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PRIVATE SECTOR COMMISSION “ACTION PLAN FOR THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF GUYANA”

The Private Sector Commission’s Action Plan for the Sustainable Development of Guyana has been attached to this cover page for your perusal and comments.

This Action Plan comprises of Actions or Recommended Policy Options and Proposed Public-Private Dialogues to provide clarity and details on the specific actions outlined.

These recommendations have been made to address issues affecting the Business Community over the last two decades which, if addressed, can lead to development of Guyana entirely.

In summary, what the Commission has down was to review past documents, important reports and conversations to develop and bring forward unimplemented solutions.

The PSC Action Plan for the Sustainable Development of Guyana can be traced directly to the reports below:

1. National Development Strategy for Guyana 2000
2. National Competitiveness Strategy 2006
3. Low Carbon Development Strategy 2009
4. National Economic Forum 2013
5. Guyana Business Summit 2017

We are hopeful that a permanent Institutional Mechanism to host Public-Private Dialogues can be created so that we can have in-depth discussions with our Government, Political Opposition, Trade Unions and Civil Society Representatives for Guyana’s sustainable development.

Areas addressed by the Private Sector Commission’s Action Plan for Sustainable Development for Guyana:

* Economic Stability
* Export Markets/Trade
* Competition and Consumer Protection Policy
* Taxation Policy
* Export Promotion and Facilitation
* Access to Finance
* Human Capital Development
* Business Development Services
* Infrastructure
* Energy
* Bureaucratic Procedures
* Land and Property Markets
* Sector Policies
* Contract Manufacturing/Services Exports
* Business and Eco-Tourism
* Governance & Legal Architecture

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Reference BS.17 – Recommendations from Guyana Business Summit 2017

