



NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENT

St. Vincent and the Grenadines



MANIFESTO



Together We Will

2025 - 2030

Fellow Vincentians,

Greetings!

St. Vincent and the Grenadines stands once again at a defining political crossroads. As we move through 2025, our nation continues to grapple with the challenges and opportunities of a post-emancipation, small island developing state. Since gaining independence in 1979, we have embraced the principles of self-governance and sovereignty—values that extend across our 150 square miles of land and far beyond into our territorial sea.

Our territorial waters stretch 12 nautical miles from our archipelagic baselines, forming part of an even larger maritime domain. Beyond these lie a contiguous zone of up to 24 nautical miles and an Exclusive Economic Zone extending 200 nautical miles from our shores. Together, these zones represent not only our sovereignty but also vast potential for a thriving blue economy—one that, if properly managed, can unlock opportunities for sustainable marine exploration, employment, and national prosperity.

Recent research estimates our permanent population at 99,924 persons. As a sovereign state, St. Vincent and the Grenadines maintain reciprocal relations with other nations and engage globally as an equal among states. Our unicameral Parliament—the House of Assembly, established upon independence—comprises fifteen members, both elected and appointed.

Throughout our history, homegrown partisan politics have seen several leaders attempt their own interpretations of our monarchical democracy. According to our Constitution, general elections must be held at intervals no longer than five years, ensuring our people remain the ultimate authority on the governance of this nation. Yet despite this foundation, our citizens have often been disappointed by leaders who have failed to uphold the principles of accountability, transparency, and integrity. Too many have said, “This is how it has always been—nothing will change.” **But change must come.**

The Birth of a Movement

The National Liberation Movement (NLM) is our collective response to that call for change—change that is necessary, just, and true. Born out of lived experience and careful study, the NLM seeks to renew the political, social, and economic vision of our beloved nation.

Established in 2022 by a group of concerned citizens, professionals, skilled workers, and members of the Vincentian diaspora, the NLM stands upon a single, unshakable principle: governance for the people, by the people. Our guiding mantra—“Together We Will”—reflects our belief that national transformation begins with unity and shared purpose.

The NLM’s goal is to liberate our citizens from oppression and arbitrary rule, empowering every Vincentian to achieve genuine self-determination. We seek to re-examine the meaning of independence and to reassert our political and cultural autonomy through a shift in mindset—from stagnation to growth, from dependence to self-reliance.

We are committed to ending systemic inequality, partisan discrimination, and exploitation in all their forms. Liberation means equal opportunity, equal rights, and equal access to the nation’s resources—achievable only through the collective effort of every citizen.

Our Commitment to You

We invite all Vincentians, at home and abroad, to join this Movement for national renewal. The NLM is rooted in the progressive spirit of our people—a tradition of resilience and courage that has, time and again, overcome political and social unrest. Let it never be said that apathy has triumphed or that all hope is lost. History reminds us that new political movements often begin small but grow strong when grounded in

principle and purpose. The NLM is expanding, and with your support, it will continue to grow into a force for national transformation.

Even in its early stages, the NLM has reached citizens across the nation. Through our weekly radio program, and now via our biweekly Facebook live stream “NLM and You!”, we have created a platform for open dialogue, citizen participation, and policy discussion. The feedback has been overwhelmingly positive—proof that our people are eager for meaningful change. St. Vincent and the Grenadines’ greatest asset is its human resource. As a retired diplomat deeply committed to true nationalism, I pledge always to serve our nation’s best interests. This principle guides not only me but every member of our core team.

As we approach the upcoming general elections, we ask that you vote prayerfully and carefully for the NLM, with confidence in a new era of integrity, empowerment, and national progress.

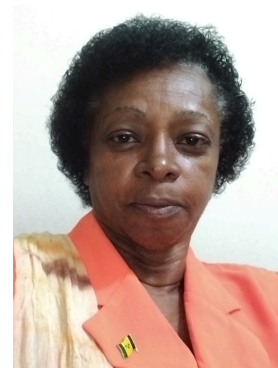
Nation Building and Community

This manifesto presents a snapshot of our key issues. Together, with our Working Document these materials form our comprehensive framework for nation building—one that integrates economic reform, social justice, and humanitarian values. Fundamentally, we recognize the importance of spiritual and moral renewal. Therefore, we affirm that we are our brothers’ and sisters’ keepers. The NLM urges every Vincentian to embrace our guiding principle: “Together We Will.” Through unity, faith, and collective effort, we can rebuild St. Vincent and the Grenadines for present and future generations.

