

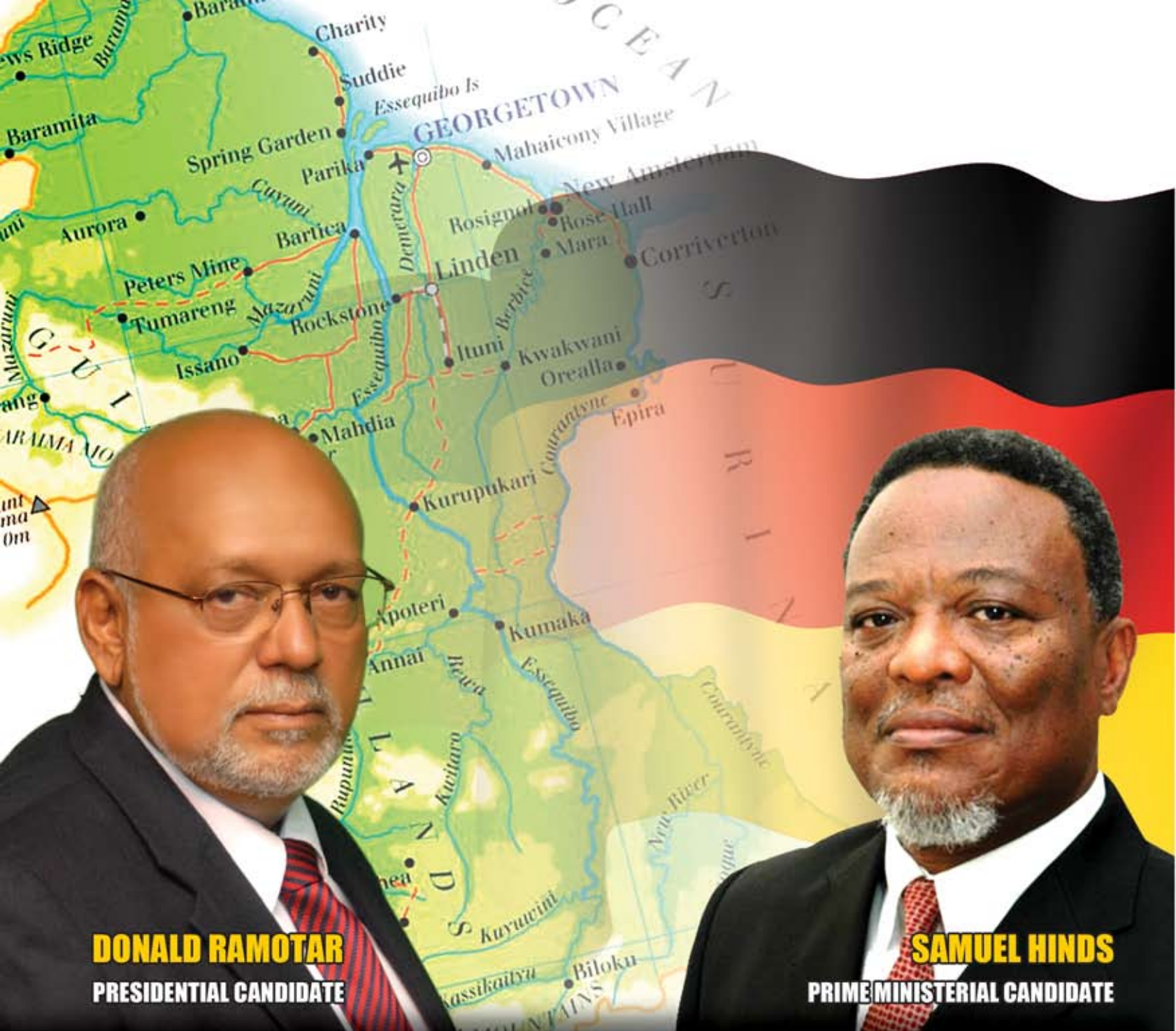
# PPP/C

## 2011 MANIFESTO

### WORKING TOGETHER FOR A BETTER TOMORROW.







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# PPP/Civic Manifesto 2011

Working Together for a Better Tomorrow

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## Message from General Secretary and Presidential Candidate



**Donald Ramotar**  
Presidential Candidate

I am pleased and honoured to present the Manifesto of the Peoples Progressive Party/Civic. This document represents the PPP/C's developmental blueprint. It outlines the vision, philosophy, policies and programmes which we intend to pursue over the next five years.

This ambitious, realistic and realizable programme constitutes the core of our transformative agenda while sustaining the economic, social and political progress made in government over the past nineteen years.

The PPP/C administration has, over the past nineteen years, demonstrated our capacity to lead Guyana along the road to progress and prosperity. Our record stands testimony to this fact. Nineteen years ago, we inherited a bankrupt economy, tattered infrastructure, deteriorated social services and a pervasive sense of hopelessness amongst our people. We immediately set about the task of stabilizing

and rebuilding the economy, restoring Guyana's international creditworthiness, reconstructing the country's social and physical infrastructure and nurturing our budding democracy. It was no easy task given the constraints that we faced, but buoyed by the confidence reposed in us by the people of Guyana through successive electoral victories in 1992, 1997, 2001 and 2006, our Party and Government have demonstrated its remarkable capacity to usher in critical and wide-ranging development for all the people of Guyana.

Our accomplishments have led to a solid platform from which we can further catapult Guyana's economic development. In this regard, the programmes that we will be pursuing, if elected to government, are aimed at elevating Guyana's development to another level, one that would see us creating a new economy that would allow for more rapid and significant development whilst taking care of the needs of all our people, particularly the poor and vulnerable.

Our manifesto - our contract with all the people of Guyana for the next five years - spells out a number of policies and projects which we intend to pursue to achieve the objective of a diversified, modern, competitive and resilient economy. Amongst the many initiatives which we will complete are the development of hydroelectricity, a new fibre optic cable and the construction of a deep water harbour, an all-weather road to Brazil and a bridge to Suriname.

Our investments in hydropower and other alternative forms of energy will reduce our dependence of fossil fuels, insulate us from exogenous shocks in the energy markets, slash our fuel import





bill, foster clean energy development and, more importantly, provide a cheap and assured source of energy to both households and manufacturers. This will catalyze the manufacturing sector and create thousands of jobs for our people.

Our information and communication technology strategy envisages linking every family, business and village of Guyana with each other and with the wider world while revolutionizing the way we do things. Every Guyanese will benefit under this strategy. This is why we are committed to ensuring that there is a computer for every family in Guyana. A deep water harbour will allow for larger vessels to come use our ports and allow us to exploit our geographical positioning as the gateway to South America. When the all-weather road to Brazil is completed, Guyana will become a major hub for trade between South America and the rest of the world. We will further deepen the process of integration on the continent through the construction of a bridge across the Corentyne River, thereby providing a direct link between Guyana and Suriname.

These major projects will be complemented by a commitment to continue to provide an environment that is conducive to supporting investment by harnessing the unquestionable entrepreneurship of our people.

Specific attention will equally be paid to workers who are the bedrock of our economic activities. We hope to work closely with the labour movement so as to protect and advance the interests of workers in an environment that guarantees the personal

safety of every citizen. My objective is to work with stakeholders to promote unity of the labour movement.

Over the next five years, we commit to ensuring that all Guyanese, regardless of race, religion or gender continue to benefit from the programmes that we propose to implement.

The Peoples Progressive Party/Civic is committed to building a country in which no one feels disenfranchised from development. Development we believe should touch each person in all aspects of their life. As such our manifesto also aims at reinforcing the solid ties of solidarity amongst all of our peoples with particular concern for the vulnerable, including our children, the elderly and indigent.

Development for us is an all- encompassing process and while over the years significant progress has been made in deepening and entrenching an inclusive constitutional democracy, the PPP/C remains open to working with all stakeholders, including political parties, civil society and labour.

Our vision for Guyana is very clear and very powerful! Our manifesto is the grand framework for taking Guyana to greater heights that truly reflect the abiding aspirations of all our people to WORK TOGETHER FOR A BETTER FUTURE.

**Donald Ramotar**  
Presidential Candidate



## **Our Philosophy and Guiding Principles**

### **Freedom, Democracy, and Rights**

**T**he history of the PPP is inextricably linked to the struggle for freedom and the betterment of the Guyanese people. That struggle has had different objectives at different stages of our history and development. In the earliest days, the struggle was for freedom from colonialism and for equality and dignity for our people. After independence was won, that freedom was lost to undemocratic government rule and our Party once again led the fight for the return to democracy. That struggle led to the eventual restoration of democracy in 1992.

