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## FOREWORD



It is with commitment and conviction that I introduce the Policy Statement Document for the Government for National Unity and Transformation of the Solomon Islands, meticulously authored by the esteemed Policy Lead Team under my leadership.

In this document, you will find a roadmap of our nation's future—a blueprint crafted with perception, dedication, and a deep sense of responsibility.

This policy document is built upon our four foundational pillars:

1. **Economic Transformation:** We are committed to revitalizing our economy through innovative and sustainable practices. By leveraging our unique geographic and natural advantages, we aim to create a resilient and diversified economy that benefits all citizens.
2. **Unity and Stability:** National unity and stability are essential for progress. We will encourage an inclusive society where diversity is celebrated, and every citizen feels valued and heard. Stability will be ensured through transparent governance, rule of law, and respect for human rights.
3. **Infrastructure Development:** Modern, reliable infrastructure is the backbone of our development agenda. We will invest in building and upgrading infrastructure to support economic activities, enhance connectivity, and improve the quality of life for our people.
4. **Human Capital Development:** Our people are our greatest asset. We will prioritize education, healthcare, and skills development to empower our citizens, enabling them to contribute meaningfully to the nation's growth and to compete in the global arena.

These pillars are intertwined with our commitment to Ocean Governance and Agricultural Development. We will implement strategic actions to protect our marine ecosystems, promote sustainable fisheries, and harness the economic potential of our maritime resources while safeguarding them for future generations. Additionally, we will develop our agriculture sector to meet the growing demand for food and effectively utilize our workforce in this vital industry.

This Policy Statement Document is not just a roadmap but a pledge to the people of the Solomon Islands. It reflects our collective aspirations and our commitment to building a prosperous, united, and resilient nation. Together, we will navigate the challenges and seize the opportunities that lie ahead, guided by the principles of good governance, inclusivity, and sustainability.

**Hon. Jeremiah Manele**  
**Prime Minister**  
**Solomon Islands Government**

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## 1. Acronyms

GNUT	Government for National Unity and Transformation
OP	Our Party
SIPFP	Solomon Islands People's First Party
KP	Kadere Party
DCGA	Democratic Coalition Government for Advancement
SMEs	Small Medium Enterprises
CMCC	Coordination and Monitoring Cabinet Committee
PIMEU	Policy Implementation, Monitoring and Evaluation Unit
MP	Member of Parliament
LCC	Leadership Code Commission
NDS	National Development Strategy
MCC	Millenium Challenge Corporation
LDC	Least Developed Country
R&D	Research and Development
MSME	Micro-Small and Medium Enterprise
SINU	Solomon Islands National University
SIMA	Solomon Islands Maritime Authority
SINM	Solomon Islands National Museum
GIS	Geographic Information System
CDF	Constituency Development Fund
CDGC	Constituency Development Growth Centres
IT	Informational Technology
WHO	World Health Organization
NGO	Non-Government Organisation

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## 2. Vision

Our vision for the Solomon Islands is one of transformation—a journey that will be marked by courage, determination, and commitment to our shared cultural values. Together, we will forge a future that honors our past, embraces our present, and navigate a course toward a better tomorrow.

This is our vision—a vision of unity, transformative economic development, and prosperity for the Solomon Islands.

### 2.1 Mission

Empowering unity, transformation, and prosperity, our mission is to strategically govern and collaborate to nurture sustainable growth, cultivate national solidarity, develop infrastructure, empower our people, and safeguard our marine resources and develop our Agriculture for the betterment of all Solomon Islanders.

### 2.2 Guiding Principles

The Government of National Unity and Transformation strives to uphold these guiding principles in formulating these policies and implementing its strategic actions:

- Solomon Islands is a Christian and Sovereignty state;
  - Christian Country founded on Christian principles and values; and,
  - All people are made in the image of God and are therefore equal in his sight.
- Aspire to protect our Customs, wealth and resources and indigenous leadership;
  - Acknowledge that Solomon Islanders are closely attached to their traditional governance structures and systems with high respect to their norms and values, and committed to achieving equitable benefits to men and women and boys and girls from use of their resources;
  - Take pride of its worthy customs and traditional family values and norms; and
  - Celebrate our diversity.
- Embark on Reform Land Law;
  - Pursue Land Law reform to administer non customary land and utilize land for development and livelihood and,
  - Acknowledge that all customary land is governed by distinctive kastoms.
- Government and people;
  - Engage with our people in running the affairs of our nation;
  - Uphold freedom with responsibility where all people are treated equally with respect and remain free to choose one's destiny under his/her inalienable right;
  - Put people at the centre of all planning and decision-making and,
  - Leave no-one behind – aimed to end poverty in all its forms.
- Sustainable economic growth and development;
  - Recognize that sustainable development is achieved only through effective partnerships that are based on trust, openness, respect and mutual accountability and that government institutions and non-state actors must always put public interest above personal ones; national aspirations above parochial worldview;
  - Recognize rural development and empowerment of Solomon Islanders are keys to unlocking national wealth and closing the gap between the informal and the formal sectors, thus the party encourages the rights of men and women, girls and boys to participate in decision-making and other processes that affect their lives;
  - Transform economy for jobs and inclusive growth;



- Put sustainable development at the core of all policies and strategies;
  - Ensure that the social, political and economic development in the country is balanced and distributed equally and,
  - Committed to assessing and supporting the sustainability of development outcomes in the context of Solomon Islands local environment and ensure justice in natural resource use including land matters.
- Good governance and anti-corruption.
    - Strengthen visionary, ethical, accountable and transformative political leadership;
    - Mainstream the roles of public institutions as a way of strengthening good governance;
    - Ensure the government system is responsive, disciplined, non-corrupt and proactive in dealing with people's wishes;
    - Ensure transparency, accountability, responsibility and respect for the rule of law and traditional values as foundations for good governance; and,
    - Inspire political, electoral, judicial reforms for people and country
- Foreign Relations and Diplomacy
    - Adopt a strategic engagement approach in conducting Solomon Islands foreign relations so as to ensure that security from external threats and regular flows of support from development partners remain positive in the face of changing geopolitical realities;
    - Ensure that all donor assistance is channeled through approved government mechanisms consistent with approved government policy priorities; and,
    - Forge new national, regional and global partnerships.
- Human Rights
    - Uphold and promote 'Diversity in Unity' on the basis of mutual respect for the country's human differences, diverse cultures, worthy values and religious heritage and promote strategies that incorporate and address issues that threatens national unity; and,
    - Support and promote United Nations principles on the right of all people to education, and on human rights generally and preventative and curative health services to be readily accessible to all Solomon Islands' citizens;
    - Peace and Unity;
    - Strengthen peace and effective, open and accountable institutions for all; and
    - Peaceful coexistence with all.



