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# The POST-COVID RESET



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# The POST-COVID RESET



*Our world is changing. To what extent is still uncertain as we continue to grapple with the ongoing social and economic effects of a devastating global COVID-19 pandemic. The St. Kitts-Nevis Labour Party recognizes that COVID-19 has forever changed our national outlook and we must forge a new path to concertedly adapt in order to build resilience and provide better opportunities for a brighter future.*

*Drawing from the lessons of COVID -19 Labour will introduce a COVID-19 Reset Package that will ensure that the rights of workers are protected and that the unemployed and students are provided with the assistance to allow them to survive and thrive. In the first 6 months in office, a new LABOUR Administration will:*

## Worker's Rights and Protection

-  Provide a gratuitous payment to all workers who were dismissed for not taking a COVID-19 vaccine
-  Raise the national minimum wage to EC\$500 weekly
-  Introduce an Industrial Court and enhance Workplace Health and Safety protections

 Extend for another 6 months the Covid-Relief Income Support in the amount of EC\$1,500 per month for unemployed persons.

 The income support mechanism will then be replaced by a permanent Unemployment Insurance Facility in the amount EC\$750 dollars.

# The **POST-COVID** **RESET**



## **Students**

-  Reduce student loan interest rates at the Development Bank from 9% to 5%
-  Provide debt relief to relieve the burden of Student loans under a new Youth Rising Higher programme.

## **Cost of Living:**

-  Stimulate the Construction Sector by offering to all citizens of the Federation the following entitlement for new construction or renovation projects up to EC\$500,000:
  -  VAT free on all materials and furnishings;
  -  Duty-Free on all materials and furnishings
  -  0% down payment for mortgages offered by indigenous financial institutions
-  Reduce the VAT rate from 17% to 13%  
Eliminate all VAT on taxes
-  Extend the full discounted VAT 2-day package not just at Christmas but to three times a year - Easter, Summer and Christmas
-  Implement a \$1,000 credit for electricity consumption by all households
-  For vehicle purchases, VAT will be exempt on the first EC\$50,000, with VAT at the standard 13 per cent charged thereafter;

-  Barrels/E-container or D-containers of foodstuff up to 400 pounds in weight will be allowed free of duty and taxes, and travellers and non-commercial importers will receive a duty-free allowance of EC\$540 or US\$200 off the Cost, Insurance and Freight (CIF) value of goods.

## **Cost of Living:**

-  Reduce payroll taxes for small and medium-sized businesses of up to 20 employees.
-  Implement a "START FROM ZERO" (Zero hassle. Zero duty. Zero application or application fees) tax package to stimulate our small businesses that will include:
  -  Duty-free vehicle for all small business start-ups.
  -  Duty free on all equipment and furniture for all start-ups within the first year until the business is fully operationalized.
  -  Establish a Ministry of Small Businesses to give small businesses a voice and equip them with all the tools necessary to survive and thrive in a competitive environment.
  -  Reduction of the Unincorporated Small Business Tax by increasing the tax-exempt threshold from EC\$6,000 to EC\$12,000 for all service providers and \$37,500 to \$50,000 for all retailers.
  -  Make automatic to all registered and producing farmers and fishermen a duty-free concession on seeds, agricultural inputs, vehicles, boats insecticides, pesticides, tools and agricultural implements.

# Your Jobs & Economy

The COVID-19 pandemic reinforced the imperative to diversify our economy and include other industries to buttress Tourism. LABOUR will once again lead our country forward with innovative, transformative ideas in agriculture, tourism and the creative industries. LABOUR will also unveil a plan to restore domestic and foreign investor confidence, and stimulate consumer enthusiasm.

In the **first 6 months** in office, a new **LABOUR Administration** will:

- **Provide a gratuitous payment to all workers who dismissed for not taking a COVID-19 vaccine**

**During our term in office, a new LABOUR Administration will:**

-  **Attract at least two new five-star hotels.**
-  **Create new green jobs by establishing stronger Public/Private Partnerships for the development of a recycling plant, and factories manufacturing parts for solar panels, water catchment tanks etc.**
-  **Develop an active fisheries Industry by constructing several seafood processing plants in key fishing towns and villages such as Old-Road Bay and Dieppe Bay.**

-  **Re-introduce the Small Grants Scheme of up to \$100,000 for farmers.**
-  **Ensure that both the St. Kitts and the Nevis Investment Promotion Agencies are well resourced and equipped to actively pursue foreign direct investment partnerships to the Federation.**
-  **Create a new centralize export marketing agency for farm and seafood goods.**



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*During our term in office, a new LABOUR Administration will:*

-  Digitize the economy to improve ease of doing business with technology.
-  Invest in Agro-tourism and local agro-processing to reduce imports
-  Legalise and stimulate a medical Marijuana industry

# Your Healthcare

*'A healthy nation is a wealthy nation' is the formula that underpins LABOUR's approach to the healthcare sector. It is time that we upgrade our healthcare system to ensure that our citizens and residents have access to world-class, medical technologies here at home. As cancers and other noncommunicable diseases (NCDs) ravage our country, LABOUR believes that access to affordable healthcare is not a privilege, but a basic human right. To that end, LABOUR will ensure one's financial status does not hinder them from receiving the best care possible at our healthcare institutions.*

In the **first 6 months** in office, a new **LABOUR Administration** will:

