

# BUDGET INTERACTION 2010



Contributions of Youth



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# Tenets of Governance and Effective Policy Implementation

- Strategic Focus and Sustainable Approach
- Monitoring and Evaluation -Value for Money
- Public/Private Partnership and Collaboration
- Participatory and Consultative environment
- Governance Accountability and Transparency
  - Measurement
  - Consequence

# PRIORITIES FOR SUSTAINABLE AND PEOPLE-CENTRED DEVELOPMENT

1. Education and Youth Development
2. Culture Change and Community-based Intervention
3. Crime
4. Diversification of the Economy
5. Foreign Policy and Governance

# Resource and Development Planning Matrix



# Priority 1 – Education and Youth Development

## • **Transform the Educational System**

- ✓ Tertiary Level
  - ✓ GATE: Establish evaluation and performance systems
  - ✓ Partnership with Private sector organisations and Associations
  - ✓ Ensure accountability and payback
  - ✓ Develop National Insurance Scheme for students
  - ✓ Develop NEDCO Innovation Centres
  
- ✓ Primary and Secondary
  - ✓ Train Special Education teachers to facilitate special needs children
  - ✓ Values-based education – ethics, integrity, civic-mindedness
  - ✓ Develop mentorship and Leadership Programs and provide more scholarship opportunities
  - ✓ Focus on Holistic Development of youth - alternative educational Academies (Performing Arts, Sports)

# Priority 1 – Education and Youth Development

## • **Foster Personal and Community Development**

- ✓ Establish Youth-friendly Centres in every community run by Youth Peer Counselors– capacity-building, internet access, information, SRH services
- ✓ Establish a National Youth Secretariat (MSYA) and Youth Desks in all ministries - Employment for youth.
- ✓ Conduct a needs assessment for youths and develop appropriate intervention and programs arising from assessment.
- ✓ Creation of the Youth Development Fund
- ✓ Create a Research and Development based program for issues affecting youth
- ✓ Evaluate and expand youth programs (MYPART, MYLAT, CCC);  
Reform of YTC

# Priority 2 - Culture Change and Community –Based Interventions

- **Dismantling cultural impediments**
  - ✓ Develop a National Behavioural Change Communication- Intervention Strategy
  - ✓ National Dialogue on Reconciliation and Intercultural Relations
- **Community-based Intervention**
  - ✓ Create Community Initiatives to encourage community involvement
  - ✓ Community based psychologists and social workers
  - ✓ Public Education Campaign – awareness of social programmes
  - ✓ Ensure Social programmes are directed at the most vulnerable for empowerment and self-reliance– street children, differently-abled

## Priority 3 – Crime

- **Engender peaceful and safe communities**
  - ✓ Implement rehabilitative and restorative measures
  - ✓ Set up structures and institutional framework
  - ✓ Re-introduce Community Policing
  - ✓ Empower Social Workers with policing capabilities (investigation)
- **Ensure quick and efficient law enforcement and justice**
  - ✓ Develop computerized system for the Police Service
  - ✓ Training of Police Force in Psychology
  - ✓ Restructure the nation's Policing System through the establishment of a Police Monitoring Unit ( Independent Body)
  - ✓ Set up court system for community based matters



# Priority – Diversification of the Economy

- ICT -driven and Knowledge-based economy

## **Trinidad and Tobago ICT Centre for the Region**

- ✓ Evaluate and retool National ICT Strategy and associated policies
- ✓ Trinidad and Tobago Search Engine for all Caribbean research, information and products (PPP)
- ✓ Establish Policy Development and Research institute
- ✓ Improve internet and broadband penetration
- ✓ Expand training in ICTs at all levels of educational system
- ✓ Borderless e-government - reduce double spending, wastage, monitor and evaluation
- ✓ Gamut of ICT potential services

## Priority 4– Diversification of the Economy

- Creative and Cultural Industries

### **Develop and Strategically align Creative and Cultural Industries**

- ✓ Establish Task Force
- ✓ Strategic Framework
- ✓ Funding and Technical Support – UNESCO Intangible Heritage Award, UNCTAD, Commonwealth Foundation
- ✓ Restructure Media assets and TT Film, and TTEnt

# Priority – Diversification of the Economy

- Building the Green Economy

## **Comprehensive Greening Programme**

- ✓ Education and Public Awareness
- ✓ Facilitate legislative and Policy framework
- ✓ Waste/Refuse Levy – revenue creation
- ✓ Institutional Strengthening – EMA, Environmental Commission
- ✓ Feasibility Studies and Investment and Recycling Industry
- ✓ Support – UNEP: Green Economy Report, Green Economic Initiative

# Priority 6 – Foreign Policy and Governance

- **Strategic Global Repositioning (Bernal, 2000)**

Key Policy Agendas (Payne and Sutton, 2007)

- ✓ Competitiveness – economies of scale, CARICOM, CSME , LA
- ✓ Development Diplomacy -
- ✓ Governance - Constitutional Reform; CARICOM Commission
- **“Come Back and Contribute” Initiative – Return migration programme 10 +year**
  - ✓ Improve and expand diaspora benefits – skilled, entrepreneurs,
  - ✓ Engender conditions and supportive environment -re-entry; skills recognition; opportunities
  - ✓ Set up Employment Agencies and National Diasporic Institutes – comprehensive database
  - ✓ Immigration Policy for University graduates

# CONCLUSION

Thank You!

Innovation – Investment - Advancement

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