### 3. Introduction

This is a coalition government formed by the unity and collaboration of three political parties: Our Party, People First Party, and the Kadere Party. Together, we have created a government that embodies the strength and aspirations of our nation, The Government for National Unity and Transformation (GNUT). Our coalition is built on the diverse strengths and complementary priorities of its constituent parties, each bringing a unique and vital focus to our collective vision.

The GNUT places a strong emphasis on political stability, firm leadership, and comprehensive infrastructure connectivity. We believe that a stable political environment and strong governance are foundational to achieving sustainable progress and ensuring that our nation can effectively address its challenges and seize opportunities for growth.

The Coalition stand firm in its commitment to advance sustainable developments in economy, social, natural resources and environmental management. These approaches encompass the principles of blue economy and green growth and will be reflected through policy interventions, cross-cutting priorities and sectoral programs. With a people-centred approach, we also recognize the vital role that a thriving private/public partnership plays in driving economic growth and creating opportunities for our people. Our dedication extends beyond economic prosperity; we emphasize sustainable practices and environmental stewardship to safeguard our natural heritage and ensure the longevity of our resources for future generations.

The GNUT brings a crucial focus on traditional governance and land law reforms, the management of natural resources, and the equitable sharing of benefits derived from these resources. The coalition reiterates economic transformation through industrialisation with the active participation of indigenous communities in business and economic activities, ensuring that they are not only stakeholders but also beneficiaries of the nation's wealth. By promoting traditional governance, land law reforms and sustainable resource management, the coalition aims towards a fair and inclusive economic landscape that honours traditional rights and practices while accommodating sustainable economic transformation, whilst fostering unity, peace and stability for our next generation.

In tandem with our focus to uphold principles of good governance the GNUT Coalition Government places great emphasis on strengthening anti-corruption strategies and institutions. We believe that transparency, accountability, and integrity are essential pillars to build trust between citizens and the government. By implementing strategic measures to combat corruption and uphold ethical standards in public service, we aim to build that foundation of trust and confidence in our institutions.

Together, these emphases form an all-inclusive and balanced approach to governance, reflecting our commitment to political stability, economic development, environmental sustainability, and social equity. This coalition therefore, aims to harness the strengths of each party to create a unified strategy for the prosperity and well-being of the Solomon Islands and its people.



### 3.1 National Development Strategy

This Policy Statement Document reflects the National Development Strategies and sub-sector policy approaches developed over time by various ministries, presenting a clear vision and robust policies for the next four years. The medium-term strategies have been an overarching guide in developing these policies.

### 3.2 Vision and Leadership

At the heart of our mission is strong and dedicated leadership focuses on addressing the socio-economic challenges facing our nation. We recognize that the well-being and progress of our people depend on decisive action and commitment. Our coalition is united in its determination to confront these challenges head-on, fostering an environment of peace, cooperation, and hard work.

### 3.3 Economic Dependency and Challenges

The heavy dependence of our country on natural resources presents a significant issue that we must address. Our nation's challenges may seem overwhelming, but we are resolute in our capability and commitment to tackle them. We understand that continuing with a "business as usual" approach will not suffice. Therefore, we are dedicated to implementing transformative policies that will diversify the economy and move us towards a path for sustainable development and economic resilience.

As stated, our country faces numerous economic challenges, including narrow based economy that heavily reliance on primary commodities, limited infrastructure, and vulnerability to disasters and external shocks. To promote a robust sustainable and inclusive economic growth, this policy statement sets a comprehensive framework focusing on key sectors and cross-cutting issues.

### 3.4 Strategic Investments

The GNUT coalition will work with stakeholders to implement the new National Investment Policy and Promotion Strategy that the DCGA Cabinet had approved in late 2023. The GNUT Government will focus on investments that promotes industrialisation and add value to our natural resources. Preferential treatment and incentives will be accorded to investments in identified zones that will embrace technological transfer, job creation, increase exports and foreign reserves.

The GNUT coalition will prioritize reforms that will enhance in-ward flow of foreign direct investments targeting greenfield investments. Where proven viable, the Government will directly promote (including via joint ventures with offshore investors) anchor investments in strategic economic sectors to pump prime export production, manufacturing and industrialization aiming to diversify the economy.

Our policy framework emphasizes strategic investments in key productive sectors:

**Fisheries:** Promoting sustainable practices and enhancing the economic potential of our marine resources.

**Agriculture:** Developing the sector to meet the growing demand for food and harnessing our workforce's potential.

**Infrastructure:** Building and upgrading infrastructure to support economic activities and improve the quality of life for all citizens.

**Commerce:** Small to Medium Enterprises (SMEs), encouraging entrepreneurship and innovation through industrialisation to drive economic growth and create employment opportunities.



### 3.5 Commitment to Transformation

We are confident that through this policy framework, we will deliver tangible results that transform our nation. Our commitment to engaging all stakeholders and moving beyond conventional approaches will pave the way for a brighter future. Together, we will build a resilient and prosperous Solomon Islands, ensuring that every citizen benefit from the progress we achieve.

Therefore, this document outlines our collective vision and the specific policies and strategic actions that we will implement over the next four years. It is a testament to our collective resolve to create a better future for all Solomon Islanders.

This economic context therefore aligns with the broad policy framework of the GNUT coalition and aims to create a diversified, resilient, and inclusive economy for the Solomon Islands going forward. By focusing on key sectors and addressing cross-cutting issues such as infrastructure, human capital, environmental sustainability, and good governance, the country can achieve sustainable economic growth and improve the well-being of its people.

## 4. Political Directions

The government’s political direction is based on this set of policy initiatives to foster economic growth, address good governance, embrace national unity, and invest in human capital development. To achieve these commitments, GNUT aims to collaborate with all stakeholders. By prioritising dialogue and compromise, the government is working towards creating a more inclusive and cohesive society. Through these efforts, GNUT hopes to bring about positive change and address the country’s various challenges. We can achieve these strategic commitments by embracing our vision and mission through this proactive and inclusive approach.

