



PATH TO PROSPERITY  
CELEBRATING  
**2 YEARS**  
OF **50+**  
ACCOMPLISHMENTS

**TEAM UNITY**  
ADMINISTRATION





February 12, 2017

Dear Fellow Citizens & Residents of St. Kitts & Nevis

I am indeed honoured and privileged to pen these lines as Leader of our Team Unity Administration that was ushered into office on February 16, 2015 following a historic victory at the polls. Our tripartite Government, consisting of membership from the People's Action Movement (PAM), the Concerned Citizens' Movement (CCM), and the People's Labour Party (PLP) represents the first time in our Country's history that three political parties have been able to subjugate partisan politics in favour of National Unity. ***"To God be the Glory, Great Things He Has Done!"***

It is an indisputable fact that the Team Unity Government came to office through intercessory prayer and supplication, and a deep-seated desire to fulfil our motto: "Country Above Self". We campaigned on a platform for meaningful, demonstrative change; a desire to put our people first; and an urgency to safeguard democracy and decorum within our Parliament and, by extension, in all forms of public life. The Federal Cabinet views with respect and seriousness the task and assigned mandate given to us by the people of St. Kitts and Nevis.

After two short years in office, our Team Unity Administration remains firm in the execution of our political charge. We are busy delivering on the promises made in our Inaugural Manifesto entitled "Prosperity for All: 2015-2020". We operate as a team as we continue to design, build, implement and establish all of our projects and programmes with our people in mind. Such activities span the gamut of improvements in infrastructure; healthcare; national and citizens' security; foreign relations; recalibration of our Citizenship by Investment (CBI) programme that is now a platinum brand; community development; social services; tourism and the allied services sectors; education; improved relations with our sister island of Nevis; record-setting fiscal management and performance; information and communications technology (ICT); and the strengthening of alliances with key international agencies, social partners at the local level, and non-governmental organisations.

**Fellow citizens and residents:** On this 2nd Anniversary of our Team Unity Government I wish to remind us all that national development requires truly national effort on the part of everyone. None of us can independently take this Country forward and upward. Yet, together we can! We certainly can! Please continue with us on the path to national development with God at the helm. Let us give thanks to God for all He has done.

**To God be the glory!**

Sincerely

Dr the Hon Timothy Harris  
PRIME MINISTER

## Team Unity ACCOMPLISHMENTS: 2<sup>nd</sup> Year



- (01) Removal of VAT from the Cost of Food, Medicine & Funeral Expenses
- (02) Payment of EC\$16 million in Past Due Gratuities to Former Sugar Workers
- (03) Discontinuation of the Shift System at Basseterre High School and the Construction of Temporary Campus for the School at Taylor's in Basseterre; Start of Plans to Construct a Brand New High School
- (04) Establishment of Oncology Unit at JNF General Hospital for Treatment of Cancer, via Chemotherapy






- (05) Restoring Democracy to St. Kitts and Nevis after the Travesty Meted out on our Country and our People on that infamous day of January 16, 2016
- (06) Return of Order and Decorum to the Federal Parliament; meeting Constitutional Obligation re: Appointment of a Deputy Speaker
- (07) Repairs, Renovation and Re-opening of the Mary Charles Hospital in Molineux



- (08) Strong Economic Growth, manifested by significant increase in the number of jobs, particularly in the construction sector
- (09) Surpassing 2015 Tax Revenue Targets by the End of November 2015; Recording the Best Ever “VAT Day” Revenue in the History of the Country in 2015, and further exceeding these figures in 2016
- (10) Construction and Dedication of the Mental Health Day Treatment Centre at Lime Kiln, St. Kitts