- **Incentivise medical staff through pay increase and staff development to boost morale**
- **Review salary scale to correct discrepancies and improve pay equity across the civil service**

During our term in office, a new LABOUR Administration will:

## **Service Delivery, Infrastructure and Equipment**

-  **Build a modern JNF General Hospital**
-  **Transform the JNF General Hospital into a professionally-managed, state-owned corporation**
-  **Establish Universal Healthcare**
-  **Install new MRI, CT scan and other modern life-saving equipment to improve diagnostics and patient care at hospitals and health centers; services will be provided non-profit**

-  **Improve patient care, including food and nutrition, customer services, systems of accountability, consistent pharmaceutical supply, especially for elderly and patients with NCDs at all government-run hospitals and clinics.**
-  **Explore Public/Private partnership for the establishment of a Mental Health Sanatorium**



During our term in office, a new LABOUR Administration will:

## Policy Changes

-  Introduce risk pay for certain specialist healthcare workers
-  Introduce Housing allowance for all nurses and doctors
-  Re-introduce stipend to all nursing students at the Clarence Fitzroy Bryant College.
-  Ensure that the Ministry of Health is resourced with a full cadre of administrative and technical officers
-  Introduce a National Cancer Control Policy to reduce the number of cancer cases and deaths and improve the quality of life of cancer patients
-  Provide scholarships for specialist medical services (e.g., emergency room medicine, nurse practitioners, medical doctor specializations)
-  Create a new integrated electronic health records system
-  Institute environmentally sound medical waste disposal and management equipment and practices



# Your Housing & Social Protection

Social Protection refers to all of the programs that a government provides to its citizens to assist with their advancement from vulnerability to self-reliance. LABOUR regards housing as a basic human need for the empowerment and social upliftment of families. LABOUR is ready to resume its programme of ensuring that all households have shelter that is sturdy, comfortable and affordable.

LABOUR pledges to continue to work tirelessly to protect residents from the economic and social risks of unemployment, sickness, disability, exclusion and old age.

In the **first 6 months** in office, a new **LABOUR** Administration will:

- **Conduct a national consultation on parental leave for employees, with a view to increasing the period for paternity leave and related family support improvements**
- **Improve the PAP Programme and provide EC\$700- \$1500 per month, per household with a combined income of EC\$3,000**

- **Improve the PEACE Programme**
- **All essential service personnel such as our police, defence force, firemen and women, nurses and sanitation officers will receive a housing allowance**
- **Increase personnel resources at SVU, New Horizons Rehabilitation Centre, Child Protection Services**
- **Develop sexual violence and harassment legislation to address issues of partner violence not covered under Domestic Violence Legislation**
- **Improve access to credit on favourable terms to returning graduates to facilitate home and vehicle ownership**



**During our term in office, a new LABOUR Administration will:**

-  Construct 2,000 modern, affordable houses that will accommodate all the latest energy-efficient appliances and powered by solar energy leading to a lower cost of electricity for owners.
-  Build a new national elderly care facility
-  Provide diversified housing solutions that includes providing bundles of building materials targeted at disadvantaged and marginalized youth
-  Re-introduce land distribution programme
-  Provide financial incentives to homeowners to retrofit dwellings with alarm systems, mosquito screens, sturdy shutters, water catchment and solar panels

-  Design and construct new recreational parks and green spaces equipped with a playground for children, bicycle trails and paved walkways in every Constituency to enhance family life, health and wellness and keep children safe
-  Utilize Community Centres to conduct Elderly Day-cares complete with comprehensive recreational and entertainment programmes.
-  Establish an Industrial Court upholding the principles and practices of good industrial relations that is fair, equitable and expeditious in dispensing social justice
-  Increase Social Security old age pension
-  Enact legislation outlawing financial, physical, and emotional abuse of the elderly

# Your Education & Scholarships

*LABOUR will foster meaningful change and development in our education system to ensure that the education our children receive is one that makes them competitive in the regional and international spheres. LABOUR will ensure that our children and teachers operate in environments that foster learning and critical thinking.*

## **During our term in office, a new LABOUR Administration will:**

-  **Build a new Basseterre High School at its original site**
-  **Increase the number of scholarships available for university education, professional development and vocational training and apprenticeships**
-  **Strengthen Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) to ensure that it becomes a certification centre**
-  **Enhance the operations of the Advanced Vocational Education Centre (AVEC)**
-  **Increase salaries for trained teachers, deputy principals and principals**

**In the first 6 months in office, a new LABOUR Administration will:**

- **Identify suitable location(s) for a standalone Centre for Special Education and autism spectrum services.**
- **Develop a “Graduate Refinance” Project in which all student loan holders will receive a \$15,000 credit to service their loan at the Development Bank and other banks**
- **Provide a grant of EC\$25,000 to every student wishing to pursue undergraduate or graduate studies in a field immediately relevant to national development**
- **Re-instate One-to-One Laptop programme**
- **Provide tablets for Pre-school and Primary school children**



**During our term in office, a new LABOUR Administration will:**

-  Facilitate education and training of specialist teachers and professionals in speech-language pathology, occupational therapy, dyslexia and other 'learning differences' areas
-  Establish a dedicated unit to provide regular preventive maintenance of all public education facilities
-  Reintroduce the REACH programmes for our students
-  Move to drastically modify the fee system presently employed at the Clarence Fitzroy Bryant College (CFBC)
-  Enhance the School Meals programme to include a breakfast option for disadvantaged children

-  Transform the CFBC into an accredited tertiary level educational institution
-  Begin STE(A)M (Science, Tech, Engineering, Arts, Math) program in primary schools
-  Offer education scholarships for special educational needs
-  A guidance counsellor for each primary school

# Your Government

To build the better country that we envision, it is of utmost importance that we have the right framework to ensure transparency into and accountability for our actions. LABOUR will ensure that there are adequate anti-corruption mechanisms ingrained in our government to ensure that all ministers of government and civil servants act in a manner that will rebuild the public's trust and confidence. LABOUR will embark on a consultative process to achieve long-awaited constitutional, electoral and legislative reforms.

