LET’S CREATE 50,000 NEW JOBS
**EAST WEST BIOTECHNOLOGY MANUFACTURING CORRIDOR**

A biotechnology manufacturing zone along the East-West Corridor to create a cluster of industrial applications in agro, health and wellness, and industrial and environmental biotechnology.

Such areas could include therapeutic and nutraceutical plants, exotic livestock development, integrated aquaculture systems, biopesticides, crop genetic improvement, ageing medicine, generics and biosimilars, bioinformatics and environmental conservation.

**TOBAGO’S FIRST LOCALLY BRANDED HOTEL**

Increasingly, international tourists are seeking out destinations that dazzle their senses, touch their hearts, stimulate their minds and can be incorporated into their lifestyles.

Reputable, large hotel management firms can franchise this innovative hotel brand to international markets. A refashioned Magdalena hotel could become Tobago’s first locally branded hotel resort.

**DIGITAL INNOVATION PARK AT SEVILLA, COUVA**

This digital park will attract entrepreneurs and firms (both local and international) to create a cluster of world-class export companies in selected areas of innovation/technology.

Such areas could include fintech, agriculture innovation, health tech, payment processing, software development and call centers/business process outsourcing. Both UTT and NIHERST will give the necessary R&D support to the digital innovation park.

**ST. MADELEINE SUGAR MANUFACTURING FACILITY**

A new state-of-the-art, cooperative sugar manufacturing company at Usine St. Madeleine.

This new sugar company will purchase sugarcane grown by private farmers at market-based prices and will produce organic raw sugar and products like jaggery for sale to the domestic and export markets. Government will retain a minority equity position in the sugar manufacturing facility in exchange for any land provided.

**PLYMOUTH INTERNATIONAL CRUISE SHIP MARINA**

A cruise ship/marina complex will boost tourist arrivals and demand for local goods and services.

Plymouth is well-suited to hosting a cruise ship/marina complex which will have fuel bunkering services, shopping and entertainment with local content to promote the Tobago brand.

The designation of Tobago as a duty free port will promote entrepreneurial initiatives in retail commerce and services.

**WEST PORT OF SPAIN “TRINIDAD CREATIVE ARTS” STREET/AREA**

We will invite private investors to establish a space within the western side of the capital city of Port of Spain that will showcase iconic themes from each of the major countries that influenced our rich and diverse culture.

Many cities around the world have an area or street that is limited only to pedestrian traffic and heavily focused on local goods, music, film, theatre, food and drink, and facets of their creative industries.
A special development zone linking Cedros to Moruga which will become the major economic hub in the southwest peninsula of Trinidad.

This will tap into future strong growth opportunities in nearby Guyana and Suriname.

The Cedros /Moruga economic zone will comprise a commercial port, agriculture, real estate, housing and other business activities.

In collaboration with Pan Trinbago, Inc. and the steelpan fraternity, we will establish a cooperative-type steelpan manufacturing facility in Laventille, birthplace of the national instrument.

The factory will produce conventional and miniature steelpans with chrome finishing and powder coating.

We will incentivise local and regional artistes who have global appeal to become brand ambassadors to build a ‘Brand Laventille’ steelpan instrument.

This facility will capitalise on the supply from the agricultural parks such as locally grown fruits and vegetables and new crops like potatoes, peanuts, chick peas and sorghum as well as organic ‘superfoods’ like turmeric, moringa and flours such as cassava and green banana.

A zero waste policy will ensure byproducts from agro-processing can be used as feed stock for farmers.

We will work with private investors to develop the Galeota port on the southeastern tip of Trinidad as an energy logistics hub.

Exploration and production companies within T&T have already started to use Port Galeota to transport people and equipment offshore.

Port Galeota will also service the emerging petroleum provinces in the Caribbean, such as Guyana, French Guiana, and Grenada.

We have our own natural renewable resource, the Sun, that is underutilised. Solar power is the cheapest and source of electricity on the planet.

The ‘SolarTech’ Park will develop energy efficient modular solar solutions which can be retrofitted to existing buildings or integrated into new construction projects.

Tamana ‘SolarTech’ will provide specialist and turnkey solutions to communities within the region.

