

Stability for Prosperity!

Governing Program 2016–2020
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United
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Approach



Election Programs



Ready: Now



High level foundation with strategic objectives, initiatives and projects

Governing Program
2016 - 2020



Ready: Beginning of every year 2017-2020



Detailed plans incl funding, human resources and deadlines

Yearly Action Plan



Periodic monitoring & reporting

Project Execution

Funding



Engage Public



Strategic Objectives



Nation Building & Good Governance



Sound Financial Management



Public Safety



Socio- economic & Environmental Sustainability



Enhanced Quality of Life

Nation Building & Good Governance



Aimed at building a strong, proud, healthy and resilient nation that is governed in a transparent, integer and performance-based manner.

Promote integrity and transparency

Initiative	Ministry
> Address integrity and increase transparency and accountability within government	GA
> Strengthen provisions and access to information by the public	GA
> Review and strengthen relations with government owned companies, foundations and ZBO's	All

Develop and provide the highest quality education system and training

Initiative	Ministry
> Implement legislation and policies for Education	ECYS
> Improve quality of the primary and secondary schools	ECYS
> Improve the quality of and accessibility to education	ECYS
> Improve quality of educators	ECYS
> Establish tertiary and professional education as a vital pillar to Sint Maarten's economy	ECYS
> Stimulate life-long learning	ECYS, VSA
> Reduce repetitions and decrease dropout rates in education	ECYS

Provide responsive public services

Initiative	Ministry
> Improve efficiency and effectiveness	GA
> Finalize the move to the new government building	GA
> Stimulate the use of innovation and technology	GA

Respect cultural and art resources

Initiative	Ministry
> Foster understanding, pride, appreciation and respect for our natural and cultural heritage	ECYS
> Promote and support the development of literary, performing and creative arts	ECYS
> Promote patriotism and national pride	ECYS
> Develop and improve state-of-the-art cultural and art facilities	ECYS
> Preserve monuments	ECYS
> Safeguard Sint Maarten's artifacts	ECYS

Restructure and strengthen government organization

Initiative	Ministry
> Improve the operations and capacity of the department of Legal Affairs and Legislation	GA
> Restructure and upgrade the General Human Resources & Personnel department	GA
> Strengthen the Cabinet of the Minister Plenipotentiary	GA
> Review the structure of government	GA

Upgrade government operations

Initiative	Ministry
> Finalize electoral reform	GA
> Review the ICT policy and operations	GA
> Strengthen strategic planning and develop monitoring and evaluation frameworks	All
> Create a flexible work environment based on performance management	GA

Strengthen international affairs and foreign relations

Initiative	Ministry
> Align the foreign policy plan with the economic goals of Sint Maarten	GA
> Strengthen cooperation with international organizations	GA
> Promote international and regional cooperation	GA
> Promote Sint Maarten internationally and seek partnerships	GA

Nurture inclusion

Initiative	Ministry
> Finalize and execute National Development Plan	GA
> Develop closer ties with Saint Martin	GA
> Strengthen relations with our Kingdom partners	GA
> Ensure the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals	All
> Strengthening community development	VSA

Sound Financial Management



Focused on stabilizing and strengthening the financial position of our country.

Improve tax office, fiscal policy and compliance

Initiative	Ministry
> Invest in the Tax Office to achieve more efficiency	Finance
> Improve compliance	Finance
> Review fiscal policy	Finance

Secure a balanced budget and responsible spending

Initiative	Ministry
> Cultivate a disciplined financial management culture within government	Finance
> Continue to seek efficiency in government and strengthen enforcement of policies	Finance, GA
> Implement income generating measures	Finance
> Introduce, review and enforce the collection of fees and debts	Finance
> Seek alternative ways within Justice to contribute to the budget	Justice
> Ensure effective and efficient use of the education budget	ECYS

Optimize the monetary system

Initiative	Ministry
> Improve the functioning of the local branch of the Central Bank of Curaçao and Sint Maarten	Finance
> Evaluate and finalize position on dollarization	Finance

Public Safety



Improving the efficiency, effectiveness and quality of the justice chain and providing a safe, secure and healthy environment for our citizens and visitors.

Implement ordinances and policies to address safety

Initiative	Ministry
> Address legislation and policy to strengthen safety and security	Justice
> Evaluate penalties for criminal acts	Justice
> Review law and policy within the judicial and legal sector	GA, Justice
> Finalize and implement legislation and policies in the Social Development sector	VSA
> Improve health safety	VSA, VROMI

Improve the efficiency, effectiveness and quality in the justice chain

Initiative	Ministry
> Optimize the operations of Prison	Justice
> Strengthen the Police force	Justice
> Strengthen the Customs department	Justice
> Review and formalize the organizational structure of the Ministry of Justice	Justice
> Upgrade the operational management of the Ministry of Justice	Justice
> Increase resources within the law enforcement	Justice
> Tackle illegal immigration and human smuggling and trafficking	Justice

Strengthen safety and security

Initiative	Ministry
> Promote and protect the rights of the child	ECYS, Justice, VSA
> Mitigate crime and improve safety in the community	Justice
> Reduce youth crime	Justice, ECYS
> Ensure a safe and positive learning environment for all students	ECYS

Enhance safety facilities and resources

Initiative	Ministry
> Upgrade and expand safety and security facilities within Justice	Justice
> Upgrade and expand fire department facilities and equipment	GA
> Utilize Voluntary Corps Sint Maarten	GA

Socio-economic & Environmental Sustainability



Ensuring environmental, economic and social well-being for today and the future.