## During our term in office, a new LABOUR Administration will:



Establish a Commission to review the constitution of St Kitts and Nevis, including but not limited to electoral operations, fair electoral boundaries, and campaign financing

In the **first 6 months** in office, a new **LABOUR Administration** will:

- **Introduce Anti-Corruption Act**
- **Operationalize Freedom of Information and Integrity in Public Life Legislations including provisions for an Information Rights Unit**
- **Activate and adequately resource the Public Accounts Committee**
- **Activate the Electoral Boundaries Commission**
- **Ensure equitable access to government-controlled media by all political organisations**



*During our term in office, a new LABOUR Administration will:*

-  Establish a code of ethical conduct for all ministers of government and emissaries
-  Ensure effective training and performance criteria for Permanent Secretaries and other senior officials

-  Review salary scales and implement a bonus system that rewards performance through yearly results-based assessments
-  Institutionalize the process of rehabilitation of former prisoners through effective "Second Chance" Programmes



# Your Sports & Entertainment

*LABOUR will usher in an ambitious, youth-driven transformation in our country in order to unleash transformative ideas and policies that will enrich our people and our country. LABOUR will include young people in decision making at the national level to ensure that we build a better country that caters to the needs of our future leaders and entrepreneurs. The creative economy (often called the “Orange Economy”) will be unlocked so that creativity, the arts and culture can be pursued as careers and productive endeavours by our people.*

**During our term in office, a new LABOUR Administration will:**

 **Build a National Performing Arts Centre and Academy**

 **Build a national indoor sporting facility and ensure all outdoor sporting facilities in every community are equipped with the appropriate lighting, bathroom and locker-room facilities.**

 **Facilitate the provision of medical insurance packages for all national sports representatives**

 **Ensure that national committees and statutory boards include qualified, young persons under the age of 35**



*During our term in office, a new LABOUR Administration will:*

-  Establish a 'National Youth Advisory Council' to provide the Government with options for guiding decision making on matters that will directly impact the youth of St. Kitts and Nevis
-  Introduce fiscal incentives for creatives (e.g. artists, DJs, musicians et al) to import equipment, raw material and instruments
-  Implement start-up accelerator programmes with a focus on stimulating creative industries which would provide young people with the seed investment, connections, mentorship and educational components necessary for success

-  Strengthen regional and international networks geared towards growth, development and business opportunities for local artistes
-  Improve and bolster the St. Kitts-Nevis National Youth Service Programme to provide youth with valuable work and life experiences

# Your Environment & Food Security

As the world grapples with climate change and other critical environmental issues, it is of utmost importance that we ensure that our people live in an environment that is healthy and clean. LABOUR will ensure that our children grow up in a climate resilient environment, where special attention is paid to preserving our land and water resources in an effort to achieve the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. LABOUR will ensure the environmentally-sound management of our natural resources, so that future generations have the opportunity that we enjoy to live, work and play in a clean St. Kitts and Nevis.

In the **first 6 months** in office, a new **LABOUR Administration** will:

- **Reaffirm all watershed areas and aquifers as “Protected Areas”**
- **Unveil a new plan to restore 24/7 water supply for all of St. Kitts and Nevis**

**During our term in office, a new LABOUR Administration will:**



Provide incentives to increase food production by local farmers and fishers, and attract sustainable projects in agro-industry, manufacturing, and services



Introduce incentives to encourage the purchase and use of energy efficient vehicles, appliances and other devices



Improve Water security through better well networks and catchment infrastructure and water supply management



*During our term in office, a new LABOUR Administration will:*

-  **X** Better management of the sale and use of government land
-  **X** Designate, develop, and maintain community green spaces and parkettes for land preservation
-  **X** Require and facilitate the installation of solar/PV panels and water storage tanks on all affordable homes constructed by the National Housing Corporation

-  **X** Require energy suppliers to implement feed-in tariff schemes for the owners of renewable energy systems
-  **X** Enhance public education programmes about water conservation and protection of water sources



# DR. TERRANCE DREW

*Political Leader of the Saint Kitts and Nevis Labour Party and Candidate for Constituency #8*

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**D**r. Terrance Michael Drew currently serves as the SKNLPLabour Party Political leader and Caretaker for Constituency No. 8, the largest and most diverse constituency in the Federation.

He is a caring and committed individual who has provided years of dedicated service as a medical practitioner specialized in the field of Internal Medicine. A community activist and philanthropist by nature, Dr. Drew has been actively involved across his constituency providing dependable leadership on various community initiatives. The empowerment of youth and marginalized groups such as the disabled and elderly are especially his passion.