May God bless you abundantly and always.
Yours in Service,

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The Philosophy of the National Liberation Movement



Members of the National Liberation Movement (NLM) are proud Vincentians who believe in the Supremacy of God and the dignity of humanity, upholding our inherited Westminster-style constitutional democracy. We recognize that, with time, constitutional amendments may be necessary to strengthen governance for the people and by the people.

The NLM advocates for a two-term limit for the Prime Minister, ensuring that leadership remains dynamic, accountable, and representative of the people's will.

We believe that all able-bodied Vincentians deserve equal opportunity and equitable access to the nation's resources as a fundamental right.

As our society evolves, so must our mindset. Every citizen is challenged to adopt a progressive and positive outlook—to strive for personal and national growth, to value meritocracy and integrity, and to reject complacency and corruption.

The NLM's guiding core principles are:

- **Accountability**
- **Meritocracy**
- **Pragmatism**
- **Integrity**
- **Transparency**
- **Equity**
- **Loyalty**

We face an uncertain global future, with small island developing states like ours confronting existential challenges—from economic instability to climate change. Our survival and success depend upon unity of purpose, where national development transcends partisan divides.

Through wholehearted involvement in this Liberation Movement, we can build a transformational economy, not a transactional one. We will diversify our economy—revitalizing agriculture, promoting innovation, and ensuring that the basic needs of every Vincentian—food, water, shelter, safety, and community—are never again determined by political affiliation.

Vision Statement

The National Liberation Movement will conduct its affairs guided by the principles of liberationist ideology—the belief that true progress begins with a liberated mind. Working alongside village councils, retired civil servants, and non-governmental organizations, we will foster policies that empower citizens, dismantle oppressive power structures, and promote sustainable and inclusive development for all.

Mission Statement

The National Liberation Movement seeks to liberate the people of St. Vincent and the Grenadines from negative mindsets and institutional stagnation. Our mission is to establish a vibrant, progressive, post-independence economy driven by innovation, self-reliance, and collaboration.

Working with multilateral partners, the NLM will serve as a catalyst for national transformation—grounded in:

- Self-reflection and community development guided by humanitarian principles;
- Gratitude, goal-setting, and new perspectives in national and social development;
- Solution-oriented policymaking that promotes accountability and transparency;
- Empowering citizens to hold both state and non-state actors responsible for protecting constitutional rights.

Section 2: Core Values, Symbolism, Challenges, and Key Policy Priorities of the National Liberation Movement (NLM) Manifesto 2025–2030.

Core Principles of the National Liberation Movement

The National Liberation Movement (NLM) stands firmly upon a foundation of principles that reflect our Vincentian spirit, heritage, and hope for a better future. These principles guide every policy and decision we make as we strive to rebuild trust in governance and empower all citizens to participate meaningfully in nation-building.

Loyalty

Loyalty is the pivot of good citizenship. For us, it means pride in our country, culture, and people. It embodies dedication to St. Vincent and the Grenadines, to each other, and to the shared values that define who we are.

Meritocracy

The NLM believes that every Vincentian deserves the opportunity to advance based on ability, effort, and character—not inherited privilege or political allegiance. A merit-based society is one where talent and hard work are rewarded, fostering upward mobility and national progress.

Pragmatism

We are guided by practicality and purpose. Pragmatism encourages us to ask three key questions in every governance situation:

- ❖ What is problematic?
- ❖ What values are at stake?
- ❖ What is possible?

As such, through realistic, evidence-based solutions, we will shape policies that meet the needs of our people.

Integrity

Integrity is the moral compass of leadership. It demands honesty, accountability, and transparency from all representatives. Under an NLM government, every public official—elected or appointed—will be held accountable for their decisions and actions.

Accountability

An NLM administration will uphold the highest standards of public accountability. Our leaders will report to the people, and government spending will be monitored through strong, independent oversight bodies. Citizens will have the right to question and evaluate their leaders.

Transparency

The government must operate in the open. Transparency ensures that policies, budgets, and public decisions are clear, accessible, and honest. The NLM commits to rebuilding public trust through openness in all state affairs.