Other References – National Competitiveness Strategy 2006

TBD – To Be Decided

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| **REF #No.** | **Actions/Recommended Policy Option** | **Proposed Public-Private Dialogues & Groups** |
|  | **CORE POLICIES** |  |
|  | **Incentives (Demand-Side) Policies** |  |
|  | **Economic Stability** | **Economics & Finance PPD** |
| **BS.17** | **Continue to adhere to sound Macroeconomic Policies and Framework** | Economics & Finance Public-Private Dialogue Committee Establishment of an Economic Commission of Guyana |
| **BS.17** | **Formulate Plan for Continuous Development into the Future** |
| **BS.17** | **Clearly articulated Government Fiscal Policy.** |
| **BS.17** | **Public-Private Dialogues and Partnerships** |
| **BS.17** | **Development of an Economic Growth Council for Guyana** |
| **BS.17** | **Identification of Drivers for Economic Growth** |
| **BS.17** | **Economic Diversification to withstand External Shocks** |
| **BS.17** | **Improved Investment & Business Climate – Enabling Environment** |
| **BS.17** | **Good Governance and Strengthened Public Administration**  |
|  | **Export Markets/Trade** | **Trade PPD** |
| TP.A1 | **Enhancing knowledge and understanding of trade, business and investment issues within relevant agencies** | National Advisory Committee on External Negotiations&Trade Promotion Council National Advisory Committee on External Negotiations&Trade Promotion Council  |
| TP.A2 | **Facilitating the flow of trade information between public institutions**  |
| TP.A5 | **Developing a civil society outreach program for negotiations esp. opportunities of CSME** |
| TP.A6 | **Strengthening the private sector’s capacity to advocate its interests in the trade negotiation process and the development of policies affecting the business enabling environment** |
| TP.A7 | **Create Trade Point Guyanaat GoInvest and linked to the other trade related agencies to become Market Place** |
| TP.R3 | **Create technical unit of sector specific specialists in MoB & MFA and provide further specialists in other trade-related agencies, including the private sector** |
| TP.R4 | **Strengthen existing mechanisms to defend Guyana’s trade interests** |
| **BS.17** | **Pursue more export markets** |
| **BS.17** | **Establish Export Processing Zones** |
| **BS.17** | **Improve Market Access via Airport and Shipping Ports Expansion** |
|  | **Competition and Consumer Protection Policy** | **TBD** |
| CP.A9 | **Strengthen consumer associations** |  |
| CP.10 | **Anti-Dumping Legislation** |
| **BS.17** | **Develop and Enforce Mergers & Acquisition Legislation**  |
|  | **Taxation Policy** | **Taxation PPD** |
|  | **General Taxation** |  |
|  | **Incentives for Attracting Investment** |  |
| TaP.A3 | **Carry out a study examining options for improving the efficacy of the current system of fiscal and duty incentives and tariff structures, as part of the same study that will be looking at the options for unifying and reducing Corporate Income Tax (CIT). Following the results of the study, refine the system of fiscal and duty incentives and/or tariff structure in a way that improves the business friendliness of the tax environment without unduly compromising government revenue.** | **MoF, GRA, PSC** |
| **BS.17** | **Improve Public Expenditure Management** |
| **BS.17** | **Taxation Guide** |
| **BS.17** | **Review VAT**  |
| **BS.17** | **Review VAT on Water and Electricity** |
| **BS.17** | **Review of Corporate Tax** |
| **BS.17** | **Review of Personal Income Tax** |
| **BS.17** | **Review of measure imposed to transfer Zero-Rated Items to Exempt.** |
|  | **Supply Side Policies** |  |
|  | **Investment Promotion and Facilitation** | **TBD** |
|  | **Investment Act 2004** |  |
| IP.A1 | **Ensure effective implementation of the Investment Act through a) development of appropriate regulations and other implementing measures b) setting-up the Investment Promotion Council.** |  |
| IP.R1 | **Review the Investment Act (and other related legislation) to i). further reduce outstanding discretionary loopholes ii). tighten the article on expropriation iii). revise Go-Invest mandate iv). review and expand the role of The Investment Promotion Council.** |
|  | **GoInvest** |
| IP.A2 | **Create a new vision for GoInvest to reflect its increasingly important role in country image building, facilitation, investment generation, policy advocacy, and export promotion by approving a new expanded charter through revised Order under the Public Corporations Act.** |
| IP.A3 | **Expand the capacity and capabilities of Go-Invest.** |
|  | **Export Promotion and Facilitation** | **Export Promotion PPD** |
| EP.A1 | **Refocus GoInvest’s export promotion services to offer two key services at the firm-level: exporter readiness assessments and specific “value-adding” advisory services.** | **Export Promotion Council**   |
| EP.A2 | **Improve export facilitation efficiency to internationally-benchmarked standards** |
