cannot be substantiated, deliberate vilifying of opponents with false information; employed for the purposes of gaining votes; shall be prosecutable by law and will be punished by corporal punishment and or prison time. Public disclosures from Members of Parliament will be enforced, up to three years after leaving office. All funds collected by public officials must be accounted for or be confiscated.

## No Monopolies, No Secret Deals

No company or individual shall agree to collude for the purpose of fixing prices or of restricting the free flow of capital for the purposes of forming a monopoly. No exclusive rights or contracts shall be given to any individual or company for services rendered to the government or its citizens.



It is believed that Bahamian Parliamentarians routinely take ‘kickbacks’ and bribes to award government contracts; yet most persons see nothing wrong with this practice. Upon taking office, the BCP will immediately seek application from Bahamian individuals, corporations, and organizations, for the granting of licenses for Banks, Cable companies, Internet Service Providers, Telecommunications, and Electricity and Water Distribution services. Additionally, all persons currently operating as taxi drivers or public bus drivers, can apply for and receive their own franchise, if that is a desired goal.

## Energy Security

The BCP’s overall plan includes reducing energy cost by up to 70%. Your BCP government, will seek Bahamian inventors, scientists, and engineers, who can produce engines that can run entirely on recyclable bio-fuel, and design a national energy grid that utilizes solar, wind, ocean, and geo-thermal turbines to produce low-cost energy.



Solar panels will be installed on the roofs of many government buildings, reducing the need for large plots of land. They will make up a part of the national solar grid.



**Natural Gas & Plasma:** Natural gas is found in abundance throughout the Bahamas, but this natural resource has not been utilized to serve the Bahamian people. Your BCP government will reduce the cost of marine fuel by 50% by assisting marine operators in converting their gasoline engines to natural gas. Similar savings are expected with vehicles and public transportation. Carnival Cruise Lines announced that its newest ship, the Mardi Gras, the largest it has ever built, will be powered by liquefied natural gas. We will fund research into the use as plasma as an unlimited energy source.



Under your BCP government, Natural gas will be harvested and used throughout the Bahamas.

## **The New Economies** (*Digital, Green, Blue, Orange*)

Labor creates wealth, which is why the rich create businesses and hire employees. Currently, the exogenous earnings (excluding taxes and customs duty) of our government are the basis of growth for the Bahamian economy, but there is a much better way. The non-egalitarian values of Bahamian society has created a disparity between the lowest paid worker and the leaders of the nation; yet the Bahamas is richly endowed with natural resources, including petroleum, solar power, seafood, government owned land, salt and its related minerals, forests and raw talent in the people.

**The Digital Economy** (valued at \$3 trillion) refers to an economy that is based on digital computing technologies, although we increasingly perceive this as conducting business through markets based on the internet and the World Wide Web. Your BCP government will move the Bahamas into the age of the Hypernet, by moving beyond WiFi to the LiFi.

**The Green Economy** is defined as economy that aims at reducing environmental risks and ecological scarcities; and that aims for sustainable development without degrading the environment.

**The Blue Economy** is the "sustainable use of ocean resources for economic growth, improved livelihoods, and jobs while preserving the health of the ocean ecosystem."

**The Orange Economy**, also known as the Creative Economy, is the bringing together of sectors of the economy "whose main purpose is the production or reproduction, promotion, dissemination and/or the marketing of goods, services and activities that have cultural, artistic or patrimonial content"



## Becoming a Producer Nation

Our economic goals for the nation include the following within five years: export 80% of what we produce locally, thereby exceeding \$13.19 billion in exports and significantly adding to GDP; eliminate the trade deficit, while providing the funds to repay the national debt; create high paying jobs, and drive growth in the economy. According to eMarketer's, worldwide ecommerce sales were \$1.5 trillion in 2014. Growth was primarily from online and mobile user bases in emerging markets. Your BCP government will revise the Bahamas' archaic policies and practices and facilitate the opening of US\$ accounts locally for Bahamian business. We aim to make exporting goods as easy as importing them.

**Projected annual exports by 2026** (*exports mainly to Germany, Europe, Canada, USA*).

Pharmaceuticals	\$ 2.50 billion
Agricultural Produce	\$ 2.90 billion
Education	\$ .50 billion
Seafood	\$ 1.20 billion
Mari culture Products	\$ .20 billion
Clothing & Accessories	\$ 1.40 billion
Processed Foods	\$ .80 billion
Ethanol	\$ .74 billion
Electronic Components	\$ .25 billion
Satellite Feeds	\$ .15 billion
Solar Panels	\$ .25 billion
Music	\$ .20 billion
Art	\$ .10 billion
Literature	\$ .10 billion
Movies & Television Shows	\$ .40 billion
Jewelry	\$ .15 billion
Perfumes	\$ .10 billion
Salt, Minerals and Chlorine	\$ 1.25 billion
Total	\$13.19 billion



New incentives will encourage Bahamians to farm for local consumption and export

Barbados exports \$14 million worth of alcoholic beverages annually, Jamaica \$24 million, USA \$174 billion, worldwide \$1 trillion. The Bahamas imports and consumes all types, so, why can we not create incentives for Bahamian Businesses to produce, and export?

It is an established fact that no nation has ever become wealthy that did not have a considerable amount of exports. Most Bahamians do not have the money to invest, but the BCP will change that. Through the Bahamas Development Bank, your BCP government will provide non-collateralized funding for Bahamians who are interested in manufacturing or exporting..



According to the Global Recreational Boating Industry Analysis and Forecast 2010-2015 by Lucintel, the value of global recreational boat market shipment was \$18.21 billion in 2009 and is expected to grow to \$27.8 billion by 2015.



*The Bahamas is well positioned to manufacture mega yachts*

Alkaline mud is found in West Andros and North Grand Bahama



The raw ingredients for sheet rock, joint compound and paint is formed naturally in the warm waters of the Bahamas. Your BCP government will assist Bahamians in bringing these products to the local and global markets.



Andros Island abounds with more than 40 species of export quality orchids, including vanilla orchid, which is a \$1 billion industry..

Brilliant ideas can become commercially viable. Some ideas we will explore for the betterment of the nation include the following, but are not limited to them: extracting chlorine from sea water, Pharmaceuticals, Prescription Drugs, Electronic Components manufacturing, Electronic Circuit Boards, Small Appliances, Bahamian Music, Bahamian Movies & Television Shows, canned foods, canned tuna, tomato pastes, ketchup, canned pineapples, other canned produce and solar panels.



Foreign companies sell their brands worldwide, so can Bahamians.



The Bahamas has many products that can be processed and sold both locally and globally.

The Phensic brand of Aspirin, is well known to Bahamians. It is made in the United Kingdom and sold all over the world, not because it is the cheapest product for pain relief, but because it works. It is not about the price. It is about creating a quality product and telling people about it. There are many smart phones made in America that are much cheaper, so why do Americans, Bahamians, and people from all over the world, buy the Samsung Galaxy 10, made in South Korea?



Bahamians are smart and capable but need opportunities.

## Global Trade

The Bahamas imported \$3.4 billion worth of goods excluding services in 2011, according to figures from the Department of Statistics. In contrast, the Bahamas exported a dismal \$232 million worth of goods during the same period. For our country to flourish your BCP government will assist Bahamians in increasing our exports to a minimum of \$13 billion and our GDP to a minimum of \$24 billion. As a nation, we must produce more than we consume and export the excess. The BCP holds the view that based on our natural resources and population size, we should export 600% more than we import.

**Bamboo Products:** Bamboo, the fastest growing plant on earth, grows easily in the Bahamas and can be processed into many products.



*Bamboo products is a \$100 billion a year industry.*

**Banana Plant products:** Banana trees were widely used for making fabrics before cotton was affordable and readily available. The raw materials come from the stem that farmers leave in the garden after a banana harvest. The tree stalks and leaves are removed and processed into cloth.



Other natural local textiles include: Pina, Sisal, Coir and Agave fibers..



## Exports

As a national goal, the BCP seeks to have our exports exceed our imports by 2026. The BCP government will assist Bahamians in setting up import businesses in other countries, to receive Bahamian products and distribute them throughout the nations of the world.



Pina, derived from the pineapple stalks makes an excellent fabric, and can be woven and exported.

The BCP will assist Bahamians in setting up global distribution centers and warehousing in the major cities of the world, whereby Bahamian products can be received into those countries and distributed.

The Bahamas Constitution Party (BCP) shall generate wealth through productive knowledge, innovation, and enterprise. Manufacturing creates wealth by taking goods of lower value, adding knowledge and labor, and creating higher value.

Funding will be provided so that much of the Bahamas can be turned into agricultural farmland for cattle, sheep, goats, fruits and vegetables; further reducing our dependency on foreign imports. The more we produce, the more jobs are created, and the more our economy grows.

About 1% of the land area in the Bahamas is used for farming. Compare this to the 67% of Florida's land area being used for this purpose.