Regulate socio–economic and environmental sustainability

Initiative	Ministry
> Implement legislation and policies in Economic Affairs	TEATT
> Finalize amendments of Book 7 Title 10 Civil code	VSA
> Facilitate flexibility in the Labor law	VSA
> Develop reliable labor statistics to produce evidence–based policies	VSA
> Approve and implement the new VROMI Ordinance	VROMI
> Implement and enforce necessary legislation and policies in Environment	VROMI
> Implement and enforce necessary legislation and policies in Transportation	TEATT

Stimulate economic growth and development

Initiative	Ministry
> Facilitate business development	TEATT
> Intensify economic development	TEATT
> Support and promote local entrepreneurship and small and medium sized enterprises (SME) sector	TEATT
> Stimulate agricultural initiatives	TEATT
> Restructure the organizational structure of the Ministry of Tourism, Economic Affairs, Transportation and Telecommunication	TEATT, GA

Fortify and diversify the tourism sector

Initiative	Ministry
> Finalize the process to realize the Sint Maarten Tourism Authority (STA)	TEATT
> Strengthen the maritime and aviation hub position of Sint Maarten	TEATT
> Strengthen the tourism product	TEATT
> Promote sports tourism	TEATT, ECYS
> Develop edu-tourism	TEATT, ECYS
> Expand our national carrier services to cater to regional and international destinations as well as broaden the scope of services	TEATT

Invest in human capital

Initiative	Ministry
> Ensure that education is in tune with the employment and sustainable needs of our society	VSA, ECYS, TEATT
> Support employment opportunities	VSA
> Facilitate and stimulate the creation of a skilled labor force	VSA
> Strengthen the tripartite consultation process between labor unions, employers and government	VSA

Responsible energy production and consumption

Initiative	Ministry
> Implement the Energy Policy Plan	VROMI
> Promote the use of green energy for production of electricity and water for Sint Maarten's consumption	VROMI, GA, ECYS
> Stimulate and support clean, renewable and affordable energy and water management infrastructure and initiatives	VROMI

Enhance infrastructure management

Initiative	Ministry
> Continue with the renovation and upgrading of schools	ECYS
> Improve quality of telecommunication	TEATT
> Update and realize the execution of the Comprehensive Road Network Plan	VROMI
> Proper management of water drainage	VROMI
> Expand the sewage network	VROMI
> Develop the infrastructure of the Simpson Bay Strip	VROMI
> Realize parking facilities	TEATT
> Proper management of cemeteries	VROMI

Preservation of natural resources

Initiative	Ministry
> Protect and preserve our waters	TEATT
> Ensure responsible management of the environment	VROMI
> Identify a site for the Creation of a Man and the Biosphere Reserve (MAB)	TEATT, VROMI, ECYS

Streamline transportation systems

Initiative	Ministry
> Establish a transportation tripartite	TEATT
> Develop a master traffic circulation plan	TEATT
> Improve mobility	TEATT, VROMI

Enhanced Quality of Life



Focused on the quality of life of the people of Sint Maarten by creating an inclusive society where no one is left behind.

Enact legislation and policies to improve quality of life

Initiative	Ministry
> Implement and enforce legislation and policies in the Public Health sector	VSA
> Implement legislation and policies to ensure quality in healthcare and universal medical coverage	VSA
> Enhance pension benefits	VSA
> Implement legislation, policies and improve data collection for youth	ECYS, VSA
> Implement sports policies	ECYS
> Regulate, manage and ensure the well-being of the island's animal population and animal husbandry	TEATT

Improve health care system

Initiative	Ministry
> Transition St. Maarten Medical Center (SMMC) to a General hospital	VSA
> Assure accessible, affordable and sustainable quality healthcare	VSA
> Strengthen mental health services and facilities	VSA
> Enhance operations of emergency medical response services	VSA

Strengthen youth opportunities

Initiative	Ministry
> Enhance youth involvement and development	ECYS
> Execute extracurricular activities for youth	ECYS
> Tackle & decrease youth unemployment	VSA

Promote sports and wellness within communities

Initiative	Ministry
> Realize, upgrade and maintain sport and training facilities	ECYS
> Support elite sport development and recognition	ECYS
> Enhance competitive and recreational sports	ECYS
> Stimulate healthy living and well-being of all residents	VSA
> Stimulate healthy eating	VSA

Care for the elderly and vulnerable

Initiative	Ministry
> Alleviate poverty	VSA, TEATT
> Ensure sustainable living	VSA, VROMI
> Enhance the delivery of services to the elderly from government	VSA
> Improve and increase quality of Foster Care facilities	Justice

Ensure livable neighborhoods

Initiative	Ministry
> Review and expand housing vision	VROMI
> Provide opportunities to adequate and affordable housing	VROMI
> Further develop our neighborhoods	VROMI



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