| EP.A3 | **Carry out a study examining options for improving the system of export taxes and incentives for export to i). give equal treatment to exports to CARICOM ii). reduce or eliminate export taxes. Following the results of the study, refine the system export taxes and incentives for export to effectively stimulate exports in a way which does not unduly compromise government revenue.** |
| BDS.A4 | **Study policy options for designing tax incentives that do not introduce overly burdensome administrative overheads to encourage the provision of firm-level business to business export promotion services.** |
| EP.R1 | **Maximize use of NGMC’s limited resources by re-focusing targeting of export promotion on providing information and advisory services that support value added initiatives** |
| EP.R2 | **Maximize the initial impact of activities delivered by the FPMC by focusing resources on seeking out investment linkages with North American wood processors and CARICOM importers/distributors** |
| EP.R3 | **Increase the provision of firm-level assistance to firms to strengthen their capacity to penetrate new markets with value added products.** |
| EP.R4 | **Develop in-country programmes to continually promote: a) Guyanese products in CARICOM markets; and b) integrated investment promotion/export promotion strategies for investors/exports.** |
| EP.R5 | **Strengthen the capacity of Guyana’s Export Promotion Agencies (GoInvest, NGMC, FPMC) by: a) charging user fees; and b) marketing fee-based project management services to clients** |
| EP.R7 | **Expand the role of the IPC** |
| EP.R8 | **Revise Go-Invest’s and NGMC’s charter to reflect their roles in the provision of export promotion services through a revised Order under the Public Corporations Act** |
| **BS.17** | **Establish Special Economic Zones across Guyana to facilitate investment and promote exportation**  |
|  | **Access to Finance** | **Economics & Finance PPD** |
|  | ***Providing the Legislative and Regulatory Framework*** |  |
| AF.R1 | **Develop a comprehensive land and property markets policy** | Economics & Finance Public-Private Dialogue Committee Establishment of an Economic Commission of Guyana |
| AF.R2 | **Improve land administration** |
| AF.R3 | **Promote understanding of property related economic opportunities** |
| AF.R4 | **Review legal framework in relation with establishment and perfecting secures interests in other property than land** |
| AF.R5 | **Establish a legal framework which enables profitable leasing activities** |
| AF.R6 | **Conduct a study examining options for reducing restrictions on borrowing abroad, opening foreign currency accounts and on the use of foreign currency. Following the results of the study, revise regulations governing borrowing abroad, opening foreign currency accounts and on the use of foreign currency to improve the efficiency of business transactions for export** |
|  | ***Encouraging an Active and Competitive Banking Market-Place*** |
| AF.A2 | **Determine if the competitive situation in the financial sector is delivering value to customers and the wider economy.**  |
| AF.A4 | **Study policy options for extending temporary tax incentives for long term lending and investing in enterprises**  |
| AF.R7 | **Develop an awareness program for financial services institutions designed to outline progress made in the areas of property rights and commercial dispute resolution and involve the financial services sector in all future activities related to property rights and commercial dispute resolution.** |
| AF.R9 | **Establish an export credit insurance scheme and appropriate legal framework to reduce the commercial and political risk of exporters.** |
|  | ***Enhancing the Capacity of Enterprises to access and deal with the Financial System*** |
| AF.R10 | **Establish a Matching Grant Fund to address weaknesses enterprises in the area of business planning, project appraisal, accounting, financial management and marketing and also improve capacity of local financial institutions to appraise long term projects in nontraditional exports** |
| AF.R11 | **Develop an awareness program for the business community about the availability of typical export finance services in Guyana for the (potential) exporter and prepare a catalogue describing the various services including costs, requirements of accessing them and possible restrictions.** |
| **BS.17** | **Revise GASCI Trading Rules to Accommodate the Odd Lot System** |
| **BS.17** | **Establishment of a Junior Stock Exchange** |
| **BS.17** | **Promote small business finance through Local Government** |
|  | **Human Capital Development** | TBD |
|  | **Technical and Vocational Training** |  |
| HR.R1 | **Develop Rapid Response Skills Training to meet urgent needs in basic technical skills through a multiplicity of training centers** |  |
| HR.R2 | **Design and implement a pilot development project for the forest products sector in partnership with the private sector (especially the FPMC) to test and agree on best practices for developing policy for future sector specific training with multiple partners** |