Since then, the PPP in government has firmly established respect for and the protection and promotion of the fundamental rights of Guyanese. The PPP has prioritised the quest for freedom from poverty and want and for prosperity for all. That quest has been the centre of our Party's struggle in Government.

### **Upliftment for All, Rewarding Effort and Initiative**

In the struggle for freedom from poverty and want and the quest to create wealth and generate prosperity for all, the PPP has always made the improvement of the quality of life for all Guyanese our priority. In particular, the party in government has focused on bringing relief and improvement to Guyanese especially the working people, the poor, the dispossessed and the vulnerable and on removing the disparities and injustices that often arise from unequal economic opportunities and circumstances. For this reason, our policies over the years have emphasised the provision of social services especially to those who would not otherwise have had access. We have focused on the empowerment of those who are most in need, and ensured that material poverty today does not constitute an impediment to individual upliftment and limitless achievement tomorrow.

Equally critical to our poverty reduction effort, is the need to incentivise wealth creation. Our Party has therefore long recognised that effort and initiative, hard work and enterprise, must be encouraged and rewarded. In today's world, where production and productivity are so critical to economic and social outcomes, and where relative competitiveness will determine the advancement of nations, it becomes even more important to ensure that effort and creativity are suitably encouraged and rewarded.

### **Equal Opportunity and National Unity**

The PPP has also been at the centre of the struggle for equal opportunity and for national unity. We have an unshakeable conviction that each and every Guyanese must have a full and equal opportunity to determine their future, pursue their aspirations, and realise their dreams. Whether it be the right to a vote irrespective of economic circumstances, the right to obtain an education irrespective of family background or where you live, the right to be productively and gainfully employed, or the right to own a home and accumulate other wealth, the PPP has worked and will continue to work tirelessly to ensure that opportunity remains equally available to every single Guyanese. In short, people must have equal opportunities irrespective of race or religion or social circumstances.







## **Integrity and Accountability**

Our Party has stood over the years for the highest standards of integrity and accountability in all aspects of public and political life. In government, the party has instituted measures to ensure greater scrutiny of public affairs and of persons serving in public offices. These measures included integrity legislation imposing statutory declaration of assets and earnings, strong public accountability mechanisms including the timely tabling of audited accounts, rules based systems for public procurement, and a revamped and expanded Parliamentary committee system.

Going forward, we will continue to be attentive to the need for the highest standards of integrity and probity in public affairs and public life and ensure that there is the highest degree of transparency in all aspects of Government operations.

### **Over the next five years...**

Guided by these fundamental principles, and supported by the foundation laid during our previous terms in office, the next PPP/Civic Government aims to achieve a modern Guyana, where rights and freedoms are enhanced, where individual and national wellbeing are secured, a nation that is united in spirit and in purpose, and a nation whose long heralded potential is fulfilled.

Ours will be a Guyana that is a preferred place to live and work, where the individual and the family feel safe and protected, and where the quality of social services enjoyed by our citizens is comparable to the best in the world.

This Guyana will be a land of opportunity and prosperity, where every citizen can aspire to realise their own Guyanese dream defined by their individual preferences and priorities. It will be recognised as a favoured destination for investment. It will subscribe to sound macroeconomic policies, an attractive investment climate, adequate supportive infrastructure, a public service that is citizen friendly and facilitative of increased production and productivity, a work force that is highly skilled and efficient, and it will be a place where critical inputs like energy are competitively available.

The Guyana that the next PPP/Civic Government will build will be a Guyana where the world's most modern technology is available and accessible by all Guyanese, where connectivity with the rest of the world is assured and affordable, where every single Guyanese will have the opportunity to acquire the skills needed to use this technology for personal and professional development, where tens of thousands of world class jobs are created and filled by Guyanese harnessing this technology and where, aided by technology, the barriers of geographical distance from our traditional trading partners and the vulnerabilities that arise from our smallness will be overcome.

Guyana will be a model custodian of natural resources, managing and harvesting our abundant resource patrimony in a sustainable manner, discharging our obligations to both the next generation and the



global community without foregoing domestic opportunities for development today. Guyana will also be a valued member of the international community, exerting appropriate influence on global debates on issues of interest, forging alliances with all friendly countries especially those with whom opportunities exist for growth in trade and investment, advocating positions on behalf of countries in similar circumstances or with similar interests, and helping to shape the multilateralism of the future to more effectively promote peace and justice in our world, and in a manner that is best aligned with our long term national interests.

### **This agenda for developing Guyana...**

...has been outlined by successive PPP/Civic Governments in overarching national strategies that have evolved with the passage of time and with the benefit of progressive implementation. These strategies were subject to extensive nationwide consultative processes, and enjoy strong stakeholder ownership. They include the National Development Strategy, the Poverty Reduction Strategy, the National Competitiveness Strategy, and the Low Carbon Development Strategy, all of which articulate crosscutting national imperatives for development and transformation. These strategies will continue to benefit from implementation in the next PPP/Civic administration, providing policy continuity and predictability.

#### **The Low Carbon Development Strategy**

Guyana's Low Carbon Development Strategy (LCDS) has been lauded internationally as one of the most visionary strategies for aligning environmental responsibility with accelerated economic growth and for demonstrating that these objectives need not be competing but may be complementary if the appropriate incentives are created.

We have also demonstrated how financial resources could through the sale of climate services enable us to implement projects that will diversify the national and local economy, increase our resilience to climate change and move Guyana on to a low carbon path.

In addition, the LCDS demonstrates how to invest these resources in a manner that reduces pressure on standing forests but also catalyses transformation, e.g., in clean power, export of environmental education services, etc.



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# **Macroeconomic Stability for Long Term Sustainability**





## Our Achievements and Plans for the Future

**F**ocused on realising the vision to which we have committed ourselves, the next PPP/Civic Government will build on the foundation laid, expand on the substantial progress already achieved, and implement a comprehensive agenda of policies and programmes aimed at achieving the objectives set.

### Macroeconomic Stability for Long Term Sustainability

The economy that was met by the PPP/Civic Government of 1992 was one that had collapsed completely into bankruptcy. We have since dedicated ourselves to the task of rebuilding and restoring, the result of which has been an economy that is today a celebrated example of prudent and responsible management, and that shows all the hallmarks of being robust and well-managed.

Our approach has centred on developing a credible and sustainable macroeconomic framework, promoting and facilitating a more diversified and competitive productive sector, regulating and supervising the financial system to ensure strength and stability, and ensuring responsible management of public revenue, expenditure, and debt, with the aim of achieving and maintaining fiscal sustainability.

#### Key achievements include:

- Sustained economic growth and expansion, with the economy as a whole growing from a size of US\$274 million in 1991 to US\$2,261 million in 2010, per capita income rising from US\$304 in 1991 to US\$2,533 in 2010, and uninterrupted positive growth in real gross domestic product since the floods of 2005 at about 5 percent despite prevailing global recession
- Establishing a financial sector that is more conducive to saving and investment, with total assets of the commercial banks growing from \$25 billion to \$296 billion, total credit to the private sector growing from \$7 billion to \$112 billion, and the weighted average lending rate declining from 35.22 percent to 11.95 percent
- Restoration of the viability of the nation's finances, with the external debt of our country being reduced from \$2.1 billion (compared with a GDP then of US\$274 million) when we took office to approximately \$800 million today (compared to a GDP of US\$2.3 billion), and our external reserves moving from \$123 million in 1991 to US\$780 million today.
- Strengthening our ability to invest in infrastructure and fund public services, with total Central Government revenue increasing from \$12 billion in 1991 to \$108 billion in 2010, total Central Government expenditure increasing from \$23 billion to \$133 billion, of which Central Government capital expenditure, over the same period, increased from \$4.3 billion to \$47 billion.
- Injecting more disposable income into the hands of the consuming public by spending







more on Government employees, with the central Government wages bill increasing from \$2 billion (US\$20 million) in 1991 to \$28 billion (US\$139 million) in 2010

- Containing inflation to single digits over the past ten years, except for one year when world market prices spiked, and
- Maintaining the stability of the exchange rate.