He was educated at the Deane-Glasford Primary School and went on to Basseterre Junior High and Basseterre Senior High schools before graduating from the Clarence Fitzroy Bryant College in 1996. At 19, Dr. Drew was a part-time teacher at the Basseterre High School where he taught Physics and Mathematics. In 1998, he went to Cuba to study Medicine where he graduated with first class Honors from Institute Superior De Ciencias Medicas in Santa Clara, Cuba. Dr. Drew returned to St Kitts and worked as a general practitioner at the Joseph N. France General Hospital and also from his private office.

In 2010, Dr. Drew was awarded a full scholarship to pursue specialty study in Internal Medicine at the Paul Foster School of Medicine in Texas. He graduated in June 2013 as a member of the American College of Medicine and American Medical Association. He is now a Diplomate of the American Board of Internal Medicine (ABIM).

From 2005 to 2006, Dr. Drew served as a medical intern at the Joseph N. France General Hospital and completed rotations in Internal

Medicine, General surgery, Pediatrics, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Emergency Care and Community Medicine. He also worked as a House Officer from 2006 to 2007 and from 2007 to 2010 Dr. Drew was employed with the Ministry of Health as a District Medical Officer.

Dr. Drew’s transition into politics is a natural extension of his commitment to service and the well-being of the people of Constituency #8. With a clear vision of advancement and enhancement. Dr. Drew will continue to seek new opportunities for the development of the people of his constituency and the Federation as a whole.

He actively participates in the community sports arena helping young people in football and basketball keep active and healthy.

The empowerment of youth and marginalized groups such as the disabled and elderly are especially his passion. Over the years Dr. Drew has worked diligently to build a personal relationship with the people in his community and to provide assistance wherever possible. He has taken the time to listen to their needs and concerns which led him to establish The C.A.R.E. Foundation in February 2021, a non-profit, non-partisan organization that aims to provide assistance to citizens nationally, across both islands of St. Kitts and Nevis.

The motto of the St Kitts-Nevis Labour Party “For The Good That We Can Do” is at the core of his political aspirations.





## **Hon. DR. GEOFFREY HANLEY**

**Deputy Leader and Candidate for Constituency #1**

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**D**r. Geoffrey Hanley is a household name within the community of East Basseterre, and homes across the Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis as a result of his deep involvement in non-profit organizations, charities, community projects, and youth work.

Geoffrey's life has been one that is committed to the advancement of people.

Born in the vibrant community of Newtown, Geoffrey has always been a dynamic, free-spirited, and selfless individual who was always involved in any project, group, or organization that worked to advance and uplift people.

He currently holds various academic degrees including a Bachelor of Science in Psychology, a Master of Science in Education, a Masters in Organizational and Political Psychology, and a Ph.D. in Leadership and Executive Management.

His passion led him to create platforms for service and outreach which includes several youth and community groups such as the St. Kitts National Youth Parliament Association.

As a senior civil servant, Geoffrey served as Director of Youth for many years and initiated and implemented many programs in the Ministry of Youth which included yearly summer camps, the PEP Programme, the 25 Most Remarkable Teens, Cycle To Success, and many more.

His passion for youth development and the advancement of Kittitians and Nevisians guided him to take the bold step to answer the call of the people to be the St. Kitts-Nevis Labour Party candidate for Constituency No. 1. In 2020 Geoffrey was elected by the people of East Basseterre as the Parliamentary Representative.

Geoffrey's life of volunteerism, humanitarianism, and development through politics is owed to his beliefs and tenacity. To him, anyone can be the very best that they can be with support, assistance, and opportunity. He believes in good governance, youth empowerment, and excellent service to the elderly and the entire community. He has dedicated his entire career as an agent of positive change.

He envisions bridging the gap between poverty and wealth to better the lives of those left at the margins of the national prosperity agenda.

Through transparency, fairness, and justice for all, Geoffrey wants to end cronyism and nepotism, and empower a wider cross-section of people in Constituency No. 1.

He has committed his life to serve people, and is guided by the mantra 'I Am With You'.

He wants to make a contribution to national development by providing more affordable land and modernized homes for the people of St. Kitts and Nevis.

Geoffrey is also committed to continuing his fight for better schools, better education, and clean and safe drinking water.

Geoffrey works diligently to make available real opportunities to empower his constituents and the people of St. Kitts and Nevis.

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# MARSHA HENDERSON

Candidate for Constituency #2

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**M**arsha Tamika Henderson is a well-known reputable lawyer within the federation of St. Kitts and Nevis. Her passion for justice has propelled her to live her life as a voice for the voiceless and strong support for the disadvantaged as an activist.

She was born to Josephine Alice Matthew and Oral Everson Jeffers on the 31st day of March 1978 in Basseterre, St. Kitts. She lived in the McKnight area, but later moved to Market Street with her family at an early age. Ms. Henderson is a natural leader. As a child she attended the Maranatha Church, in Salt Pond Alley, where she led the youth group and often spoke at the Youth Fellowships and Women’s Group. It was at church that she started working with vulnerable boys at the Harris’ Home, now called the New Horizon Rehabilitation Centre, an initiative she continues today. This was the first in a host of advocacy ventures that Ms. Henderson has engaged in throughout her career.

Ms. Henderson attended the Basseterre Junior High School and Basseterre High School respectively where she graduated with the class of 1996. She then enrolled with the first batch of students at the Clarence Fitzroy Bryant College at the Arts and Science General Division and pursued studies in Accounts, Economics and English Literature. It was at the Clarence Fitzroy Bryant College (CFBC), that Ms. Henderson started honing her advocacy skills as a member of the Debating and Literary Society. Her membership ignited a passion within her that she began to live out with devotion and eventually served as the President for the society in her last year at CFBC. Ms. Henderson was one of a few students who advocated and negotiated with the then Government on behalf of the student body for the continuation of the payment of examination registration fees for students sitting “A” level examination.