A partial list of items that will be produced in the Bahamas:

Peanut Butter	Potato chips	Toilet paper
Guava Jam	Corn chips	Dish Washing Liquid
Strawberry Jam	Nachos	Laundry detergent
Goat Milk	Corn flakes	Caps & Hats
Cheese	Breakfast Cereals	Conch Shell Cameos
Soy Milk	Cheese Doodles	Hand towels
Soy Sauce	Cookies	Napkins
Sugar	Lime juice	Soaps
Mango cider	Orange juice	Towels
Yogurt	Chocolate	Bed sheets
Barbeque Sauce	Chocolate candy bars	Clothing
Ketchup	Coconut flour	Shirts
Almond milk	Breadfruit flour	Socks
Coconut sap sugar	Corn flour	Underwear
Coconut water	Spaghetti	T-Shirts
Coconut milk	Noodles	Suits
Coconut oil	Grits	Leather handbags
Coconut milk ice cream	Salt	Shoes
Peanut oil	Honey	Leather belts
Corn oil	Tomato paste	Ethanol
Spaghetti sauce	Ice tea	Soil
Cream	Canned Pilchards (sardines)	Sod
Recycled products	Canned Tuna	Cement
Tomato sauce	Place mats	Ethanol
Salad Dressing	Mulch	Paper
Butter	Dog food	Bamboo Flooring

**Agriculture supplied \$1.053 trillion to the US gross domestic product in 2017.**

## Agriculture and Permaculture

Your BCP government will assist farmers with cattle, goat and sheep farming in Mortimer's, Long Island; Point Howe, Cat Island; Twin Lakes, Andros; Hatchet Bay, Eleuthera; East End, Grand Bahama; Chester's Bay, Crooked Island; Cherokee Sound, Abaco; and Betsey Bay, Mayaguana. Hatchet Bay, Eleuthera will relive its glory days.



**Corn** will be produced and processed in large quantities for human consumption and industrial use: flour, grits, cornmeal, cereals, animal feed and ethanol. Our goals include turning 500,000 acres of limestone, into agricultural fields. Island wide

## Reserve Food Supply

As a nation, we must have a minimum of 3 years storage of dry goods, grain, and water to supply the people, in case of drought, excessive rain and/or bad weather

## Food Security

**Agribusiness:** The global food and agricultural industry for 2014 was an approximately \$7.6 trillion market, according to Plunkett Research estimates, or about 10% of global GDP. Less than 1% of the Bahamas's GDP comes from agriculture, compared to 6.7% in Jamaica. Global food exports totaled \$1.38 trillion in 2012, according to the World Trade Organization. The Bahamas Government owns 2.74 million acres of land: land that it has been holding for hundreds of years with no plans for its use or development. Your BCP government will financially assist Bahamians with their plans to create economic opportunities and jobs for other Bahamians. Inclusion is the only solution, to reducing our dependency on imported food. Volume is the key to discounts. Your BCP government will put in place the mechanism for Bahamian farmers to produce and export their produce in abundance.



### **Imagine a Bimini Burger, made with...**

*Long Island lamb, served on an Abaco coconut flour bun, fried with Grand Bahama coconut oil, embellished with Cat Island Lettuce, Eleuthera goat milk cheese, Acklins tomatoes, New Providence ketchup, Berry Island mustard, Crooked Island mayonnaise, Exuma onions, Rum Cay pickles, San Salvador black pepper, Inagua salt, Mayaguana sesame seeds; and washed down with chilled Andros Coconut Water. We CAN do it!*

**Irrigation Systems** will become a reality, particularly as they are vitally needed in the growing of oranges and limes; and it is the BCP's intention of assisting local farmers to produce orange juice and lime juice on a large scale for local consumption as well as for export .



Israel is a major exporter of fresh produce and a world-leader in agricultural technologies, despite the fact that the geography of the country is not naturally conducive to agriculture.



**Hibiscus** is used widely in Egypt for the treatment of cardiac problems and nerve diseases; and has been described as a diuretic. In Iran, drinking sour tea for the treatment of hypertension is a popular practice. It has been used in the treatment of cancers. The mucilaginous leaves are used as a topical emollient in Africa.

In Western countries, hibiscus flowers often are found as components of herbal tea mixtures.

*In the Bahamas, hibiscus is used as a decoration.*



Hibiscus

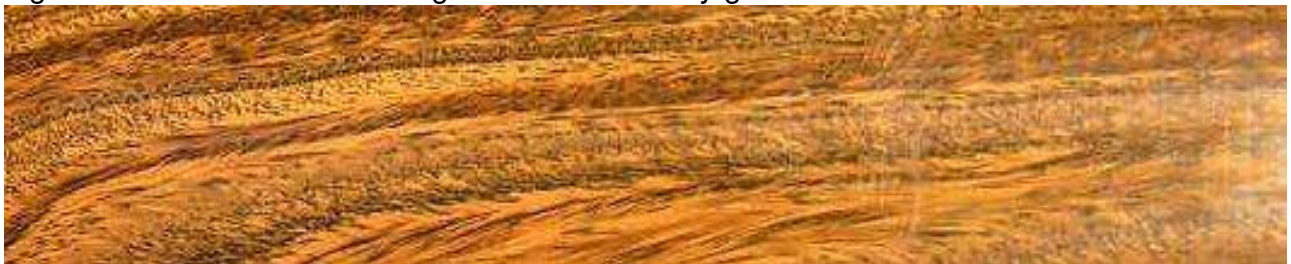


Oleander

In African nations, **Oleander** is used for heart conditions, asthma, epilepsy, cancer, painful menstrual periods, leprosy, malaria, ringworm, indigestion, and venereal disease.

*In the Bahamas oleander is used as a decoration.*

**Lignum vitae** has been an important export crop to Europe since the beginning of the 16th century. It is hard and durable; and is also the densest wood traded. On the Janka Scale of Hardness, which measures hardness of woods, lignum vitae ranks highest of the trade woods. Lignum Vitae is easily grown in the Bahamas.



*Lignum vitae, grown in the Bahamas, makes an excellent hardwood flooring.*

In some countries, **Yellow Elder** is used in the making of firewood and charcoal. The wood is used in the construction of buildings and the leaf infusion is taken orally for diabetes and stomach pains; a strong leaf and root decoction is taken orally as a diuretic, to treat syphilis or for intestinal worms.

*In the Bahamas, yellow elder is used as a decoration.*



**Honey** production in the United States is valued at \$20 billion annually. The Bahamas will produce honey for local consumption and for export.



### **Sod Production**

St. Augustine (crab) grass is the most common type of sod imported into the Bahamas.

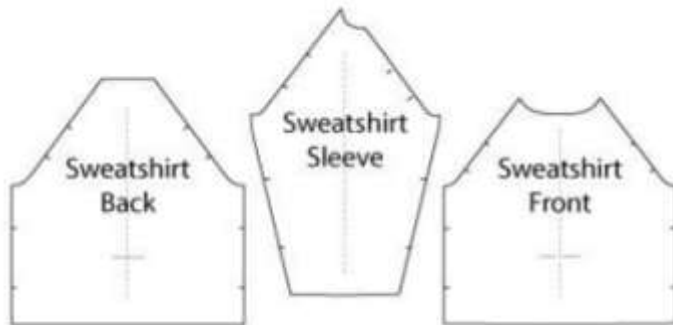


*Why import it when we can grow it?*

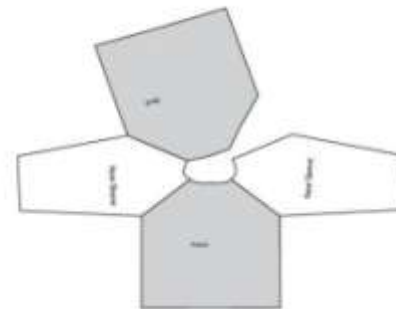
## Natural Fabrics Manufacturing

**Wool** produced from the shearing of sheep and goats will be processed into wool fabric and sold to local garment manufacturers for the tailoring of high quality suits and sweaters. Hides from cattle will be used for the processing of leather to be used for the making of belts, handbags, shoes, and other leather goods. Cotton will be cultivated and woven into fabric for the production of sheets, underwear, dress shirts, and t-shirts.

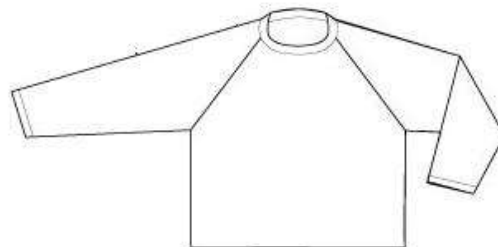
*Here are the basic parts to sew a sweatshirt*



*Here is how the parts are laid out*



*Here is the completed sweatshirt*



Do we really need America or China to sew together a sweatshirt for us?

Cotton is still the most common material used in clothing manufacturing.

## Designer Clothing Manufacturing

Global apparel manufacturing is a \$600 billion market. Brands like Gucci, Fendi, Prada, all had humble beginnings. While the major name brands have made their mark, many niche markets are still open. A wealthy global population wants quality, comfort, fashion, and style. They do not care much about the price. Do not think for a moment that the Bahamas cannot compete in this arena because of production costs. If you have ever owned a Brioni men's suit costing \$5,400 or a \$650 Dress Shirt, then you realize it is not about the price, it is about fashion and quality.

Your BCP government will form the National Fashion Institute, which will implement training at local colleges for persons interested in the fashion and garment industry.