Key enabling initiatives over the years that have contributed to those achievements included:

- Implementing an agenda for modernising our key traditional productive sectors, encouraging the emergence of new sectors for future growth, while advancing a national strategy for promoting competitiveness across our business environment
- Enacting modern financial sector legislation, including a new Bank of Guyana Act, Financial Institutions Act, Insurance Act, Anti-Money Laundering and Countering the Financing of Terrorism Act, Money Transfer Agencies Licensing Act, and Credit Reporting Act, with associated regulations and guidelines issued
- Strengthened public expenditure management and accountability, with timely production of annual audited public accounts for tabling in Parliament, a new Procurement Act, Fiscal Management and Accountability Act, and Audit Act, along with computerisation of the

entire Central Government expenditure management function through the Integrated Financial Management and Accounting System

- Reforms to the tax system aimed at increasing efficiency, reducing distortions, and bringing relief to the most vulnerable, eliminating consumption tax and five other taxes, introducing a new value-added tax with basic necessities being zero-rated, reducing corporate tax rates from 45 and 35 percent to 40 and 30 percent, and raising the income tax threshold from \$4,000 in 1992 to \$40,000 today

**Over the five years ahead, the next PPP/C Civic Government will:**

- Continue to manage the economy prudently and soundly, with the principal aims being accelerated real economic growth, preservation of debt sustainability by ensuring a steady decline in the fiscal deficit and prudent incurrence of new debt, and maintaining external sustainability by promoting rapid growth in exports and reduced dependence on imported inputs especially fossil fuels and food items
- Facilitate a complete transformation of the productive sectors with the aim of creating more jobs and generating more wealth, by encouraging faster growth in such labour- and skill-intensive sectors as information and communication technology, large



scale agriculture and agro-processing, and sustainable harvesting of our country's vast natural resources

- Improve the environment for doing business, through the use of information technology along with administrative and institutional reforms with special emphasis on reducing the cost and improving the ease with which the business community can execute transactions with Government agencies
- Secure the long term strength and stability of the financial system by consolidating financial sector supervision and extending the regulatory perimeter of the Bank of Guyana to include all entities providing financial services, reviewing all financial sector supervision and regulation legislation, and strengthening supervisory capabilities
- Improve the ease with which credit can be accessed by the private sector, including by facilitating the establishment of a credit bureau
- Continue to work with financial institutions on making credit affordable to small and medium-sized businesses
- Improve the ease with which financing can be raised on the capital market by the business community, including by incentivising more companies to go public, and ensuring the existence of an exchange that promotes good corporate governance and provides effective investment intermediation
- Reduce the costs and improve the efficiency and timeliness with which commercial disputes are resolved by strengthening the commercial court
- Continuous review of our taxation system including the VAT, to ensure it remains competitive and is effective in promoting growth, initiative, and welfare, by identifying and implementing further reforms to broaden the taxpayer base, reduce effective rates especially to the most vulnerable, and raise administrative efficiency of the Revenue Authority.
- Strengthen public financial management, with special emphasis on increasing competition and efficiency in the public procurement process, and improving project execution capabilities, along with strengthening of monitoring and evaluation capabilities
- Greater use of E-governance mechanisms to better manage the provision of government services



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# **Infrastructure for Growth and Development**





## Infrastructure for Growth and Development

The state of our country's physical infrastructure has a direct bearing on our ability to produce goods and services efficiently, and on the quality of life enjoyed by our citizens especially as it relates to ease and cost of access to various parts of our country. One of the most striking achievements of recent years has been the visible transformation in our country's infrastructure from a state of complete dilapidation inherited in 1992, to a substantially renewed and upgraded stock today. Our focus has been on rehabilitating existing infrastructure, along with mobilising both public and private investment in meeting critical gaps.

### Key achievements in the area of transport infrastructure include:

- Improved physical linkages with our geographical neighbours through strategic partnerships, such as the operationalising of the Canawaima Ferry to Suriname and the completion of the Takutu River Bridge to Brazil, thereby opening new markets and economic opportunities and providing for easier movement of people
- Improved internal linkages, including the construction of the Berbice River Bridge, along with new bridges at Mahaica and Mahaicony, and throughout the coast, resurfacing the New Amsterdam to Moleson Creek Highway, commencing the East Bank Demerara four-lane expansion and completing up to Providence, installing street lights along several major highways throughout the coast, and installing a modern traffic lighting system throughout Georgetown
- Improved air transport infrastructure, through the upgrading of the Cheddi Jagan International Airport and the Ogle Airport and licensing the latter to host international flights, along with upgrades of our hinterland airstrips

### Looking ahead, in the area of transport infrastructure, the next PPP/Civic administration will:

- Work with our neighbours to further enhance continental opportunities, especially through the construction of a bridge across the Corentyne River, upgrading the Linden to Lethem Road, and constructing a deep water harbour, thereby enhancing trade and economic activity with our neighbours along with making Guyana a more attractive destination for investors seeking to penetrate the continental market
- Improve the ease with which people and goods can be transported domestically by further upgrading the internal highway network, including completion of four-lane highways on the East Bank and East Coast Demerara, upgrade the West Coast Demerara highway to cater for increased traffic, and examine the possibility of establishing rail links along main corridors such as the East Bank and East Coast Demerara and from Linden to Lethem whilst paying particular attention to environmental sustainability and the rights of our indigenous people







- Improve access to international air travel by extending the runway at the Cheddi Jagan International Airport to accommodate larger aircraft and building a modern terminal thereby enabling Guyana to become a key hub for air traffic through our region and beyond
- Upgrade our ports, harbours, and stelling, and augment the current fleet of vessels for riverain transport
- Examine the feasibility of rehabilitating and/or building new bridges that serve as important links across the rivers within our country including the Demerara and the Canje Rivers.

**In electricity generation, transmission and distribution, key achievements to date include:**

- Expanded generation capacity, from 85MW in 1991 to 166 MW in 2011, including some 30MW of bagasse power at Skeldon,
  - Reducing electricity losses from over 50 percent in 1991 to less than 30 percent today,
  - Extending the grid to include 45,000 families who never had electricity before
  - Commencing a hinterland electrification programme that will see the distribution of 11,000 solar panels to bring electricity for the first time to homes in the hinterland
- In the electricity sector, over the next five years, the next PPP/Civic Government will:
- Bring electricity to every single Guyanese

household, by extending the national grid to include all new housing developments, unserved and hinterland areas

- Transform Guyana into a country that meets almost its entire national demand for electric energy from renewable sources, by completing the Amaila Falls Hydropower Project

**The Amaila Falls Hydropower Project**

The Amaila Falls Hydropower Project will catalyse a seismic shift in the energy infrastructure of Guyana, in the environment for doing business, and in the quality of life in Guyana.

This single project will materialise the largest investment ever made in Guyana, with more than 2,000 jobs created during the construction phase, and when completed will result in annual savings of US\$135 million on the national fossil fuel import bill, generate more than 150 MW of power from a renewable source, and reduce the cost of power to the final consumer, thereby in turn improving the investment environment, reducing the cost of living, attracting investment, and creating more jobs.

It will transform Guyana from a country that is completely dependent on fossil fuel sources for electric energy to a country that utilises only renewable sources for the national power grid. The project will also establish a prototype for future hydropower projects, whether to meet expanded domestic demand or for the export market

- Improve efficiency in the national grid by completing the upgrade of the transmission network



- Using renewable sources, including bio-fuels, mini-hydropower plants where feasible and household photovoltaic panels where more appropriate, bring electricity to every home in Guyana's hinterland
- Develop and promote an energy efficiency policy aimed at encouraging more responsible and efficient use of electric energy by industrial, corporate, and household consumers, including through public education and other incentives to motivate energy efficient behaviour
- Make Guyana a country that produces sufficient power to meet the needs of the manufacturing, agro-processing and minerals processing sectors such as alumina and aluminium production
- Develop our capacity to supply nearby export markets, by facilitating a second

large scale privately-financed hydropower project

In the area of sea and river defences and drainage, over the years, Guyana has had to wrestle with the reality of rising sea levels and the fact that our entire coastal plain, which is home to so much of our economic life, lies below sea level.

**We will continue to:**

- Invest in ensuring that our sea and river defence network remains strong and capable of defending our coast from inundation. In addition to the construction of fixed wall and rip rap structures, emphasis will be placed on an expanded mangrove planting programme
- Complete the new outlet channel from the East Demerara Water Conservancy at Hope



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# **ICT as a Critical Enabler**





## ICT as a Critical Enabler

### ICTs and the Guyanese People

Over the years, our Party and Government have recognised the role of science and technology in contributing to development in countries such as ours. More recently, the role of information and communication technology in creating economic opportunities and improving lives has come into sharp focus.

#### **We believe that ICTs can be harnessed to:**

- (i) create vast economic opportunities and drive economic growth and job creation, especially through the promotion of ICT as a sector for primary employment such as in the business process outsourcing sub-sector. In this regard, Guyana has already seen over 3,000 jobs in call centres created over the past eight years. The ICT sector has the potential to create 25,000 additional jobs over the next five years once conditions remain favourable.
- (ii) transform the education and skills set of the Guyanese people, especially through internet-based education. The availability of online university courses and other learning material suitable for all levels in the education system, along with the vastness of the research material available on the internet, combined to transform the education process.
- (iii) improve the efficiency with which Government operates and with

which Government services are delivered, especially by utilising an e-Government platform. Several Government services are amenable to computerisation, including basic citizen and business application and filing processes, provision of information to meet frequent enquiries, and transmission and sharing of information.