Equity

Equity is the heart of fairness. The NLM recognizes that each Vincentian faces different circumstances, and therefore fairness requires that everyone be treated justly and supported according to need. We will pursue policies that close the gaps in opportunity, wealth, and access to resources.

Slogan: “Together We Will”

Our slogan captures the essence of our philosophy and mission. “Together We Will” is not just a phrase—it is a declaration of unity, shared responsibility, and collective progress. It embodies the belief that real change happens only when citizens, communities, and leaders move forward as one.

Party Colour: Burnt Orange

Burnt Orange symbolizes warmth, comfort, togetherness, and youthful optimism. It represents security, happiness, and prosperity. The NLM embraces this colour as a reflection of our belief that through hard work, solidarity, and positive vision, the people of St. Vincent and the Grenadines will achieve enduring prosperity.

NLM Symbol: The Bicycle

Under the *Representation of the People Act* 1982, the NLM’s registered party symbol is the Bicycle—a powerful metaphor for sustainable progress and empowerment.

Each aspect of the bicycle reflects the NLM’s guiding philosophy:

☐ Sustainability and Environmental Responsibility:

The bicycle represents our commitment to eco-friendly policies, clean energy, and a greener future for St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

☐ Movement and Progress:

It symbolizes continuous forward motion—an adaptable and dynamic approach to governance and development.

☐ Balance and Stability:

Just as a bicycle requires balance to move forward, the NLM seeks to maintain equilibrium in economic, social, and political life.

☐ Empowerment and Self-Reliance:

Powered by human effort, the bicycle reminds us that national progress depends on individual initiative and shared responsibility.

☐ Accessibility and Inclusivity:

Bicycles are affordable and accessible to people from all walks of life, representing our dedication to inclusive growth and social equality.

☐ Simplicity and Efficiency:

The bicycle's design reflects our approach to governance—clear, effective, and free from unnecessary complexity.

☐ Community and Connection:

Bicycles bring people together. The NLM strives to strengthen community bonds and collective well-being through policies that unite rather than divide.

☐ Healthy Living and Well-Being:

The bicycle also promotes physical and mental wellness, mirroring our commitment to healthcare reform and preventative health initiatives.

☐ Freedom and Mobility:

Riding a bicycle offers independence. So too, the NLM seeks to expand personal freedom, economic opportunity, and mobility for all citizens.

☐ Local Focus and Urban Development:

The bicycle reflects our focus on modernizing urban spaces, improving transportation infrastructure, and promoting sustainable city development.

The Challenges at Hand — Our Country in Crisis

One of the defining issues in the upcoming general election is leadership that you can trust. Across the nation and throughout the diaspora, the cry for change is clear. Many citizens lament that the country “mash up.” The frustration is real, and the demand for transformation is urgent.

We must acknowledge the hard truth: St. Vincent and the Grenadines face a leadership crisis. For too long, governance has been marred by complacency, partisanship, and a lack of accountability. Our people deserve better.

It is time to choose a new path—to liberate our nation from constitutional anarchy and redefine our future in alignment with the people’s will. The NLM stands ready to lead this transformation.

Among our earliest commitments is the introduction of a two-term limit for the office of the Prime Minister. This reform—practiced in several Commonwealth nations—will prevent the concentration of power, encourage renewal in leadership, and strengthen democratic accountability. Upon assuming office, an NLM administration will move swiftly to introduce a constitutional amendment to this effect.

A Call for Economic Renewal

A general election is about more than replacing leaders—it is about choosing a team with a clear plan to rescue and rebuild the nation. The NLM presents a serious and actionable Economic Recovery Program to position St. Vincent and the Grenadines within the new global economic order.

Our objectives include but are not limited to:

- Reducing the national debt, currently nearing EC\$3 billion, through strategic fiscal reform and sustainable investment.
- Reinstating the Public Accounts Committee as a regular oversight body to ensure that government spending is efficient, transparent, and accountable.
- Lowering unemployment—currently estimated at 44%—to below 10% within our first term through job creation in agriculture, industry, and technology.
- Reducing high utility and living costs, including water, electricity, and essential food prices.
- Introducing a National Youth Service Programme (YSP) for graduates of secondary education, fostering patriotism, discipline, and skill development.
- Reducing the import bill, currently at US\$373 million per year, by revitalizing domestic agriculture and export industries.
- Expanding healthcare access through the creation of a National Health Insurance Scheme with special emphasis on minors and pensioners.
- Strengthening crime prevention and public safety through legislative reform, modern forensic facilities, and community policing.
- Encouraging entrepreneurship, small business development, and youth innovation.
- Reviving agriculture, especially the banana and arrowroot industries, while adding value through agro-processing and export.