In 2002, Ms. Henderson graduated from the University of the West Indies with a Bachelor of Laws Degree and in 2004 with a Legal Education Certificate from the Hugh Wooding Law School. She was admitted to practice as an Attorney at-Law at the Eastern Caribbean Court, St. Christopher and Nevis Circuits in November 2004. She is the founder and principal of Henderson Law Chambers where she operates her own practice since January 2010. Marsha Henderson has dedicated her entire life to fighting for others who are unable to effectively fight for themselves. She continues today to advocate for the vulnerable boys and girls throughout the Federation, and single working mothers on a regular basis. She is a fierce defender of the common man and woman. Her main areas of practice are in civil litigation, criminal litigation, and family law. She is the mother of a vibrant nine-year-old boy and enjoys exercising and reading during her spare time.





# KONRIS MAYNARD

*Deputy Leader and Candidate  
for Constituency #3*

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Konris G.M. Maynard is one of the St. Kitts-Nevis Labour Party's Deputy Leaders and the caretaker for Constituency #3 which includes the communities of Shadwell, La Guerite, St. Johnston Village, Russell Village, St. Johnston Ave, Wigley Avenue, Millionaire St, Haynes Smith Village, Fortlands, Trafalgar, Lime Kiln, the whole Village area, Buckleys, Sea View, Bay View, Camps Estate, Ocean View, Ocean Gardens, Mattingley Heights, Beacon Heights, Dewars, the West Farm Area, Abbotts, the Boyds Area, and Palmetto Point.

He was born and raised in "The Village" and at thirty-two years of age he became the youngest parliamentarian serving in the National Assembly of St. Kitts and Nevis. Maynard's victory at the polls was testimony to his tenacity, organizational skills as well as his natural grit and mettle in facing down incredible odds to win the hearts and minds of the people of Constituency #3. After four years serving on the Opposition benches, Konris has proven himself to be a strong, courageous and dynamic voice in Parliament where he often has had to challenge the governing administration for their grievances against the people of St. Kitts and Nevis.

Driven by a strong desire to serve and to contribute in a direct and positive way to the development and prosperity of his community and his country, Maynard has been "winning big" for the people of West Basseterre and commits to win even bigger when, with the help and blessing of his constituents, he becomes the next elected representative of West Basseterre.

Over the years, Konris has worked diligently to address the concerns and needs of the people of West Basseterre through financial contributions and donations in support of a number of community groups and events, particularly those that cater to the needs of children, the

elderly and sports. An avid fan of the Village Superstars, Maynard has been a prominent patron of the Village Football League.

As the father of two beautiful little girls, Konris has demonstrated his love for children through active participation in many of the daycare and primary school activities taking place in his Constituency and regularly contributes books, art and school supplies to the students of all the schools in the area. His scholarship programme and awards have touched the lives of many outstanding students.

Konris' commitment to the people he represents has been consistent and unshakeable. His Constituency Office has never closed, and its staff has maintained an open-door policy where all constituents are welcomed and are provided with a full range of services, including job search and employment assistance.

When given a fresh mandate from the people in the next general elections, as part of the Labour administration led by Dr. Terrance Drew, Konris is looking forward to widening his outreach and expanding the programme that he will be able to deliver to constituents in the areas of housing, land-ownership, agriculture development, upgrading of community and sporting facilities, supporting the Arts and Culture, youth empowerment and employment, small businesses enterprise development and alternative energy development.

Konris' commitment to servant leadership combined with his passion to achieve and excel will be a great asset as he tackles the various challenges of West Basseterre with the same tenacity, organization and commitment that has endeared him to his constituents over the last seven years and enabled him to perform with distinction as a Member of Parliament, an Engineer and as a 6-peat Calypso Monarch.



In 2021, Konris was granted the honour of being one of the St.Kitts-Nevis Labour Party’s deputy leaders, where he will serve alongside the new leader in developing the party.

In the next general election, Konris will win BIG in advancing the good governance agenda in keeping with his core ideals as well as helping to attract major investments and economic activity to the community of West Basseterre and the wider Federation as a means of helping citizens to attain their goals.

Konris’ main priorities will be to:

- Create employment and entrepreneurial opportunities for his constituents;
- Provide much greater access to affordable housing and land ownership, including “rent to own”;
- Use Sports Development to engage youth and provide them alternative avenues to help them DREAM BIG and fulfill their aspirations.

#### FAST FACTS ABOUT KONRIS:

Hometown: De Village

Education: BSc Electrical and Computer Engineering, UWI; Masters of Engineering in Electrical & Computer Engineering, University of Waterloo.

Claim to Fame: Multiple Calypso/Soca Crown Winner

Hobbies: Family Time, Music Production





# SAMAL MOJAH DUGGINS

Candidate for Constituency #4

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**S**amal Mojah Duggins, a proud national of St. Kitts-Nevis, was born on November 13th, 1984, in the Island of St. Kitts to Michelle Duggins of Trafalgar Village and Samuel ‘Mojah’ Francis of Mc Knight.