## 5. Integrated Policy Approach

The focus is on cross-cutting commitments across all ministries to ensure the successful implementation of government policies and initiatives. This includes corporate services, policy planning and budget, legislative reforms, ministerial infrastructure projects, and human capital development initiatives. By aligning goals and working together towards common objectives, ministries can avoid duplication of efforts and streamline resources. This coordinated approach promotes efficiency and effectiveness in achieving the overall mission of the government.

### 5.1 Corporate Service

Solomon Islands Government policy on Corporate Services is to enhance the efficiency, transparency and accountability of public sector operations. Commit to providing high quality administrative support and streamline processes to facilitate effective service delivery and promoting ethical behavior. Invest in professional development, capacity building and technology to ensure our corporate services meets international standards and support the evolving needs of our public service.

### 5.2 Policy Planning and Budget

The Provincial Governments, Government Ministries and agencies will adopt a unified approach to Policy and Planning development to ensure coherence and alignment with national priorities. Commit to undertake rigorous data driven analysis, stakeholder engagement and evidence-based decision making in policy initiatives aimed to gain overall effectiveness and impact of governmental strategic actions.

Development budget is guided by broad policy road map, principles and objectives to specifically support the government’s strategic actions.



### 5.3 Legislative reform

Strengthen the national legislative reform program to align with a systematic national legislative calendar to ensure timely and orderly preparation and submission of bills to Parliament through a more coordinated approach. This will help streamline the legislative process.

### 5.4 National Ministry Infrastructure Projects

Coordinate and collaborate with government ministries and agencies to consolidate the ministerial infrastructure index to allocate efficient resources. This is to ensure that all infrastructure needs for ministries are coordinated, planned and implemented effectively.

### 5.5 Human Capital Development

The Solomon Islands Government will invest in Human Capital development by formulating and consolidating strategic efforts to address its whole-of-government and private sector manpower, skills and knowledge to harness a productive workforce to sustain and drive the economy.

## 6. Implementation, Monitoring and Evaluation Framework

The government will develop the Monitoring and Evaluation Framework to analyse and review the Policy and its strategic actions. The Policy and Implementation Monitoring and Evaluation unit (PIMEU) will coordinate efforts for implementing and monitoring the government’s strategic actions. The PIMEU is a critical component of the government’s implementation strategy to ensure government priorities are collated and programmed accordingly. The PIMEU is structured into key sectors: Productive, Social, Resources, and Fundamental Sectors.

The Coordination and Monitoring Cabinet Committee (CMCC), under the Chairmanship of the Prime Minister, will provide robust and progressive monitoring and guidance on government policy implementation. This CMCC is supported by the CMCC Secretariate, is a testament to the government’s commitment to ensuring the Policy’s success. Its members are drawn from Ministers of various ministries, reflecting the comprehensive approach to policy development and implementation.

## 7. Long Term Strategy

The Government Policy statements align with the National Development Strategy. They will complement the Twenty-Year National Development Strategy 2016 – 2035 that provides development targets for each sector and will facilitate sectoral reform programmes. The Ministry of Planning and Development Coordination administers the long-term development strategy. This GNUT supports the aspiration of the country’s ongoing long-term strategy and its plight to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.



## 8. Key Sectors

### 8.1 Fundamental Sector

#### 8.1.1 National Parliament of Solomon Islands

GNUT will:

- a) Optimize the support services provided to Members of Parliament (MPs), ensuring they are equipped with the necessary resources and assistance to fulfill their roles effectively, conduct research and study to initiate critical reform towards a more autonomous institution, to provide oversight over government;
- b) Ensure transparent legislative processes through comprehensive recording of all parliamentary manuscripts and facilitate historical documentation but also enables scrutiny, analysis, and informed citizen engagement in the democratic process;
- c) Maintain Security, Order, and Decorum in Parliament Chamber to ensure a safe, respectful environment, fostering constructive debate and effective representation, thereby safeguarding democratic governance;
- d) Strengthen Parliamentary Committees in oversight, engagement, and accountability, recognizing their crucial role in advancing democracy and governance;
- e) Establish an E-Parliament Information System to enhance transparency, accessibility, and efficiency in parliamentary operations provide real-time access to legislative documents, proceedings, and updates, facilitating greater public engagement in the democratic process;
- f) Reinforce and uphold parliamentary procedures to ensure orderly, transparent, and effective legislative processes aimed to promote consistency, fairness, and efficiency in parliamentary operations to uphold the integrity of our democratic institutions;
- g) Ensure that national interests and concerns are effectively and fairly represented and advocated for. This includes participating in debates, proposing legislation, and working collaboratively with other members of parliament to address issues and achieve common goals; and
- h) Support National Parliament with adequate resources for the office of Official Opposition and Independent Office to perform their functions effectively.

#### 8.1.2 Office of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

GNUT will:

- a) Ensure smooth and efficient administrative support, manage finances, and oversee human resources, thereby achieving effective governance and operation;
- b) Pursue progressive implementation of electoral reforms to ensure fair and transparent elections ensuring measures such as increasing voter accessibility, and implementing measures to prevent voter suppression, therefore making these changes, we can strengthen our democracy and ensure that every voice is heard in the electoral process;
- c) Implement constitutional reforms aimed at strengthen national institutions for good governance, promoting transparency, accountability, and efficiency to builds trust between government and citizens, ensuring responsible use of public resources;