| HR.R5 | **Improve current mechanisms for the collection, analysis and dissemination of labor market information and establish a proper industrial classification of occupation, wage structure and trends in employment.** |
|  | **Addressing the “Brain Drain”** |
| HR.R6 | **Assess the strengths and weakness of the current policy framework for the retention and attraction of skills and identify policy options for improving skill retention and attraction.** |
| **BS.17** | **Study to Assess the Human Resource Needs of the Business Sector.** |
| **BS.17** | **Need for National Apprenticeship Programs** |
| **BS.17** | **ICT in the development of Human Capital** |
| **BS.17** | **Mechanism for Training Facilities to be Incubators for Entrepreneurs.** |
|  | **Business Development Services** | **TBD** |
| BDS.A1 | **Develop training program targeting development of a National Conformity Assessment System for a number of international standards, including ISO 9001, ISO Guide 65 and ISO 17020** |  |
| BDS.A3 | **Assist firms and Government agencies in their efforts to receive certification in ISO 9001, 14001, 17025, 17020, 2200 guide 65 and GYS 231** |
| BDS.A4 | **Establish a poultry laboratory and upgrade Guyana’s veterinary diagnostic capacity** |
| BDS.A5 | **Upgrade the capacity of the Food and Drug Department to carry out nutritional analysis and risk based certification testing** |
| BDS.A6 | **Provide BDS support to targeted non-traditional exporters to develop the systems, standards and capability to grow and become competitive in export markets** |
| BDS.A7 | **Study policy options for designing tax incentives that do not introduce overly burdensome administrative overheads to encourage the development of private BDS networks of service providers, farmers, and enterprises**  |
| BDS.R2 | **Maximize the efficiency of existing BDS programs by stimulating existing networks of BDS service providers through the development of an organizational structure** |
| BDS.R3 | **Enhance certification quality management systems by focusing efforts in a number of strategic areas through i). introducing FCS and NTFP certifications for export markets in the forestry sector ii). enhancing organic certification for export markets in the fruits and vegetables sector.** |
| BDS.R4 | **Increase support for ISO certification to enhance enterprises quality management systems in strategic sectors.** |
| BDS.R5 | **Strengthen the technology promotion infrastructure by i). creating a food incubator linked to IAST to promote modernisation, innovation and stimulation ii). revamping and reactivating the IAST in order to have a fully functioning technology center providing BDS to companies.** |
| BDS.R6 | **Update the legal regulatory framework for BDS by i). creating a “Guyana food label” with a coordinated quality insurance system ii). enacting the food control bill** |
| BDS.R7 | **Establish a Business Information Center / Knowledge Center affiliated to Go-Invest to provide marketing support and business information services through Trade Points software** |
| **BS.17** | **Assist Businesses to Improve Export Quality Standards/Certification** |
| **BS.17** | **Encourage Joint Ventures, Production Licensing Agreements** |
| **BS.17** | **Inform Businesses about Sanitary & Phyto-Sanitary Requirements for Exportation** |
|  | **Infrastructure** | **Infrastructure PPD** |
| I.A4 | **Consolidate structural reforms in the electricity sector, promote the development of markets for energy efficiency, and promote rural energy development .** | Infrastructure Public Private DialogueInfrastructure Public Private Dialogue |
| I.A5 | **Complete construction and rehabilitation of paved road network through completion of four lane highway, the Harbour Bridge to Ruimveldt, resurfacing of Demerara Harbour Bridge and replacement of wooden bridges along West Demerara Road.**  |
| I.A6 | **Rehabilitate the non-paved road network**  |
| I.A7 | **Support reforms to i). address Guyana's capacity to finance, operate, maintain and expand urban infrastructure and services on a sustainable basis; ii) rehabilitate infrastructure and reestablish municipal services in Guyana’s six urban municipalities**  |
| I.A8 | **Prepare a Secondary Towns Development Plan to improve the governance systems, infrastructure and the quality of basic services provided to Charity, Supernaam, Parika and Bartica**  |
| I.A11 | **Steadily upgrade and improve maintenance of the Linden-Lethem road including bridges to support container trucks.** |
| I.R1 | **Construction of deep water berth in Berbice, to reduce transport costs.** |
| I.R2 | **Develop a legal framework and policies for public-private-partnerships (PPPs).** |
| I.R3 | **Develop of more advanced road maintenance and bridge construction schemes, such as BOAT, to deliver higher quality roads and bridges along the entire transport chain.** |
| I.R4 | **Revise the legislative and regulatory framework governing the telecommunications sector so as to encourage, facilitate and effectively regulate a fully competitive sector that will act as an engine of growth for the economy.** |