- Developing the blue and green economies through sustainable marine resource management, eco-tourism, and renewable energy.
- Upgrading education through digital transformation, language diversity (Garifuna and Swahili), and civic education.
- Increasing salaries for civil servants in line with regional standards.
- Rebuilding Union Island and strengthening healthcare, energy, and infrastructure across all islands.
- Reorganizing urban planning—including transport, waste management, and coastal infrastructure—to modernize Kingstown and surrounding areas.
- Investing in sports and culture to promote unity, pride, and healthy living among all citizens.

In short, the NLM's goal is to reverse the current trajectory of national decline. For every dollar earned, nearly 90 cents now service the public debt—an unsustainable burden that stifles growth and opportunity. We refuse to accept this as our nation's fate. An NLM government will chart a new course—one of fiscal responsibility, innovation, and shared prosperity.

Together We Will.



SECTION 3 — SNAPSHOTS OF KEY POLICY AREAS

“Together We Will”

1. Agriculture and Fisheries — Reviving the Nation’s Backbone



Agriculture has always been the cornerstone of our economy. Yet today, our farmers face declining yields, lack of market access, and inadequate government support. The NLM will restore agriculture to its rightful place as a pillar of national development and food security.

Our Commitments:

- Rebuild the banana industry through modernized production, disease-resistant plants, and regional export partnerships.
- Support diversification into crops such as cocoa, coffee, spices, root vegetables, and herbs.
- Encourage youth participation through agricultural training programs and agro-entrepreneurship incubators.
- Create agro-processing facilities to add value to local produce, enhancing export potential and rural employment.
- Modernize fisheries through improved cold storage, fleet renewal, and training in sustainable fishing practices.

- Invest in agricultural technology (AgriTech)—including hydroponics, smart irrigation, and digital farm management.
- Reduce the import bill by replacing imported staples with locally grown alternatives.
- Market access and maintaining markets regional and international.
- The NLM believes that food sovereignty is central to true independence. We will make farming profitable again and restore dignity to the hardworking men and women who feed our nation.

2. Energy — Powering a Sustainable Future



Our energy sector must evolve to meet the challenges of climate change, high fuel costs, and growing demand. The NLM will transition St. Vincent and the Grenadines toward a cleaner, more sustainable, and self-reliant energy system.

Our Commitments:

- ★ Expand renewable energy sources—solar, wind, geothermal, and ocean-based energy—to reduce dependency on imported fossil fuels.
- ★ Establish community solar programs, enabling households and small businesses to generate and sell power to the national grid.

- ★ Strengthen energy resilience in the Grenadines by promoting solar microgrids and battery storage systems.
- ★ Create a Green Energy Fund to support energy innovation and attract foreign investment.
- ★ Review and revise electricity tariffs to lower costs for households and businesses.
- ★ A sustainable energy transition is not just environmental—it is economic. It will reduce costs, generate jobs, and secure our energy independence.

3. Education — The Foundation of Liberation



Education is the key to national transformation. The NLM envisions an education system that nurtures creativity, critical thinking, and patriotism—preparing every Vincentian to thrive in a modern, digital world.

Our Commitments:

- Introduce Civic and Cultural Studies from primary school to foster national pride and ethical citizenship.
- Integrate Digital Literacy and STEM education across all levels.
- Promote Garifuna and Swahili language studies to strengthen cultural identity and global engagement.

- Create vocational training centres in every parish to provide skills in trades, technology, and entrepreneurship.
- Strengthen teacher development through ongoing training and better remuneration.
- Establish a National Student Support Fund for underprivileged learners.
- Rebuild and modernize school infrastructure to ensure safety, accessibility, and digital readiness.
- Expand the Adult Literacy and Continuing Education Programme.
- Education is liberation. The NLM will create a system where learning empowers, inspires, and uplifts every citizen.

4. Youth and Sports — Empowering the Next Generation



Our youth are our greatest untapped potential. Yet too many face unemployment, underrepresentation, and lack of opportunity. The NLM will create new pathways for young people to contribute meaningfully to national progress.