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- (11) Recalibration and Resuscitation of our Citizenship By Investment (CBI) Programme that was on the verge of collapse, and elevating it to a platinum standard
  - (12) Budgetary Support for Nevis in the amount of \$62.5 million (SIDF contribution), and another \$52 million from the Federal Government for various infrastructure and developmental initiatives – as a result of closer ties between the Federal Government and the Nevis Island Administration (NIA)
  - (13) SIDF Funding for Infrastructure Projects in Nevis, through a share of the CBI revenue to finance the cost of the development of a state of the art, 400 meter Mondo Athletic Track; urgent resurfacing of the runway at Vance Amory International Airport; advancement of the Geothermal Project; and establishment of a modern diagnostic wing at Alexandra Hospital
  - (14) First-time Appointments of Nevisians to Diplomatic Posts such as Ambassador to the Organisation of American States (OAS), and Consul General at the St. Kitts-Nevis Consulate in Dubai, UAE
  - (15) Nevisians' Appointment to Key Federal Posts, including those of the Speaker of the National Assembly and the Supervisor of Elections
  - (16) Establishment of the Criminal Justice Strategic Board
  - (17) Appointment of an additional prosecutor to handle court backlog inherited from the previous administration
  - (18) Establishing 2nd High Court Chamber at Sir Lee L Moore Judicial Complex and request for appointment of 2nd High Court Judge for St. Kitts Circuit to address backlog of Court cases
  - (19) Ongoing development of 3rd Magistrate Court in District 'A', Basseterre to address summary Court backlogs
  - (20) Legislation to begin establishment of dedicated Land Registry to improve ease of doing business
  - (21) Established Official Portal for St. Kitts and Nevis providing platform for information, E-Citizen Services and Nation-Branding
  - (22) Establishment of the National ICT Governance Board