For all these reasons, the next PPP/C Government will place ICT at the centre of our agenda for transformation and modernisation.

#### **Our focus will be on:**

- (i) ensuring every Guyanese family has a computer;
- (ii) making every Guyanese person computer literate;
- (iii) expanding ICT infrastructure;
- (iv) attracting and promoting private investment in ICT enterprises, including the liberalisation of the telecommunications sector;
- (v) accelerating the computerisation of Government services and the interface between Government agencies and their clients, whether individuals or businesses;
- (vi) optimising on the linkages between separate Government databases and networks, in the interest of containing costs and improving inter-agency coordination and efficiencies.



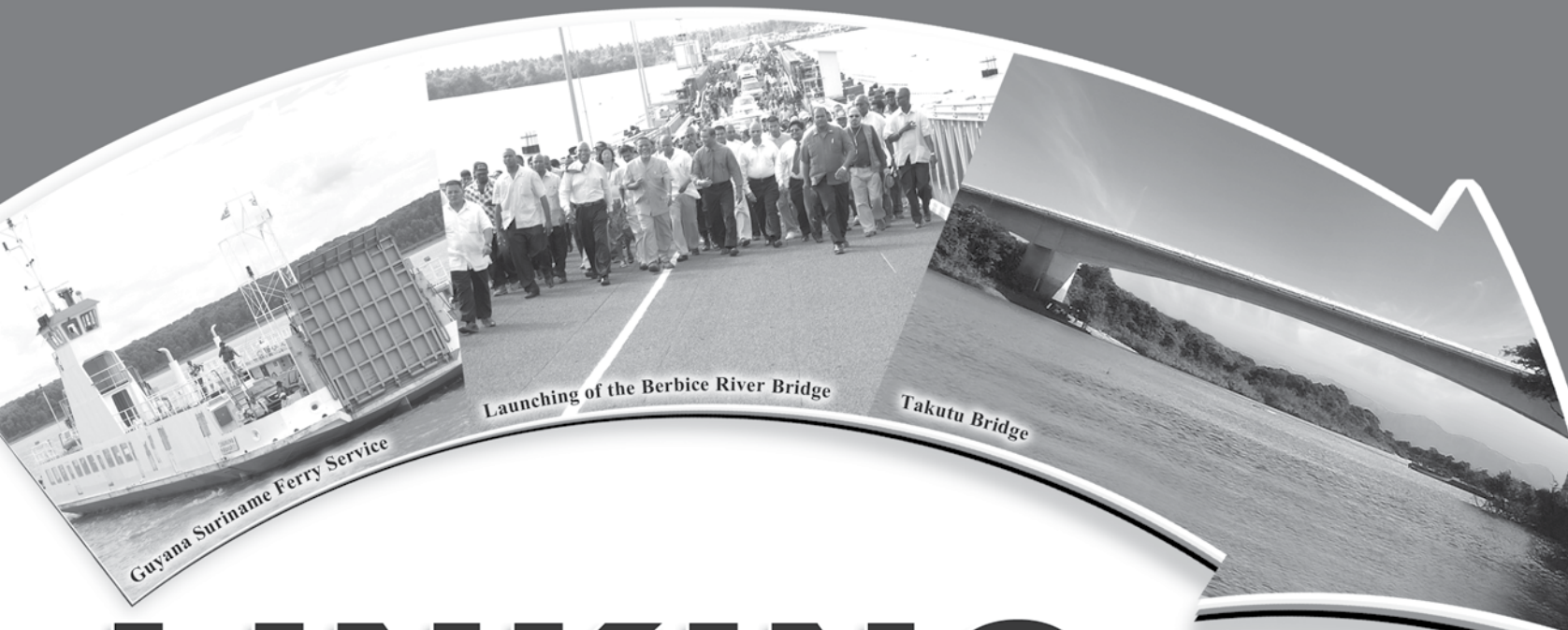


A part from the major planks of transport and energy infrastructure, significant focus has been placed on infrastructure in the information and communications sector. In this sector, key complementary initiatives that have been initiated and will be completed during the next term of office include:

- Providing an opportunity to every Guyanese to become computer literate and acquire the skills needed to use personal computers in the domestic and work environments
- Facilitating private sector investment in additional fibre optic cables to increase capacity, promote competition, reduce cost, and ensure redundancy
- Installing a fibre optic cable from Lethem to Georgetown, and constructing a fibre optic coastal backbone from Crabwood Creek to Charity, thereby facilitating widespread distribution of and access to e-Government applications and content
- Constructing and equipping information technology laboratories throughout our entire education system, and otherwise preparing the education system to compile and deliver content and to use technology in delivery
- Revising the curricula of the government technical institutes to equip students with related IT skills critical for this new sector
- Ensuring that every household that cannot afford a computer receives one, by implementing programmes to promote access to information technology such as the One Laptop Per Family programme which will see 90,000 laptops delivered to the most vulnerable families
- Actively promoting Guyana as a destination for investment by ICT businesses







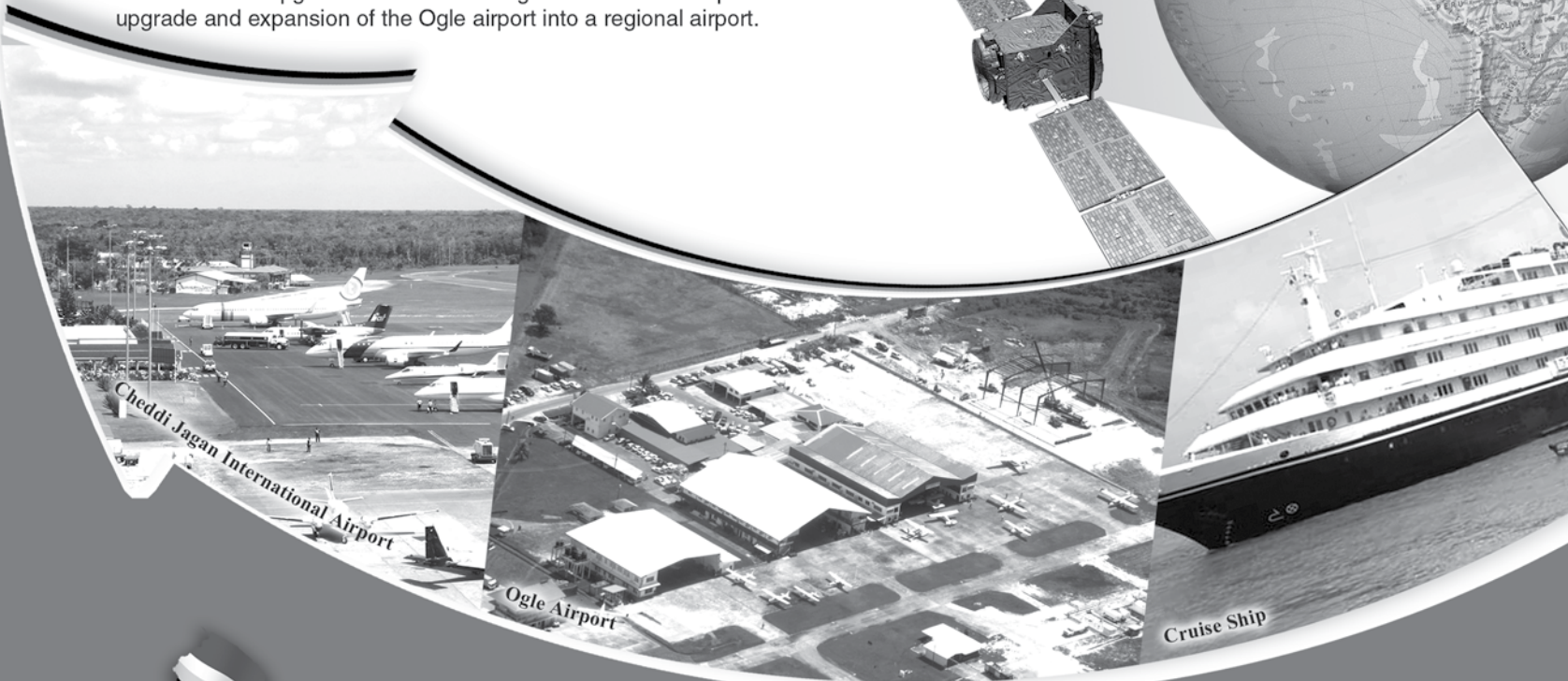
Guyana Suriname Ferry Service

Launching of the Berbice River Bridge

Takutu Bridge

# LINKING GUYANA TO THE WORLD

Guyana has strengthened relations with several neighbours and countries around the world. There are strengthened ties between Guyana and Brazil with the construction of Takutu Bridge. There have been improved air carrier services because of the upgrade in the Cheddi Jagan International Airport Timehri and the upgrade and expansion of the Ogle airport into a regional airport.