- d) Strengthen the Solomon Islands Commission for Anti-Corruption to comprehensively implement its objectives, identify areas for improvement, and to enhance its ability to detect and prevent corruption;
- e) Enhance the LCC to setting clear standards and expectations for ethical behavior in leadership roles and establishing a code of conduct to prevent corruption, abuse of power, and unethical behaviors among leaders, will build trust and credibility in government and other institutions, leading to a more transparent and accountable society;
- f) Support to ensure fair and transparent procedures for determining parliamentary salaries and benefits considering the state of the economy, preventing conflicts of interest and bias and promoting accountability and integrity in government;
- g) Support its role to ensure political parties adhere to ethical standards to maintain public trust in the democratic process;
- h) Maintain regress oversight of public service conduct to uphold highest standards of integrity and accountability, diligently investigate complaints and grievances ensuring administrative justice issues promptly and fairly address to builds trust and confidence in public institutes;
- i) Coordinate, formulate and monitor strategic actions in collaboration with government ministries and private sector in implementing strategic policies;
- j) Strengthen CMCC and Cabinet Sub-Committees for effective policy delivery by providing resources, enhancing capacity, improves policy coordination, and fosters transparency and accountability, building trust and ensuring decisions are in the nation’s best interest;
- k) Effectively drive and coordinate the implementation of key transformational flagship projects and infrastructures, focusing on initiatives that significantly impact operations and drive long-term success, ensuring continuous innovation to achieve desired goals; and
- l) Finalise plans to initiate state infrastructure development projects by coordinating with various government agencies and stakeholders to secure the necessary funding, obtaining permits and approvals, and establishing a timeline for implementation.

### 8.1.3 Ministry of Foreign Affairs and External Trade

GNUT will:

- a) Maintain foreign policy position of “Friends to all enemy to none.” The country’s foreign policy objectives shall be pursued through a collaborative approach that fosters mutual understanding and cooperation on key global issues;
- b) Strengthen international trading partnerships to promote investment cooperation and external trade through facilitating the exchange of goods and services between nations, benefiting both the local and global economies;
- c) Strengthen Foreign Diplomatic Offices to advance national interests promoting international cooperation and strategically deploy resources to promote economic diplomacy, cultural exchanges and shared values; and

- d) Ensure labour migration is conducted in a safe and regulated manner, protecting the rights of both workers and employers strengthen diplomatic relations between countries by cooperation on labour issues and promoting a harmonious working relationship between nations.
- e) Initiate free trade policy discussion with partners to explore market opportunities and negotiate mutually beneficial trade frameworks.

#### 8.1.4 Ministry of Finance and Treasury

GNUT will:

- a) Provide accurate and reliable information to facilitate broad based growth, actively supporting regulatory reforms, sound investment analysis, improved economic forecasting and modelling, and strengthen State Owned Enterprises monitoring and operations to drive economic growth.
- b) Review taxation legislation to address inconsistencies and promote robust and efficient tax system.;
- c) Progress reform to enhance private sector development through improving ease of access to capital and reduce cost of doing business;
- d) Accelerate ongoing flagship projects, and identify potential areas for investment in green energy, and economic infrastructures to enhance growth;
- e) Support improvement in the process for accurate data collection, compilation, and analysis of statistical information to optimize quality and quantitative based decision-making;
- f) Support the inland revenue division by providing staff training, updating policies, and conducting regular audits to ensure taxation laws are effectively administered to strengthen domestic revenue collection for essential public services;
- g) Review and strengthen the current revenue sources, including non-tax revenue to broaden tax base, ensuring revenue sufficiency to fund essential services and programs;
- h) Provide support through increased staff and ongoing capacity building to improve revenue collection, and administering border related laws and trade facilitation programs. The division will also be supported to modernize customs and excise laws;
- i) Support efficiency and effectiveness in the budget operations and process to ensure budget allocation reflects national priorities and spending is consistent with budget approval;
- j) Provide resources to support the working committees to oversee budget formulation and implementation; maintain fiscal discipline, effective budget allocation and prudent use of public resources;
- k) Work closely with Ministries to develop and build capacities to improve annual budget preparation and implementation, ensuring budget rules and guidelines observed;

- l) Ensure financial stability through strengthening compliance to increase Government revenue, close monitoring of expenses, sustainable debt financing, and implementing cost-saving measures to improve government fiscal position;
- m) Address financial leakages and inefficiencies by implementing strict budgeting measures and regularly reviewing expenses to identify and address areas of overspending; and
- n) Enhance transparency and accountability in financial management through strict financial compliance, conducting regular reviews and updating financial regulation and reporting.
- o) Support the implementation of ICT Framework, through updating of SIG Five-Year ICT Strategic Plan to enhance digital transformation

### 8.1.5 Ministry of National Planning and Development Coordination

GNUT will;

- a) Coordinate national planning and development, overseeing budget planning, human resources management, and strategic initiatives, ensuring efficient operations, improving communication, and fostering collaboration and accountability;
- b) Ensure well-coordinated donor assisted development programmes in the country. Alignment of donor funded programs with National Development Strategies (NDS) and GNUT Policy priorities;
- c) Support implementation of the Millennium Challenge Cooperation (MCC) Threshold Program Framework to improve governance, reduce corruption, and strengthen the rule of law, thereby enhancing its eligibility for MCC compact assistance;
- d) Progress work on a smooth transition strategy towards LDC graduation including implementing targeted capacity-building programmes, fostering partnerships with international organisations, and creating sustainable economic development initiatives to ensure a successful transition out of LDC status;
- e) Conduct a donor dialogue to establish a shared vision and close cooperation. Engage donor partners in discussion towards a more meaningful, strong partnership, building mutual trust and understanding among all donors and the government;
- f) Monitor and prioritize development budget submissions from ministries to ensure they align with GNUT policy priorities, focusing on key areas like education, healthcare, and infrastructure development for efficient resource allocation;
- g) Enhance the planning and budgeting functions within the government by implementing the Solomon Islands Monitoring Evaluation Systems Assessment Strategy. (2024 – 2028);
- h) Support to oversees government programs, ensuring their design, implementation, and monitoring to achieve objectives, efficiently using resources, addressing population needs, and promoting transparency and accountability;
- i) Ensure policy implementation is directed towards addressing social issues, and facilitating partnerships with other line ministries for better coordination; and



- j) Coordinate resources, develops policies, and monitors the impact of initiatives that promote economic growth and productivity, ensuring the country’s overall benefit.

