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NATURE ISLAND BLESSINGS

At this watershed, we must embrace the notion of “Real Change”. We must embrace a national development philosophy that is in harmony with our true Nature Island character and identity.

Dear Voter

The UWP TEAM DOMINICA Vision for our “Isle of Beauty” is sustainable, harmonised growth and development in which every Dominican has an opportunity to have an education, proper health care, employment, an affordable home, a reasonable standard of living and an exceptional quality of life, in a peaceful and secure social and natural environment.

In this regard, the first priority is national recognition and acceptance of the simple truth that we are citizens of a country born to shine as the Nature Island of the World – the isle of beauty, the isle of splendour – with rivers, valleys, hills and mountains, with healthy lands, pastures green and flowers of beauty.

We are Nature Island people – strong and healthy, full of Godly reverent fear. We must rejoice “all for each and each for all” as united people in the unity of diversity that defines nature. We must thrive as free people on equality and justice according to the rules of divine order. We must govern and sustain ourselves in peaceful co-existence living in harmony with nature. That is who we are. A nature island people – God fearing, strong, healthy and as resilient as the natural environment. That is where we are strong – Nature Island Strong!

The last fifteen (15) years of lost progress through the games of petty partisan politics and the folly of governance dedicated to uniting people with hate, have

reversed the clock on our civility.

At this watershed, we must embrace the notion of “**Real Change**”. We must embrace a national development philosophy that is in harmony with our true Nature Island character and identity. We leave behind the political, religious and other divisions we have created for ourselves, and we discipline ourselves to become the free, united, peaceful, harmonious, self-sustaining people that we truly are.

We truly appreciate the abundant blessings of land, water and plants and their importance in feeding us, clothing us, sheltering us and funding our participation in global affairs and our integration with the family of mankind by helping others to meet these basic human needs in life supporting ways.

By sharing our blessings with a world in need, we will build a stronger, more competitive economy; a fairer society; create more jobs; and secure a better future for Dominica.

UWP TEAM Dominica



Hon. LENNOX LINTON
Political Leader



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Our Vision
Our Mission
Our Values

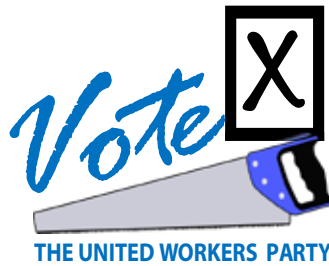
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OUR VALUES

- ✓ Innovative Leadership
- ✓ Compassion
- ✓ Honesty
- ✓ Integrity
- ✓ Accountability
- ✓ Pursuit of Excellence
- ✓ Consultation
- ✓ Continuous Improvement
- ✓ Global Teamwork

OUR VISION

To make Dominica the premiere nature island destination in the world, and the best place to live, work and enjoy life in the global community of nations.



OUR MISSION

To create in the Commonwealth of Dominica a globally recognised Nature Island democracy of the people, by the people, for the people through the engagement of citizens and investors at home and abroad, utilising their talents, knowledge, skills and appropriate technologies to grow the economy, protect the environment and ensure social equity.

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PRIORITIES FOR REAL CHANGE



A comprehensive review of the Citizenship by Investment (CBI) Programme;

1 Revamping of key institutions within Dominica to improve efficiency and accountability. Some institutions which have been identified to undergo this process include the Integrity Commission, the Judiciary, Local Government, the Civil Service, the Dominica Police Force, Statutory Boards, and the Electoral Commission.

2 Building a new economic framework, driven by the private, public, co-operative and civil society sectors. Strategic aspects will include:

- Eco-tourism;
- Information Technology Parks;
- A comprehensive review of the Citizenship by Investment (CBI) Programme;
- The creation of a Water Industry;
- Development of Agro-Industries;
- Formation of a Cultural Industry;
- Building an International Airport;
- Rebuilding the Manufacturing Sector;

3 Transformation of Dominica's energy sector to 100% generation from multiple renewable sources by 2025, and the transition to the use of 75% electric vehicles by 2030. Consideration for a decentralised grid to be given priority as part of overall climate resilient strategy.

4 Educational reforms which will position the areas of science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics (STEAM) at the core of educational system.

5 Building a climate resilient Dominica through creative models of sustainable management and a comprehensive approach to addressing existential threats.

6 Enhancing Universal health care in Dominica.

7 An integrated sectoral development plan for Kalinagos.

8 Establishing Dominica as the premiere Nature Island of the world.

9 Resilient housing for all.

10 Development of a new foreign policy with a focus on regional integration within the OECS and CARICOM. In addition, new and extended partnerships with African nations will be pursued.

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FIRST 100 DAYS PRIORITIES

UWP TEAM DOMINICA will implement measures to bring immediate relief in the areas of economic hardship, social decay and maladministration within the first one hundred (100) days of becoming the new government. The following is a short list of priority projects and policy measures:

GOVERNANCE

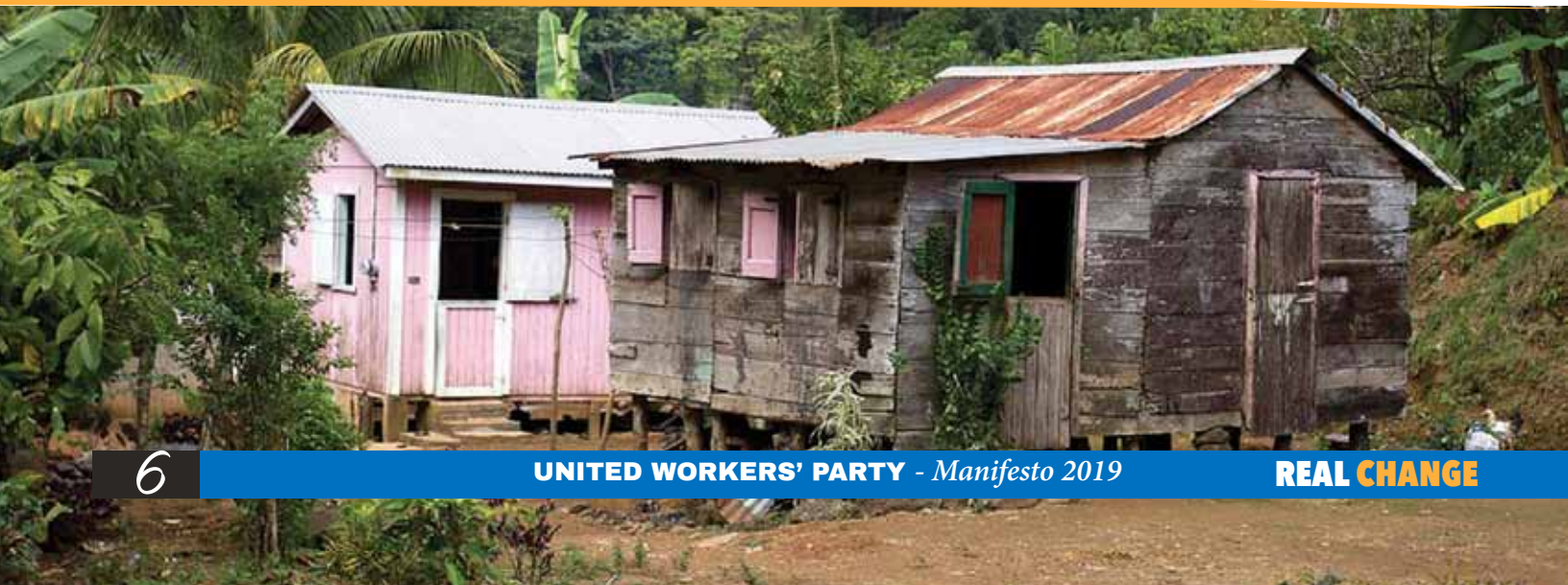
- **Review the Citizens by Investment (CBI) programme**
- Reduction of the size of Cabinet by at least forty percent
- Review of the House of Assembly and Registration of Voters Legislation
- Fully reinstate, restructure and operationalise the Public Works Corporation
- Commission a Report to increase productivity and improve efficiency of the Public Service
- Commence a full Audit into the Operations of Petro Caribe and associated local companies

FINANCE

- **Increase government approved pension to seniors from three hundred to five hundred dollars monthly**
- **Increase the Minimum Wage following consultation with private sector stakeholders**
- Provide low interest loans, financial grants and appropriate fiscal incentives to deserving tourist service providers and manufacturers for refinancing, refurbishment and expansion of their establishments

HOUSING

- **Allow duty free entry of essential building material for one year in the first instance**
- Review government's current housing assistance programme to ensure better accountability, equity and non-political interference
- Broaden government's home assistance programme to include a one-time financial grant to deserving single parent tenants who suffered loss of house contents during passage of Hurricane Maria