Samal received his primary education from the Dr. William Connor Primary School and his secondary education from the Bright Star in the West- the Verchilds High School. He excelled academically and secured a scholarship from the St. Kitts Bottling Company as well as the distinction of being named valedictorian of the graduating class for both learning institutions. On its 50th Anniversary Samal was recognized by the St Kitts Bottling Company as its ‘Most Outstanding Scholarship Student’ to date.

At the tender age of 20, Samal returned to his alma mater, the Verchilds High School, as a Math Teacher. Inspired by the opportunities afforded to him by the St. Kitts Bottling Company, he launched the ‘Samal Duggins Academic Excellence Award’ where he offered annual scholarships to the Best Performing Male Student from the graduating class of the Dr. William Connor Primary School. This program was later expanded to include the Bronte Welsh Primary School and the Verchilds High School.

In 2006 his passion for entrepreneurship, marketing and the creative arts grew and gave birth to Island Xpressions – a strategic brand development and marketing firm. As a result, Samal has been the creative mind behind some of the most innovative brand campaigns as well as video and audio advertisements on the local and regional market.

Samal is also an accomplished poet and rapper, song writer, music producer and television personality whose credentials include penning the UNESCO Small Islands Voice global theme song, performing on the St. Kitts Music Festival and hosting the St. Kitts Visitor Channel.

His commitment to the arts bore fruit when he founded the immensely popular Island Xpressions Poetry and Open Mic Night which gave relatively unknown performers a platform to share their work and, in some cases, launch their careers in the performing arts. The overwhelming response spurred him to produce his own television show, “Xpress Yourself”, which showcased video clips of the most inspirational and thought-provoking poets, musicians, and dancers on local and regional television.

Soon after a charitable arm of Island Xpressions, known as Project P.O.E.T.R.Y (Putting Our Energy toward Refocusing Youth), was established for the purpose of providing youth with a positive avenue for self-expression through poetry and the spoken word. As a result of his work in the arts and his work with the Federation’s youth, Samal served and still serves as a motivational speaker and youth seminar facilitator for several government and nongovernment agencies including the Ministry of Youth. His efforts were recognized nationally when he was awarded the Liamigua Youth Award by the Liamigua Youth Legacy Awards Association.

In 2010 he met Ermelin Sebastiann whom he later married in 2015 and share two boys.

In 2017, he furthered his studies in entrepreneurship and marketing by obtaining a Bachelor of Science Degree (Hons) from the University of the West Indies in Management Studies with a focus on Marketing. In the same year, he was recognized by the Verchilds High School as one of the 25 Most Outstanding Students in its history.

Also in 2017, Samal added the title farmer/food hero to his resume by founding the award winning Montraville Farms which grows fresh produce by using sustainable agro technology including hydroponics. As such he was recruited by the Ministry of Agriculture to serve on its Agricultural Advisory Committee with a view to advancing the food and nutrition agenda in St. Kitts-Nevis. In 2021 he was named the Man of the Year in the area of agriculture by the Ministry of Gender Affairs.

As fate would have it Montraville Farms, coupled with the Covid-19 pandemic, re-connected him to the St Thomas-Trinity community. As a result, he championed several community development initiatives including co-sponsoring the community football team – the MFCR Old Road United Jets, founding ‘the Samal Duggins Finding Your Passion Scholarship’, food hamper and school supply distribution programs and other key community-based programs.

Family Man, Food Hero, Producer, Composer, Entertainer, Entrepreneur, Youth Activist, Change Agent, Samal Duggins’ diverse talents and accomplishments set a new standard for young leaders in St. Kitts-Nevis and beyond.





# H.E. KENNETH DOUGLAS

Candidate for Constituency #5

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**L**ike a true Sandy Pointer, Ambassador H.E. Kenneth 'Kenny' Douglas is very proud of his community and the very rich history and traditions of which it boasts.

The last of fifteen children, Kenneth was born on February 11, 1975. He was raised by the community of Sandy Point and has dedicated his life to the advancement of his community Sandy Point, Fig Tree, and La Vallee.

From a very young age, Kenneth has been an ardent lover of sports, youth development, and education, which he pursued relentlessly after completing his secondary education in 1994. He taught for 24 years at various schools including the Dieppe Bay Primary, Washington Archibald High and Charles E. Mills Secondary schools and led each school into victory at the Federation's Interschool Competitions. He demonstrated remarkable leadership in the sporting programmes at these institutions and helped advance them tremendously through sports.

His zeal and success as a Teacher and Head Coach propelled his interest in pursuing a career as a physiotherapist, which led to his interest and acceptance of a scholarship opportunity in Cuba. He successfully completed his studies in Cuba gaining a bachelor's degree in Physical Education and Sports with a concentration in Physiotherapy.

Mr. Douglas' altruistic nature pushed him to represent his fellow Kittitian and Nevisian students studying in Cuba, as he fought for better conditions and representation. His efforts and work as a student-leader prompted the government of St. Kitts and Nevis appoint him as the non-resident Ambassador there. He served in that position until 2015.