### 8.1.5 Ministry of Justice and Legal Affairs

GNUT will:

- a) Support initiatives towards an autonomous judiciary, Resident Court of Appeal and adequate resourcing to the courts and strengthen community justice systems, providing legal information, to ensure access to justice for all;
- b) Support to upholding the rule of law, promoting justice, and protecting public interest through fair, impartial legal representation, transparency, and ethical standards;
- c) Ensure justice and accountability through fair, impartial prosecution of criminal offenses, prioritizing victim rights, investing in prosecutors’ professional development, and fostering collaboration with law enforcement;
- d) Provide access, high-quality legal representation, advocating for individual rights, fair treatment, and justice for marginalized and vulnerable populations;
- e) Create a fair, efficient, and modern legal process to reform laws by identifying ambiguities, proposing reforms, and engaging stakeholders to ensure inclusivity and relevance;
- f) Invest in the Registrar General’s Office to initiate relevant restructure and adapt applicable systems to improve the efficiency of vital record-keeping, facilitate the processing of legal documents, and contribute to the development and functioning of the Registry system; and
- g) Enhance collaboration between law enforcement agencies and community organizations and promote legal professional development, to improve the justice system’s efficiency and promote a culture of teamwork professionalism.

### 8.1.6 Ministry of Traditional Governance, Peace and Eccleslestical Affairs

GNUT will;

- a) Optimize the support services to deliver its mandate of peace and reconciliation and national unity programs;
- b) Facilitate peace building and capacity building trainings to provide support for their work and the redrafting of bills that will empower and strengthen traditional structures and systems;
- c) Recognize and support the roles of Eccleslestical institutions and Participate in peace education with appropriate Eccleslestical Framework; and
- d) Work to address the needs of indigenous communities through policy, planning, and program development, collaborating with stakeholders and conducting thorough research to promote peace, justice, and cultural preservation.



## 8.1.7 Ministry of Public Services

GNUT will;

- a) Pursue efficient implementation of government policies and programs, providing resources, guidance, and oversight to improve government functioning and better serve public needs;
- b) Ensure efficient delivery of government services by overseeing civil servant recruitment, training, and management, monitoring agency performance, and promoting accountability to uphold service standards across all sectors;
- c) Strengthen the application of professional standards, investigation, disciplinary due processes to ensure effective and fair actions are taken to build and maintain professional, well-disciplined and productive workforce;
- d) Commit to support Provincial Government with human resource needs by deploying qualified and competent individuals, facilitate short-term specialized training to update and enhance capacity;
- e) Support IPAM to improve infrastructure, update curriculum and training modules, engage in meaningful collaboration with national and international recognized institutions;
- f) Adopt modern technology and data-driven strategies to improve efficiency, resource allocation, and overall civil service performance, contributing to its overall success;
- f) Support Public Service Commission to oversee the recruitment, management and performance evaluation of Public Servants, prioritizing merit-based recruitment and professional development to ensure skill, diverse, competent and motivated workforce;
- g) Embrace training and professional development opportunities for public servants, thereby enhancing their capabilities and motivation, enhancing public service efficiency; and
- h) Invest in information and communication technology to improve coordination, planning, monitoring and management of work performance for a productive public service.

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## 8.2 Productive Sector

### 8.2.1 Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock

GNUT will;

- a) Implement comprehensive reforms to ensure the availability of qualified human resources and facilities, enabling effective policy formulation, regulatory oversight, quality assurance, and technical support for agriculture production and marketing;
- b) Restructure agricultural extension services to enhance effectiveness, providing tailored support services to rural agriculture for sustainable development;
- c) Boost commercial agriculture growth by offering financial incentives, technical assistance, and infrastructure development to farmers and agribusinesses, promoting market access, research, and sustainable practices;
- d) Implement proactive land use planning to enhance food security, optimize agricultural land utilization, and prioritize sustainable practices, reducing rural poverty and improving livelihoods for all stakeholders;
- e) Advance import substitution strategies within the agricultural sector to bolster domestic production, decrease dependency on foreign imports, and fortify local food security, thereby fostering self-reliance, resilience, and sustainable growth in agricultural communities;
- f) Implement regular visits, staff training, and frequent interaction to enhance extension services' effectiveness, promote knowledge transfer, and improve agricultural productivity and rural livelihoods;
- g) Revitalize extension services through increase budgetary support to meet evolving needs of farmers, contributing to sustainable agricultural development and rural prosperity;
- h) Strengthen Research and Development (R&D) efforts to enhance the productivity of food crops and livestock, as well as the development and dissemination of value-adding technologies to bolster production for both local consumption and export markets;
- i) Facilitate R&D initiatives and marketing strategies specifically tailored towards high-value cash crops, ensuring sustainable agricultural growth, increased market competitiveness, and improved livelihoods for farming communities;
- j) Enhance livestock industries' productivity, animal welfare, value-added processing, market access, and adoption of innovative technologies for sustainable development, food security, and economic growth;
- k) Ensure the protection of the island's agricultural resources against exotic pests and diseases by enhancing quarantine and inspection services, which include diagnosis, forecasting, and prevention of pest outbreaks, as well as inspection and phytosanitary measures;
- l) Support the implementation of climate change adaptation program on food security on low lying atolls and islands affected by sea level rise; and
- m) Strengthen services for plant protection, animal health, and quarantine to comply with international standards, including WTO regulations, SPS measures, and guidelines for genetic modified organism's movement.

## 8.2.2 Ministry of Commerce, Industry, Labour and Immigration

GNUT will;

- a) Ensure to promote and support industrial development in the country to enhance trade, maximize exports, and improve economic growth through investing in infrastructure, providing incentives, and streamlining regulations and establishment of Special Economic Zones to attract foreign investments, create job opportunities, and enhance the economy's resilience.
- b) Encourage local innovation accreditation and certification in partnership with private sector, in food technology, cosmetics processing and manufacturing, from raw to processed commodity, for local and expanded markets.
- c) Revitalize existing mechanisms to provide labour market information, labour advisory and enforcement on existing and emerging labour market opportunities, to accommodate excess labour.
- d) Enhance border surveillance with updated technologies to provide a reliable service in issuing legal travel documents and entry permits, in accordance with relevant legislations, regulations, and policies;
- e) Ensure enabling environment to attract foreign Investment in the country is established, supported by sound investment promotion strategies, incentive packages, and monitoring mechanisms to create employment, expand the economy and to promote Solomon Islands as a conducive investment destination;
- f) Encourage and support mechanisms, processes and strategies to promote exports, improve commodity quality, diversify and enhance export volume, improve market access opportunities for exports and to effectively penetrate emerging export markets;
- g) Strengthen consumer legitimate interests are promoted and safeguarded through trader obligation, consumer protection, certified goods, updated weights and measures regulations, and price control services, for a fair, healthy and reliable consumer affairs.
- h) Ensure the resolution of industrial disputes between employers and employees is improved through effective and efficient mediation, arbitration, and legal assistance, ensuring a strict compliance to applicable national and international labour laws, standards and acceptable work practices for a safe and healthy work environment; and
- i) Promote and support the establishments of Micro Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME) to foster a competitive and a thriving business environment with increased business opportunities to diversify the economy for increased job creation.