INFRASTRUCTURE

- Update the **Dominica International Airport Construction Study Report by Planning and Stanley**
 - Commence the re-opening of the **Petie Savanne/Delicias Road**
 - Commence the **Roseau Road Reinstatement Project**
 - Prioritise and commence replacement of all broken bridges on our major road network
- Construction of a new cruise pier

AGRICULTURE

- Approval and passage of the **Policy Framework, Legislation and Regulations to Legalise, Grow, Process and Export Marijuana, and manufactured health products**
- Provide agricultural inputs and farm labour financial assistance grants to deserving farmers and fisher folks
- Purchase the first of at least two refrigerated vessels to market Dominica, The Nature Island, agricultural and agro-processed products in the Caribbean Sub-region

COMMISSIONS

- Appoint a Commission to publicly inquire into the exit of Ross University from Dominica

PUBLIC SECTOR

- Review Public Sector Integrity Legislation

CONTRACTS

- Review all ongoing non-bid government issued contracts with a contract sum of \$500k or more



THE ECONOMY & JOB CREATION

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In 2015, in 2016, in 2017, in 2018 the budget response of the UWP parliamentary team went to great lengths to demonstrate why the budgets of the last 4 years and the budgets of the 15 previous years lacked credibility. Dominica's economy has suffered tremendously under the Roosevelt Skerrit regime and for the past 15 years.

We have witnessed a continuous decline in the critical areas of economic growth and employment creation. Dominica is currently experiencing high and increasing poverty along with increasing hopelessness across the country.

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL REALITIES

In Dominica, 29% of households and 40% of the general population lived in poverty . 11% of households and 15% of the general population lived in indigent poverty. An average of 50% of Dominica's children live in poverty. In rural areas, 1 in every 2 households is poor. More than 37 percent of households in Dominica do not have access to piped water and 25% of households have no access to toilet facilities. With total government debt currently almost equal to GDP, Dominica also struggles with structural unemployment and under-employment. The most significant differences that exist between the poor and non-poor population is educational attainment and unemployment. The rate of unemployment for poor households is 40% while non-poor households' rate of unemployment is 16%. This data demonstrates the correlation between income/employment and poverty in Dominica.

On September 18, 2017, category 5 Hurricane Maria hit Dominica while the country was still recovering from tropical storm Erika. Maria was Dominica's worst natural disaster with damage estimated at US\$1.3 billion (226 percent of GDP). The hurricane also exacerbated weaknesses in the financial sector, particularly of non-bank institutions, which face undercapitalization, low profitability and high non-performing loans. Credit to the private sector has been flat and inflation remains subdued.

In 2018, output is projected to decline by 14 percent and to take about five years to recover. The fall in output and government revenue, coupled with increased expenditure for rehabilitation and reconstruction, will lead to a substantial worsening of fiscal and external deficits.

Source UNDP/IMF

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Objectives

Reverse the more than 15 years of steady economic decline; (2)
 Address the high and escalating rate of youth unemployment; and (3)
 Stimulate the agriculture and other sectors.

UWP TEAM DOMINICA Will

Establish key performance indicators including a
 A growth rate of 5 – 6 percent per annum,
 A fiscal surpluses of between 2 – 6 percent
 Targeted job creation of at least 3 000 new jobs within the first year.
 A managed debt strategy.

FIX

TACKLE

CREATE

STRENGTHEN

ECONOMIC RECOVERY MATRIX

TASK	TASK OF UWP	UWP SOLUTIONS
Fix	Fix the economy	Get Dominica back on track
Tackle	Tackle corruption and restore trust	Good governance through open active dialogue
Create	Create opportunities	Youth must be given space to excel
Strengthen	Strengthen our social safety net	Looking after vulnerable

TASK → FIX → TACKLE → CREATE → STRENGTHEN

JOBS AND PRIVATE SECTOR LED GROWTH

Private Sector Transformation Fund (PSTF)

- The Nature Island of the World philosophy opens the doors to significant new economic growth and job creation opportunities from the many export industries that will be created around our herbs, spices and flowers
- We will set up a \$200 million Private Sector Transformation Fund (PSTF) to provide seed financing and guarantees for new and existing export manufacturing operations.
- The Nature Island (PSTF) will be financed by passport revenues and donor grants to facilitate the creation of at least 3,000 new jobs by 2021.
- The PSTF will facilitate the emergence and profitable growth of export industries in agriculture, tourism, renewable energy, arts and culture along with new ICT based ventures in artificial intelligence and robotics
- Establish facilities for the production of disposable containers from the leaves and stems of bananas and other suitable plants leading to job creation and vital income from exports to regional markets.
- The Nature Island PSTF will finance modern manufacturing plants for the production of bay oil and other essential Oils, condiments, teas, health and wellness foods and skin care formulations
- External shocks (Hurricane Maria Picard housing stock) will no doubt contract lending in the near term, making it difficult for companies to access available commercial credit to rebuild.
- We will engage the ECCB, to assess the credit quality and overall credit conditions within the country with an aim to work with financial institutions to create a pathway to unlocking commercial credit in Dominica.

- **We will grow the economy to create 12,000 new jobs by 2025, and increase the minimum wage and old age pensions by no less than 50%**



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ECONOMIC GROWTH

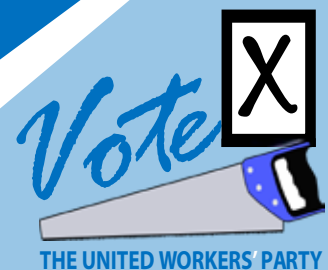


Declining GDP

- Dominica's revenue base has stagnated at around 30 percent of GDP for many years. This is linked directly to the inability of the Regime to generate economic growth. As an urgent policy action we will aggressively move to increase that base by at least 50 percent over a three year period.
- A review of the existing tax regime, making more disposable income available by addressing appointments within the government service, and increasing the minimum wage.
- **TAX INCENTIVES**
- A complete review of the existing VAT, income and other taxes regimes.
- A focus on improving the Tax Regime's efficiency through increased tax collection and reducing the burden on both consumers and producers.
- Dominica's income tax and VAT rates are among the highest in the Caribbean Region.
- Streamline all taxes with a view to putting more money in the pockets of workers and creating space for further economic growth.
- **EMPLOYMENT**
- Drastically increasing the number of people working in the services sector and other small business thus spurring growth.

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SECTORAL SUPPORT



A temporary removal of taxes and duties on construction material.

Tackle the issue of high taxes on the Manufacturing and the Tourism sectors.

Taxes on the manufacturing sector will be zero rated

Reduce the VAT rate on hotels from the existing 15 percent to 5 percent for at least one year in the first instance.

Stop “the wanton” tax exemptions on vehicle imports and put in place a more equitable tax rate

EMPLOYMENT

Tax incentives will also be given to small businesses that can demonstrate the ability to employ at least 5 persons.

Broaden the tax base for ALL with a view to contributing to job creation and increased economic activity.

Re-evaluate alien land holding and property taxes with a view to ease the excessive debt burden and also to improve on the number of land owners who can then use their land as collateral.

Economic Citizenship Programme

Special attention to the Economic Citizenship Programme.

Tighten its administrative structure, reporting and accountability.

The fee structure will be reviewed

Its administrative oversight strengthened in an effort to maximize revenue collections.

- Ensure full transparency and accountability in government procurement.

FINANCIAL SERVICES

UWP TEAM DOMINICA administration will restore the Financial Services Sector to its position of unparalleled economic opportunity through legislative reform and the active recruitment of reputable financial services companies to our shores

Objective

To develop a vibrant financial services sector driven by renewed approaches to the Economic Citizenship Program, offshore banking and Intellectual Property (IP) Management, resulting in the creation of high-end job opportunities

Real Change Policy

- Embark on a comprehensive legislative reform programme of the financial services sector
- Examine and re-structure the criteria, process and implementation of the Economic Citizenship Program
- Integrate Intellectual Property (IP) matters as a major component of the development of Dominica's Foreign Direct Investment(FDI) Strategy

UWP TEAM DOMINICA will:

- Rebrand Dominica as a worthwhile location for the international business operations of serious investors operating with honesty and integrity in world markets.
- Stamp out corruption in government by setting the example of leadership and management with honesty, integrity and zero tolerance for corruption in public life.
- Revise the Economic Citizenship Programme to purge it of loop holes for corrupt activities and bring it in line with the best practices of the most successful and reputable programmes around the world.
- Ensure full transparency and accountability in government procurement.
- Review and enact legislation that is in harmony with international practices and requirements that would ensure the sustainable development of offshore financial and banking sub-sector.
- Develop and implement a strategy for the enhancement of the registry for:- Offshore and onshore companies International Ship carriers and Intellectual Property matters (copyright, trademarks, patents, industrial design and Geographic Indicators)



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Deal for Vendors

UWP TEAM DOMINICA recognises the importance of the Vendors, the Hucksters and the Small business sector, in moving our Economy from the present low level of less than 1% growth, to the UWP TEAM DOMINICA target of 5-7%. It has been the business method employed by many people, especially single women, to successfully support their households. To this end UWP TEAM DOMINICA will work with these sectors to modernize, build and strengthen their businesses.