Kenneth or 'Kenny', as he is popularly known around the Federation, is famous for his involvement in sports and the enormous impact he has made. He has served as:

- Physiotherapist and Trainer of the national cricket team, 1998-1999
- Coach of the national cricket during the Stanford 2020 series
- Physiotherapist and Trainer of the national football team, 2015-present
- Physiotherapist and Trainer of the Leeward Island cricket team 2012-2014

- Physiotherapist and Trainer of the West Indies B cricket team, 2014
- Strength and Conditioning and Rehabilitation Trainer, 2007- present
- Assisted with the implementation of a comprehensive fitness and testing program for the St. Kitts Nevis Football Association (SKNFA), that contributed to the success of the St Kitts Nevis national football team.
- Lecturer of the SKNFA medical team in physiology rehabilitation massage therapy and anatomy during the yearly SKNFA coaching license courses.
- Participated in the formation of a primary physical education curriculum with Australian Judy Myers in 1999

Mr. Douglas has assisted and guided numerous young people throughout his career as a teacher, coach, physiotherapist, and trainer. Some of his career achievements include capturing the school of the year title for the Dieppe Bay Primary School as Head Coach for two consecutive terms, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001; winning the interschool championships for three consecutive years for the Washington Archibald High School from 2010 to 2013 and Charles E. Mills Secondary School from 2015 to 2018 as the physiotherapist and trainer. He was also awarded teacher of the year 1999-2000 at the Dieppe Bay Primary School and in 2012 at the Washington Archibald High School. In addition to those achievements, Mr. Douglas was awarded coach of the year for the SKNFA division 1 from 2015-2016.

He aspires to make available more affordable housing to the neediest young men and women within the Federation, as well as to launch an improved education initiative that will provide greater assistance to students. Ambassador Douglas has committed himself to creating lucrative jobs and youth programs that would bring about positive development, develop a Pro-Poor Investment Project to change the quality of life of the poor and ordinary people, and invest heavily into the local sporting sector in Sandy Point, Fig Tree, La Valle and the entire St. Kitts.





# **Rt. Hon. Dr. DENZIL DOUGLAS**

**The Leader of her Majesty's Loyal Opposition and Candidate for Constituency #6**

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The Rt. Hon. Dr. Denzil Llewellyn Douglas, born January 14, 1953, is one of the most accomplished and distinguished statesmen to have served as Prime Minister within the Caribbean Region. Sworn in as the Second Prime Minister of the Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis immediately following the St. Kitts-Nevis Labour Party's impressive election victory in July 1995, Dr. Douglas has made history by being the first Caribbean Leader to have served four consecutive terms in the highest office of his country as Prime Minister.

Dr. Denzil Douglas' political career began at an early age in 1979 when he became the first Young Labour Representative to sit on the National Executive of the St. Kitts-Nevis Labour Party. In 1987 he was elected Deputy Chairman of the Party and in March 1989, he was elected as the Parliamentary Representative for St. Christopher 6 (Newton Ground to Harris') and appointed Leader of the Opposition in the National Assembly. In May of that year, he was elected National Political Leader of the St. Kitts-Nevis Labour Party (SKNLP). Over the next five years, Dr. Douglas restructured and modernized the SKNLP, paving the way for the landslide victory in the 1995 elections, when the SKNLP won 7 of the 8 seats on St. Kitts.

On July 4th, 1995, Dr. Douglas was sworn in as Prime Minister, and began his legacy by creating a diversified economy based on agriculture, tourism, international financial services, information and communication services, and light manufacturing enclave, with a massive land empowerment program and expansion in the housing, education, and health sectors.

In the Election of 2000, after winning all eight of the seats on St. Kitts, Dr. Douglas was re-appointed as Prime Minister, in the 11-seat National Assembly of the Federal Parliament. An early election was called in 2004, and Dr Denzil Douglas once again led the SKNLP to secure a mandate at the polls, winning seven of the eight seats on St. Kitts and was again chosen to serve a third term as Prime Minister of the Federation. The Rt. Hon. Dr. Denzil Douglas after a fourth consecutive victory at the polls, winning six of the eight seats on St. Kitts, in January 2010,

forged a working relationship with Nevis with the Attorney General and Minister of Foreign Affairs serving as a Member of the Federal Cabinet. Dr. Douglas and his administration has been responsible for taking St. Kitts and Nevis from a position of backwardness and insignificance to the number one economy within the OECS region by 2014.

The Rt. Honourable Dr. Denzil Douglas, affectionately known as "Dougie", has a stellar record of service to the people of St. Kitts and Nevis and with his unique brand of leadership has tirelessly provided progressive contributions to his country, the Caribbean region, and the world. He presently serves as Leader of Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition of the Federation of St. Christopher and Nevis.

Under the steady and capable leadership of Dr. Douglas and the astute and innovative policies of the former Labour administration, St. Kitts and Nevis was able to achieve dramatic social and economic transformation and modernization that took the people of St. Kitts and Nevis to unprecedented levels of prosperity and improved standards of living.

Such innovative policies included:

- The rebranding of the Citizenship by Investment programme into a platinum, global brand
- The pioneering of a second Housing and Education Revolution
- Transformation of the Tourism industry through increased airlift and construction of new hotels
- Fiscal consolidation that resulted in the national debt being slashed in half from 189% of GDP to 78% of GDP
- The return of the economy to robust growth of 7% for 2013 and 2014 and being the first country within the Caribbean to recover from the impacts of the global economic and financial crisis in just three years.