### 8.2.3 Ministry of Infrastructure and Development

GNUT will;

- a) Develop and maintain safe, reliable, resilient, integrated and sustainable land and maritime infrastructures for better transport systems and connectivity to basic services and strategic investment sites to enhance and promote economic development;
- b) Ensure building safety standards are strengthened, upheld and implemented to required standards;
- c) Strengthen effective vehicle fleet management, vehicle inspection and test driving;
- d) Reform and administer the organizational structure for effective governance and management of infrastructure development initiatives;
- e) Enhance country's maritime industry to develop a framework for vessel registration to establish a national shipping registry, meeting international standard and protocols;
- h) Collaborate with SINU for provision of relevant maritime courses to sustain the local ship building industry;
- i) Review the franchise shipping services policy and the provision of domestic shipping services serving uneconomical routes in the country; and
- j) Ensure Solomon Islands Maritime Authority (SIMA) maintain and upgrade maritime infrastructure to improve safety and accessibility for all sea farers.

### 8.2.4 Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources

GNUT will;

- a) Support the sustainable management of coastal and marine resources, including responsible fishing practices, marine habitat protection, and overfishing regulations which is crucial for the long-term health and productivity of our oceans, benefiting both the environment and local communities;
- b) Ensure sustainable management of marine resources, including funding for research, conservation, and species protection for sustainable livelihood and economic benefit;
- c) Support the provincial fisheries division to ensure sustainable fish stock management and compliance with regulations, while fostering a sense of responsibility for coastal and marine resource conservation and ocean health;
- d) Promote implementation of initiatives to conserve coastal and marine resources, sustainable fishing practices and community-based resource management to improve livelihood; and
- e) Ensure sustainable practices, protect marine ecosystems, and promote responsible fishing, benefiting the environment and livelihoods of those relying on marine resources;

- f) Protect and improve to increase contribution of large-scale fisheries to the national revenue generation, food and nutrition security and social economic benefits. Monitor and evaluate license holders and provide timely information for decision making;
- g) Strengthen monitoring and evaluate licenses and fees to increase contribution of large-scale fisheries to the national revenue generation, food and nutrition security and social economic benefits; and
- h) Build and strengthen regulatory capacity for sustainable aquaculture development and management to encourage community and private sector partnership, livelihood and food security.

## 8.2.5 Ministry of Culture and Tourism

GNUT will;

- a) Strengthen tourism development by supporting and encouraging local framework and legislative reform to align with industry standards to increase international investment in investable sites in Solomon Islands;
- b) Improve human resource capacity and build a skilled workforce in the tourism sector, raising community and public awareness about tourism benefits and impacts, setting realistic expectations, and enabling sustainable tourism enterprise development;
- c) Collaborate and support the development of transport infrastructure and associated systems to improve access and connectivity to, from and within Solomon Islands;
- d) To support the marketing and promotion of the Solomon Islands as a desired tourist destination to stimulate and convert market demand;
- e) Encourage the active participation of Solomon Islanders in cultural industries, culture, (creative) art and heritage, protecting, preservation, revival, and promotion of Solomon Islands' tangible and intangible cultural heritage and traditional knowledge;
- f) Enabling environment and capacity for the development and enhancement of core organizational functions and processes through the establishment of appropriate systems, policies, and legislation and the development of key infrastructure;
- g) Establish the Solomon Islands National Museum (SINM) as a recognized leader in the arts and culture sector, promoting standards and stewardship to safeguard, manage, and promote both tangible and intangible cultural heritage;
- h) Promote the roles of arts and culture in sustainable development and encourage cultural tourism initiatives, creative industries, and sustainable livelihood generation in communities and islands.
- i) Strengthen Archives with modern technology and infrastructure to ensure systemic recording, proper storage of information, effective management and disposal of government records for a lasting value for reference and historical purposes.

## 8.2.6 Ministry of Communication and Aviation

GNUT will;

- a) Commit to strengthening human resources capacity across all sectors. This will be achieved through comprehensive training programs, professional development opportunities, and effective workforce planning to build a skilled and capable workforce.
- b) Dedicate to reviewing and strengthening the Telecommunication Act to improve and enhance service delivery within the communication sector. This effort aims to promote innovation, ensure regulatory compliance, and meet the evolving needs of the industry and consumers.
- c) Commit to provide aeronautical safe and secured aerodromes to the travelling public, ground and air operators in Solomon Islands for all weather conditions.
- d) Commit to enhancing the enforcement of International Civil Aviation Safety requirements in the country. This includes a focus on air rescue operations, navigational aids, fencing, and lighting to ensure the highest standards of safety and security in aviation.
- e) Commit to support the development of the National Aviation Plan 2024 – 2034 inclusive of the Air Traffic Management System in anticipation of the management of the upper Airspace from Air Services Australia as part of the Economic Growth road map of Civil Aviation in Solomon Islands.

## 8.2.7 Ministry of Lands, Housing and Survey

GNUT will;

- a) Strengthen land allocation, administration, and management systems through transparent processes, efficient monitoring, and enforcement mechanisms to prevent illegal land grabs, promote economic development, social equity, and environmental sustainability;
- b) Create a legislative framework to acknowledge and protect customary land ownership, enabling communities to register their rights and resolve disputes fairly, thereby empowering indigenous communities and upholding their rights;
- c) Support the Honiara City and Provincial government plans to formalize informal settlements through surveys and assessments, aiming to improve living conditions, access essential services, and address land tenure and property rights issues, ensuring security and stability for residents;
- d) Implement a tiered rental system for public officers based on income, offering housing subsidies or grants, or partnering with private developers to build affordable housing. This will create a more equitable and sustainable housing rental scheme for officers;
- e) Support urban dwellers to build or buy appropriate and affordable housing to meet individual and family needs;
- f) Initiate land sub-divisions and allocation program for Public Servants to promote home ownership;
- g) Support review of regulatory framework and progress National Urbanization Policy towards a comprehensive Local Planning Scheme with urbanization well planned and coordinated urban growth;
- h) Dedicated to providing accurate transpired and efficient valuation services to support

sustainable land management ensuring compliance with legal ethical standards while contributing to equitable land value assessment and economic development;

- f) Support comprehensive inventory of alienated, customary and crown lands, utilizing modern GIS technology and updated satellite imagery to enhance mapping data and accessibility;
- i) Encourage landowners and resource owners to meaningfully participate in economic development activities and be partners in development opportunities;
- j) Ensure adequate housing for seconded public servants to provincial government and community governance centers; and
- k) Support the implementation of the climate change adaptation program in relation to relocation/resettlement of affected communities in collaboration with relevant stakeholders.