Cheddi Jagan International Airport

Ogle Airport

Cruise Ship



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# **Modernising and Diversifying the Productive Sector**





## Modernising and Diversifying the Productive Sector

Tremendous progress has already been made by the current administration towards diversifying the productive sector of our economy. This work has revolved around the twin objectives of modernising and improving competitiveness in the traditional sectors, while promoting the development of new and emerging sectors.

Amongst the traditional sectors of the economy, the sugar sector remains an important mainstay of the Guyanese economy today, even if somewhat less so than in past years because of the rapid growth in the rest of the economy. Recognising this fact, our Party and Government have repeatedly reaffirmed a strong long term commitment to the sector, and successive PPP/Civic Governments in recent years have taken exhaustive steps to transform the industry, and ensure its achievement of financial viability and ultimately profitability. Key recent manifestations of this commitment have included:

- Financing of major capital investments in the sector totalling almost US\$200 million, including construction of a modern sugar factory at Skeldon, packaging plants at Blairmont and Enmore, and a bagasse-based co-generation plant at Skeldon
- Increased acreage brought under cultivation, including the involvement of private cane farmers
- Commencing the transition to mechanisation of operations, by field conversion and equipment acquisition and promoting the use of mechanisation-friendly formats for new lands being brought under cultivation
- Increasing efficiency by advancing the field conversion and mechanisation programmes

In rice, similarly, considerable progress has been made in growing the industry and making it more profitable and attractive.

### **This has resulted from:**

- Extensive efforts by Government to ensure the availability of a functioning drainage and irrigation system with water management being as critical as it is to paddy growth
- A comprehensive research and development programme which has enabled development and cultivation of new and more resistant varieties
- Efforts by Government to enable the industry to penetrate new markets

### **Going forward, key priorities for strengthening the sugar sector will include:**

- Ensuring that the Skeldon factory delivers on its design specifications and realises its full production potential
- Increasing acreage on Guysuco estates, and incentivising private cane farmers to increase acreage and cane production
- Increasing value-added production such as packaged, specialty, and processed sugars

### **Going forward, the sector is poised for major expansion, aided by the following initiatives:**

- Promoting large scale rice production in other parts of the country which will see significant economies of scale being realised, new technologies introduced, and new markets serviced







- Continuing to maintain and expand the requisite infrastructure to facilitate industry growth
- Further strengthening of the research and development and extension capabilities in order to provide enhanced support to the industry
- Working with industry stakeholders to find a solution to the vexing issue of untimely payment by millers to farmers
- Working with stakeholders on creating the conditions to increase, where possible, from two to three crops per year and expand research and introduce new pest and drought resistant rice varieties
- Improve yield per hectare and acreage under cultivation, leading to increased production and exports

**In the diversification of agriculture, we will**

- Advance the ongoing agriculture diversification programme and the nationwide Grow More Food campaign, including the promotion of new subsectors such as aquaculture and apiculture, improving cold chain capabilities, strengthening extension services and institutional capacity in such areas as plant and animal health and agricultural research
- Implement the Food and Nutrition Security Strategy aimed at ensuring food security both from a population nutrition standpoint and from an economic opportunities and growth standpoint
- Providing additional support to small farmers and deepening the synergies between

small, medium and large scale agriculture enterprises

- Promote large scale investments in agriculture especially in the Rupununi and the Intermediate Savannahs, paying particular attention to environmental sustainability and the rights of our indigenous people
- Promote production of specific targeted crops, such as spices, corn, soya beans, and selected fruits and vegetables, for accelerated growth and work with farmers to promote cultivation and to support marketing
- Expand the programme of support to livestock farmers, particularly cattle, small ruminants and poultry
- Improve extension services, facilitate better cold chain management, and promote exports by developing sanitary and phytosanitary standards certification
- Enforce stricter marine regulations, to give impetus to the fishing industry
- Expand the range of incentives for value-added agriculture, particularly processing of crops

In the mining and quarrying sector, our Government has facilitated the continued competitiveness of this sector through initiatives that included:

- Resuscitating the bauxite industry by attracting two major international investors to the sector, and working with them to secure the long term viability of the industry
- Facilitating unprecedented gold production especially by artisanal miners, aided by a



competitive fiscal regime and by buoyant international prices

- Facilitating diversification into other locations and minerals, including manganese

**Going forward in the areas of mining, forestry, bauxite and quarry, the next PPP/Civic administration will:**

- Promote growth in the bauxite industry, including by facilitating a major investment in developing new bauxite deposits, facilitating investment by the bauxite companies in increased production capacity including the construction of new kilns, encouraging the export of new products such as mullite and proppants, and working with the bauxite companies on establishing the feasibility of alumina production
- Facilitate growth in the gold industry, both by supporting the artisanal mining sector and by facilitating investment in a number of large scale projects that in maturity will more than double Guyana's gold production within the next five years and that will introduce new technology including underground mining
- Promote the establishment of other minerals as an export sector, including manganese
- Promote the growth of the quarry stone industry both for domestic purposes and to

meet the needs of the nearby export market such as in the Caribbean

- Encourage more value-added forestry by working closely with all stakeholders on addressing constraints while continuing to support the development of our timber and non-timber resources in a sustainable way consistent with the LCDS

**Other emerging sectors:**

- Guyana has the potential to develop an oil and gas sector. The mere continuation of the ongoing exploration activities will see hundreds of technical and administrative jobs created. If the exploration activities yield favourable results, thousands could be employed once production commences
- We will promote rapid growth in the information and communications technology sector which will see 25,000 high quality jobs created over the next five years
- Promoting investment and growth in the tourism sector, including facilitating large investments in the mainstream product where at least one internationally branded hotel is expected to materialise shortly, and the eco-tourism subsector especially in niches such as birding and riverain yachting
- Provide additional incentives for the stimulation of a creative industry particularly in cinematography and entertainment



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**Educating our People  
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## Educating our People for Tomorrow

From our earliest days in office, the PPP/Civic has recognised the importance of education of the people of our nation both as a means of ensuring personal empowerment and upliftment and also as a critical prerequisite for ensuring alignment between the labour force and national development imperatives. To these ends, we have invested tremendously in the education sector at all levels, with total spending in education amounting to \$22 billion in 2010, compared with less than \$1 billion in 1991.

### Key achievements to date include:

- Vast improvements in access, including the achievement of universal primary education and significant progress towards achieving universal secondary education.
- Expansion in schools infrastructure, including construction of schools and dormitories in several remote and previously unserved areas
- Establishing a second university campus at Tain to increase total university places available and, in particular, to improve ease of access for students from outside Georgetown
- Establishing the Guyana Learning Channel, a television-based medium for achieving national delivery of content
- Implementing a national school feeding programme and a national school uniform programme, both of which have contributed significantly to participation rates, attendance, and attainment levels in schools

Looking ahead, the next PPP/Civic administration will transform Guyana's education system to one that is world class and globally competitive, preparing the next generation of Guyanese with all the skills

required for tomorrow's world, capable of nurturing and challenging the best and brightest minds of our country, fully inclusive so as to ensure that every young Guyanese irrespective of personal ability, family background, or place of residence, leaves the education system fully equipped for the lifestyle and workforce needs of tomorrow, and attractive enough to others from outside of Guyana so that the export of educational services can emerge as a productive activity.