During his twenty years in office, Dr. Douglas served as the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) spokesperson on HIV/AIDS, Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) and other health related matters in



the CARICOM quasi-Cabinet. He also played an active leadership role in many regional and international organisations such as:

- Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS)
- Eastern Caribbean Central Bank (ECCB)
- Caribbean Community (CARICOM)
- Caribbean Development Bank (CDB)
- Association of Caribbean States (ACS)
- Organisation of American States (OAS)
- International Monetary Fund (IMF)
- World Bank
- Commonwealth
- United Nations
- Small States Forum of the World Bank

Dr. Douglas is a founding member of the Clinton Global Initiative (CGI). Along with being praised by former United States Presidents George H.W. Bush and Robert “Bill” Clinton for his leadership role in the fight against HIV/AIDS, he was also the recipient of many regional and international awards including but not limited to:

- The Ghandi-King-Ikeda Peace Award
- The “Legacy Award” from the American Foundation of the University of the West Indies in New York;
- The Order of Brilliant Star with Special Grand Cordon from the Republic of China on Taiwan
- The Order of the Liberator (First Class) from the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela;

- The Global Award at the 15th Annual Trumpet Awards at the Bellagio, Las Vegas, Nevada.

- The 2013 South-South Award for Renewable Energy Innovation and Information Communication Technology.

In October 2013, he led a high-level group of Commonwealth Ministers of Finance in a meeting with Heads of leading International Financial Institutions in Washington, DC and made a case for the urgent need to address the debt and financing challenges of Small States. Prime Minister Douglas was also the spokesman on HIV/AIDS, Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) and other health related matters in CARICOM quasi-Cabinet, thus earning him much praise and recognition for his leadership abilities.

Among the Papers that he delivered are:

“Status of the [U.S.] President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief [PEPFAR]”, US/Caribbean Health Officials Conference, Bridgetown Barbados, January 2011

“Assessment Progress; Political Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS”, United Nations Headquarters, June 2011

“Charting the Future of Health and Development in the Caribbean”, Second Caribbean Public Health Agency [CARPHA] Partners Meeting, in Washington, DC, June 2011

“Pan Caribbean Partnership Against HIV/AIDS”, Tenth Meeting of Regional Coordinating Mechanism, St. Kitts/Nevis, April 2008

“Chronic Non-Communicable Diseases and the Caribbean”, Caribbean Community Summit, Trinidad & Tobago, September 2007

“Reducing HIV/AIDS Stigma and Discrimination”, CARICOM/ UK Conference, St. Kitts-Nevis, November 2004

“Accelerating the Response to HIV/AIDS”, World Bank Headquarters, Washington DC, June 2003

“The Multi-Level Approach Toward HIV / AIDS”, Trinidad & Tobago, October 2001

“Health Issues in the Caribbean”, Opening Session, Mona Academic Conference, University of the West Indies, Jamaica, August 2001

“Mounting an Effective National Response to HIV/AIDS”, Presentation of National AIDS Programme Draft Situation, and Response Analysis, October 2000

“Medicine 2000 and Beyond – The Intersection of Knowledge and Practice”, University of the West Indies Medical Alumni Conference, St. Kitts-Nevis, November 2000.

Dr Denzil Douglas is also the Co-Author of two books: “Coming of Age: Speeches by Hon. Dr. Denzil Douglas, Prime Minister of St. Kitts and Nevis – The First Two Terms, July 1995 – October 2004” and “For The Good That We Can Do”

In November 2011 Dr Douglas was appointed to Her Majesty’s Privy Council, thus earning the prefixes “Right Honourable” to his name.

In February 2015, the Rt. Hon. Dr. Denzil Douglas resigned as the second Prime Minister of St Kitts and Nevis after the SKNLP lost the election that year. Since then, he has been pursuing new Consultancy Initiatives related to Global Development Issues (especially for economies in transition) and Advocacy support on Global Public Health Issues.

Dr. Douglas has served the people of Newton Ground, St. Paul’s, Parson’s Village, Lynches, Pogson, Saddlers and Harris’ and the entire Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis with dedication and commitment, as a medical doctor, parliamentary representative and a remarkable leader.



## LEON NATTA NELSON

Candidate for Constituency #7

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Leon Natta-Nelson was born and has lived in Molineux, Constituency Seven, all his life.

He is the second child of both his parents. He attended the Molineux Primary School (now the Joshua Obadiah Williams Primary School), then he moved on to the Cayon High School. Leon attended the St. Kitts Business College which was founded and operated by the late Washington Archibald before he attended the CUNY Medgar Evers Campus where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting.

Leon has always been a community man. He has organized several community events in sport and community development. The first basketball league which was held in Molineux, the Eastern Football League, and the Bush Football League in Ottley's were organized by Leon. Mr. Leon Natta-Nelson not only organized these sporting events, he also played and represented his community team. He also was a member of the St. Kitt-Nevis National Basketball youth team.

Leon has always made himself available to his fellow villagers. He has assisted various people in their business endeavors and motivated many young people in their college and career decisions.

At a very young age, Leon was exposed to politics. He understood very early that political involvement means service to God and country. He has always been a staunch supporter of the St. Kitts-Nevis Labour Party (SKNLP) which he recognizes as a significant and invaluable contributor to the development of our Federation and its people. Leon believes that the SKNLP has been the helping hand his constituency has always needed. He is confident that Labour has provided the opportunities that have empowered him and many other youth of St. Kitts and Nevis.

Leon Natta-Nelson is a true community man and a true leader. He stands ready to rebuild the image, the infrastructure and indomitable spirit that defines our country, St. Kitts and Nevis, and his constituency. He is a stalwart who stands up for truth, for justice and for liberty.