| I.R5 | **Assess the feasibility of providing air cargo space storage with refrigeration facilities at CDJI and Ogle.** |
| I.R6 | **Assess the feasibility of introducing an Integrated Management Information System (MIS) and Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) for the shipping community.** |
| I.R8 | **Strengthen the maritime sector by reorganizing MARAD’s operating structure to enhance planning and regulation of the port and maritime sector.** |
| I.R9 | **Conduct a spatial analysis of the location of strategic sectors likely to drive growth and diversification and develop an action plan to serve their immediate, medium, and long term projected transport needs.** |
| **BS.17** | **Establishment of a Public-Private Partnership Unit for Infrastructure Projects** |
|  | **Energy** | Energy PPD |
| **BS.17** | **Optimal Energy Matrix; Mix of Hydro, Gas, Solar, Wind and Bio-Energy in the Energy Matrix of Guyana.** | Energy Public-Private DialogueEnergy Public-Private Dialogue |
| **BS.17** | **Cheaper and Reliable Energy for Manufacturing** |
| **BS.17** | **Removal of VAT on Electricity** |
| **BS.17** | **Provision of Dedicated Feeders to Large Consumers** |
| **BS.17** | **Adjust Tariff to Large Manufacturers**  |
| **BS.17** | **Provide Incentives for Investments in Renewable Energy Options** |
| **BS.17** | **Government’s Energy Policy Update**  |
| **BS.17** | **Dedicated feeders to large consumers (industrial areas)**  |
| **BS.17** | **Adjusted/reduced tariffs for manufacturing/private sector entities based on performance thresholds (200 000 kWh)**  |
| **BS.17** | **Incentives for renewable energy options such as gasifiers to utilize biomass, e.g. in wood processing and agro-processing (rice husk etc);**  |
| **BS.17** | **Accelerate initiatives aimed at grid improvements (transmission and distribution )**  |
| **BS.17** | **Business Participation in Energy Projects – Public Private Participation** |
|  | **Bureaucratic Procedures** | **TBD** |
|  | **Enterprise Registration and Operation** |  |
| ER.A1 | **Bring Deeds Registry Authority Act into effect and make the agency semi-autonomous**  |  |
| ER.A2 | **Reorganize the Deed’s Registry Workforce and Develop Training Program for Staff to meet demands of new agency status** |
| ER.A3 | **Expand the use of Information Technology to allow for the automation of all registration procedures, the conversion of all manual records into digitized images, and the backward integration into the new Tax Identification Number (TIN) system at GRA** |
|  | **Land and Property Markets** | **TBD** |
| LPM.A1 | **Improve land administration by streamlining the land lease allocation system, standardizing procedures in order to reduce elements of discretion, and establishing a fast track system for allocation of land leases for small farmers and export oriented producers.** |  |
| LPM.R1 | **Develop a comprehensive land and property markets policy** |
| LPM.R2 | **Further improve land administration procedures** by i) transferring delegation of the transports certificates administration from the Land Registry to the GLSC ii) medium term transformation of transported into titled land iii) consolidating processes relating to land administration into the GLSC, including mapping of parcel boundaries iv) training staff accordingly |
| LPM.R3 | **Establish a sole, efficient and updated Land Information System** |
| LPM.R4 | **Promote tenure security as an opportunity for economic development** |
|  | **Resolution of Commercial Disputes** |
| CDR.R1 | **Develop a public awareness and promotion of accountability campaign with members of the Bar, academia (university professors), NGOs, international cooperation agencies and other governmental authorities to draw public attention to the judiciary’s role and specific advances in the establishment of the Commercial Court** |
| CDR.R2 | **Set up a Coordination or Consultative Board, integrated by representatives of the institutions mentioned above, to receive information and reports about the establishment of the Commercial Court** |
| CDR.R3 | **Identify and measure factors having an impact in the judiciary and administrative staff productivity and make recommendations to strengthen judiciary and administrative staff** |
| CDR.R4 | **Evaluate the benefits of establishing a mandatory ADR system and make recommendations for establishment of a potentially suitable system taking into account experience with the USAID–Carter Centre including the issue of financial sustainability** |
|  | **SECTOR POLICIES** |  |
|  | **Sugar** | **Agriculture PPD** |
| **BS.17** | **Privatization of the Sugar Industry** | Agriculture Public Private DialogueAgriculture Public Private Dialogue |
| **BS.17** | **Diversification within Sugar Industry** |
| **BS.17** | **Ethanol Production from Sugar Cane** |
| **BS.17** | **Need for Cogeneration** |
| **BS.17** | **Develop Agro Tourism aligned to Caribbean Tourism Organisation Roots to Rum initiative.** |
| S.A3 | **Improve agricultural practices and mechanisation aimed at increasing yield** |
| S.A4 | **Brand new products such as Demerara Gold, for value addition** |