Objective

To expand the informal market economy and create opportunities for many people especially single women..

UWP TEAM DOMINICA *will*:

- Cover the open area in the (Roseau) Market;
- Establish a world class creole restaurant;
- Upgrade the market to become an agro-tourism market for both agricultural products and souvenir;
- **Develop an additional vendor facility at Bay Front, Roseau old Health Centre, Dexia building, Old Market.**



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AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES

Agriculture

Objective

UWP Team Dominica will build a productive agricultural sector supplying local needs and trading a mix of high-value nature island products in global markets. This is pivotal to local food security and the sustainable growth of the Dominica economy.

UWP TEAM DOMINICA will:

Modernize the industry and make it attractive to our young people by expanding market-driven production of high value food.

On the nature island our food and drink should be our medicine and our medicine should be our nature island food and drink. Our herbs should heal the world. Therefore, no plant or herb should be illegal in the nature island of the World.

Begin a comprehensive post Maria rehabilitation program for coconuts, coffee, cocoa, avocados and breadfruit

Allocate 20,000 acres of our fertile land to production of bananas, plantains, coconuts, root tubers, coffee, cocoa, cashews, ginger, vanilla, herbs, spices, cannabis and nature island flowers

From the export of these commodities - Health and wellness products be manufactured .

Creation of thousands of new sustainable jobs.

A Cannabis Industry

In this basket of high performers in the global trade of agricultural products, Cannabis, because of its versatility in providing medicinal, food, clothing and shelter solutions offers the greatest growth prospects for our Nature Island economy

Facilitate national education programmes and stakeholder consultations in humanizing, legalizing and industrializing cannabis.

Medical Cannabis is an important part of the plan to modernize and grow Dominica's vital agricultural sector by maximizing the economic potential of cannabis extracts.

Increased opportunities for job creation, foreign exchange earnings.

A share of the global cannabis industry can deliver the lift we desperately need for the rural economy and strong livelihood restoration.

Prioritize the legalization of cannabis with strict regulations to protect our children as a pillar to revive the vital agricultural sector in Dominica and as a fundamental part of the overall strategy for economic resilience.





Fisheries

Our fisherfolk need assistance in growing their businesses, which will in turn give them the ability to produce more.

FSGIP

“Fisheries Sustainable Growth and Investment Programme” (FSGIP),

Provide for the (FSGIP)the initial investment capital to purchase and assemble fifty (50) Fisheries Investment “packages”. This will stimulate the economy by providing seed capital to allow our fisherfolk to immediately begin building their businesses.

Each “package” includes;

- New fiberglass boat with outboard engine
- New safety and medical equipment and supplies
- New marine communications equipment
- New fish-finding equipment

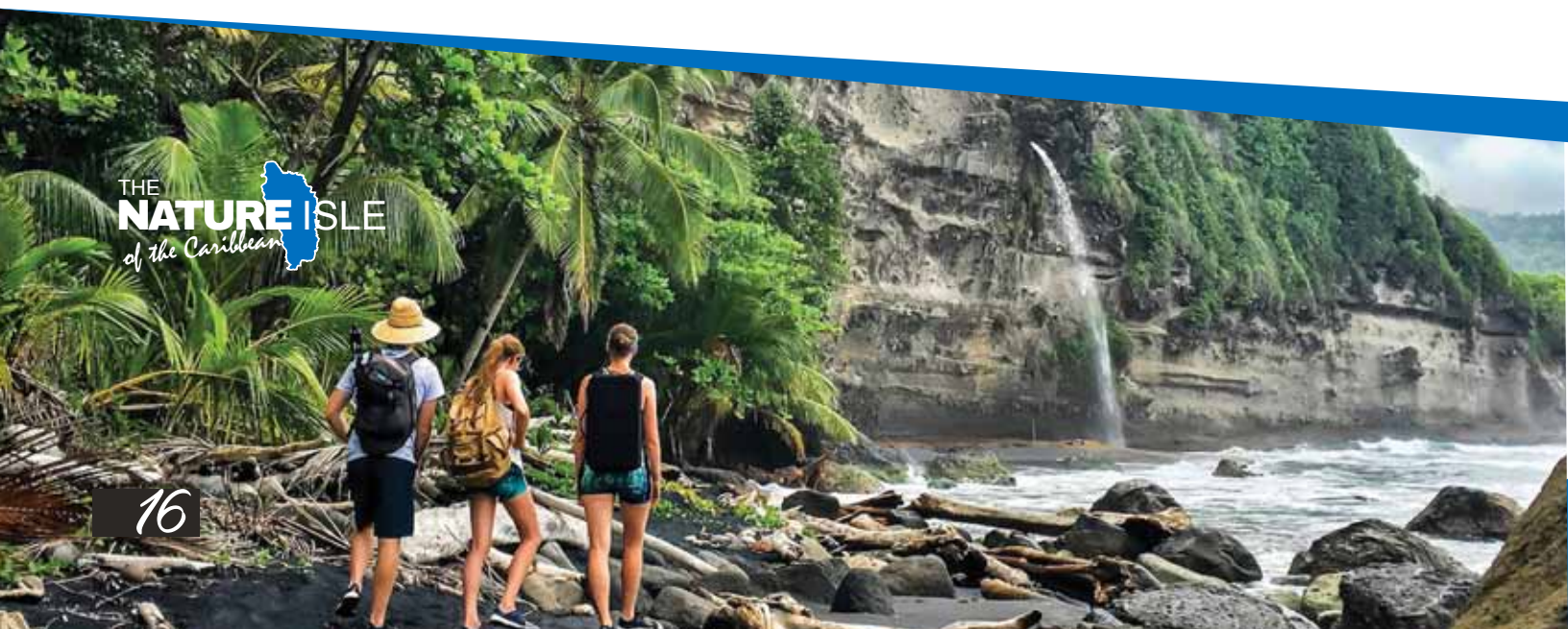
To finance this segment of the FSGIP, we will establish a \$10m revolving fund at the AID bank.

A special unit in the Fisheries Ministry will be established to put together the individual “packages” and to manage the approval process.

In its initial phase, we will make available fifty (50) Investment “packages”, fully financed through the fund and payable over a fifteen (15) year period with a six (6) month grace period.

All equipment will be VAT-free to participants.

It will be a major pillar in the economic revitalization of our country.



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NATURE ISLE TOURISM

UWP Team Dominica will leverage the abundant blessings of green bestowed on our Nature Island to optimize the job creation and other economic benefits of Tourism. We will create a Nature Island visitor economy programme of special events, sports and festivals, along with health and education engagements that offer the lovers of nature a safe haven of peace and tranquility in a troubled world.

The Nature Island Development philosophy offers the lovers of nature around the world a brand in the advancement of civilization that can identify with and support to succeed especially in recognition of the face that the true Nature Island of the world will automatically become, the first climate resilient country in the world.

UWP TEAM DOMINICA WILL DEVELOP

- ✓ **The Three Lakes Project**
- ✓ Bringing 100's of Jobs, 1,000's of Tourists and 1,000,000's of Tourism Dollars to Valley and residential communities of Laudat, Trafalgar, Wotten Waven and Fond Canie
- ✓ The Three Lakes Project concept is designed to bring hundreds of new jobs, to the citizens of The Valley, It includes the construction of an aerial tramway connecting all three lakes. The concept has five (5) phases, the first four (4) of which will be constructed concurrently:

Features of Nature Isle

The Best Air Quality in the World	The Most Surface Water per head of population	The First Terrestrial World Heritage Site in Caribbean	Best Oceanographic Forest in the Caribbean
The Rarest & Largest of the Amazonia Parrots	The Only Year Long Island Habitat of Sperm Wales	Four Mountains over 4k High	The Largest Boiling Lake in the Western Hemisphere
	Two Freshwater Lakes; 1 among the deepest in the World	Most centenarians per capita in the world	

✓ 1. **Visitor Reception Terminal in Laudat**

✓ A Visitor Reception Area will be built in Laudat. This facility will function as a terminal and will include a number of amenities including restaurants with dining capabilities, washrooms, rest areas, and a welcome center. There will also be a designated parking area for all vehicles; no vehicle will be permitted to travel to the Fresh Water Lake.