Our Commitments:

- ❖ Launch a National Youth Service Programme (YSP) for post-secondary graduates, combining civic education, community service, and skills development.
- ❖ Establish a Youth Development Authority to coordinate training, internships, and mentorship opportunities.
- ❖ Revive the National Sports Council and upgrade community sports facilities across all islands.
- ❖ Implement scholarship and talent development programs in athletics, music, and the arts.
- ❖ Provide grants and microloans for youth-led start-ups in technology, culture, and agriculture.
- ❖ Through structured engagement, mentorship, and investment, the NLM will nurture a generation of disciplined, confident, and patriotic Vincentians.

5. Health and Well-Being — A Healthy Nation is a Strong Nation



A strong nation depends on healthy citizens. The NLM's healthcare vision emphasizes accessibility, prevention, and modern infrastructure.

Our Commitments:

- Establish a National Health Insurance Scheme (NHIS), prioritizing minors, pensioners, and vulnerable groups.
- Upgrade all district clinics and hospitals, ensuring reliable access to doctors, nurses, and essential medication.
- Build a modern forensic and diagnostic centre to improve medical testing and criminal investigations.
- Promote preventative healthcare through national wellness campaigns, nutrition education, and physical fitness programs.
- Increase salaries and improve working conditions for healthcare professionals.
- Partner with international organizations to enhance training, telemedicine, and equipment supply.
- The NLM's approach to healthcare is holistic—addressing both physical and mental well-being as pillars of national development.

6. Environment and Climate Resilience



As a small island developing state, St. Vincent and the Grenadines are particularly vulnerable to climate change.

The NLM will prioritize environmental protection and climate adaptation as national imperatives.

Our Commitments:

- ❖ Strengthen disaster preparedness and early warning systems.
- ❖ Implement a National Coastal Protection Plan to address erosion and sea-level rise.
- ❖ Promote reforestation and watershed management to safeguard water supplies.
- ❖ Enforce strict environmental regulations on waste disposal and pollution.
- ❖ Incentivize eco-tourism, green agriculture, and sustainable construction.
- ❖ Integrate climate education into school curricula.
- ❖ Establish a Climate Resilience Fund to support community-based adaptation projects.
- Protecting the environment is protecting our survival. The NLM will ensure that national development goes hand in hand with ecological sustainability.

7. Foreign Policy — Diplomacy for Development



St. Vincent and the Grenadines' foreign policy must serve national interests, strengthen regional partnerships, and expand opportunities for trade and cooperation.

Our Commitments:

- ☐ Maintain strong ties within CARICOM, the OECS, and the Commonwealth.
- ☐ Deepen engagement with the African Union, promoting cultural and economic exchange.
- ☐ Strengthen relations with traditional partners while pursuing South-South cooperation with emerging economies.
- ☐ Use economic diplomacy to attract investment, tourism, and scholarships.
- ☐ Ensure that our diaspora plays a central role in national development.
- ☐ The NLM will ensure that every diplomatic relationship benefits the Vincentian people.

8. Governance and Constitutional Reform



True liberation requires good governance, rooted in accountability, transparency, and constitutional balance. The NLM will modernize and strengthen the structures of government to serve the people more effectively.

Our Commitments:

- ★ Introduce a two-term limit for the office of Prime Minister.
- ★ Re-establish village councils and community governance structures.

- ★ Revise the Public Service Act to ensure merit-based recruitment and promotion.
- ★ Implement a Freedom of Information Act to guarantee public access to government data.
- ★ Reinvigorate the Public Accounts Committee for effective oversight of government spending.
- ★ Launch a Digital Governance Platform to streamline services and increase citizen access to information.
- ★ Strengthen anti-corruption legislation and the independence of the judiciary.
- ★ Ensure that appointments to public office are based on merit, not political loyalty.
- ★ The NLM's governance reform agenda is designed to restore trust, protect democracy, and empower citizens to participate meaningfully in national affairs.

9. Tourism — A Pillar of the Blue and Green Economy



Tourism remains a key driver of foreign exchange and employment. The NLM's approach will emphasize sustainability, culture, and diversification.

Our Commitments:

- ❖ Develop community-based tourism in rural and coastal areas.