## 8.3 Resource Sector

### 8.3.1 Ministry of Rural Development

GNUT will;

- a) Strengthen processes to improve accountability and transparency in administering CDF funds to ensure compliance with CDF Act 2023 and Public Finance Management Act and Regulations;
- b) Promote and utilize constituency funds to decentralize development activities and improve rural livelihood and services;
- c) Review and implement policies and legislation to strengthen constituency development and services;
- d) Prioritize the establishments of Constituency Development Growth Centers (CDGC) in all constituencies to decentralize development activities and provide government services to rural areas; and
- e) Implement relevant organizational and functional restructuring within the ministry to align with relevant provisions of the CDF Act 2023.

### 8.3.2 Ministry of Forestry and Research

GNUT will;

- a) Support research in the forestry sector by developing and establishing a research division within the ministry;
- b) Enhance forestry management by developing and implementing policies on forest plantation development and reforestation and strengthen deforestation initiatives such as carbon markets and REDD+;
- c) Review logging regulatory framework and strengthen enforcement and compliance;
- d) Upgrade and support the National Herbarium and Botanical Garden to strengthen research related work and upkeep of botanical garden to ensure the preservation of plant species for future generations; and



- e) Promote and encourage downstream processing programs by implementing Sustainable Logging Policy (SLP) recommendations and enhance timber production initiatives.

### 8.3.3 Ministry of Mines, Energy and Rural Electrification

GNUT will;

- a) Support the geological reconnaissance program aim to systematic publication of mineral resource information and to produce national minerals occurrence maps or model for our country;
- b) Strengthen and ensure a responsible and sustainable mining sector, reviewed legal framework, promote fair benefit sharing arrangement, embracing environmental stewardship, facilitating community engagement, genuine investment, balancing productivity with a commitment to optimize benefits of mineral resource exploitation, while safe-guarding future generations.
- c) Enhance and promote all national efforts towards the efficient, equitable and optimum utilization of water resources for sustainable socio-economic development as well as wastewater management services and sanitation;
- d) Diversify energy sources with a focus on renewable energy to support environmentally friendly, socially responsible, and economically sustainable development infrastructures towards an affordable, resilient, and autonomous energy future; and
- e) Create a conducive environment for petroleum exploration, development and production to put in place a framework for the efficient management of the oil and gas resources, enacting regulatory tools, that is reflective to the needs of our economy.

### 8.3.4 Ministry of Environment, Climate Change, Disaster Management and Meteorology Services

GNUT will;

- a) Seek continual improvement and lessen impacts on the environment from land and sea developments, reduce waste generation; set emission standards for industries, promote recycling, minimize chemical pollutants, conserve water and threatened and endemic species, enhance monitoring and reporting mechanisms for environmental impacts including strengthened environmental compliance and enforcement that ensures environmental sustainability and stewardship.
- b) Support the protection, conservation and management of the environment by enhancing sustainable resource management, utilisation and protection of biodiversity and declining species; actively support the restoration of degraded environments and ecosystems; nurture resilient ecosystems that drives sustainable economies and livelihoods by empowering provinces, communities and resource owners in their conservation efforts, all while addressing the interlinked climate and biodiversity crises.
- c) Support Climate Change adaptation and mitigation interventions to reduce risk and vulnerability, strengthen community, build capacity to plan, anticipate and respond to climate change and its impact to the community, villages and Provinces;



- d) Committed to build a safe and disaster-resilient nation through an interconnected Disaster Risk Management system that contributes to and protects critical infrastructure, communities and their properties and enhance disaster responses and capabilities, ensuring preparedness and effective management during crisis; and
- e) Update mechanisms to monitor and predict weather and , climate enhance management of meteorological data and information for meteorological engineering and Information Technology (IT) development for an advance meteorology research services; and,
- f) Facilitate and encourage financial and technical investments and strategic partnerships internationally and regionally to improve environmental, climate change, disaster management and meteorology services and its sub sectors.

## 8.4 Social Sector

### 8.4.1 Ministry of Health and Medical Services

GNUT will:

- a) Reform the supply chain, procurement, inventory monitoring system, and distribution system to deliver an adequate and consistent supply of essential drugs to all citizens and meet the medical provision requirements at all levels of the health care system.
- b) Review and update the national climate-resilient health strategy to align with new research findings and emerging threats. Engage with stakeholders from healthcare, environmental, and policy to build resilience incorporate best practices.
- c) Regular monitoring and strengthening of public health emergency, Surveillance and Response Preparedness efforts, to update response capability;
- d) Support the ongoing legislative and policy changes for the delivery of health and medical service to ensure all individuals access quality healthcare services;
- e) Invest in training and retaining healthcare professionals improving the overall quality of care and work towards creating a more equitable and efficient healthcare system for all;
- f) Ensure better health service delivery and accessibility through strategically planned and implemented investments in health care infrastructure;
- g) Ensure systematic reforms in the administrative structure, governance and service delivery modes to achieve universal basic health care coverage, a precondition for graduation from least developed country status;
- h) Provide comprehensive rehabilitative psychiatric care services through an integrated community-based support system to address rising Mental Health issues to reduce stigma;
- i) Support elimination programs to reduce premature mortality, vector borne diseases and Non-Communicable Diseases to reduce the burden of preventable diseases.