✓ 2. **Lite Rail Shuttle**

✓ A Lite open-air electric rail system will be constructed. The system will use the current road and will link the Fresh Water Lake with the Visitor Reception

✓ 3. **Aerial Tramway Terminal at Fresh Water Lake**

✓ An aerial Tramway terminal will be constructed at the Fresh Water Lake. This terminal will be the home platform for the tramway system and will be staffed by additional tour guides and maintenance staff. From this terminal, visitors will be able walk to the Fresh Water Lake

✓ 4. **Viewing and Reception Platform Above Boiling Lake**

✓ A tramway terminal will be built above the Boiling Lake and will include a viewing platform that allows visitors to look down at the Boiling Lake from above. The terminal will include a variety of amenities . A hike trail will be built from this platform to the Valley Of Desolation.

✓ 5. **Aerial Tramway to Boeri Lake**

✓ The tramway terminal at the Fresh Water Lake will be extended to facilitate the construction of a second aerial system to the Boeri Lake. When completed, any citizen or visitor will be able to, for the first time, visit all three lakes within one day.

✓ To support this project, funding will be made available to expand the roads leading up to Laudat. When completed, hundreds of new jobs will be created; tour guides, tramway operators, bus operators, staffing at the Reception area.

✓ A percentage of the fees collected will go directly to the Village councils in the Valley.

✓ Fully completed, the 3 lakes project will generate millions of dollars in new revenue every year from visitors to our shores. It will also create hundreds of new jobs in the tourism industry;

✓ **TRANSPORTATION**

✓ UWP Team Dominica will transform our transportation infrastructure for participation in the international trade of goods and services

✓ Construct a state-of-the-art International Airport.

✓ Expand and modernize sea ports for efficient movement people and cargo.

✓ Build a modern public transportation system with clean energy vehicles and bus terminals that will facilitate safe, on-time, comfortable travel for school, business, work or leisure to people in all areas of Dominica.

CRUISE TOURISM

We will build a new cruise pier and terminal facility in Roseau to allow a world class welcome to an increased number of the largest vessels, the Oasis Class ships and their passengers. This new cruise pier will commence construction within 1 year and on completion will be able to berth two of the mega Oasis Class cruise ships simultaneously.

Seek to triple the current cruise passenger arrivals within the first five years.

YACHTING

The creation of a new center for Caribbean yachting in Portsmouth. We have an experienced company ready to begin the creation of a marina and yachting services complex within 120 days of our Government taking office. We aim to ensure that the growing fleet of luxury yachts finds a haven in Dominica, in the knowledge that the presence of a superyachting community brings with it economic benefits on a significant scale.

MANUFACTURING, AGRO-PROCESSING

In seeking to attain our true economic potential, we will diversify the economy through innovation, the nurturing of infant industries, and value added initiatives.

UWP TEAM DOMINICA recognises the untapped potential of Dominica's agricultural and natural resources and its light manufacturing sector. In seeking to attain our true economic potential, we will diversify the economy through innovation, the nurturing of infant industries, and value added initiatives. In addition, we will facilitate import substitution business initiatives aimed at reducing the country's massive trade deficit while at the same time creating much needed jobs.

Objective

To create an environment in which manufacturers succeed in developing new export products

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- **Provide access to low cost, private equity and venture capital financing, training and technical assistance support, to new and existing businesses in light manufacturing, agro processing, quarrying, and water export.**
- Review the Fiscal Incentive Act (1984), quarry related legislation and regulations as deemed necessary, and **enact Small Business Legislation.**
- Streamline the application process for new business start-ups to result in a one stop shop thus improving efficiency.
- Develop a comprehensive human resource development programme aligned to the priority industries.

- *Review the Fiscal Incentive Act (1984), quarry related legislation and regulations as deemed necessary, and enact Small Business Legislation*

- ✓ *Facilitate exportation of bulk and bottled water to targeted markets.*
- ✓ *Provide tax credits to new and existing companies involved in creating sustainable jobs.*

UWP TEAM DOMINICA will:

- ✓ Set criteria for the selection of start-up and existing companies within the agricultural sector with special emphasis on essential oil, fruits, root crops, and fisheries; renewable energy, water export, light manufacturing and quarry industries, and provide appropriate financial, business development and technical support.
- ✓ Embark on a comprehensive product development, branding and market access programme.
- ✓ Identify, develop, and assist existing private sector firms involved in light manufacturing and agro-processing.
- ✓ Facilitate exportation of bulk and bottled water to targeted markets.
- ✓ **Revitalise the local Furniture Industry.**
- ✓ Encourage the development of Cannabis bi-products
- ✓ **Provide tax credits to new and existing companies involved in creating sustainable jobs.**

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Housing and Construction

- **Develop, repair and improve road networks, modernise the sea ports, create a modern industrial park using renewable energy,**

Housing

The UWP considers housing to be the most pressing need facing Dominicans at present. Alleviation of the current housing crisis in the immediate, medium and long-term is necessary for improving the confidence of resiliency and quality of life of our people

Low level of affordable financing.

Provide duty free importation of all building materials for an initial period of three years.

Dominica's housing sector was plagued with many issues immediately prior to the passage of Hurricane Maria on 18/09/2017. Foremost among the issues were the following:

Overcrowding particularly in the low-income housing sub-sector

A large percentage or stock of low-income households

Low to insignificant private sector participation in the provision of housing units sites and services

Ad-hoc involvement of central government in home renovation and new small housing projects

Inadequate monitoring of construction activities

Poor construction techniques

High incidence of squatting on state lands

Low levels of skilled and semi-skilled workers

Shortage of suitable serviced housing land in the larger settlements

Low level of affordable financing

High incidence of uninsured and under-insured properties in the national housing stock

Objectives – To provide a resilient housing stock to the home owners of Dominica paying special attention to the most vulnerable.

UWP TEAM DOMINCA Will

Develop a National Housing Strategy will move housing areas in need of relocation, to suitable lands.

Provide solutions for new housing needs by settlement.

Encourage local private sector participation in the supply and financing of affordable housing to low and middle-income households nationally.

We will prioritize environmentally friendly design and construction of buildings.



The UWP will immediately

1. Provide duty free importation of all building materials for an initial period of three years
2. Reduce Value Added Tax on Building Material from 15% to 10%
3. Publicize government's policy for the equitable distribution of housing assistance to all deserving households as well as establish District Housing and Development Control Offices.
4. Specify minimum qualifying criteria to provide housing assistance from a minimum of \$5,000 to a maximum of \$75,000 to all deserving/qualified heads of households/homeowners over a period of six months
5. Implement a special package of assistance to meet the housing needs of vulnerable groups
- persons whose houses were completely destroyed by Hurricane Maria
6. In consultation with Dominica's Building/engineering/Architect Societies develop a program of intense training to increase the number of skilled construction workers by at least 30 % over a period of six calendar months.
7. The provision of low interest rate loans for housing, commercial and industrial development through the AID bank and other financial institutions.

UWP TEAM DOMINICA will introduce The Clean and Green Economy Policy.

THE BLUE AND GREEN ECONOMIES

Key Policy Initiatives

UWP TEAM DOMINICA will introduce The Clean and Green Economy Policy. The New Clean and Green Economy, which UWP has been developing and articulating since 2009 puts people and good paying jobs at the centre. Dominicans at home and abroad will know, foreign investors will know, and visitors to our shores will know clearly what Dominica and Dominicans stand for:

- adherence to World Heritage Guidelines.
- adoption of Green Globe Standards.**
- holistic development of a Sustainable Tourism Integrated with Sustainable Agriculture, Healthy Food, and Fresh Juices produced here in Dominica.
- fresh fish, farmed or caught here in Dominica.
- enhanced with Sports, Hot Mineral Spas, into a total health and Wellness experience



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UWP TEAM DOMINICA *will:*

- ✓ UWP will maximize Dominica's access to sustainable development financing
- ✓ Increase the Human Resource and Technical Capacity of the Environmental Ministry, Ministry of Finance and National Authorising Office (NAO) to enable them to rapidly develop sustainable projects to position Dominica to access, within UWP's first term, up to EC one billion in Official Development Assistance (ODA) and FDI from the various green financing institutions and Governments, including the World Bank, Norway, EU, US, Japan, Canada, and NGOs which have pledged resources for development of Blue-Green Economy in SIDS.
- ✓ Expand the Dominica Low Carbon Climate Resilient Development Strategy (using the Guyana Model of Sustainable Forest Management as a guide) in exchange for Carbon credits.
- ✓ Establish a \$100M Reforestation and Natural Resource Restoration and Renewable Energy Dev. Fund (RRREF)

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WATER INDUSTRY

"Water is life." UWP TEAM DOMINICA recognises the importance of water to Dominica and the rest of the world. Thus we will work to ensure the sustainable use, restoration and preservation of this valuable resource.