Quality suits made with Bahamian wool, will be tailored by Bahamians for export.

Your BCP government will assist local designers in hosting international fashion events and assist them in taking their fashion designs to the international market.



## Mariculture

Every effort will be made to protect our precious marine resources from destruction. Bahamians engaged in fisheries must be kept safe at sea. The cost of marine fuel and fishing equipment must become more economical to ensure that the cost of seafood is more affordable for Bahamians. Tax will be levied on non-resident export fish for personal consumption. Headed by the National Food Security Council, this new government will put in place initiative to be overseen by the council to assist the Bahamas in gaining greater access to seafood harvesting, a \$700 billion global market.



Fish canning facilities are a key to increasing our exports.

***'Empower Bahamian Fishermen'***



## Health and Wellness

The number of Bahamians dying from illness far supersedes those dying from homicide. As such the BCP views the physical and mental health crisis facing our nation as a national crisis greater than that of violent crimes. The Bahamas Constitution Party (BCP) seeks to promote healthy lifestyles and incentives to reduce the cost of healthy foods, fruits, vegetables, fish, and exercise equipment. Bahamian students will be taught the correlation between the food we eat, the amount of exercise we get, and our health. More focus will be placed on mental illness, its prevention, treatment and cure. Through the use of Single-photon emission computed tomography (**SPECT**), our clinicians will be better prepared to detect and to prevent deviant and criminal behaviors.

**Pharmaceuticals:** Global spending on prescription drugs now exceeds \$1 trillion annually; yet this is a market that has remained untapped by Bahamians. The BCP will fund major research to scientifically determine the validity of the healing properties of “bush” medicines. If such discoveries prove positive, your BCP government will assist Bahamian Medical Researchers with funding for the development of major Bahamian owned pharmaceutical companies to produce prescription medicine for the global market. Your BCP Government will fund research into the mud in Andros and the great Bahama Bank, to determine its medicinal benefits.

## Natural Medicine Research Center

Natural Medicine Research centers will be established in Andros and New Providence. Most prescription drugs have side effects; most natural remedies do not.



Aloe is mentioned in the bible and has been used for its medicinal qualities for thousands of years.



Cerisee, grown wild in the Bahamas is known globally for its healing properties.



Fever grass is believed to have medicinal properties.



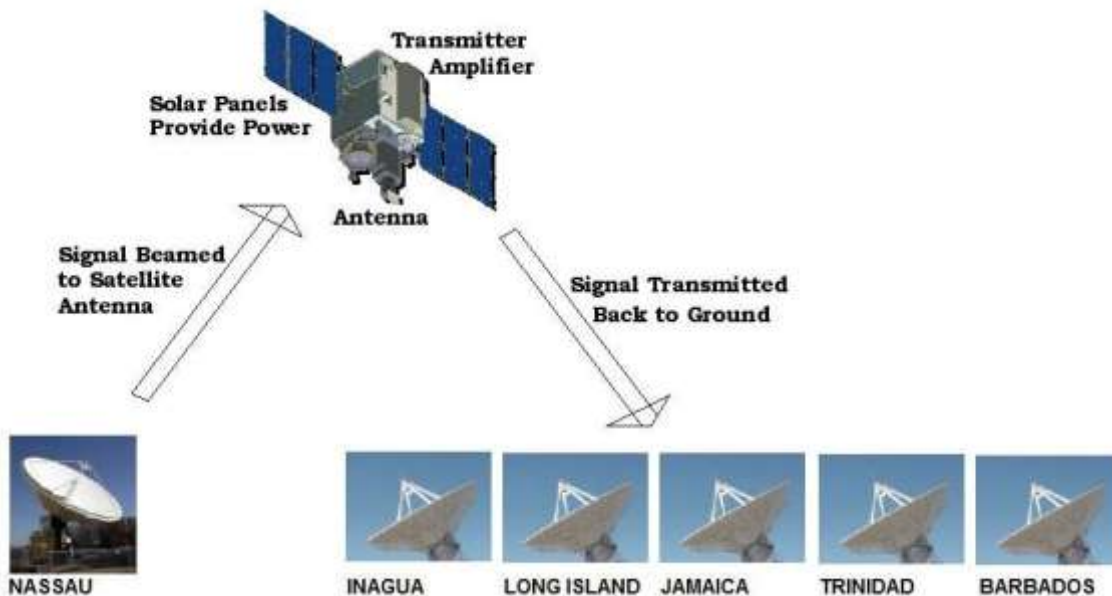
Activated charcoal is made from coconut shells and is used in hospitals worldwide.

## Telecommunications, Electronics and Satellite Development

Bahamians have not generally seen themselves as inventors, but nothing prevents them from this distinction. Cellular telephones, Ipads and computers are becoming more popular in use. Applications (apps) for these devices are being created by children still in high school with computer programming knowledge and creative minds. Some of these apps have sold for millions of dollars. Can high school students or adults in the Bahamas create “apps” for cellular phones and computers? Yes, they can.

Yearly there is much opportunity loss among our talented population. This has been occurring for decades. One must ask why? It is a valid question and it deserves a well thought out answer.

As global communication capabilities are key for local and foreign business to function, your BCP government will implement a fixed basic rate structure for telecommunication, to significantly reduce the cost of telecommunications. Individuals will also benefit from the same low rates.



The BCP plans include the launch of the Bahamas' own communications satellite by 2025

Our plans call for the launch of a Bahamas Telecommunications Satellite, by which BTC, Cable Bahamas, local communications entities and other nations are able to rent space. This will also reduce the need and cost associated with using foreign overseas carriers. Excess funds collected will be deposited into the sovereign wealth fund.

All funds collected for the people will be deposited into a Sovereign Wealth Fund, and distributed equally, on an annual basis to all Bahamians.

## Egalitarianism (Equal Rights)

The Bahamas' constitution guarantees all persons equal rights as human beings. The BCP does not support any law, policy or practice that hinders or prevents its citizens from obtaining a job, business, contract, or such things that are necessary for their wellbeing and safety.



Relationships should be based on mutual respect and fairness.

*“So, God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God He created them; male and female He created them”. Genesis 1:27.*

## Young Persons

The Bahamas has been endowed by its Creator, with a Super Abundance of Creative and Talented Young Persons. Young men, the BCP understands your dreams and your disappointments. Tell us what you need. It is our job to make it happen. Young ladies, tell us what you need to take your rightful place in the nation. Our plan includes investing \$1 billion over the next five years to assist with the development of the varied talents of young persons in the nation. Not only shall the BCP invest money in our youth, your BCP government will keep them safe, help them become educated and take their education as high as they hope to achieve; while providing the love, nurturing, guidance and skills that they need to achieve their goals. None will be left out.



Our young people have God given talents, yet only 19% of them have a University degree. The BCP will make higher education available to all.

## The Environment and Conservation

It is time to review harmful practices that have been going on for decades. Cross contamination is a much larger problem than most realize, and no real effort is being made to check it. We cannot continue to flush bleach and other cleaning solutions down our drains and into the ground and not expect a negative effect. We cannot continue to let oil and gasoline drip into our water table. Our mangroves and reefs are in danger. Established organizations seeking to preserve the environment will receive funding from the government as these groups function as a check and balance system; and government will rely heavily on their advice prior to approving any new development that affects people, animals, marine life and the environment.

Government must take the lead in preserving, protecting, and restoring our fragile eco system. Massive dredging projects that destroy coral reefs must cease, regardless of financial benefit. Oils from mechanic shops and power plants must not be allowed to contact the ground. The BCP has made it a national goal to restore and preserve our environment and your BCP government will begin in the classroom.



Protecting our eco system and environment are national priorities.





## National Recycling & Upcycling Plan

Your BCP government will cause the establishment of a metal recycling plant and a cardboard and paper recycling plant to reduce our waste. The BCP will clean up the nation of all discarded and rusting vehicles and machinery. The BCP will guard, protect, and preserve our environment for future generations to enjoy. Trees removed when clearing a lot will be turned into lumber and paper. Paper, boxes, and cans will be recycled locally. Banana and potato peels and skins from fruits and vegetables will be used to make compost soil. You will receive cash for your recyclable garbage that is collected. Your BCP government will seek out Bahamian Environmentalists and Bahamian Scientists focused on recycling, so that very little will be wasted or discarded.



**A vehicles contains numerous metals including: copper, lead, aluminum, iron, steel, titanium, magnesium, as well as platinum, silver and gold in its electronics circuitry, all of which can be recycled.**

Now you can get paid for your junk, trash and garbage.

**Upcycling**, also known as creative reuse, is the process of transforming by-products, waste materials, useless, or unwanted products into new materials or products perceived to be of greater quality, such as artistic value or environmental value. For example fishermen can sell fish guts to be used to make fertilizers and fish scales can be used in making lipstick. Seaweed that washed up on shore can also be used as a fertilizer. From turning old tires to electricity, or banana waste to hair extension, rugs or fabrics, the BCP will provide funding for upcycling factories.