| S.R1 | **Construct sugar refinery for production of value added sugar products** |
| S.R2 | **Construct a distillery at Skeldon** |
| S.R6 | **Expand the Blairmont operations.** |
| S.R7 | **Continue mechanisation of operations;** |
| S.R10 | **Provide support to private cane farmers** |
| S.R12 | **Address the storage, shipping and logistical constraints facing the Sugar industry** |
|  | **Rice** | **Agriculture PPD** |
| R.A2 | **Support the rice sector through targeted measures to i) strengthen the Guyana Rice Development Board and Rice Producers Association ii) support water rehabilisation through improving drainage and irrigation systems, and iii) provide credit to rice farmers currently restricted due to high interest rates, short payback periods and lack of collateral** | Agriculture Public Private Dialogue |
| R.R1 | **Further diversification of international markets to reduce dependence on EU** |
| R.R2 | **Diversification of production to include value added products** |
| R.R3 | **Continue efforts in research and development to bring Guyana’s productivity in line with internationally competitive levels** |
| **BS.17** | **Eliminate bureaucracy amongst agencies and political gamesmanship at local governance level to ensure farmers have timely access to aerial applications services necessary to mitigate pest control.** |
| **BS.17** | **Increase Availability of Rice Land** |
| **BS.17** | **More Research and Sensitization in the area of Pest Control** |
| **BS.17** | **Synchronization of the Management of Agencies in charge of Drainage, Irrigation and Dams** |
| **BS.17** | **Reduction of Commission charged by the GRDB and Reduced Bureaucracy.** |
| **BS.17** | **Mechanization within Industry to Cope with Labour Shortage** |
|  | **Forestry** | **Forestry PPD** |
| F.A1 | **Improve forest management by continuing ongoing projects** | Forestry Public-Private DialogueForestry Public-Private Dialogue |
| F.A2 | **Improve forestry management by holding awareness and training courses/workshops on differing aspects of forestry management.** |
| F.R1 | **Monitor progress of workplans set by the Forestry Commission.** |
| **BS.17**  | **Establishment of a National Forestry Advisory Committee.** |
| **BS.17** | **Completion of the Review of the National Forestry Plan.** |
| **BS.17** | **Decentralization of Guyana Forestry Commission (GFC) key services.** |
| **BS.17** | **Capacity Building & Skill Training with a focus on Operational Efficiency Assessments.**  |
| **BS.17** | **Transferal of Skills and Technology from GFC to Forestry Industry.** |
| **BS.17** | **Mandate Critical Training as a requirement to be licensed to operate.** |
| **BS.17** | **Development of financing programs under the carbon funding.** |
| **BS.17** | **Incentive programs for highly compliant and efficient operations.** |
| **BS.17** | **Export Levy to GMSA.** |
| **BS.17** | **Establishment of a Revolving Fund for the Industry of Development Bank.** |
| **BS.17** | **Need for National Land Use Plan** |
| **BS.17** | **Marketing & Promotion Initiatives be established under the Economic Diplomacy Policy.**  |
| **BS.17** | **Industry Analysis of previous two decades to determine trends and policy impacts.** |
| **BS.17** | **Government Policy to support locally produced wood products.** |
| **BS.17** | **Policies and practices for resource based marketing.** |
| **BS.17** | **Educate Public about Grade and Building Codes.** |
| **BS.17** | **Establishment of National Infrastructure Committee** |
| **BS.17** | **Development of a Competitiveness and Diversification Strategy.** |
| **BS.17** | **Review of Niche vs. Commodity Market Approach.**  |
| **BS.17** | **Creation of Guyana Timber Brand** |
| **BS.17** | **Establishment of a Forestry Research and Development Unit.** |
|  | **Extractive Industries**  | **Extractive Industry PPD** |
| M.A2: | **Enact Mining Amendment Act and implementing regulations to improve incentives to invest in the sector and provide adequate environmental protection.** | Extractive Industry Public-Private Dialogue |
| **BS.17** | **Proper Ports to be Developed in Berbice and/or Crab Island to cater for Larger Cargo Vessels** |
| **BS.17** | **Improve Road Infrastructure to Access Mining Areas** |
| **BS.17** | **Cheap Energy to service Extractive Industries** |
|  | **Non-Traditional Agriculture Products**  | **Agriculture PPD** |
| NTAP.A2 | **Support the development of initial export supply chains in fruit and vegetables and beef to produce a sustainable increase of non-traditional exports of fruits, vegetables, and beef.**  | Agriculture Public Private Dialogue |
| NTAP.R3 | **Construct Abattoir of International Standards** |
| NTAP.R4 | **Increase capacity of Government institutions to provide extension services** |
| NTAP.R8 | **Establish credit facility for non-traditional exports** |
| NTAP.R9 | **Address basic human capital constraints facing individuals engaged in agricultural activities by offering training in basic literacy, numeracy, computer and book-keeping skills for workers in agriculture** |