Blue Fleet" project

The "Blue Fleet" project aims to sell Dominican water to our neighboring islands who lack sufficient access to water. We intend to build a fleet of specialised vessels to move bulk and packaged water around the region

Goal

To increase the exportation of bulk and bottled water by 200 percent within the first four (4) years.

Key Policy Initiatives

- **Prepare, develop and implement a water resource management policy and development strategy.**
- Conduct studies to determine current water usage by people and habitats.
- Review and make amendments to existing legislation to ensure effectiveness and sustainability.

UWP TEAM DOMINICA *will:*

- ✓ **Provide incentives, technical and business support to private sector and statutory bodies involved in water resource exportation and preservation in order to enhance their productivity and effectiveness.**
- ✓ Utilise Dominica's forest reserve as collateral (carbon credits) for attracting financing for environmentally conscious international institutions like the World Bank.
- ✓ Embark on a massive reforestation program, encourage environmentally friendly practices and conduct technical studies/ research to inform decision making.



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RENEWABLE ENERGY

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Objective

To make Dominica the world's premier clean and green destination where competitive energy costs encourage local and foreign investment by ensuring that 100% of Dominica's energy needs is produced from sustainable renewable sources within ten (10) years in a safe and sustainable manner.

Key Policy Initiatives

- Review, legislate and implement the national energy policy.
- Review government's current Geothermal Energy Project.
- **Remove all taxes on equipment and spare parts used in the generation of power from sustainable renewable sources.**
- Develop a sustainable energy industry which will include, but not be limited to, research and development, manufacturing and export of technical services in the area of renewable energy.
- **Establish a Development Bank to fuel the sector.**

UWP TEAM DOMINICA *will:*

- ✓ Facilitate the private sector in the establishment of businesses to engage in the design, fabrication, installation, maintenance and enhancement of renewable systems.
- ✓ **Introduce an Associate Degree programme in Renewable Energy Systems at the Dominica State College.**
- ✓ Facilitate partnerships with these energy companies that will see young Dominicans trained in the design, service and maintenance of clean systems.

- ✓ Critically and thoroughly assess the development of geothermal energy to ensure its safety to our people, ecosystem, and the environment.
- ✓ Establish small Hydro plants in key areas in the South East, North East and North West of the island, supported by an integrated, forest soils, water and other natural resource restoration and management programme.
- ✓ Develop the right mix of the production of sustainable energy using hydro, wind, and solar to optimise energy output.
- ✓ Provide fiscal incentives and tax credits to companies creating sustainable new jobs in the renewable energy sub-sector.
- ✓ Encourage communities in sustainable energy usage initiatives through the establishment of several model eco villages.

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NATURE ISLE CULTURE AND MUSIC INDUSTRY

Worth in excess of \$130 billion globally. Despite of our significant contributions to the artform and the creation of the Cadence genre, there is the lack of serious effort to create a vibrant local industry with the potential to capture international niche markets.

The Association of Musical Professional (AMP) needs now to be empowered and elevated into a national body fueled by government's subventions until it is able to sustain itself

Immediate attention will be placed on providing training in all facets of music and music production within the TVET framework and the granting of scholarships to students willing to pursue training in.

- Functional and classical music
- Performing arts
- Sound engineering certification,

- legal practitioners' competence in entertainment law.
- Sustainable development of the Artform as a tourism product and contemporary culture.
- Implement mentoring programs at primary school
- Ensure that all schools are staffed with teachers who are trained in music.
- No import duties on all musical instrument for beginners enrolled in musical education programs and training programs which are recognize by AMP.
- (Band & Crew) policies will be developed to ensure that there is shared experience between locals and foreign artiste/ personnel contracted for performances/production.
- We shall implement programs where our young people will be observers, serve as interns or understudy these individuals to build competence and sustainability within our local music industry.



KALINAGO

- OUR INDIGENOUS PEOPLE

REAL CHANGE



Objective

To advance the economic and social well-being of our Kalinago people and preserve and build the cultural heritage

Real Change Policy

- Ensure that the rights and privilege of Kalinago people are protected and preserved
- Take measures to ensure that Kalinago people are empowered to take advantage of jobs and business opportunities
- To preserve and advance cultural Heritage of our indigenous people

UWP TEAM DOMINICA *will:*

- ✓ Review and make appropriate amendments to the Carib Act (1978) in order to make it relevant to modern day Dominica
- ✓ **Establish the Kalinago Development Corporation (KDC) to work in collaboration with the chief and council to develop social and economic development programmes such as:**

- Take measures to ensure that Kalinago people are empowered to take advantage of jobs and business opportunities



REAL CHANGE



- **Five Star Eco-Tourism Resort**
 - Official “Chief House”
 - Cassava factory and processing facility
 - Sporting facilities and other projects that will create jobs and uplift the community
- ✓ **Establish the Kalinago Development Fund or Trust which would finance the development of the Kalinago people in the absence of the use of land as collateral**
 - ✓ **Encourage and facilitate cultural exchange programmes with other indigenous people, develop and trademark the “Kalinago Brand” and establish sales outlets in strategic location in Dominica and overseas markets.**
 - ✓ Engage in a comprehensive Human Resource Development (HRD) programme for the Kalinago territory which will include scholarship, general management and special technical training to ensure that the business and job opportunities that will be created are embraced by the Kalinago people
 - ✓ Encourage use of development agreements to attract investment into the Kalinago Territory
 - ✓ Facilitate exploitation of renewable energy resources in the Territory for the benefit of residents
 - ✓ Increase investment in agricultural diversification

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YOUTH IN DIGITAL REVOLUTION

The global socio-economic advancement has shifted because of ICT. It has changed the pattern of production, the knowledge of employees and investors; while increasing yield and adding value. To this end, the UWP TEAM DOMINICA government will move ahead to facilitate increased utilization of the available fibre optic, voice and video capacity for an attractive mix of value added internationally competitive services.

Objective

To develop the ICT sector as a lead growth engine powering a range of high value job opportunities in the Dominicans economy

Real Change Policy

- **Provide specialised training, incentives and financial support to private sector for the establishment and development ICT related companies**

- Embark on a Human Resources Development (HRD) to create a vibrant and well-trained workforce in ICT and promote local and Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in the sector

UWP TEAM DOMINICA *will*:

- ✓ Proactively engage the private sector in the establishment of ICT firms serving medical, online music store, accounting and financial services and other high end fields
- ✓ **Facilitate the establishment of an application Service Centre (Microsoft, Oracle, Dell etc.) and attract more ICT outsourcing Job opportunities**
- ✓ Strengthen existing Call Centers and facilitate the establishment of at least three (3) more Call Centers in The North, South and East of Dominica

REAL CHANGE

- Facilitate the establishment of free broadband Wi-Fi hotspots at all government public spaces across the island.



Youth Engagement – ICT

Dominica requires BOLD initiatives NOW to unleash the tremendous potential of its young people and which will see Dominica leapfrog towards becoming a leader among its peers in the league of nations as a model of sustainable development and a resilient society through the innovative and smart use of ICTs. The UWP believes that the youth can drive this process as agents of REAL CHANGE.

Objective

To unleash the potential of our young people through innovative and smart use of ICTs

UWP TEAM DOMINICA will:

- Facilitate the establishment of free broadband Wi-Fi hotspots at all government public spaces across the island.
- Introduce a program of App development and computer programming eventually to be implemented in all primary and secondary schools. Young Dominicans must transition from being users of technology to being creators.
- Remove import duties and VAT on all computer hardware, software, tablets and smartphones (cell phones).



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Youth Participation through E-Governance

Government Questions and Answer Electronic Helpdesk

In Dominica a new model of governance must respond to an informed citizenry which is increasingly laying its claim for deeper inclusion in the governance process. A prime opportunity exists for the strategic exploitation of ICTs for the purpose of both widening and deepening the net of citizen participation as well as creating a more open government.

- Establish the Dominica Government e-Participation Portal which among other capabilities will include:
- Ideas Pool Innovation Management (Crowd sourcing) Platform which employs the principles and practices of crowd sourcing by allowing citizens, especially our youth, to identify and/or prioritise ideas in a transparent, democratic and bottom-up way resulting in the most important ideas bubbling to the top for consideration by the Government.

- Live Interactive Citizen Engagement Events featuring two-way communications
 - Live streamed presentations, panel discussions, town hall styled meetings or focus groups conducted/facilitated by government policy makers on issues where feedback is needed.

- e-Petition Platform, to allow citizens especially our youth to create an e-petition about anything that the government is responsible for and with an obligation for government to commit to consider adding it to its agenda if it gets a specified number of signatures.
- Public Consultation Blogs, which allow citizens especially our youth to give views and participate in the discussions on new or changing government policies by responding to consultations which have been posted.
- Government Questions and Answer Electronic Helpdesk.



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YOUTH EMPOWERMENT

JOBS. EDUCATION. SPORTS – LOVE, UNDERSTANDING, SUPPORT.