### Additional key initiatives will include:

- Achieving universal secondary education, by ensuring sufficient secondary school places are available in all the Regions of Guyana, providing dormitory facilities where necessary, and implementing a school transportation programme for the poor where this is an impediment
- Placing special emphasis on raising quality, including conducting reviews and implementing necessary reforms to curricula to ensure relevance and effectiveness, and upgrading teaching methods
- Embed information and communication technology into the learning process, by computerising the classroom







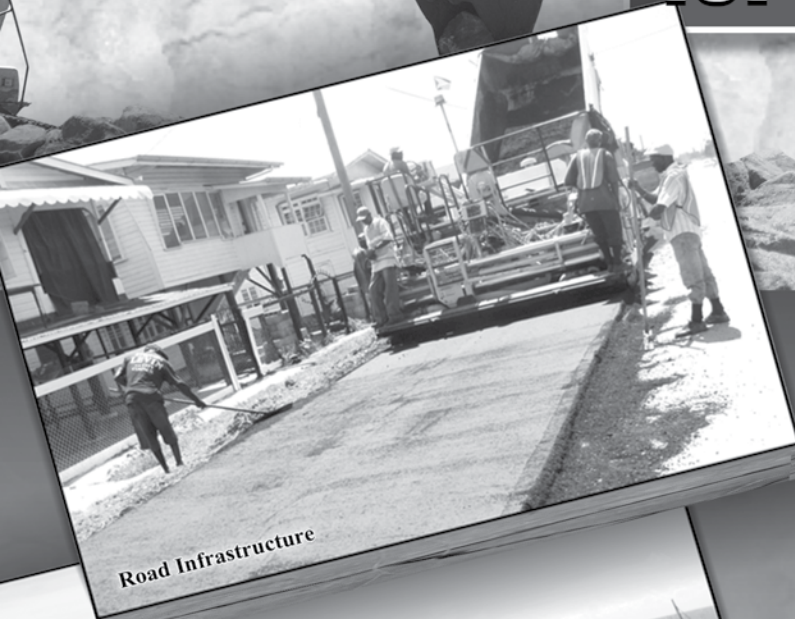
- Strengthening foreign language teaching both in the school system, including at the primary school level, and for the public at large, with special emphasis on Spanish and Portuguese, reflecting our country's continental prospects
- Strengthening the special needs education system, and ensuring that those who are differently able are still empowered to achieve personal fulfilment and make a contribution to productive effort
- Improving teacher quality by strengthening the institutions involved in teacher training, and upgrading the training programmes offered to teachers
- Building on the platform created by the One Laptop Per Family Programme, and in conjunction with the University of Guyana and other universities, implement online university programmes and promote universal access to learning and research material by establishing or accessing online libraries
- Expanding and upgrading the technical and vocation training institutions to ensure their

readiness to equip students with the skills required by tomorrow's working world, and mainstreaming entrepreneurial training to promote the culture of enterprise

- Improving schools management and the accountability systems governing schools personnel, including teachers, with the aim of increasing effectiveness of classroom contact time and enhancing the engagement between the school system and the family network
- Take necessary steps to ensure that the University of Guyana delivers top quality education to the students of Guyana
- Expand support to promote the teaching of science and technology at all levels
- Promoting the development of offshore education, particularly at university and other post-secondary levels, as a productive and export sector
- Promoting physical education programmes in all schools



# INFRASTRUCTURE for a Prosperous Future



Road Infrastructure



Resurfaced Roadway



Sea Defence



Drainage & Irrigation



Lighted Roadways



Berbice Bridge

We have invested in infrastructure to create prosperity for all Guyanese. Guyana can today boast of our four-lane roads, modern traffic system, secure and durable bridges in communities, expanding sea and river defence infrastructure, and appropriate drainage facilities that cater for a modern Guyana and the effects of climate change.

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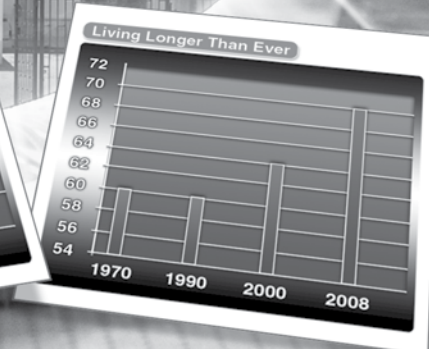
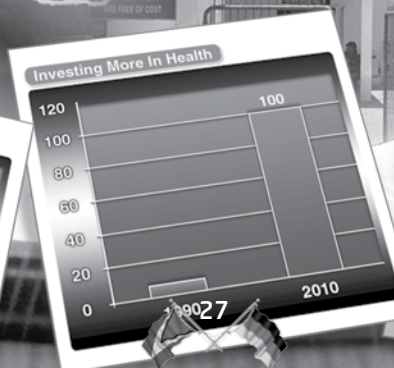


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# Keeping our Nation Healthy





## Keeping our Nation Healthy

Access to high quality health care is a critical prerequisite to making Guyana an attractive place to live and work. Over the years, much has been done to ensure access to basic healthcare facilities, expansion of services provided, and increasing the pool of trained personnel.

### Key achievements to date include:

- Construction of new hospitals across the country, including Mabaruma, Suddie, Leonora, Diamond, Georgetown, Mahaicony, New Amsterdam, Port Mourant, Kamarang, Lethem and Linden
- Increased human resources availability and quality in the public health care system, by providing training opportunities for thousands of young Guyanese to become medical practitioners and providing specialist training in areas such as surgery, emergency medicine, and trauma,
- Increasing life expectancy, reducing child and maternal mortality, reducing the prevalence of diseases such as HIV/AIDS and malaria
- Collaborating with private healthcare providers to ensure availability of services and intervention such as open heart surgery, radiation therapy for cancer, and dialysis for renal failure.
- Expanding and implementing the programme to combat non-communicable diseases such as diabetes, heart disease and hypertension, with the aim of reducing incidence of mortality from lifestyle ailments
- Improve hospital and health care facility management, with an emphasis on value for money, accountability for results, and improved logistical management
- Review the system of oversight of private health facilities to ensure a high quality of service and sound ethical practices
- Strengthen the national ambulance service to address gaps in coverage and improve timeliness in response
- Introduce a patients charter and establish patients welfare committees to address patient rights and expectations, service personnel obligations and duties, with the aim of improving patient care experience

### In the next term of office, key priorities for health will include:

- Continued emphasis on universal access to primary health care, and expanding access to specialised care
- Establish a super-specialty hospital providing facilities for cardiology, nephrology, oncology, dermatology, etc.
- Continue to take necessary steps to reduce infant and maternal mortality
- Continue to support programmes aimed at reducing infectious diseases including HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria
- Enhance the collaboration with and support for groups and organisations in the prevention of alcohol and substance abuse as well as assistance for additional drug rehabilitation programmes
- Improve the public health systems to ensure safer foods and medicine
- Expand the human resource base of health care providers with an emphasis on specialisation
- Aggressively pursue Occupational Safety and Health undertakings in the productive sectors.



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# Housing, Water, and Sanitation for All





## Housing, Water, and Sanitation for All

There are few things that generate as strong a sense of belonging and attachment, and that inspire as much long term commitment to a society, than acquiring the status of a home owner within that society. This fact, coupled with our Party's commitment to ensuring that all Guyanese have access to adequate and affordable shelter, have inspired a national housing programme whose achievements are well known:

- More than 100,000 new house lots have been distributed, on which more than 68 percent have had construction of new homes commence, resulting in growth in the number of households and reduction in average household size
  - Entire new communities such as Diamond/Grove and Parfaite Harmonie have been established, generating a boom in the construction sector, and creating new centres for business growth
  - Existing communities have been upgraded and squatter settlements regularised
  - Administrative mechanisms for processing house lot applications have been simplified, including the introduction of online application, and the implementation of the one stop shot outreaches
  - Access to more affordable financing has been made through the implementation of the Government supported low income housing programme under which tax incentives are given to the banking sector to promote lending for home ownership
  - In the water sector, access to potable water has improved from less than 40 percent to more than 90 percent in 2010
  - Wells have been drilled, pumps installed, and pipes laid in more than 100 communities
- In the next term of office, key priorities will include:**
- Distribution of another 30,000 new house lots, including a special remigrant housing scheme under which members of the Diaspora can construct and own a home in Guyana, and other special programmes for young professionals and single persons
  - Working with stakeholders to further improve access to financing for home construction, including by examining ways in which the low income housing programme can be modified to further serve this objective. In particular, examine ways for modifying the programme to make middle income loans eligible for some relief also, thereby making it easier for young professionals and other middle income earners to access loans for home ownership
  - Enact sunset legislation for squatting and regularise all possible settlements
  - Support community planning and housing pilots in the hinterland
  - Complete building codes, develop regulations to be enforced and reorganise the building approval processes
  - Further improve administrative processes, and reduce the time taken for granting title
  - In the water sector, more water treatment plants would be constructed along coastal regions, while boreholes and wells would also be installed where needed, and the hours of access will be increased in those areas with less than 24 hours coverage
  - Expand solar-driven water systems in the hinterland
  - In sanitation, the Georgetown sewer system will be upgraded
  - Increased support for solid waste disposal systems especially at the community level





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# Amerindian and Hinterland Development





## Amerindian and Hinterland Development

Successive PPP/Civic Governments have embraced a vision for Amerindian and hinterland development that is built on the principles of integration and preservation: integration from the perspective that every Amerindian child should have the same opportunities as a child from the coastland and must be able to aspire to be whatever he or she wants to be; and preservation from the perspective that the inevitable integration must not come at the expense of, or cause the erosion of, the unique cultural heritage of our Amerindian brothers and sisters.