  - (23) Received two (2) prestigious international awards as the most dynamic country worldwide for major improvements in the Information Communication Technology (ICT) sector for 2015/2016



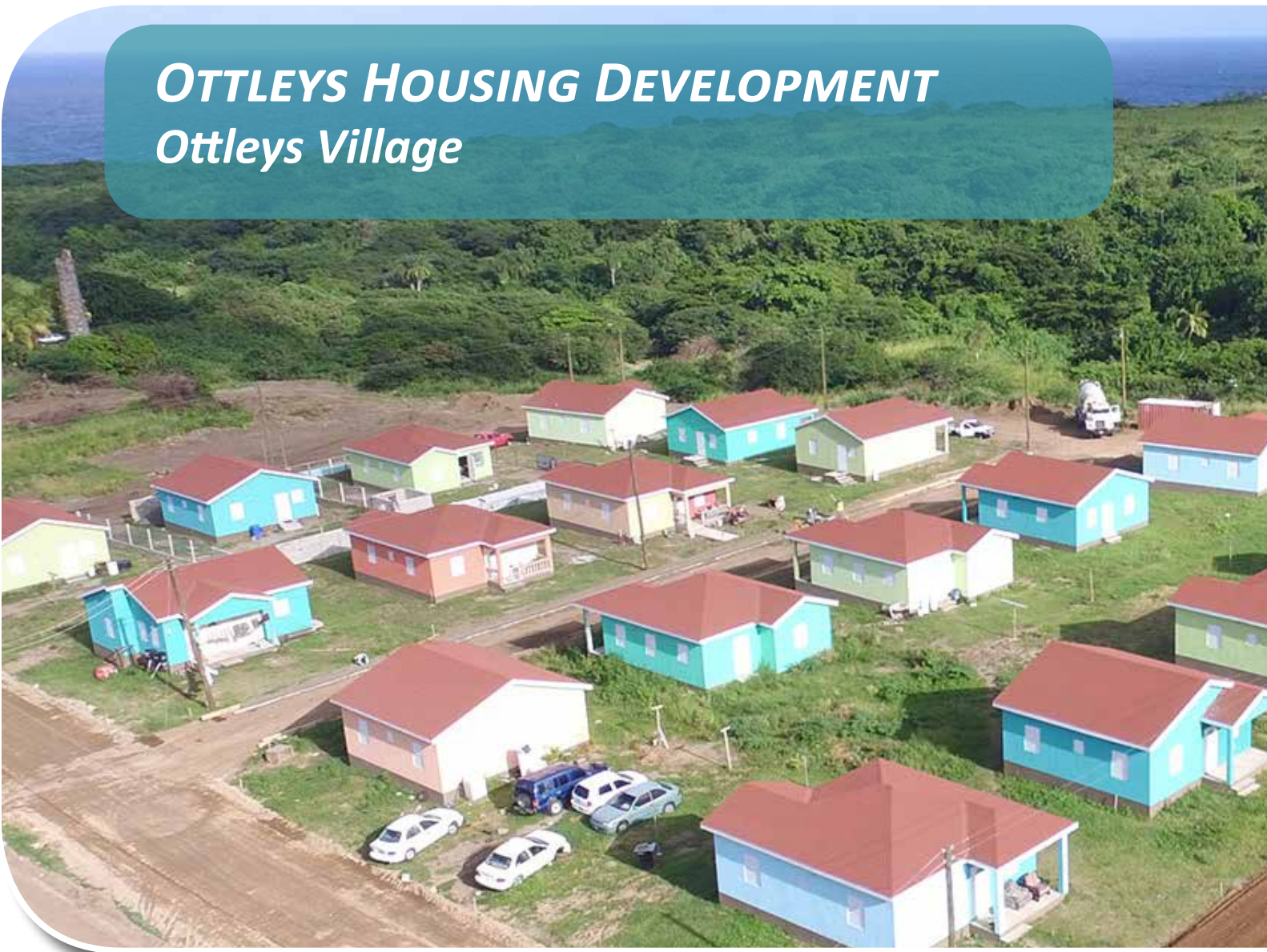
- (24) Appointed Director of IT in the NIA as Federation's representative Director on ECTEL Board, OECS' telecommunications regulatory commission
- (25) Launched five (5) mobile applications - SKN Shopper, Crime Reporter, SKNIS News, Government Directory, and Events - to enhance E-Citizen services
- (26) Ongoing development and deployment of Government Wide Area Network (GWAN) to connect all Government Offices in St. Kitts and Nevis
- (27) Refurbishing of the National ICT Centre that has been closed since 2012
- (28) Expanded Fiscal Incentives Programme for SMEs and Entrepreneurs under the FRESH Start Programme that is now in its second incarnation; tangible assistance has been given to small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), to the tune of \$30 million
- (29) Improvement in Investment Climate and Investor Confidence
- (30) Increase in the number of small businesses
- (31) Significantly high growth rate of 5%; job creation and increase in the number of self-employed persons registered with Social Security
- (32) Improved Workplace Monitoring to Eliminate Illegal and Unfair Labour Market Practices, thereby protecting the interests of our citizens
- (33) Re-Tooling and Revamping of the RSCN Police Force, and providing the largest ever allocation of resources in our Country's history
- (34) Provided a 20% increase in Risk Pay for Security Forces
- (35) CCTV Programme being built to improve public safety and security, and enhance evidentiary and investigative capabilities in solving crime
- (36) Advanced-staged planning for Geothermal Development in the Federation
- (37) Passage of New Legislation for Renewable Energy
- (38) Upgrade and reform of the People's Employment Programme (PEP), and most recent graduation of the programme to the Skills Training and Empowerment Programme (STEP)
- (39) Establishment of farms for PEP workers in Cayon and Phillips Village