## Transportation

Your BCP government will improve roadways, beginning with the most neglected roads on the family Islands; improve the public transportation system and implement public transport throughout the nation. As the wealth of the nation increases, the amount of vehicles on the street will also increase. This creates a problem, particularly for Nassau, which is already experiencing significant traffic jams. Our plan includes properly managed, reliable, and safe National and School Bus System on all Islands,. Our plan also calls for a 50 year traffic management plan for Nassau. The BCP will seek the best local civil engineers to outline a plan that can manage traffic and a smooth rate right into the next century: with a minimum of maintenance and without constant digging and patching. Bonded vehicles will no longer have restricted boundaries.

**Maritime:** The BCP will improve infrastructure to allow cruise ships to dock at cruise ports and wharfs in all of the major the family Islands. Additional your BCP government will continue the expansion of international vessel registry. The BCP will also seek a partner, local or foreign for a ship repair facility in Andros. Upgrading of the cruise port in Nassau and the construction of a modern cruise terminal building are also planned.

**Aviation:** By expanding and equipping family Islands to receive jet aircrafts, your BCP government will open the gateway so that all of the Bahama Islands can benefit from tourism, domestic and foreign and airfreight. Family Islands will be able to receive express packages and freight the same day. The BCP will seek to make the Bahamas a center for cargo aircraft registration.



Photo courtesy The Boeing Company.

Bahamasair will become profitable, leasing more fuel efficient aircrafts and more profitable routes including Hong Kong, Milan, London, and Toronto.

## Bahamian Scientists

Why are there no Bahamian Scientists? Look at the government's own college, you will not find any advanced degrees in the scientific studies. This will change for the sake of harnessing the creativity and inventive nature of the Bahamian people.



The BCP believes that the God referenced in our constitution, is the ultimate creator and endows us with a portion of His creative abilities. The Bahamas is a nation that sincerely believes in God. As such, the BCP seeks to see creativity and witty inventions coming from the minds of Bahamians. Your BCP government will create the environment and financing to help Bahamians turn their ideas into reality.

## Think Tanks

Creativity and Invention should be the hallmark of the average Bahamian. Watch the TV Show, Shark Tank, and ask yourself, “Are Bahamians just as smart?”

It is a little known fact that creativity and invention are not based on intellect. The Russian and Chinese people have intellects equal to other nations. They have great universities and also attend the best universities in Britain and America. Yet no invention comes out of these nations. This is why they spy upon the inventions of other nations, then copy and try to improve upon these inventions.

Creativity and invention are of a nonphysical nature: coming out of what scientists refer to as the sub-conscious part of the mind. Yet, they will admit that the sub-conscious mind is not a function of the brain. So, what is it? Simply put, it is the portion of the human mind that communicates with its creator. The Creator of the human race created a means of placing creativity and inventiveness directly into the human mind. That also explains why most inventions come to people by way of dreams or when they are relaxed and not thinking about inventing anything.

## Intellectual Property Rights

The rights to works created by Bahamians must be protected by international copyrights and patents as happens in other nations. Your BCP government shall enforce the rights of our Musicians, Writers, Producers, and Inventors.

## The Performing Arts

“The arts flourish where there is freedom and where individual initiative and imagination are encouraged.”



Performing Arts Centers are planned for Nassau Village, Marsh Harbour and Eight Mile Rock.

Bahamian artists and musicians are frustrated internally because they are not afforded the opportunities to totally develop and showcase the talent that is within them.

## A Plethora of Entertainers

How many talented Bahamians right now, have no money or opportunity to develop their talents? The Bahamas has been endowed by our Creator with a nation of naturally gifted entertainers. Your BCP government will assist you in developing your talents by providing funding, creating the venues, and promoting the Bahamas as an entertainment destination.



Developing the performing arts is a national priority.



Your BCP government will assist in the construction of concert halls, dance studios and performing arts centers throughout the nation. Movie studios are planned for Bannerman Town, Eleuthera, Behring Point Andros and High Rock, Grand Bahama.

## The Arts, Literature and Culture

It is our view that government should be at the forefront in promoting Bahamian art, literature, and culture globally, by negotiating with international museums, art galleries and talent showcases to display Bahamian works, and assist with touring artists. Just as sure as we study English Literature and American Literature, other nations can study Bahamian Literature. Bahamian Literature must be brought into the classroom.



Can Junkanoo become larger than Carnival? Let's find out!

Bahamians will be encouraged to write and produce, books, novels, movies, television shows, plays, and textbooks. They will print and distribute them locally and globally.



## Ethics and Morality

Odious behavior is present in every sector and age within our communities. We cannot expect people to have high moral standards and principles if they have never been taught respect, self-discipline, and delayed gratification. Your BCP government will provide training in and out of the classroom.

**National Service:** Non-combatant national service will cover grades 10 through 12, to teach discipline, self-respect, and honor. It will be incorporated into the high school curriculum over three years so as not to interfere with students' college plans. Students not graduating with the minimum graduation requirements, will be required to undergo an additional 6 months of national service to prepare them for their place in society.



Neighbors building relationships, this is real community

Let us go back to caring for our neighbor as a way of life.

## Education

Specialized knowledge will provide a child with better opportunities. First, we must undo a lot of mis-education, and create an education system that is relevant to the Bahamas of today and the future. Your BCP government will introduce specialized knowledge, tailored to the needs of the individual. This new system of learning will be based on knowledge, wisdom and understanding.

Schools will be divided into three main phases:

- Elementary School, Grades 1 – 4 (4 years)
- Mid School, Grades 5 – 8 (4 years)
- High School, Grades 9 – 12 (4 years)

The curriculum will be divided into 8 broad areas of concentration:

- Agribusiness (Farmers, Animal Husbandry Specialists)
- Applied Sciences (Technologists, Engineers, Mechanics, Welders, Manufacturers)
- Business Ownership (Managers, Bankers, Financiers, Investors, Hospitality Entrepreneurs)
- Computer Sciences (Computer Programmers, Application Specialists)
- Liberal Arts (Professors, Teachers, Musicians, Performing Artists, Lawyers)
- Mari-culture (Marine Biologists, Fishers, Fish Farmers)
- Natural Sciences (Nurses, Doctors, Researchers, Environmentalists, Scientists)
- Social Sciences (Social Workers, Politicians, Pastors)

The following courses will be added to the school's curriculum:

- Bahamian History (Beginning in grade 2)
- Constitution and Government (Beginning in grade 3)
- Bahamian Literature (Beginning in grade 3)
- World Literature (Beginning in grade 4)
- Apps Programs for Cellphones and Computer (Beginning in grade 3)
- Family life (Beginning in grade 3)
- Languages: Italian, German, Spanish, French (optional throughout)
- Financial Education (Beginning in grade 3)
- Morality, Ethics and Etiquette (Beginning in grade 3)
- SAT Preparation (Beginning in grade 7)

Disparity in educational quality is delineated by wealth and race. Generations of brilliant and talented Bahamians have never reached their full potential because their

parents lacked money. Parliamentarians say that they provide quality education for our children in the public schools, yet virtually none of their children attend public schools.

To reduce course load, the quantity of courses taken in the current curriculum will be reduced. The goal is to significantly reduce courses which have little value to the future and career choice of our students and give them the specific education that is suitable to their individual needs. It is our view that you cannot educate a child without knowing the child's goals and aspirations. National surveys will be conducted with students in grades 7 through 12, to assess their changing needs, aspirations and future goals.



Students, Teachers, Parents and the Ministry of Education must come together and strategize on how to enhance learning and create interest on the part of the student.

Textbooks will be written by Bahamian educators, published electronically, and then downloaded by students onto their notebook computer or Tablet. Download cost will range from \$4.95 to \$9.95. For a student taking 6 courses the maximum amount to be spent is \$59.70 compared to parents spending \$240 or more each year for textbooks. As books are updated, students can download the updated version for .99 cents. Students will no longer have to struggle with large bags of books. For students that prefer textbooks, they will be available in limited numbers.



Electronic textbooks mean lower cost and less weight to carry.

**School Buses:** Government sponsored community busing will be introduced. Buses will bear the names and mascot of the school for which it assigned so that students are sure to catch the correct bus. This will reduce the walk time to school for students in the family Islands and reduce traffic flows on Islands like New Providence.



**Cafeterias** will replace snack shops and a voucher system will be introduced, similar to those used in colleges, where parents can purchase meal plans for their children daily, weekly, monthly or yearly; at significantly reduced cost. This will also eliminate the embarrassment of children of poorer families or those on the Social Services lunch plan, as all students will utilize the voucher system.

Computer, tablet and cellular telephone application software is paramount to computing in the future. Your BCP government will make application software training available to all students.



The digital economy lies in the hands of our youths.

**Preschool Education:** The habits and attitude toward learning starts here, so, it is imperative that this environment is not crowded, but is safe, fun and exciting; and every tool to enhance learning is made available to every child in the Bahamas regardless of the financial standing of their parents. Your BCP government will give assistance to all preschools to ensure that they operate at a prescribed national standard.



The environment must be one that is conducive to learning



**Elementary School Education:** Your BCP government shall raise the quality of government schools to the level of private schools?



Studies have shown that children under the age of 7, learn foreign languages at a faster rate.

[Being multilingual can help you secure a better paying job](#)

Equal opportunities for education will be available to all. Courses that meet the specific need of the individual will be implemented. Teachers and Students will now have an equal part in the planning of the curriculum.