The UWP TEAM DOMINICA understands the pain and the struggles of the young people growing up in the state of our current society. A UWP TEAM DOMINICA administration will facilitate job creation and business opportunities, provide and improve sports and recreational facilities, assist in the development of youth creativity and talents, to ultimately improve the quality of life of our young people.

Objective

To improve the lives of our youth through programmes and activities which will cater to the multi-faceted needs of our communities.

Real Change Policy

- ☐ Provide sustainable jobs for youth across all sectors
- ☐ Establish a Technical Wing at all secondary schools on the island
- ☐ **Introduce an Associate Degree programme in demand sectors at the Dominica State College**

- ☐ Provide sporting and academic scholarships which involves transparent selection criteria based on merit and need
- ☐ Develop a comprehensive sports policy and action plan
- ☐ Provide exposure, business opportunities, technical and financial support for youth
- ☐ **Further advancement of ITC integration in schools and workplace**
- ☐ Increased social safety netting for youth which would give young people facing social and academic challenges a second chance
- ☐ Provide job and housing opportunities for youth throughout the country
- ☐ Establish a National Rehabilitation Centre for delinquent youths
- ☐ Establish a National Youth Service



□ **UWP TEAM DOMINICA will:**

- ✓ Develop a transparent system for accessing sporting and academic scholarships based on merit.
- ✓ Prepare and implement sports facilities development plan and training program targeting youth across the nation.
- ✓ Establish a youth village which would provide specialised training, recreational facilities for specialised sports. In addition, a state of the art musical facility for recording and rehearsing will form part of this.
- ✓ Review and enhance existing entrepreneurship programmes and establish business incubators in Key Market locations for housing and technical advice for small business growth.
- ✓ Initiate a comprehensive adoption of Internet Communication Technology (ICT) at schools, government institutions, and workplaces to improve productivity and speed up services and empower youth
- ✓ Revitalisation of National Youth Council.
- ✓ Facilitate participation of youth in local, regional, and international sporting tournaments and conferences.
- ✓ Work with educational institutions to include and expand on curricula to include entrepreneurship studies, as well as sports management, music, dance, culture, technical and vocational skills.
- ✓ Greater emphasis placed on the acquisition of technical and vocational qualifications than currently exist.



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PUBLIC SERVANTS

The neglect of our public servants will come to an end. We will restore dignity in work and make it free from political victimization.

OBJECTIVES

To build an efficient and productive service.

Real Change Policy

We will upgrade the salaries of all public officers to make them competitive with the salaries paid to public officers in other OECS countries. A 3 percent salary increase for all public officers will be provided for in this change of government budget year

TEAM UWP DOMINICA WILL

Pay salary increases.

2.5% for 2018/2019

3.5% for 2019/2020

4% for 2020

We will ensure that it makes personal economic sense to be a nurse, a teacher and a police officer in Dominica.

We will appoint all public officers who are serving for more than one year without an appointment.

We will Build a national work ethic in which public officers are committed to serving the state instead of being forced to enslave themselves to the will of Government Ministers.

□ Improve the quality of governance by eliminating waste and inefficiency in government spending and optimising public sector investment resources.

□ Pay salary increases

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□ 3.5% for 2019/2020

□ 4% for 2020





NEW DEAL FOR ESSENTIAL SERVICES



- ✓ **Consult with the Police Welfare Association and leaders in the Service to set up a commission to inquire into matters affecting the Police, Fire and Prison services, including such matters as,**
 - Adequacy of fighting equipment;
 - Training requirements of officers;
 - Improve the conditions of service, such as low salaries and unhealthy working environments, living quarters,
 - Modernise the telecommunication network,
 - Install a fully functional Intranet,
 - Introduce an advance Fingerprinting System,
 - Properly equip Police vehicles,
 - Promote officers in an impartial manner



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EDUCATION AND HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

The UWP TEAM DOMINICA's philosophy of lifelong learning and outlook on economic performance and global competition will guide the development of the necessary principles of learning, policies and practices in the education system in Dominica. Most importantly, the UWP TEAM DOMINICA will reposition its education focus to be in sync with the needs of the Dominican economy and to take advantage of regional and global opportunities.

Objective

To develop a robust, internationally competitive education system aligned to the economic, social, cultural and sporting needs of Dominica

Real Change Policy

- **A New Deal for All Teachers including Preschool Teachers and government assisted schools.**
- In consultation with the Dominica Teachers Association (DTA) and the Dominica Catholic Teachers Association (DCTA), immediately commission a full review of salaries, benefits, working conditions, professional training opportunities and career development needs of all teachers, including those in government assisted schools.
- **Create more posts for Graduate, and trained or Qualified teachers at both Primary and secondary school.**

- Engage Stakeholders in maximising the benefits of the Education Act and in developing a comprehensive education policy framework to best serve the needs of the economy and people of Dominica. This involves the reformation of Dominica's early childhood, primary, secondary and tertiary education system.
- **Re-engineer the Universal Secondary Education system to ensure that the intended objectives and benefits are optimally met.**
- Move towards more personalised learning to improve support for low-achieving pupils.
- **Place greater emphasis on technical/vocational education training and strengthen the technical division.**
- Strengthen the regime of accreditation of the Dominica State College (DSC), expand bachelor's degree programme into selected field of study at DSC and develop the institution to conduct and publish research in selected fields.
- **Develop and establish a comprehensive after school Human Resource Development (HRD) programme targeting public and private sector personnel.**
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SPORTS

Under the present government, sporting disciplines are not treated as a high priority. UWP TEAM DOMINICA recognises the importance of sports in building youth character, the impact on health of our nation, the economic benefits, the national pride and publicity that can be derived from successful performances of a nation on the world stage.

Objective

UWP TEAM DOMINICA will implement a sports policy that will cause national pride to stir once more and engage the youth in meaningful and positive ways.

Real Change Policy

Consultation with the youth and other practitioners to develop a sporting plan that will take the youth and other sports persons to major games and competitions within the next five (5) years

UWP TEAM DOMINICA will:

- Establish a Sports Academy at DSC;
- Establish Associate Degrees in Sports at DSC;
- Build a Gymnasium for indoor Sports and a Synthetic track for athletics, as were originally designed by UWP for the Winsor Park Stadium as well as a swimming facility;
- upgrade and Transform Community Sporting Facilities and engage more trained sports development officers;
 - Ensure that no child or sports enthusiast will have to walk more than one mile to get to a public sports facility.
 - Establish The DOMINICA SPORTS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (DSDC). The DSDC will be a Joint venture between the major Sports Associations, sports clubs, Dominica Lottery, Private Sector, Government, general public and other stakeholders.

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HEALTH CARE

UWP TEAM DOMINICA predicates its approach to health on strengthening the vital links between food, nutrition, agriculture, public health and the environment.

This integrated approach to health places a high value on connecting traditional with new technologies such as telemedicine and new surgical and diagnostic techniques that reduce morbidity and lengths of stay in hospitals for residents while extending the stay of visitors seeking to make use of our wellness services.

Objective

To reduce the incidence of communicable and non-communicable diseases, improve the quality of health services and develop health related infrastructure.

Real Change Policy

- **Remove duties and VAT on equipment and goods which promote healthy lifestyle**
- Develop a health policy HRD plan and introduce a medical services development act.
- Develop a national health insurance scheme.
- Design and implement a national health and nutrition programme for pre-primary, primary and secondary schools.

- Provide incentives to existing medical schools, private hospitals and explore possibility of diversifying offshore school programmes to include nursing and dentistry.

- **Upgrade and modernise existing hospitals and health care services in Grandbay;**

- **Give the Kalinago territory its own hospital; and develop a new modern National hospital to provide world class tertiary medical care.**

- Develop and implement a drug use prevention and mental health policy and implementation plan.

- Develop a health, wellness, medi-tourism strategy.

- Complete the development of a modern all service National Hospital.

In Marigot construct a new state of the art trauma and acute care hospital.