- j) Invest in health infrastructures around the country to increase access and quality care services to all citizens;
- k) Reform National Health Laboratory Services to strengthen clinical support, public health and to meet WHO and international standards, collaborating with national laboratory needs;
- l) Ensure access to clean and safe water, air and food, enforce waste management and treatment, sanitation, and enforce food safety standards; and
- m) Strengthen Partnership with Faith-based Healthcare Service providers towards an improved and well-coordinated approach to addressing our health challenges.

### 8.4.2 Ministry of Education and Human Resource Development

The GNUT will:

- a) Increase investment in infrastructure, greater IT connectivity and resources to support Early Childhood, Primary and Secondary School sectors, for quality education outcomes;
- b) Promote fair remuneration to attract, motivate and retain competent workforce, career progression and effective professional development, for quality education delivery;
- c) Support greater enrolment in Tertiary Education and TVET to increase the pool of skilled and job-ready workforce;
- d) Conduct regular assessments and performance reviews to monitor and evaluate education services, identifying areas for improvement, and ensuring accountability to enhance service effectiveness;
- e) Review national education curriculum content to reflect development needs, life-long skills and cultural values that embrace national consciousness and unity stimulating critical thinking and creativity;
- f) Support faith-based institutions and schools for people with special needs to ensure equitable access to education services; and
- g) Invest in national research institutes and programme to support research initiatives, to drive industrial innovation for socio-economic development.

### 8.4.3 Ministry of Police, National Security and Correctional Services

GNUT will:

- a) Support to ensure the safety and well-being of all citizens through an effective collaboration strategy with various agencies and organizations to address emerging threats, prevent crime, and maintain public order;
- b) Invest in specialized facilities for young offenders, providing rehabilitation services, education, skills training, and mental health support to prevent reoffending.
- c) Strengthen the inmates rehabilitation and reintegration programme, and evaluate



Correctional Services development programs, for inmates to successful transition into their respective communities;

- d) Pursue organisational and legislative reforms to address issues of mal-administrative practices and inefficiencies within the Royal Solomon Islands Police Force;
- e) Invest in technology and training for intelligence officers to enhance capabilities in security, monitoring and responding to emerging security risks, strengthening defence against both external and internal threats, and safeguarding the nation and its citizens;
- f) Ensure adequate resources are allocated for facility maintenance, and improvements to enhance safety and security of officers and inmates;
- g) Strengthen border security through resources, training, and collaboration with law enforcement agencies and international partners to maintain a secure border;
- h) Strengthen regulatory framework and enhance collaboration of relevant stakeholders to support the disposal of unexploded ordinances (UXO) towards a safer communities; and,
- i) Continue collaboration on security matters with bilateral arrangements and international security agencies to enhance capability of the police force to respond to global security and peace efforts.

#### **8.4.4 Ministry of Provincial Government & Institutional Strengthening**

GNUT will:

- a) Provide provision for fiscal autonomy and financial management mechanisms to empower provincial governments mobilize resources more efficiently to fund key operations independently;
- b) Support provincial governance framework to enhance and integrate with the constituency model aimed at improving service delivery;
- c) Collaborate between central and provincial tender boards to enhance transparency and efficiency in procurement;
- d) Implement capacity-building programmes to enhance fiscal and planning skills for effective resource distribution and service delivery; and
- e) Improve the coordination and resourcing of provincial and national plans to ensure a holistic comprehensive approach.

#### **8.4.5 Ministry of Home Affairs**

GNUT will:

- a) Establish a comprehensive legal framework for civil registration, promoting accurate record-keeping, birth, death and marriage and National Identity System;
- b) Collaborate with NGOs and civil societies implementing government policies and program to address community issues like poverty, inequality, and healthcare access, fostering a more inclusive and equitable society and

- c) Create and enhance sporting opportunities, program and infrastructure development that leads to high participation rates in sports particularly youths and other target groups;
- d) Review the Constituency Boundary Commission Report, ensuring fair and just changes to constituency boundaries. They consider public and stakeholder feedback, upholding democracy principles, and ensuring electoral boundaries accurately represent constituency populations;
- e) Prioritize cleanliness, safety, and livability, with an alternative cemetery site being a top priority. Regular garbage collection, street cleaning, recycling programs, and expanded landfills are part of the city's efforts. Investments in parks and green spaces are also being made; and
- f) Ensure the cinematography committee is given more authority and resources to effectively regulate audio-visual content, including stricter guidelines, thorough inspections, and collaboration with international agencies, to protect national interests and uphold cultural values.

#### **8.4. 6 Ministry of Women, Youth, Children and Family Affairs**

GNUT will;

- a) Ensure evidence-based programs and initiatives, utilizing current research to develop effective policies and programs addressing vulnerable populations' needs;
- b) Empower women in decision-making, education, and healthcare, addressing gender-based violence, economic inequality, and healthcare access to create a more equitable society for women and girls;
- c) Ensure youths are provided with resources and programs for personal and professional growth, fostering their active participation in society and contributing positively to their communities;
- d) Ensure national relevant framework for children's protection and welfare updated and align with international obligations and local customs and cultures; and
- e) Ensure effective resource allocation for families in need. Collaborates with community organizations to create programs and services, implementing policies to promote family well-being, strengthen relationships, and prevent breakdowns.

## 9. Summary

The GNUT policy statement encapsulates the priorities and fundamental areas that are critical to advance sustainable economic developments, social, natural resources and environmental management. Some policies will have immediate effect whilst others will help set the platform for transformational impact going forward.

The policy statement also reflects GNUT commitment to align its effort to the country's National Development Strategies and sub-sector policy approaches. The Policy Statement implementation will require collective efforts from Government, donor partners, private sectors, and non-Government organizations.

In achieving the priorities as outlined in the policy statement, the GNUT commits to political stability, firm leadership, and comprehensive infrastructure connectivity.

It is the firm belief of the coalition Government that the outcomes of this policy statement will enhance national unity, promote good governance, support private sector development initiatives, target economic recovery and inclusive growth.

With the above, we commit to a Peaceful, Progressive, Prosperous and United Solomon Islands.

May God Bless the Solomon Islands, from shore to shore.





■ AGRICULTURE



■ HEALTH



■ EDUCATION



■ TECHNOLOGY



■ UNITY AND STABILITY



■ FISHERIES



■ ECONOMY



■ ENVIRONMENT



■ INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