Greater autonomy will be afforded each school's Principal to cater to the needs of his/her individual school. The Ministry of Education will serve in the role of a regulator and not as an administrator.



With better facilities and a student friendly curriculum, we expect to see the national grade point average improve to a B-.

**Junior High School Education:** Junior high school serves as a transition to high school, with student becoming more mature and narrowing their field of study to courses that are more relevant to their future needs.

**High School Education:** High school will prepare students for college, vocation schools and the workplace. Much of the education will be taken outside of the classroom, so that students may experience hands on, practical knowledge. The high school experience will be similar to that of college, where students take core courses and electives based on their planned career paths.

**University of the Bahamas:** More focus will be placed on science, technology, agribusiness, marine sciences, computer programming, medical research, and athletics. Your BCP government will cause to be constructed, a branch of the University of the Bahamas in Clarence Town, Long Island with dormitories and sports facilities, to serve as a regional education center for the southern Bahamas.

*Plans include* converting the former Royal Oasis Hotel in Grand Bahama to hold branches of the University of the Bahamas, the Bahamas Hotel Training College (with a working hotel, casino and restaurants), the Bahamas Training and Vocational Institute (BTVI), and a Medical School. Students will study Medicine, Maintenance, Engineering, Landscape Architecture, and Hospitality Management, in addition to the current curriculum.

**Higher Education:** Our plan of inclusion calls for 80% of the population holding college and degrees and the other 20% holding advanced certificates in vocational studies. To this end your BCP government will issue 12,000 grants and scholarships in the first five years.

**Advanced Degrees:** Much emphasis will be placed on a more highly educated population and work force. Plans include increasing the number of persons holding Doctorate Degrees by 600%, Masters Degrees by 1,200%, Bachelor's Degrees by 3,200%, and facilitating research and teaching posts for these persons, while ensuring that they are properly compensated so as to significantly reduce the number of highly educated and skilled Bahamians finding the need to leave the country in search of better opportunities.

**Technical Education:** Plans include the expansion of the courses and trades available to Bahamians through BTVI and the Hotel Training College.



## Collective Intelligence

It is our goal to position the Bahamas as a major offshore education destination for international students, particularly for but not limited to, the areas of: medical degrees, medical research, pharmacology, marine diversity research and bio-technology research. Combined with the local intelligence, the Bahamas will have access to the brightest minds in the world.

Good moral values and self-discipline are hallmarks of success and must be taught to every citizen of every age.



North Andros will serve as a major agricultural education center



The BCP will utilize the collective mind of all of the Bahamas' citizens.



## Museums and Art Galleries

Museums will be developed not just in New Providence, but on all Islands to enhance culture and learning.



Museums are planned for Holmes Rock, New Bight, Bain Town, Centerville, Fox Hill, Governor's Harbour, Adelaide, Bullocks Harbour, West End, Cockburn Town, Driggs Hill, Clarence Town, Dundas Town, Major's Cay, Bowen Sound and Deadman's Cay.

\$60 million to be invested in a National Museum of Bahamian History in Bowen Sound Andros

The history, culture and art of each Island will present a unique immersion experience for students, locals and tourist alike.



## Public Libraries

Public Libraries shall be placed on all major inhabited Islands. On Islands with no museums, the library shall also serve as an historical museum. Each library shall have displays based on the history of that Island.

**Your BCP government will provide the venues for Bahamian talent to be showcased**



## Bahamian Investors

The BCP has a foci of creating Bahamians Investors. The process of business ownership will be simplified and the cost to start up and operate a business reduced. With lower fees, lower customs duty, and full employment, we expect Bahamian owned businesses to flourish and expand both domestically and internationally. We encourage Bahamians business persons to become investors locally and globally and seek opportunities to franchise their businesses locally and internationally.

Shares held by the government in private and public enterprises will be divested, and made available through Initial Public Offerings (IPO's), and secondary offerings to Bahamian citizens, companies, pension funds and institutional investors; with advance placement offerings to the employees of the said companies/corporations, who will be able to cross-collateralize, or use a portion of their pension fund, without penalty.

## Foreign Investor Venture Capital Fund

Foreign Investors from every nation are welcomed to share in the new economy. Each immigrant investor seeking permanent residence can qualify by contributing to the fund with a minimum of \$2 million (fully at risk). The fund will make money available to Bahamians seeking to start or expand their own businesses, for the benefit of the Bahamas. The fund will be managed by experiences Bahamian fund managers.

## Tourism (Domestic) *700 Islands. How many have you visited?*

Foreigners enjoy the best the Bahamas has to offer; most Bahamians never have. Your BCP government shall improve the quality and facilities of docks and airports; increase hotel rooms and accommodations; construct motels with lower room rates; charge no customs duty; and work to lower the cost of travel, food, souvenirs and overall prices; to make traveling to the family Islands less expensive for Bahamians. We will make traveling to all of the Bahama Islands affordable for locals and tourists so that all Islands of the Bahamas can enjoy the economic development of the nation.



Your BCP government will assist Bahamians in owning Motels, Hotels and Resorts.

## Tourism (Foreign)

Andorra, a country with a population of 85,000 citizens receives 10 million tourists annually. The Bahamas ranks about 54th overall in tourist arrivals. France does not focus so much on sun, sand and sea, yet in 2013 France received 84.7 million tourists. Your BCP government has set a goal for the nation of 20 million tourist arrivals annually by 2027. **Culinary Tourism** is the exploration of food as the purpose of tourism and will be highly promoted. Your BCP government will train Bahamian chefs to create gourmet Bahamian cuisines and capitalize on this form of tourism that has existed in countries like France for hundreds of years. Italian citizens spent \$27.7 billion for vacation travel in 2017. This is a market that your BCP government will aggressively pursue.

## Eco Friendly Resorts

Why cannot many Islands of the Bahamas host a convention of just 200 people?

Central Bank restrictions and control will be removed from Bahamians, allowing them to seek financing outside of the Bahamas, and also invest outside of the Bahamas: tapping into larger markets. Profits from these ventures will help to build the Bahamas.



*All developments must respect the views of local residents and be ecofriendly.*

## Hotels, Motels and Marinas

The BCP will provide opportunities for Bahamians to own and operate 40 to 100 room motels and hotels on the Family Islands as a start. As this becomes successful, we expect Bahamians to form corporations and pool resources to operate larger resorts with funding provided by the Bahamas Development Bank and foreign capital markets.

In prior generations, young men were content being Busboys and Waiters in the hotel industry, but the world has changed and so has the Bahamas. This new generation wants more and pushes themselves harder to achieve success.

*Bahamians must not just work for major resorts, Bahamians must own major resorts*

## Theme Parks

The BCP will seek strategic partners locally and globally to invest in theme parks. Islands targeted include: Long Island, Eleuthera, Andros and Grand Bahama.



The BCP seeks to assist Bahamians in creating unique, adventurous, and creative themed parks throughout the Islands.

## Bahamian Owned Banks and Trust Companies

Bahamian investors from every Island, will be able to open and operate banks with international branches. Bahamian owned banks will be able to offer offshore banking services, trust services, private banking services, investment securities, mutual funds and derivatives in any market globally, to Bahamians as well as foreigners.

Your BCP government will remove all forms of restrictions that prohibit Bahamians from fully participating in the global economy.

Below is an ad from an investment company in the Bahamas, licensed to do business by our government, that offer services that Bahamians are prohibited from engaging in. No more will this be allowed to happen.

*“We specialize in futures and options trading facilities **aimed at expatriate** and non-domicile investors, as well as institutional and private individuals. **Regulated by the Securities Commission of the Bahamas**, we are based in an established, leading offshore trading centre”.*

## Capital Markets

Global capital markets make available many sources of investment and funding for Bahamian businesses, yet the Bahamas’ restrictive policies toward Bahamians prohibit Bahamians from investing in or receiving funding from these markets. Apple Computer, the maker of the iPhone, and Wal-Mart are good companies to invest in. Foreigners can purchase shares in these companies from brokerage companies in the Bahamas, yet Bahamians are prohibited from doing so by their own elected Bahamian Parliamentarians.

Bahamians can work at offshore banks but are prohibited by Bahamian law from opening an account at the bank they work in. Some of these banks pay twice the amount of interest as local commercial banks. Bahamians walk pass these banks every day yet never take any thought as to why their own Parliamentarians would not allow them to open an account in that bank. The government of the Bahamas owns a commercial bank, yet the government does not keep the majority of its funds in that bank.

*“Your BCP government will equip Bahamians to compete in the global economy”*



Through the Chicago Mercantile Exchange, contracts are daily purchased and sold for soy, frozen concentrated orange juice, pork bellies, oil, unleaded gasoline, gold, etc. Yet Bahamians are prohibited from entering these markets by their own government.

Most Bahamians farmers have never been told that they can pre-sell their produce like soy beans or sugar up to 3 years in advance, collect cash for them now, use that money to purchase farm equipment to till the land, grow their products, then deliver them 3 years later.

Your BCP government will remove these laws that are biased against Bahamians, and will educate Bahamians in all opportunities available to them in all global financial and commodities markets through training seminars and community forums, so that they can get involved in these opportunities that have been made available to the rest of the world for thousands of years.