### Key achievements of recent years have included:

- Improvements in governance within and empowerment of the Amerindian communities, including the operationalising of the constitutionally created Indigenous People's Commission, passage of a new Amerindian Act, and establishment of the National Toshaos Council
- Completing the land demarcation exercise and granting land titles to 96 communities, bringing the total of Guyana's land mass under Amerindian communal ownership to 14 percent
- Construction of infrastructure within all hinterland communities, including hospitals, schools, dormitories, and water wells
- Implementation of the hinterland scholarship programme, enabling Amerindian students to access the highest levels of tertiary education, and granting overseas scholarships to several persons from Amerindian communities, some of whom have since returned and are serving their community
- Continue and accelerate land titling and demarcation exercises
- Continue to expand social services in the communities, including construction of more schools, dormitories, recreational and health facilities for greater access
- Complete the installation of solar electricity in every Amerindian home, bringing electricity to these communities for the first time
- Support the implementation of village community development plans which seek to achieve food security, generating employment and higher levels of income by transforming the village economy
- Provide more support for the expansion and establishment of sustained value added and agro processing initiatives including marketing prospects
- Expand and upgrade the hinterland road network
- Increase the availability of ICT training programmes and assets in hinterland communities

### In the next term of office, key priorities will include:

- Ensure the preservation of the cultural heritage, in particular Amerindian languages





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# **Youth, Sports and Culture**





## Youth, Sports and Culture

In recent years, considerable progress has been achieved by the PPP/Civic Government in creating opportunities for young people and, in particular, in the areas of skills training and empowerment, and in harnessing the vehicles of sports and culture as a means of personal enlightenment and opportunity.

### Significant recent achievements include:

- Implementation of various youth training and empowerment schemes, including those executed through the Board of Industrial Training, providing training to thousands of young Guyanese
- Upgrading existing technical training institutes and establishing new institutes to provide more extensive technical and vocational training
- Expanding our sports infrastructure, by constructing new sports facilities, such as the National Stadium at Providence, the Olympic Swimming Pool at Liliendaal, and the Racquet Centre in Georgetown, along with hosting major sporting events including Cricket World Cup
- In the area of culture, Guyana hosted CARIFESTA X, giving a great boost to the cultural industry, and launched the Presidential Endowment for film, resulting in high quality local films being produced, and started publishing the Guyana Classics bringing back to public availability previously out of print books by Guyanese authors

### Looking ahead, the next PPP/Civic Government will:

- Continue to expand youth empowerment and technical and vocational training schemes, ensuring that every young person is equipped with a skill in an area of interest to them and relevant to the needs of the Guyanese economy
- Strengthen the central recruitment and manpower management capabilities with the aim of ensuring more efficient intermediation in the labour market
- Continue to expand sports infrastructure, by completing the new athletics track, build a new velodrome, upgrading other sports grounds and facilities, along with construction of additional indoor sport facilities across the country, while encouraging the full use of existing community centres
- Support sectoral programmes for development of sports through the respective sporting associations, with emphasis placed on their effective management of the sport and their accountability for financial resources
- Upgrade the cultural assets in urban areas and provide similar facilities in rural and hinterland communities



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Guyanese today feel so much more secure with the programmes, policies and security infrastructure across Guyana established by the PPP/C. New police stations have been built in every community, the police are equipped with better transportation and communication equipment and the integrity of the police service is more reliable with the heavy investment in training and capacity development.



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## Children, Women, the Elderly, and the Family

The PPP/Civic alliance has a conviction that, even as national programmes are implemented to benefit all Guyanese, there is need for special interventions to address the circumstances of particular groups of persons. We have stated our unequivocal commitment towards the improvements of the lives of women, children, the elderly and those that are physically and mentally challenged. Thus far, the following achievements have already been recorded:

- The constitutional and legislative framework to protect our women and children has been completely revamped, with the establishment of the rights commissions for women and children, the establishment of the Child Care and Protection Agency, and the passage of legislation on protection, status, adoption, custody, contact, guardianship, and maintenance of children, along with new sexual offences legislation
- A national foster care programme has been established, and new children homes have been built at Mahaica, Sophia, and Brickdam, and new operational standards and regulations developed to govern these homes
- A national single parent register has been established and special programmes aimed to benefit single parents implemented, including the Women of Worth micro-credit scheme executed under a public private partnership
- Support has been provided to help establish a night shelter and a home for victims of domestic abuse
- Old age pensions was doubled in a single term of office, from \$3,500 in 2006 to \$7,500 in 2011, as against less than \$400 in 1992 which was subject at that time to a means test
- The legal aid programme was expanded nationwide, providing access to the legal system to the most vulnerable
- Expand the foster care programme with the aim of placing every child with a family, and establish more child care centres and nursery schools, including collaboration with the private sector
- Completing the home for the homeless and relocating and rehabilitating, where necessary, every street dweller by providing them with skills training
- Expanding the benefits available to old age pensioners and single parents
- Conducting a comprehensive review of the National Insurance Scheme, the Dependants Pension Fund, and other pension arrangements in place for Government employees, with the aim of streamlining these entities and in the case of the NIS in particular ensuring its long term viability and improving its accountability and client friendliness, along with strengthening the supervision of pension funds to ensure the protection of post-employment benefits
- Examine options for making the tax system more family friendly, including through personal income tax relief conditional on the number of dependent children
- Establish family counselling centres in all counties
- Expand the work of the Women's Affairs Bureau, the Men's Affairs Bureau and the Child Protection Agency
- Increase support for programmes to prevent domestic violence and against molestation of our children

**In the next term of office, key priorities will include:**



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## Delivering Justice, Security & Safety to all





## Delivering Security, Safety, and Justice to All

Over the years, successive PPP/C Governments have pursued the objective of strengthening the security and judicial sector, with significant success.

In the area of policing and the criminal justice system more generally, a number of achievements have been recorded, including:

- A complete revamping of the legislation available to the security sector in the discharge of their responsibilities. These include improving the ease of prosecution including the introduction of plea bargaining and audio-visual testimony, strengthening surveillance by introducing mandatory post-sentence surveillance of convicts of certain crimes and by introducing legal intercept of telecommunication, and increasing transparency in the firearm licensing process
  - Expanding the physical infrastructure and material stock of the Guyana Police Force, with new stations having been constructed and new fleets of vehicle and other equipment supplied
  - Establishing and strengthening extension mechanisms such as the community policing groups, neighbourhoods police
  - Establishing a crime observatory with statistics on criminal categories in Police Divisions
  - enabling a more robust fight against narco-traffickers
  - Improving the cooperation and collaboration among the branches in the criminal justice system, particularly the magistracy, judiciary, the DPP chambers, police prosecutions and the CID
  - The application of statutory provisions to enhance the functioning and the accountability to parliament of the judiciary
  - Enhancing the operational capacity of the joint services by the provision of targetted training, forensic, communication and transportation resources along with the increased resort to ICT applications in the fight against crime.
  - Focusing crime fighting and prevention on information led activities and the analysis of data generated from the criminal incident reports from the police divisions.
- Looking ahead, key priorities include:**
- Placing new emphasis on intelligence led policing, strengthening the intelligence gathering and processing capabilities of the Police Force including full establishment of the intelligence apparatus, through ICT enablement and networking of stations for real time access to databases, along with improved forensic capability, thereby
  - Continuing the improvement of accountability of members of the joint services by strengthening the remit of the Office of Professional Responsibility, the Police Complaints Authority and observance of reporting responsibilities to the parliamentary oversight body.
  - Continue the legislative programme to facilitate successful prosecutions, to protect





society by enacting a bail act and to stiffen custodial penalties for serious crimes.

- Emphasising community security by increasing the creation of community policing groups, neighbourhood police personnel and more police patrols.
- Further capitalising the military with specific attention to surveillance of our land, air and sea spaces.
- Promoting greater public support and confidence in the joint services by paying more attention to rapid responses, confidentiality about sources of information and respect for human rights.
- Strengthen legislation in the area of piracy and hijacking, develop anti-piracy programmes with key stakeholders
- Promoting penal reform specifically with respect to prisoner welfare, training and parole
- Promoting traffic management and road safety

**Similarly, in the judicial system, significant gains made include:**

- Extensive improvements and extensions to the physical infrastructure and material resources of the justice system, with new Courts now constructed in areas that were previously underserved by the judicial system
- Establishment of new commercial and constitutional divisions of the Court, along with the imminent establishment of a new family Court

- Strengthening of judicial administration, including the issuing of new rules by the Judicial Service Commission, and new High Court rules

- Revamping critical aspects of the law, including the legislating of provisions for judicial review

**Going forward, key priorities will include**

- Special emphasis on reducing and eventually eliminating the backlog in matters before the Courts, and establishing systems to ensure no new accumulation of backlog
- Sentencing reform, including such issues as penalty standardisation and strengthening the penalties for serious offences, but also to provide for sentencing for community service
- Continue to implement the Justice Improvement project which seeks to bring institutional strengthening to the justice system
- Review the current legal system with a view to bringing greater equity in access of our citizens to justice especially in hinterland and rural communities through more regular sittings of Courts and the establishment of the offices of the Director of Public Prosecution in Berbice and Essequibo.
- Implement the several pieces of legislation recently passed which will bring efficiency to the legal system and to make the system more accountable.