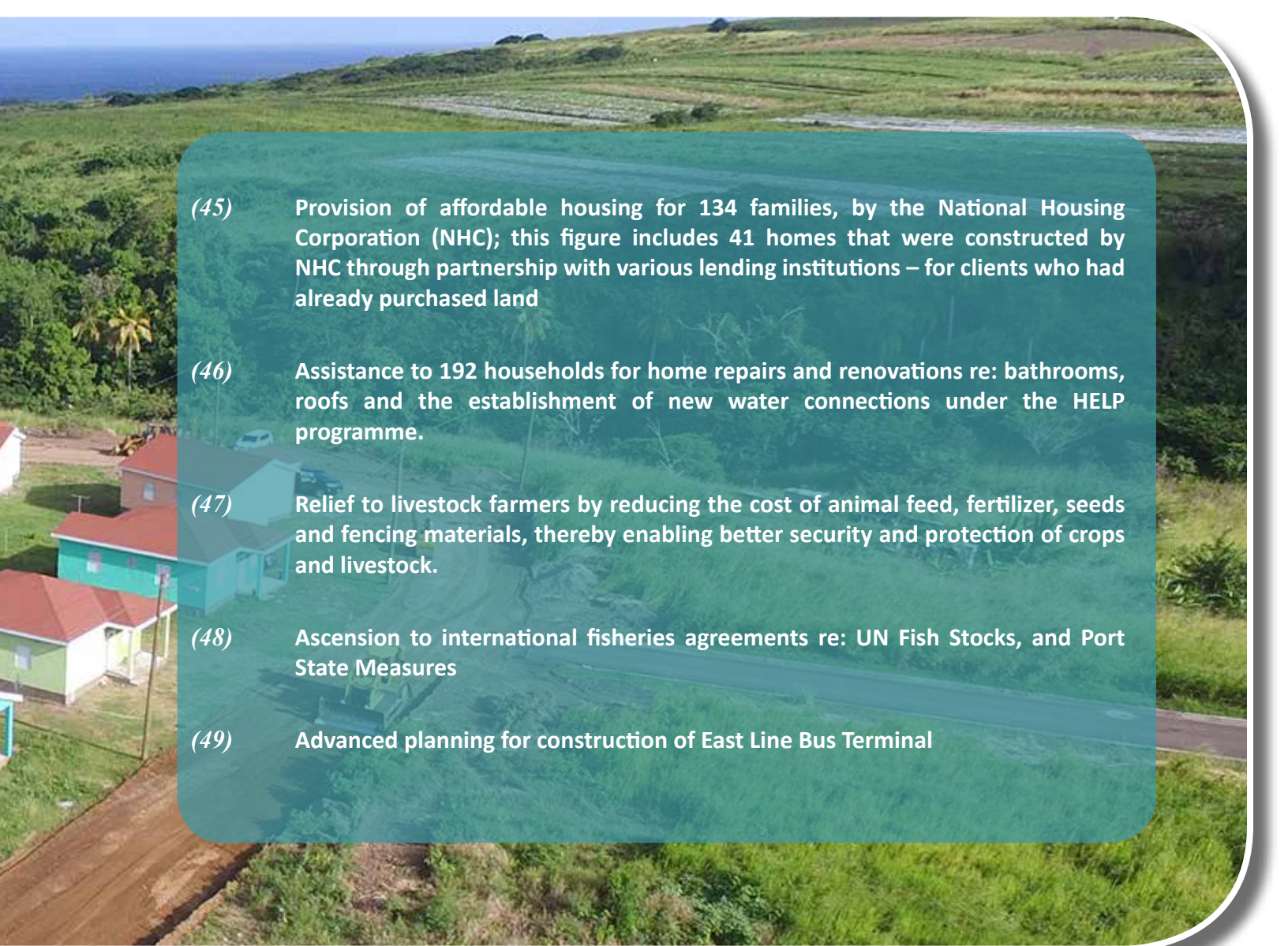


***OTTLEYS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT***  
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- (40) Visa Waiver Agreements completed with Brazil and Chile
- (41) New Diplomatic Relations with 14 new countries such as Ukraine, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Belarus, Bolivia, Kenya, the Dominican Republic, Mauritius and Cyprus. Other Strategic Alliances pending with a number of new States
- (42) Facilitation of code-sharing arrangement between JetBlue Airlines and Seaborne Airways
- (43) Launch of United Airlines' weekly flights between St. Kitts and Newark, N.J.
- (44) Facilitation of membership in the International Organisation on Migration (IOM), in order to protect the rights of migrants in St. Kitts and Nevis

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- (45) Provision of affordable housing for 134 families, by the National Housing Corporation (NHC); this figure includes 41 homes that were constructed by NHC through partnership with various lending institutions – for clients who had already purchased land
  - (46) Assistance to 192 households for home repairs and renovations re: bathrooms, roofs and the establishment of new water connections under the HELP programme.
  - (47) Relief to livestock farmers by reducing the cost of animal feed, fertilizer, seeds and fencing materials, thereby enabling better security and protection of crops and livestock.
  - (48) Ascension to international fisheries agreements re: UN Fish Stocks, and Port State Measures
  - (49) Advanced planning for construction of East Line Bus Terminal







(50) Declaration and Investiture of Dr the Right Excellent and Right Honourable Sir Kennedy Simmonds as the Country's first living National Hero

(51) Completion of the Upgrade of Dr Sir Kennedy Simmonds Highway

(52) Re-introduction of refresher courses for all certified taxi drivers following a hiatus since 2009; between 2015/2016 some 62 drivers were trained while 71 individuals were trained to become taxi operators; over the past year an additional 652 persons were certified in various service specialties within the tourism industry

(53) First ever distribution of scholarships from the St. Kitts and Nevis National Education Foundation (SKNNEF); additionally, over the past two years a total of 128 scholarships were awarded for tertiary education, representing a 170% increase over the academic year 2014/2015

(54) Heightened interface between Government and the various religious organisations in the Nation; a collaborative framework has been articulated and advanced re: joint response to social challenges such as crime, poor parenting, youth attracted to gang culture, etc.

(55) Renaming of national athletic stadium in honour of Kim Collins

(56) Hosting of CPL and Carifta Games

(57) Appointment of Director of Culture after the post was vacated for approximately three years



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