- ❖ Modernize airport and seaport infrastructure, especially in Union Island and Bequia.
- ❖ Promote heritage and cultural tourism, celebrating Garifuna and indigenous history.
- ❖ Invest in training and certification for hospitality workers.
- ❖ Expand eco-tourism and marine tourism initiatives.
- ❖ Support creative industries as a tourism asset—music, entertainment, art, and cuisine.
- ❖ Special mention on the creative industries that use creativity and talent to create economic value through intellectual property. They include fields like advertising, design, film, music, software, and video games, and they play an important role in culture and innovation.
- ❖ Tourism must serve the people, not exploit them. The NLM will make it a platform for empowerment, not dependency.

10. The Blue Economy — Harnessing Our Maritime Wealth



Our vast maritime territory offers untapped opportunities for economic diversification. The NLM will promote responsible marine resource management that balances profitability with sustainability.

Our Commitments:

- ☐ Develop a National Blue Economy Policy aligned with international law and environmental standards.
- ☐ Support marine research, aquaculture, and ocean-based renewable energy.
- ☐ Strengthen the Coast Guard and maritime enforcement to protect territorial waters.
- ☐ Promote public-private partnerships in marine transport, shipping, and fisheries.
- ☐ Encourage blue entrepreneurship—creating jobs in marine technology, tourism, and conservation.
- ☐ Shipping and Navigation Matters (Special Mention)

For generations, St. Vincent and the Grenadines has been anchored in the seafaring tradition, earning global recognition for its respected open ship registry. Governed by the Merchant Shipping Act of 1982 and administered through offices in Switzerland and Monaco, this registry stands as one of our most significant national assets.

However, to unlock its full potential, the registry must be brought home. Establishing it on the island would allow St. Vincent to capture the full economic value of this industry—creating jobs, strengthening local expertise, and ensuring that revenue returns directly to our nation. By housing the registry here, we position ourselves to maximize national benefit and secure long-term economic growth. Our sea is our strength. The NLM will ensure that the blue economy becomes a cornerstone of national prosperity.

Conclusion — Together We Will

The National Liberation Movement offers a vision of hope, integrity, and national renewal. Our policies are not promises—they are plans for action. We believe that with faith, unity, and purpose, St. Vincent and the Grenadines can rise above its challenges and achieve lasting transformation.

The NLM stands ready to serve.

Together We Will.



SECTION 4 — APPENDICES AND IMPLEMENTATION FRAMEWORK

“Together We Will”

A. Constitutional Reform Proposals



The National Liberation Movement (NLM) firmly believes that St. Vincent and the Grenadines must modernize its Constitution to ensure genuine democratic accountability, transparency, and participatory governance. Constitutional reform is not a rejection of our past—it is an evolution of our democracy to meet the demands of the present and the aspirations of the future.

Proposed Reforms:

★ Two-Term Limit for the Office of Prime Minister

No individual shall hold the office of Prime Minister for more than two consecutive five-year terms. This will ensure leadership renewal and prevent concentration of power.

★ Fixed Election Dates

General elections shall be held every five years on a fixed calendar date to promote fairness, predictability, and stability.

★ Strengthened Separation of Powers

Review and amend constitutional provisions to guarantee the independence of the legislature, executive, and judiciary.

★ Freedom of Information and Press Protection

Enshrine the right to access public information and protect journalists and whistleblowers who act in the public interest.

★ Electoral Reform

Review constituency boundaries to ensure equal representation and fairness in voting systems.

★ Public Accounts and Audit Independence

Reinstate the Public Accounts Committee with mandatory quarterly reporting to Parliament, and ensure the Auditor General operates independently of political influence.

★ Village and Community Councils

Restore local governance bodies empowered to make decisions on community development, small infrastructure, and local resource management.

★ National Referendum Mechanism

Introduce a framework that allows citizens to participate directly in major national decisions through referendums.

★ Expanded Parliamentary Representation

Increase the number of constituencies or introduce proportional representation to strengthen parliamentary democracy.

★ Constitutional Recognition of Environmental Rights

Include the right to a clean, safe, and sustainable environment as a constitutional guarantee.

B. National Youth and Sports Policy Framework

The NLM recognizes that the youth are the architects of the future. Our Youth and Sports Policy Framework is designed to empower young people as active participants in governance, innovation, and cultural renewal.

1. Youth Development

- Establish a Youth Development Authority (YDA) to coordinate youth programs across all ministries.