**Stock Exchanges:** Your BCP government will expand the stock exchange and create policies that encourage Bahamians to take their companies public as a means of funding and global expansion. We will facilitate the trading of Bahamian companies on global stock exchanges in New York, Tokyo, Hong Kong and London; and allow foreign stock to be freely traded and purchased on our local stock exchange by savvy Bahamian Investors, without exchange control restrictions.



About 30 publicly traded companies sell shares on BISX, the Bahamas Stock Exchange. Our goal is to increase that number to 300 by 2026

The BCP will educate Bahamian Business Owners and Investors, on how to tap into the vast funding available to them in local and international capital markets.

**Commodities Exchange:** Local farmers will be able to pre-sell their produce and livestock locally and globally, based on market demand. The commodities exchange will also include the trading of international commodities such as frozen concentrated orange juice, corn, soybeans, cocoa, rough rice, and sugar; all of which can be grown locally. This will allow Bahamian farmers, to buy and sell on the global markets and secure the best prices for their commodities, present or future, through direct trade or arbitrage.



These products are easily grown in the Bahamas and are in high demand globally.

Local businesses will now be able to trade in derivatives including futures contracts to secure the best prices globally and will be able to do so without foreign exchange restrictions or hefty bank fees.



*“Hope deferred makes the heart sick: but when the desire is fulfilled, it is a tree of life.”  
Proverbs 13:12 (The Holy Bible).*

**Global Cash Crops:** Cocoa (the main ingredient in chocolate), which can easily be grown in the Bahamas, accounts for \$200 billion in global annual sales.

Brazil produces about 60% of the world's frozen concentrated orange juice, and exports 98% of the orange juice it produces. Using this model, Bahamian farmers can produce as many oranges as their farms will allow, with a focus on exports.

Corn, Rough Rice, Orange, Soybean, Sugar Cane and Cocoa can all be readily grown in the Bahamas.

Frozen Concentrated Orange Juice is a \$13 billion industry in America alone. Globally, Corn \$30 billion, Soybean \$100 billion, Rough Rice, \$21 billion, and Sugar \$98 billion. Collectively these six products alone account for approximately \$500 billion in annual sales. Add cocoa and that market increases to \$700 billion. Yet the Bahamas has not targeted this market at all. Your BCP government will open these markets to Bahamians.

**Coconut Sap Sugar:** The global demand for coconut sap sugar is \$1 billion annually is and rising rapidly. Global demand is increasing by health conscious individuals as this form of sugar does not contribute to diabetes and contains iron, zinc, calcium, potassium, and antioxidants.

Peanuts can be grown easily in the Bahamas and accounts for \$3.2 billion in annual sales in America alone. More than 300 products can be made from peanuts.



*Peanuts are one of the global cash crops that can be easily grown in the Bahamas.*

Bahamians are beginning to be more creative: thinking 'outside the box'.



**Coconut Oil:** Health professionals have finally discovered the medical benefits of coconut oil. Coconut oil helps you lose fat, boost brain function in Alzheimer’s patients, moisturize skin, help prevent hair damage and lowers blood cholesterol. The sale of coconut water alone has increased by 500% over the past 3 years, yet the Bahamas is an importer of coconuts, not an exporter, with no reasonable explanation as to why.



Coconut flour is healthy for baking. Coconut sap sugar is a healthy sweetener.

Plans include exporting \$20 million worth of coconut related products annually. This includes coconut water, coconut sap sugar, coconut oil, coconut milk, coconut milk ice cream, coconut flour, activated charcoal, lauric acid, biodiesel, and coconut husk fiber.



The Flower and root are used in the making of modern medicine



The husk is used to make brushes and ropes; the trunk is used to make paper; and wood and the stalk to make brooms.

**Coconut is called by many a “liquid investment”**



## Electronic Currency Exchange

Through the Bank for International Settlements, the BCP will strengthen the Bahamas' position as a global financial center. A large untapped market exists for trading currencies in South American currencies in and out of US dollars. Bahamian banks and brokerage firms can become market leaders in international currency trading. Most Caribbean countries as well as South American countries, Canada, and the United States, trade in European, Chinese and Japanese currencies. The Bahamas will position itself as an exchange hub for electronic currency trading and settlement.



The Bahamas can become a global currency trading center

## Abolition of Taxes (Including Customs Duty and VAT)

**10% Maximum government taxes (our goal by 2024), with further reductions to a rate of 0% by 2026, is planned by the BCP.**

10% will be the maximum allowable ceiling for taxes levied, that is: VAT, payroll taxes, NHI, or a combination thereof. The final decision will be made after consultation with the Bahamian people. Businesses will be given a six months, tax free lead, to move old inventory, before the lower rate is applied. For imported items, customs duty will be eliminated completely. No form of taxation will be on Bahamian Companies that export.

**The BCP government will refund \$2 billion in taxes to Bahamian Citizens.**

**Only foreigners will pay taxes.**

## Human Capital Flight (brain drain)

The Bahamas has lost up to 30% of its smartest citizens, due to poor planning on the part of successive governments to diversify the economy. In the Bahamas there is significant “brain drain” and it is severely crippling the nation of some of the best minds, which can be here, assisting in developing the nation. Bright intelligent students and individuals from the family Islands, often must move to Nassau and do not return to those Islands. Bahamians in general move to the United States with no intention of returning home.

## Housing

Bahamians do not want cheaper; Bahamians want better! Bahamians do not want low quality homes: Bahamians want good quality homes in good neighborhoods at low cost. 1.6 million acres of government owned crown land is considered usable and available; yet the average Bahamian family struggles to afford a lot. It takes the average family 15 years to save up enough money for the down payment on a house. Home ownership should be much easier and less costly, so that you can afford the payments and not lose your home that you spent years paying for. Our plans include building 5,000 houses for Bahamians over the next 5 years with the contract going to 100 different contractors so that everybody gets equal opportunity.



Good quality, affordable homes starting at \$60,000, with no money down.

The BCP will make available to ALL Bahamians, lots starting at \$2,000 with a down payment as low as \$100 and houses starting at \$60,000, with a down payment as low as \$3,000. In total, your BCP government will cause 12,000 homes to be built.

*We will improve the quality of subdivisions and housing; and increase green space.*

## From Physical Education (PE) to Professional Sports (PS)

In today's global economy, sport is now a full time career, for athletes, trainers and managers. As surely as facilities are needed to train professional lawyers, mechanics, doctors, and engineers, your BCP government aims to provide professional sports training facilities on all major Islands of the Bahamas.

The Bahamas has a history of outstanding professional athletes, most of whom trained on their own to represent the nation with no national support or funding. Your BCP government will add 16 sports to the current Physical Education curriculum to improve sports in the Bahamas.



## Sports Training Facilities

Sports is now a business and will be treated as such; but Bahamians need facilities available to them on the Islands in which they live. We believe that the best way to increase medal count in the Olympics is for Bahamians to participate in more events. There were 28 categories of sports in the 2016 summer Olympics, with more than 300 different events. The Bahamas regularly competes in only 2 of these categories and in only 14 events. With added events and upgraded facilities, Bahamians will now have the opportunity to compete in 22 of these categories, and in more than 100 events.



The North Bight of Andros, is the perfect Olympic sailing training ground.



The following sports will be added and/or facilities improved at the high school level:



Indoor Volleyball in Burnt Ground



Indoor Basketball in Nassau Village



Soccer in Rock Sound



Badminton in Bullock's Harbour



Beach Volleyball in Harbour Island



Table Tennis in Abraham's Bay



Rhythmic Gymnastics in Grants Town



Artistic Gymnastics in Cooper's Town





Handball in Moxey Town



Tennis in Bain's Town



Diving in Hard Bargain



Swimming in Matthew Town



Synchronized Swimming in Bogue



Water Polo in Fox Hill

### **Aquatics**

The sport of aquatics includes a total of 46 Olympic events and the Bahamas should be competing in all of them. Much emphasis will be placed on aquatics as this is an area where Bahamians should be flourishing. More sports create more athletes, more opportunities for our young Bahamians. Your BCP government will invest in excess of \$200 million over the next 5 years to help our youth from every Island develop their athletic abilities.

“Your BCP government will provide training facilities for Bahamians, free of charge”



RS:X Windsurfing in Old Bight



Laser One Person in Green Castle



Keel Boat in Alice Town



49er Skiff in George Town



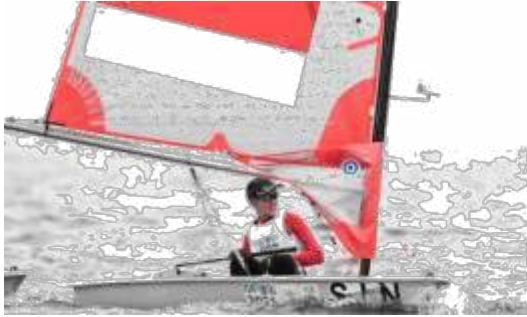
One Person Dinghy in South Beach



470 Two Person Dinghy in Fox Town

Sailing (also known as yachting until 1996) has been one of the Olympic sports since the Games of the 1st Olympiad, held in Athens, Greece, in 1896. Sailing programs of 2016 Olympics consisted of a total of 8 sailing classes with 10 events.