## Reinvigorating Local Government

**In the area of local government and governance, the next PPP/C Government will:**

- Ensure, within one year of the 2011 general elections, that local government elections are held, bringing much needed reinvigoration into local government entities
- Strengthen the capacity of the Ministry responsible for local government to discharge its oversight responsibilities with respect to local government bodies, and
- Build greater capacity in the local government bodies also to better discharge their functions
- Enhance accountability and transparency in the operations of local government bodies especially as it relates to the awarding of contracts
- Put greater emphasis on coordination between central government agencies and the local government bodies
- Expand collaboration between local government bodies and community development groups

## Building More Effective and Responsive Public Administration

Looking ahead, as an overarching objective intended to enable achievement of all of the other plans outlined, it will be absolutely critical that an enabling public sector is in place to discharge the responsibilities of facilitating this programme of work.

**To ensure that an optimally efficient public service is in place, the next PPP/C Government will:**

- Review every Government agency to identify ways in which the bureaucracy can be made more people-friendly, and implement priority actions identified to achieve this
- Outsource more Government services, with the dual aims of increasing efficiency and promoting private sector development.
- Prepare and implement an ICT strategy for each Government agency in order to promote migration to more modern and efficient technology with the aim of improving agency effectiveness
- Place special emphasis on agencies such as GRA and GOINVEST, to ensure that they do discharge the role assigned to them in a manner consistent with a modern, efficient tax administration, and a modern, functioning investment promotion and facilitation agency. Similarly, the agencies responsible for land titling, business registration, etc., will all be streamlined to be made more efficient and responsive



## Strategic Context

The initiatives outlined in this manifesto represent just a subset of the major policies and initiatives to be implemented by the next PPP/C administration, and are to read within the context of the broader policy agenda which span successive PPP/C administrations. The fullness of our programme is to be found in the various policy documents referred to earlier, including:

- The National Development Strategy
- The National Competitiveness Strategy
- The Poverty Reduction Strategy
- The Low Carbon Development Strategy
- Various sector strategies, including the National Health Strategy, the National Education Plan, and the Food and Nutrition Strategy

These documents are publicly available and readers are encouraged to access them to get a full picture of the plans and programmes of the next PPP/C Government.





## Conclusion

The People's Progressive Party/Civic has established an outstanding track record of careful, deliberate, sound, policymaking, along with firm commitment and competence in implementation. No place is this better illustrated than in successive manifestos with which we have sought the support of the people of Guyana and the diligence with which those manifestos have been subsequently implemented once that support has been secured.

This 2011 Manifesto sets out the next instalment in our ongoing contract with the People of Guyana. It represents a practical and realistic, sound roadmap for taking Guyana from the solid foundation which we have already built along the path to prosperity and plenty for all. We promised, on previous occasions, a Guyana rebuilt from the ruins we inherited. We have delivered that.

We now promise a modern Guyana, whose economy is growing rapidly, where thousands of jobs are being created and filled by Guyanese, where the social services are comparable to the best anywhere else, and where every Guyanese person can realise the fullness of their potential.

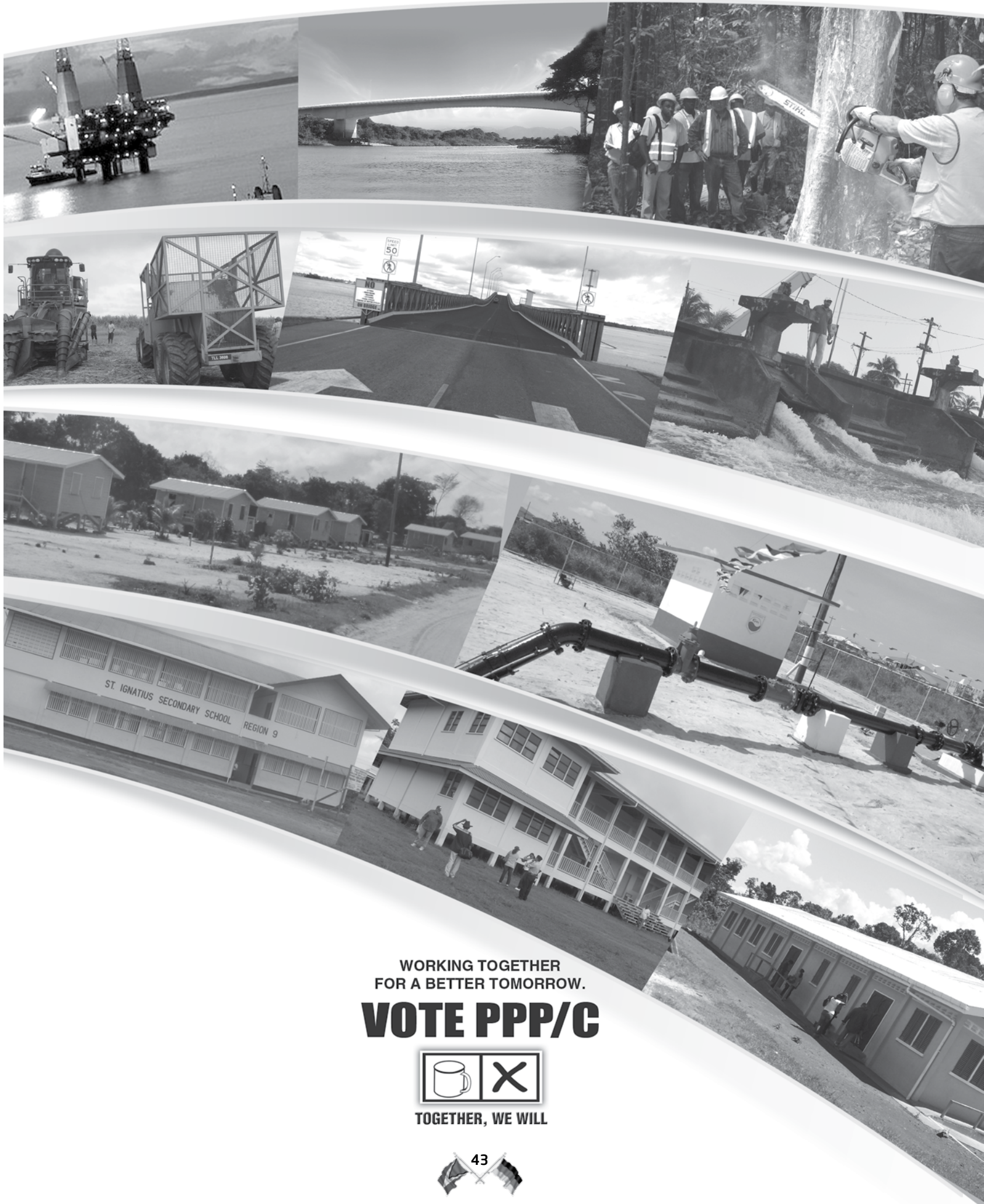
We intend to very aggressively mobilise members of the Diaspora to bring their capital and knowledge as we seek to build on the solid foundations of progress and as Guyana becomes an increasingly attractive place in which they can invest and to which they can return. It is also our intention to work very closely with labour, the private sector, the religious community, other members of civil society and all of the people of Guyana on the implementation of our transformation agenda for the next five years. The partnership already developed by successive PPP/C administrations will be further deepened so that our country grows from strength to strength.

Lest there be any doubt about the likelihood of this being achieved, consider the fact that so many of the initiatives required to realise this dream are already underway. Whether it is the harnessing of hydropower, the opening of new gold mines, exploration for oil, or the installation of new fibre optic cables, the stage is already set for this modern Guyana to be realised within the next five years with a PPP/Civic Government.

Together, we will! Come 28 November 2011, Vote PPP/Civic.

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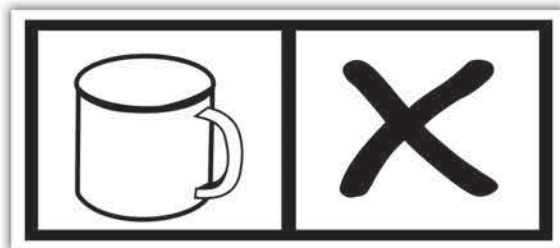






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