We will invite private investors to build and manage an aircraft maintenance, repair and operations (MRO) hub in the Aero-Park in Piarco.

Trinidad and Tobago serves as an aviation centre for the wider Caribbean, we will leverage these strengths into building a comprehensive aircraft MRO facility to provide heavy maintenance, line maintenance and aircraft painting. Investors will be required to fully finance the aircraft MRO facility.

We will work with private investors to develop Galeota port on the southeastern tip of Trinidad as an energy logistics hub.
The 2020 General Elections will come at a defining moment in our nation’s economic journey. The past few years have resulted in our economy being mismanaged to near collapse and defined by worrying levels of joblessness among our citizens.

Our National Economic Transformation Masterplan 2020–2025 lays out a wide-ranging suite of policy initiatives and programmes which we will pursue to get our people working again and working towards a better future.

We will create 50,000 new jobs by 2025. Our plan benefits from insightful views and informative consultations with key stakeholders and experts and is aligned to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which the international community endorsed as the policy framework for a world free of poverty.

Diversification is at the heart of our economic masterplan. For too long, our country’s economic fortunes have been too closely linked to the energy sector.

We will encourage strategic investments in niche non-energy sectors where we have strong competitive advantage, market opportunity and growth potential. These bold steps must be made now. We will, of course, not ignore the energy sector, which will remain our economic
Our plan embodies a “business unusual” spirit. The private sector is being called forth to take the lead in strategic projects while the Government will play a facilitative role. Of the many interventions, we have identified and singled out 12 prosperity engines spread across communities in T&T.

These prosperity engines will mobilise and engage the private sector, both local and international, and their implementation will have large positive multiplier effects in kickstarting the economic recovery.

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I am confident in the will and ability of our people to adapt to these challenges and to seize the opportunities, as we have demonstrated in the past.

Now is the time for you to join with us in building a more secure and sustainable economic future for Trinidad and Tobago.
# A PLAN THAT STARTS ON DAY ONE

## THE FIRST 90 DAYS

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<td><strong>Foreign Exchange</strong>&lt;br&gt;We will request the Ministry of Finance to work with the Central Bank to begin the transition to a more balanced foreign exchange market.</td>
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<td><strong>Revenue Authority</strong>&lt;br&gt;We will scrap the proposed Revenue Authority.</td>
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<td><strong>GATE Funding</strong>&lt;br&gt;We will begin the process of aligning GATE funding to economic priority areas and labour market needs.</td>
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<td>We will establish the Economic Strategy Council which will prepare an immediate action plan for implementing and managing flagship projects/programmes which are considered ‘transformational’ to our economic diversification thrust.</td>
<td>We will remove the 7% online tax legislation.</td>
<td>We will immediately ban all single-use plastic straws and mandate Solid Waste Management Company Limited (SWMCOL) to develop a new “Chase Charlie Away” national recycling educational programme.</td>
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<td>We will mandate the University of Trinidad and Tobago (UTT) to start research and development on further innovation of the steel pan instrument, allowing local manufacturers to compete at the global level.</td>
<td>We will review the process for the renewal of passports to ensure renewals can happen faster.</td>
<td>We will request each ministry to prepare a 5-year strategic plan within the framework of our economic masterplan.</td>
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<td>We will activate the Praedial Larceny Squad within the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service (TTPS), remove VAT on locally produced agriculture, meat and dairy products and raise import duties on foreign fruits, vegetables, meat and dairy products.</td>
<td>We will recommence operations at the Petrotrin oil refinery and bring back regular gas into production.</td>
<td>We will share with citizens our priorities for action during our first upcoming budgetary period.</td>
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<td>We will resolve all outstanding issues regarding former Caroni workers and cane farmers.</td>
<td>We will begin a public ‘Green Building’ pilot with the Twin Towers (Ministry of Finance and Central Buildings) and the International Waterfront Centre. into a new fiscal responsibility framework.</td>
<td>We will request both the Ministry of Finance and the Central Bank to initiate the process of creating a National Food Security Fund, a National Infrastructure Fund and a National Climate Trust Fund. These three innovative funds will mobilise financial resources for our economic development plan without raising public debt.</td>
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