

protection against the trafficking of narcotics and firearms.

Strengthen legislation and seek international assistance in fighting human trafficking and migrant smuggling.

Ensure that our financial and banking regulations are

compliant with international standards so we can have a de-risking framework that will stimulate and strengthen correspondent-banking relationships.

Vigorously seek out new and expanded opportunities for assistance and cooperation, and new avenues for trade,

tourism and investment.

Optimize the opportunities available to Antiguan and Barbudans under the OECS, CARICOM and the CSME and maximize the benefits that can be derived from our relations with friendly countries.

BARBUDA

The devastation of Hurricane Irma provided a rare opportunity to rebuild and reposition Barbuda for a brighter and more prosperous future. The ABLP Administration has completely missed the mark.

A UPP Government will work with the Barbuda Council to build a stronger, safer, greener, more sustainable and more resilient Barbuda.

Lands and Housing

Respect the principle that lands in Barbuda belong to Barbudans and repeal ABLP's Barbuda Land (Amendment) Act, 2017.

Take the necessary legislative actions to entrench the original Barbuda Land Act.

Fast-track all aspects of the Hurricane Irma recovery, including the completion of all outstanding hurricane-damaged homes, and implement an oversight committee with Barbudan representation.

Governance

Encourage the Barbuda Council to lead an initiative called **Barbuda 2050**, which will plan for rapid yet sustainable future development and include all national and international stakeholders.

Establish a **Joint Consultative Committee** composed of experienced Antiguan and Barbudan leaders and headed by the Prime Minister, to supervise and monitor development plans and projects in Barbuda, in partnership with the Barbuda Council.

Facilitate greater integration of Barbudans in the administration of the country, including more appointments to statutory boards and the invitation of Barbuda Council representatives.

Conduct a review of the funding arrangements with the Barbuda Council with a view to reverse the ABLP's 40% cut of transfer payments and permanently eliminate late payments. Provide the Council greater authority to collect revenues.

Work with the Barbuda Council to implement a green and sustainable development