Sailing and Rowing will become a natural part of the Bahamas' High School physical education program, which is a good training ground for Family Island Regattas. As such, we expect to see national high school competitions in sailing and rowing.



Byte CII Class Sailing in Spanish Wells



Single Scull Rowing in West End



Double Scull Rowing in Hoppers Bay



Four Place Rowing in Rolleville



Eight with Coxswain Rowing in Hamilton



Lightweight Four Rowing in Pogy Bay



Canoe Slalom in Cockburn Town



Canoe Sprint in Mcleans Town

The events listed are suggestions. High School Principals along with PTA's, can add any sporting event, that students are interested in pursuing, to the curriculum.





Discuss Throw in Landrial Point



Hammer Throw in Salina Point



Golf in Eight Mile Rock



Shot Put in Duncan Town



Trampoline in Centerville



BMX Cycling in Spring City



Mountain Biking in The Bight



Road Cycling in Mortimer's

Islands are not limited to any one category of sport events and can add as many as will benefit the students of that Island, with funding provided by the government.

## Major Industries (and Commercial Activity)

The Government must position the Bahamas as a global “incubator” of new ideas, new products, and entrepreneurial spirit; with a view of becoming the major manufacturing center in the Caribbean, with a well-balanced, multi-tiered economy.

Prominent industries to include health services, international education centers, high-technology research and development, professional fields such as architecture and engineering, and a large construction business, both commercial and residential. *Items and goods produced:* agricultural and seafood products, furniture fixtures, electrical and electronic equipment, limestone, glass, fashion apparel, cosmetics, textiles, toys, fabricated metals, plastic, motion pictures, music, and the performing arts.

**A partial list of Major legislation in the Bahamas, which every Bahamian should become familiar with, and take advantage of:**

- **The Hotels Encouragement Act**
- **The Industries Encouragement Act**
- **The Spirits and Beer Manufacturer Act**
- **The Agricultural Manufactories Acts**
- **The Export Manufacturing Industries Encouragement Act**
- **The Free Trade Zone Act**
- **The City of Nassau Revitalization Act**

These are statute laws that have been enacted by the Parliament of the Bahamas, to encourage business, yet most Bahamians are not familiar with them or have never heard of them.

Small or medium-sized business may be eligible for technical assistance and government grants to expand their present operations or enter new markets.



Your BCP government will provide incentives for Bahamians to manufacture solar panels, making them smaller, more powerful and less expensive.

## Skills Training Programs & Mentorship

Many talented Bahamians are now retired but still have vast knowledge and experience that can be passed on to the next generation. Your BCP government seeks to employ these persons, as their time and health allow, to train others and pass on their accumulated knowledge in the classroom and beyond.

## Computer Software Development

The global computer software industry receives excess of \$400 billion yearly; yet Bahamian individuals and companies have not taken advantage of opportunities in this area and neither has the Parliamentarians provided any initiatives or incentives. High school students in other nations have designed programs and sold them for millions of dollars.

## Electronic Technical Support Centers

We will seek to establish technical support centers throughout the nation for the manufacture of computers, TV's, appliances, and cell phones; and also for software developers.

## Commercial Shipping

The BCP shall establish a national, high speed, trans-central shipping hub in George Town, Exuma that serves the central and south Bahamas. Plans include assisting Mail Boat owners and operators in upgrading their fleet to modern, high speed, shipping vessels, which will cut shipping time in half.

International commercial shipping will become a major component of the Bahamas' economy, contributing to 4% of the Bahamas' GDP, and employing 2 ½% of its labor force; that is more than 3,000 new jobs. Your BCP government expects Import and export shipping through the Bahamas to increase by 420% over the next 3 years. Inter-island shipping will increase greatly.



Our national goals include having our exports exceed our imports by 400%



## Labor Force and Employment

The fastest growing job sector currently is domestic workers. The economy will produce more diverse jobs than there are people unemployed. No longer will 200 persons apply for 12 jobs, but individuals will have 2 or 3 job offers to choose from.

It is important for Bahamians to have more than one skill set, as many types of jobs such as accountants, retail workers, bankers and mechanics will become redundant over the next 20 years due to advances in computer software and machine automation.

It is important for Parliamentarians to stay abreast of changes in technology and bioscience and keep an accurate account of the type of skills, and the number of Bahamians who will need to be employed in such professions, as domestics, teachers, doctors, waiters, and lawyers in each sector of the economy; over the next, 5, 10, 20 years. They must determine how many persons are training for these jobs and ensure that these jobs are made available and filled by Bahamians. There is no need for unemployment in the nation: careful planning in advance will eliminate this.



As a lot is cleared of trees, they will be milled into lumber on site.

## Good Paying Permanent Jobs

The Bahamas needs many good paying permanent jobs. Good paying jobs require specialized skills. Right now, 54,000 Bahamians are unemployed and 24,000 of them have no marketable skills. Additionally, 73,000 Bahamians are under-employed. That equates to about 124,000 Bahamians who are not earning a salary to maintain a normal standard of living.

The nation has failed two entire generations by failing to assist them in actualizing their potential and realizing their goals. The road ahead is tough, make no doubt about it, but for those willing to be re-educated and receive upgraded training, who are prepared to work hard, the BCP have a plan that will help you get out of a bad situation.

**You do not need a second job; you just need one job that pays well.**

## Jobs Creation based on Sector

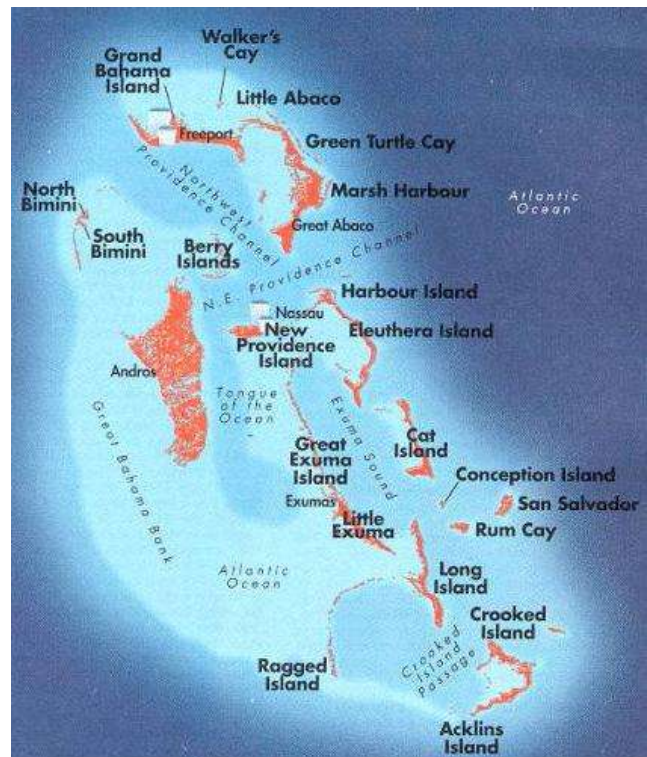
Your BCP government expects the economy to create approximately 54,952 jobs within 5 years of the BCP taking office, in the following areas:

Agribusiness	7,200	Packaging & Labeling	480
Apparel & Accessories	480	Performing Arts	240
Art & Literature	180	Museums, Libraries, Galleries	120
Aviation	140	Pharmaceuticals	420
Bahamian Investors	500	Recycling	2,600
Bio-Sciences	400	Shipping	2,300
Border Protection	400	Technology	2,000
Business Owners	3,000	Telecommunications	1,200
Computer Specialists	1,600	Tourism	4,900
Construction	4,146	Transportation	440
Consultants	900	Trucking	300
Domestic Workers	1,400	Social Workers	200
Education	1,700	Social Care Givers	400
Engineering	228	Sports	400
Entertainment Business	400	<b>Total</b>	<b>54,998</b>
Environmental Sciences	220		
Export Customs Brokers	400		
Fashion Design	200		
Financial Services	1,700		
Food Processing	2,200		
Government	1,400		
Garment Manufacturing	800		
Horticulture	600		
Industrial	2,200		
Information Services	800		
Inventions	200		
Law Enforcement	600		
Logistics	200		
Manufacturing	800		
Marketing	800		
Mari culture	1,400		
Marine Sciences	280		
Medical	420		
Medical Research	244		
Mechanics	260		
Military	1,500		



**Jobs Creation based on Island:**

Abaco	3,900
Acklins	1,220
Andros	8,800
Berry Islands	220
Bimini	240
Cat Island	1,680
Crooked Island	1,260
Eleuthera	2,480
Exuma	2,880
Grand Bahama	15,840
Grand Cay	40
Green Turtle Cay	60
Harbour Island	160
Inagua	1,640
Long Cay	20
Long Island	6,200
Mayaguana	1,480
Moore's Island	120
New Providence	6,100
Paradise Island	1,800
Ragged Island	48
Rum Cay	40
San Salvador	450
Spanish Wells	120
Sweeting's Cay	80
Walkers Cay	120
<b>Total</b>	<b>54,998</b>



Jobs and business will be created on the Family Islands and the practice of Family Island neglect and lack of development, will cease. It must be noted that according to data received from the Department of Statistics, the population in some Family Islands have decreased in the past 10 years and some settlements have become virtual ghost towns.