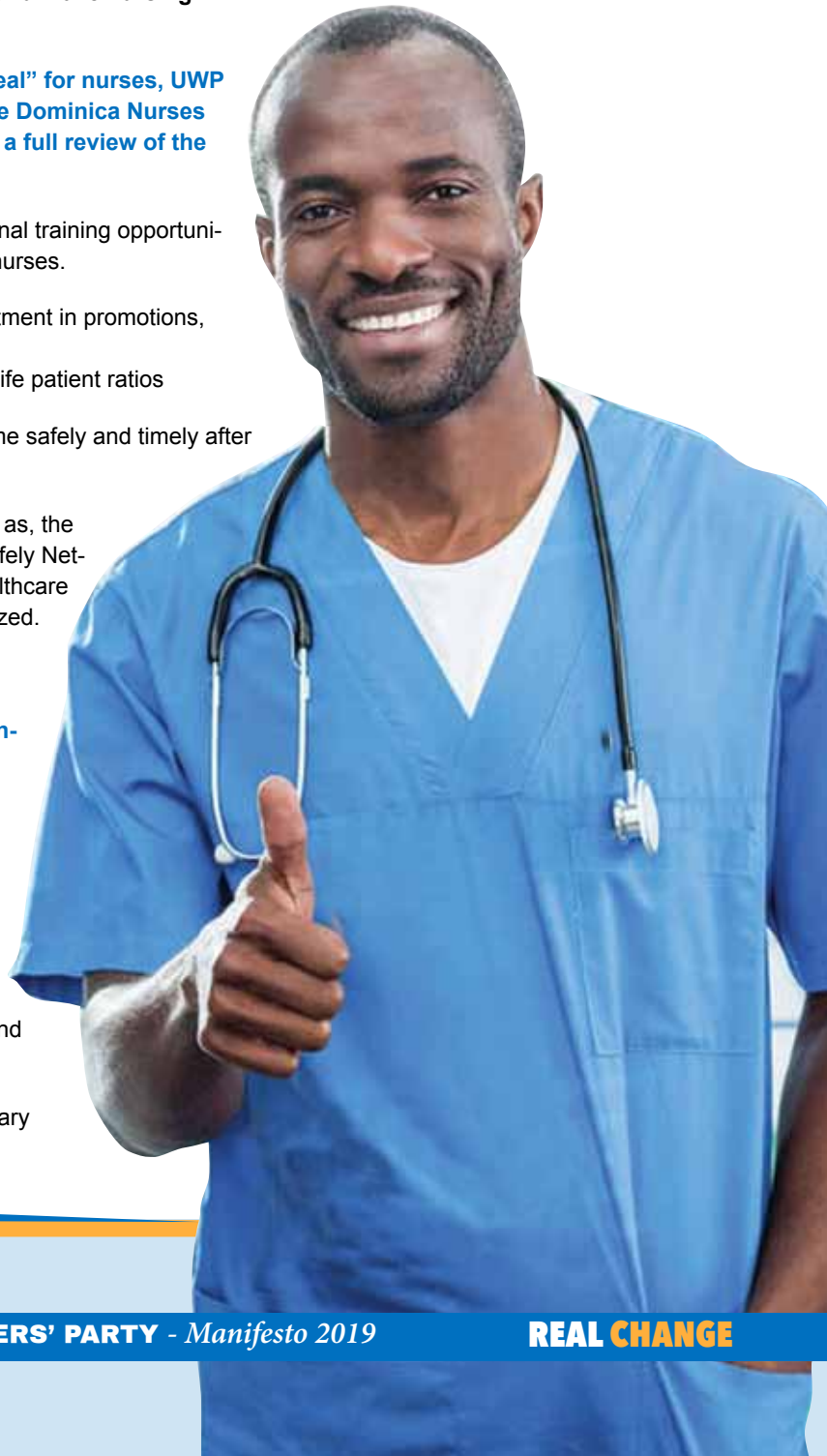


- **Upgrade and modernise existing hospitals and health care services in Portsmouth and Marigot**

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UWP TEAM DOMINICA *will:*

- ✓ Address the concerns and the needs of the nurses, in order to raise the low staff morale, rebuild the status of the Nursing profession and make nursing in Dominica a happy profession again.
- ✓ Develop a blue print for a “New and Better Deal” for nurses, UWP TEAM DOMINICA will, in consultation with the Dominica Nurses Association (DNA), immediately commission a full review of the report dealing with:
 - Job reclassification, salaries, professional training opportunities and career development needs of nurses.
 - This includes transparency and fair treatment in promotions, Health Insurance, Nurse patient ratios and midwife patient ratios
- Provision of Transportation for nurses to get home safely and timely after leaving work at 8pm.
- The review will deal with other workplace issues as, the issue of bullying of nurses, SOS – Speak out Safely Network; so that nurses can raise nurse/patient/healthcare concerns without being victimized and marginalized.
- ✓ Build and operate a drug rehabilitation center.
- ✓ Implement health policy which includes incentives for health workers, free healthcare for elderly, physically challenged, students, and health service providers. Furthermore, specialised training for doctors and nurses and review of their remuneration.
- ✓ Upgrade buildings and equipment of all public healthcare facilities.
- ✓ Strengthen environmental health programmes and primary and secondary healthcare system.
- ✓ Implement an indigenous dietary plan at all primary schools through school feeding program.



Environment

The Skerrit - led government did nothing about legislation to facilitate climate resilient development. The environment of Dominica and its people are the victims of neglect. The issues surrounding the environment are real as our Nature Isle has boundless opportunities for us as a small island state to make a difference in the world.

Objective - The protection and education of the people in responding to the realities of climate change. This will be priority as we seek to make Dominica resilient in every respect and every aspect is addressing climate change issues.

CLIMATE RESILIENCE

Resilience - The capacity of a system, community or society potentially exposed to hazards to adapt, by resisting or changing in order to reach and maintain an acceptable level of functioning and structure. This is determined by the degree to which the social system is capable of organizing itself to increase its capacity for learning from past disasters for better future protection and to improve risk reduction measures. (ISDR)

A United Workers Party government will focus on -

The defensive skills and competencies should he/she have to deal with natural disasters

Put measures in place to stop the politicization of relief supplies

To be proactive, innovative and resourceful in recovering personal and community property and building back better

Climate Change

- Initiate a robust program around Climate Change mitigation and implementation measures, which will have the buy in of the donor community.
- Projects built around the pursuit of a green industry consistent with the Nature Isle concept will be submitted for grant funding.

Additionally we will:

Public Infrastructure

Increase the resilience of public infrastructure to natural disasters in order to boost investment by protecting private capital and the ability to produce, transport and export after a natural disaster.

We will bolster construction codes and revise zoning procedures to enhance the resilience of public and private infrastructure as a matter of top priority

The United Workers Party will make Dominica resilient in every respect and every aspect; and we will shift our people from personal ambition to the resiliency of a larger Nature Island vision in the course of becoming the best place to live, work and enjoy life.



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REAL CHANGE

Work with our Diaspora and local IT firms to craft a Communities Online network to link every town and village.

THE DIASPORA

Team Dominica will partner with our diaspora brothers and sisters in the cause of developing Dominica as the nature island of the world. This sacred national interest engagement will be rooted in our values of love, caring, respect, honesty, transparency, accountability, teamwork and continuous improvement. It will be driven by the development wisdom of our ancestors, the expertise of our professionals in various fields of global endeavor and our adherence to the constitutional rule of law. Our relationship with our Diaspora partners will be characterized by a dignified, organized, nonpartisan, pro-development ethic.

Objective

To engage our Diaspora in a productive mutually beneficial network, as they are able to partake in the economic and other initiatives engendered by their efforts.

UWP TEAM DOMINICA Will

We will end the national development disgrace of engaging our Diaspora brothers and sisters exclusively as part of insidious electoral campaigns in which free boat or plane rides are distributed to sway the outcome of elections.

UWP-Team Dominica officially endorses the Diaspora policy paper presented to Government by the Dominica Academy of Arts & Sciences in 2005.

Members of our Diaspora will be encouraged to volunteer as a “Dominica Development Agents” (DDA).

A DDA will be asked to secure investment and partnerships for Dominica in the science, art and technology spaces, while promoting tourism and development advocacy among Diaspora Dominicans and others.

We will introduce an Annual Arts Agriculture & Industry Fair - The DDA and other Diaspora entities will be asked to partner with Team Dominica to host an annual fair.

We will introduce Communities Online - Science, Technology, Engineering, Art & Mathematics (CO-STEAM):

Work with our Diaspora and local IT firms to craft a Communities Online network to link every town and village.

Today, we are dedicated to uniting our nationals, at home and abroad, premised on the principles of democracy, an equality or opportunity.



REAL CHANGE

FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Foreign Affairs policy of UWP TEAM DOMINICA will be guided by the highest moral principles and not solely by short term economic considerations.

Objective

To establish and strengthen diplomatic relations with friendly nations based on mutual respect, national interest and values

Real Change Policy

- Review, strengthen and revitalise relationships with our traditional allies
- **Identify countries with whom we share similar values and principles and establish diplomatic relations on the basis of our commitment to develop globally competitive human resources and build capacity for international trade**

UWP TEAM DOMINICA will:

- ✓ Align our foreign policy with the national development

strategy for continuous improvement in human resource development, cultural exchanges, sharing of information, research and development, technology transfer, trade, infrastructure and business development.