- Create Constituency Youth Councils to give young people a voice in local decision-making.
- Promote entrepreneurship and innovation through access to small business grants and mentorship programs.
- Develop Youth Empowerment Centres offering training in leadership, technology, arts, and environmental stewardship.
- Strengthen partnerships with the Vincentian diaspora to facilitate youth exchanges and scholarships.

2. Education and Skill Building

- Integrate civic education, digital literacy, and entrepreneurship into secondary school curricula.
- Provide career guidance and vocational training aligned with emerging job markets.
- Support youth involvement in STEM, agriculture, culture, and sports industries.

3. Sports Development

- ❖ Establish a National Sports Institute to train athletes, coaches, and sports administrators.
- ❖ Create a Sports Infrastructure Fund for modernizing stadiums, community fields, and gyms.
- ❖ Encourage sports tourism through regional tournaments and partnerships.
- ❖ Provide annual grants to community sports clubs and youth leagues.

The NLM believes that sports and youth empowerment are vital tools for social inclusion, national pride, and international representation.

C. Implementation, Monitoring, and Evaluation Framework



The success of any manifesto lies not only in vision but in disciplined execution. The NLM will implement a Performance-Based Governance Model (PBGM) to ensure every ministry, program, and project delivers measurable results.

1. National Development Council (NDC)

A central body chaired by the Prime Minister, the NDC will oversee implementation of national priorities, coordinate inter-ministerial efforts, and engage with the private sector and civil society.

2. Annual National Performance Reports

Each ministry will publish an annual report outlining achievements, challenges, and expenditure. These reports will be publicly available online and reviewed by the Public Accounts Committee.

3. Citizen Accountability Mechanisms

The NLM will introduce Community Consultation Forums every six months to allow citizens to assess government performance and propose improvements.

4. Data and Digital Monitoring

A Digital Governance Dashboard will track the progress of key policy initiatives, ensuring transparency, public participation, and timely course correction.

5. Strategic Partnerships

We will collaborate with regional and international partners—including CARICOM, the OECS, the Commonwealth, and the United Nations—to access funding, expertise, and technical support for our national development goals.

D. Partnership with the Vincentian Diaspora



The NLM recognizes the immense potential of Vincentians abroad. Our diaspora remains an integral part of our national family and a key contributor to investment, knowledge transfer, and global advocacy.

Our Commitments:

- Expand and strengthen the Regional Integration and Diaspora Unit to include International Cooperation.
- Introduce Diaspora Bonds to facilitate safe investment in national projects.
- Launch a Diaspora Skills Exchange Programme to connect professionals with local institutions.
- Create a Digital Diaspora Portal for engagement, information sharing, and participation in national initiatives.
- The NLM views the diaspora not as distant supporters, but as active partners in nation-building.

E. Implementation Timeline (2025–2030)

Year	Priority Goals	Key Actions
2025	<i>Foundation and Governance Reform</i>	Launch constitutional review; reinstate Public Accounts Committee; establish Youth Service Programme; reduce public debt ratio.
2026	<i>Economic Diversification</i>	Expand agriculture, renewable energy, and blue economy sectors; establish Agro-Processing Hubs.
2027	<i>Education and Health Renewal</i>	Modernize schools and clinics; introduce National Health Insurance Scheme.
2028	<i>Infrastructure and Urban Development</i>	Revitalize Kingstown; implement sustainable transport and waste management systems.
2029	<i>Cultural and Tourism Expansion</i>	Promote heritage tourism, creative “orange” industries, and sports diplomacy.
2030	<i>Evaluation and Consolidation</i>	Publish final 5-year development report; conduct national audit and citizen consultation on progress.

F. Closing Statement — The Road Ahead

Fellow Vincentians,

St. Vincent and the Grenadines stands at a moment of historic choice. The challenges before us are real, but so too is our capacity for transformation. The National Liberation Movement offers not empty promises, but a disciplined plan for renewal—a plan rooted in faith, integrity, and the unshakable belief that together, we can do better.

Our nation was built by resilient men and women who refused to surrender their dreams. We inherit their courage and continue their journey. With God's guidance and the collective will of our people, we can create a nation that is prosperous, just, and free.

The NLM invites every Vincentian—at home and abroad—to take your rightful place in this movement for national rebirth.

Let us rise above division, renew our hope, and reclaim our destiny.

Together We Will.

VOTE THE NATIONAL LIBERATION OF ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES



(Election symbols, *Representation of the People Act 1982*)

Raising generations; restoring hope!

God bless you all.



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