The BCP expects a great population shift to occur in Acklins, Andros and Abaco, as jobs and businesses move to these Islands. We anticipate that approximately 24,000 persons will leave New Providence for a better family life and more opportunities in the Family Islands.



## Transitional Jobs

Analysis of the current economic conditions and cost of living in the Bahamas, indicates that an individual needs to earn a minimum of \$399.00 weekly, just to make ends meet. For an individual to live “comfortably”, a minimum of \$467.43 is needed. Many Bahamians fall below this norm and therefore need assistance or share accommodations with others, to barely get by. The BCP will cause the cost of living to be reduced by 30%, allowing an individual to get by on only \$279.30. For those making less than \$279.30 weekly, assistance will be given by the government, and training provided to assist those individuals in increasing their salaries by furthering their education and improving their job skills. For our analysis we term “transitional” jobs as jobs that pay less than \$399.00 per week. Persons in this category will be afforded government assistance as well as opportunities to further their education and skills, while still maintaining their current jobs. No one will be left out.

## National Savings Rate

The Bahamas has a national savings rate of 1.3%, compared to 5.8% in America 9.1% in Australia, 11.4% in Germany, 16% in France, and 19.3% in Ireland. According to the World Bank 2014 World Development Report, the Bahamas has a gross national income per capita of \$21,280. But let’s not jump for joy too quickly! Although Bahamians earn on average, more than their counterparts in the Caribbean, many Caribbean nations have a much lower cost of living. Your BCP government will reduce the cost of living by 30% over the next 5 years. This alone can cause the national savings rate to increase to 10%. Additionally, there will be many government community forums focused on saving and investing, so Bahamians can learn these valuable skills. The BCP’s ultimate goal is a 20% national savings rate for Bahamians.



Bahamian students must be taught financial management in the classroom, how to become Investors and how to make their money work for them.

**Retirement:** Most Bahamian retirees are “broke”, and if it were not for Social Services and family members, some of them would not eat, would have no electricity and no place to live. Yet, they, like many young people today, believe that they will “live large” when they retire.

## Provisions for the Next Generation

The next generation has a right to find grouper, crawfish and conch still thriving in our oceans. As such the BCP shall enact laws and conservation methods to ensure that our oceans are not overfished, but yearly replenished and over stocked. The next generation has a right to global opportunities for education, business, and commerce; and to pursue and achieve their dreams. The next generation has a right to affordable education, housing, and affordable food costs. All must be included.



Your BCP government will not allow a generation to be born with a heavy government tax burden upon their heads. They should not be made to pay off debt that this generation incurred.

### **2072: Planning for the Future, 5, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50 years...**

It is expected that there will be 9 billion people on planet earth by the year 2050. *That* is our target market. The education curriculum will be adjusted from Island to Island to suit the future investment and employment needs of each Island.

The 50 year plan will consist of interim 5 year, 10 year and 20 year plans as steppingstones to the overall national objective. Public consultation will begin with Senior High School students to ascertain their future goals and plans, and will continue with Teachers, Business Owners, Bahamian Investors, the Clergy, Civic minded Individuals and Community Leaders.

## The 50 year plan 2022 - 2072

Create the next generation of leaders

Create a culture of innovators

Create an Export based Economy

Create an Educational System for the next Century

Create a Morality based Society

## Disaster Preparedness

We cannot naturally prevent storms, earthquakes, or pandemics, but we can take actions to reduce their severity and expedite the recovery process. The Bahamas lies within the hurricane zone. Roughly 50% of the year is designated a hurricane season, so a hurricane should never take us by surprise. Your BCP government will allocate a Hurricane Relief Fund as part of the national budget and provide additional funds through the Sovereign Wealth Fund. Additionally, there will be provisions, equipment, and personnel on standby whenever there is a threat of a hurricane: ensuring that the nation is positioned to deploy assistance to affected areas immediately.



The BCP will seek new roofing and home designs that can withstand hurricanes, with consultation with local Architect and Engineers.



We will install adequate storm drains throughout the Bahamas and maintain them.

When disaster strikes, your BCP government will be prepared and will have the people, supplies, equipment and tools in place to quickly render assistance to any island or subdivision that is in need.



NEMA will always be ready to respond during and after Natural Disasters



Air Traffic Control and NEMA need to be mobile and deployable on any Island



All terrain Ambulances can travel through flood waters for rescue missions

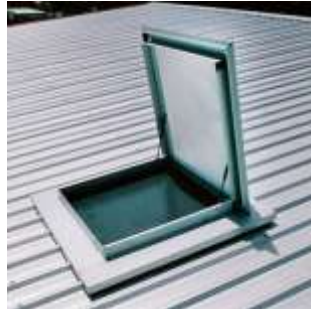


Solar Powered Defense Force vessels, mail boats, electric police cars and ambulances can continue to operate if there is a disruption in the fuel supply,

## Emergency items needed in every home



Attic ladder



Impact roof hatch



Life vest with light



Rope



Hatchet



Waterproof flashlight



First Aid



Sport Water bottle



Passport zip lock bag



Medication pouch



Personal Hygiene



Portable gas stove

## Pandemics

The world goes through a pandemic from time to time. In recent years there have been many new diseases, plagues, viral and bacterial outbreaks. There have also been a number of man-made diseases. Your BCP government is not content in waiting for another nation to come up with a cure. Our Center for Disease Control in conjunction with our Natural Medicine Research Center will seek out new cures and better treatments, making them available locally and globally.

## The Panacea

“It is not the problem that counts, it’s the solution” Dr. Deryll Hunt.

All the problems in the nation are Parliamentarians’ problems, whoever happens to be the Parliamentarians at the time. Current and successive Parliamentarians have not solved any major national issue in the Bahamas in the past 25 years. Here are the problems facing the nation, all of which lead to an increase in crime. Their solutions are also presented.

1. Corruption among Parliamentarians
2. Moral Decline
3. The High Cost Of Living
4. Illegal Immigration
5. Systemic Poverty

**Corruption among Parliamentarians:** Corruption among Parliamentarians usually lead to corruption in Government Corporations, which ultimately leads to a ‘don’t care’ attitude among the citizenry. It is not normal for any Prime Minister to admit that he/she or some of the Party Leaders are corrupt. For a government to say that there is no corruption in its organization and that there has never been any corruption, is completely irresponsible. To admit that there is corruption indicates that nothing has sufficiently been done to eradicate it. Unaccounted government spending and lack of public disclosure has further eroded the public’s confidence in Parliamentarians. All government audits will be made public. Corruption among Parliamentarians has led to moral decline in the nation. It has led to poverty. It has led to an increase in crime.

**Moral decline:** Morality has become blurred. Collectively, we need to set standards for our nation that will better our nation. As the new government, we will immediately begin dialogue with the citizens to determine the course that needs to be set for our nation.

**The High Cost of Living.** Most Bahamians have been getting poorer since the late 1970’s. It has been so gradual and so subtle that most have not realized it. Customs duty has gone up to 85% on some items, yet salaries have not kept up with the cost of living. Most have noticed that from year to year, \$100 has bought less and less in the supermarket. The middle class is being reduced while the lower class is increasing. We will reduce the size of the government and eliminate taxes to reduce the cost of living.

*Through political savvy, our leaders have led the “grassroots” inadvertently into embracing a culture of exclusion and a predilection toward victimization.*

**Illegal immigrants:** Illegal immigrants have been an unnecessarily fractious problem for Bahamians because little has been done to resolve it in the past 30 years. The BCP will enforce all laws of the land; incarcerating any who violates them, local or foreign. We resolve to be relentless, in doing this on a daily basis, until this issue no longer exists. The operation of detention centers and the processing of illegal immigrants must be according to the law: laws based on strict adherence to human rights. No person born to non-Bahamian parents will be entitled to citizenship. No person within the Bahamas will be treated in an inhumane manner at any time.

**Systemic Poverty:** Systemic poverty is poverty brought on by a corrupt Parliamentary system, designed for that purpose. Your BCP government will ameliorate the lives of the suffering. The best thing that can be done for the poor is to teach them how to overcome their circumstances and systematically assist them in doing so, until relief becomes cathartic. Since 1998, Bahamians have become poorer every year; although most do not recognize this because it was planned to be as gradual as it has been.

## **The State of the Nation**

54,000 jobs are needed in the Bahamas today. What plan does any political party have that will produce these jobs? Is there a plan that will create even 10,000 jobs? It has been promised, but it has not been fulfilled, because there never was a plan. While successive governments have looked to foreign investors to create jobs, the BCP is focused on Bahamian investors creating jobs.

The current vision sees the Bahamas as lacking natural resources; yet 95% of the natural resources are under-utilized. The current vision sees Bahamians as workers, not investors. This mentality that limits Bahamians to the plight of workers only has to be removed from power. God has not put any limits on what Bahamians can achieve and neither does the Bahamas Constitution Party (BCP).

# The BCP is the Hope for Bahamaland.



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