- ✓ Ensure that when funding for development projects is negotiated through bilateral agreements at least 50% of the jobs on grant funded projects and 75% of the jobs on loan funded projects will be done by Dominican nationals.
- ✓ Ensure that the conduct of our foreign affairs effectively drives increased foreign direct investment, foreign trade and foreign exchange earnings.
- ✓ **Rethink, renew and rebuild our relationship with the global group of reputable citizens of other lands who have chosen economic citizenship in Dominica and are interested in moving the economic dimension of the partnership beyond the payment of fees for a passport into real investment.**

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GOOD GOVERNANCE

The recent inability of the Skerrit led government to respond to the charge of 1.2 billion dollars from the sale of passports has brought Dominica's state of governance into question. The arrest of international criminals carrying Diplomatic passports of Dominica has hurt our nature isle. This reality coupled with the refusal to accept strong recommendations for electoral reform, reinforces the decay of the rule of law. The current leadership has failed the country and in so doing has challenged all Dominicans for the need to have change. A need for Real Change is an imperative of good governance

Objective – To restore public trust in organs of the state and facilitate civic engagement as a means to rebuild our social capital.

GOOD GOVERNANCE CONCERNS

VENEZUELA PETRO CARIBE DEBT CONTROVERSY

Inexplicable silence on the Venezuela Petro Caribe debt controversy. The public denial for years Dominica's debt of over 100 million US dollars to Venezuela and then turned around and accepted forgiveness for the same debt he insisted Dominica did not owe.

AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNT

Dominicans need confirmation of the near 400 million estimated to be in the Airport Development Account as at today November, 2019. This money belongs to the Consolidated fund money. Dominicans want to know where is it being held?

CITIZENSHIP BY INVESTMENT PROGRAM

Revenues from the Citizenship by Investment program in 2018/2019 was 226 million, 180.6 million or 44% less than the budgeted amount of 406.6 million. The estimated revenue for the full year is EC\$1.291 billion. But we ended with only with 226.0 million over 1 billion dollars less

DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT DISGRACE –

An Iranian by the name of Alireza Monfared, the holder of a DOMINICAN diplomatic passport and harboured for months as a fugitive from justice in Dominica. Monfared is captured in the Dominican Republic and transported to his home land to face trial. He is later sentenced for 20 years in Iran and ordered to repay 1.3 US billion dollars, stolen from the state of Iran.

UWP TEAM DOMINICA Will

STRENGTHEN THE CBI

UWP Team Dominica will bring transparency, credibility, and

proportion to the issuance of Dominican passports to foreign investors

Restoring Dominican Prestige as a Destination for Foreign Investment: We will legislate safeguards and transparency back into our banking system.

We will utilize our embassy network to ensure that we have a high and consistently transparent level of contact with international and financial institutions.

We will work to ensure that our diplomatic partners have a greater presence here in Dominica.

We will no longer be a secret haven where criminals can function without the scrutiny of the international community.

RESTORE TRUST

Commit to fair treatment for all, regardless of Colour, creed or Political affiliation.

Commit to empower Government Institutions and facilitate them to do their work.

ACCOUNTABLE GOVERNMENT

Utilise the Sector Working Groups and Ministerial Public Expenditure reviews to bring together input from ministers, parliamentarians, public officials, the private sector, civil society organizations and private citizens.

Engage a Finance Committee of Parliament to review and approve the Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure

PUBLIC SPENDING STRENGTHENING

Under a new UWP Government, budgetary allocations will be effectively implemented by the ministries and agencies of government.

Revenue collection and spending in the budget will be subjected to proper oversight by an empowered Public Accounts Committee (PAC), the Audit Department, the Budget Office.

Amend the Standing Orders of the House of Assembly to ensure the PAC is released from exclusively dependence on reports from the Director of Audit

Implement Budget execution reports, including in-year and audited year-end reports

Immediately implement the Public Procurement Act, which will strictly guide the granting of contracts within our Public Investment Program (PSIP).

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THE UNITED WORKERS PARTY

CIVIL SOCIETY

The recent years of growing tyranny by the Skerrit Government meant that there was a spontaneous creation of public discussion aimed at resolving Dominica's problems. If anything, our national crisis served as a spur to be patriotic Dominicans. All modern societies are afflicted with the struggle to encourage genuine civil society participation. In smaller spaces the gap can be closed by facilitating the energies of Dominicans here and overseas.

Objective

To create a vibrant civil society that offers development support to our Nature Isle.

UWP TEAM DOMINICA Will

We want to encourage the creation of credible, new professional bodies which can gather expertise in ways which will

help the governance of our Commonwealth.

The new Government will build on our nature isle assets, and reinforce our educational system so that we continue to produce uniquely capable individuals.

Work to encourage some civil society initiatives, such as:

The Dominican Geographical Society: This would be a non-profit organisation, open to lay and expert membership, linked to the other prestigious Royal and national geographical societies around the world.

It would focus on gathering Dominica's geographical, geophysical, ethnic, linguistic, historical, and cultural attributes, including those resources of our agricultural areas, and our surrounding oceans.

...The new Government will build on our nature isle assets, and reinforce our educational system...

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REAL CHANGE

The Physically Challenged



UWP TEAM DOMINICA hears the cry of the **Dominica Association of Persons with Disabilities (DAPD)** on behalf of its members

Objective

To secure an improve for persons with disabilities

UWP TEAM DOMINICA will:

Secure more jobs for persons with challenges and disabilities,

Legislation demanding rights for persons with challenges and disabilities in the workplace,

Duty-Free access to disability equipment for individuals of the disability community

Ensure in public spaces, schools, churches, banks and utility companies, there are provisions of facilities like ramps, wheelchairs accessible toilets and sidewalks.

UWP TEAM DOMINICA guarantees these basic human rights to all persons with disabilities. UWP TEAM DOMINICA reaffirms its commitment and readiness to work in consultation and partnership with DAPD in effective implementation of the Convention on the Rights of Persons Living with Disabilities.





GENDER AFFAIRS

UWP TEAM DOMINICA BRINGS PROSPERITY, DIGNITY & RESPECT to OUR WOMEN.

Objective

To secure the protection and rights of our women

UWP TEAM DOMINICA will:

Strengthen Partnership between the legal aid clinic and Women's Bureau to deal with child maintenance issues.

Established a special facility for single women to access small business loans at very low interest rate will be created and administered by the NDFD after assessment for qualification by the NDFD and Women's Bureau.

Introduce a new policy that will allow a welfare officer to travel anytime a report is made.

Provide a special clinic for rehabilitation and support for battered women and battered men.

Review the Maintenance Act and remove the cap at which magistrates may sanction a father or mother to pay maintenance.

Provide for a better system at magistrate court to collect maintenance payment and modernize the system so that the magistrate may also provide for compulsory salary deduction.

Review legislation such as the intestate Estate Act and review the status of women in common-law relationship.

Introduce at least one (1) month paternity leave.

Facilitate the critical role of women in creating and nurturing a balanced, harmonious, thriving nation... Maternity leave will be increased to 16 weeks.

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ELDERLY CARE

Our elderly should be taken care of for wellness, preservation of dignity and the continuing pursuit of happiness.

It is the responsibility of government of the people, by the people, for the people to pay attention to continuous improvement in the living conditions of all citizens especially our seniors.

Objective

To improve the living conditions of the elderly

UWP TEAM DOMINICA will:

- ☐ **Reduce the VAT on food and utilities;**
- ☐ **Index income to inflation;**
- ☐ **Establish six Senior Care Centres;**

Team Dominica congratulates and thanks The Council, on Aging, DORCAS, the Dominica Infirmary, The Mahaut Home for the Elderly, the Grange Home for the Elderly, and all other persons and institutions for the assistance they give to the elderly.





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Ready

to make

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The Public Sector, Private Sector and the NGO Sector at home and abroad, UWP TEAM DOMINICA is ready to rebuild Dominica's economy, create 5000 jobs in the first three years and rebuild the social and moral fabric of our Society.

In accepting this leadership and management responsibility to ensure a better Dominica for all Dominica we embrace the talents, skills, competencies and resourcefulness of our brothers and sisters committed to the progressive change we so richly deserve.

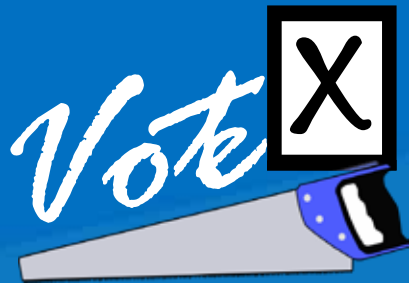
We are fully committed to working harmoniously and effectively with leaders of industry, commerce, services and their organisations in the private sector along with all other civil society organisations to improve the socio-economic performance of Dominica

We welcome the challenge as much as you will welcome the results of our work together for God and country. Accordingly, we ask for your vote to become the next government of the Commonwealth of Dominica.

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