| NTAP.R10 | **Improve the supply of more highly skilled workers needed by the non-traditional agricultural sector through the expansion of the Technical Training Programme at the Guysuco/ Port Mourant Apprentice Training College and the creation of a new college at Enmore** |
|  | **Fisheries** | **Agriculture PPD** |
| Fi.R1 | **Create a semi-autonomous Fisheries Authority to address human and technical capacity issues.** | Agriculture Public Private Dialogue |
| **BS.17** | **Greater Incentives for Processing Facilities** |
| **BS.17** | **Make Available More Land for Fish Farming** |
|  | **Manufacturing** | **Manufacturing PPD** |
| M.A1 | **Organise trade fairs through Go-Invest for the manufacturing sector and facilitate the attendance of the local private sector.** | Manufacturing Public-Private Dialogue |
| M.A2 | **Conduct a Strategic Investment Opportunity Assessment for agro-processing and forest products** |
| M.A3 | **Support the Guyana Manufacturers’ and Services Association to build capacity through the funding of key positions.** |
| M.A4 | **Improve factory layout and management, production processes, quality control, scheduling and plant/employee safety** |
| M.A5 | **Reduce the trade deficit in manufacturing products by developing a Pride in our Industry campaign to encourage the purchase of locally produced manufactured products.**  |
| M.R1 | **Implement integral plan to promote and attract FDI into labour intensive manufacturing operations** |
| M.R2 | **Create a new agency or establish practical ways to combine and upgrade existing functions present in MINTIC, Go-Invest, and/or NICIL** |
| M.R3 | **Develop a new turn-key industrial Zone with buildings for immediate lease and specialised services** |
| M.R4 | **Assess the potential for introducing EPZ regulations on tariffs for the new zone** |
| M.R5 | **Implement marketing plan for the new zone** |
| M.R6 | **Develop and implement a specialized training for industrial estates managers and investment attraction specialists** |
| M.R7 | **Implementation of a Fast Track "Production Sharing” Action Team** |
| M.R8 | **Set-up Fast-Track Action Plan to support start-up of New Tech Park (for Call Centers and IT).** |
| **BS.17** | **Reduce taxation on the Manufacturing Industry.** |
| **BS.17** | **Provide Incentives to Manufacturing Sector** |
| **BS.17** | **Cheaper and Reliable Energy for Manufacturing**  |
| **BS.17** | **Update National Energy Strategy** |
| **BS.17** | **Diversification in Manufacturing – need for non-traditional sectors.** |
| **BS.17** | **Review of opportunities for value addition.** |
| **BS.17** | **Clear Strategy to Stimulate and Incentivize Growth** |
| **BS.17** | **Re-energize Public-Private Dialogue** |
|  | **Tourism** | **Tourism PPD** |
| T.A2 | **Improve communication, attitude and general hospitality skills and services within the sector**  | Tourism Public-Private DialogueTourism Public-Private Dialogue |
| T.A3 | **Continue ongoing marketing and support services**  |
| T.R1 | **Improve air access transport.** |
| T.R2 | **Diversify and expand the tourism product:** |
| T.R3 | **Increase market demand** |
| T.R4 | **Upgrade service skills and standards** |
| T.R5 | **Invest in infrastructure and services** |
| T.R6 | **Make tourism investment attractive** |
| T.R7 | **Organise the sector for growth** |
| **BS.17** | **Rehabilitation and maintenance of hinterland airstrips.** |
| **BS.17** | **Improve Search and Rescue capacity** |
| **BS.17** | **Need Major International Carriers to Operate in Guyana and to include Guyana in their Flying Routes with Scheduled Flights** |
| **BS.17** | **Improved Road Infrastructure into Hinterland Region of Guyana.** |
| **BS.17** | **Expansion of Existing Airstrips** |
| **BS.17** | **Incentives to Airlines to encourage Flights into and within Guyana.** |
| **BS.17** | **Concessions for Vehicles to be used in the Interior Regions.** |
| **BS.17** | **VAT to be removed from Primary Airstrips** |
| **BS.17** | **Reduction of VAT on Tourism Products and Services in Guyana to at least 8%** |
| **BS.17** | **Police presence on the Streets of Guyana.** |
| **BS.17** | **Police Force need to be Educated of how to deal with Tourists.** |
| **BS.17** | **Government Allocation of Funds for the Implementation of the ACRON Marketing Plan for Guyana.** |
|  | **ICT** | **TBD** |
| ICT.A1 | **Review and revise draft E-Commerce legislation and supporting necessary public consultations throughout the process.** |  |
| ICT.A2 | **Develop and implement National ICT Strategy** |
| ICT.R1 | **Establish suitable mechanisms to monitor implementation of the National ICT Strategy** |
| **BS.17** | **Establish Mobile Payment Gateway** |
| **BS.17** | **Establish Single Window Automated Processing System**  |
|  | **Oil & Gas Sector** | **TBD** |
| **BS.17** | **Clear Framework for Sector Development** |  |
| **BS.17** | **Strong Local Content Policy** |  |
| **BS.17** | **Well-Managed Sovereign Wealth Fund** |  |
| **BS.17** | **Transparent and Accountable Petroleum Commission**  |  |
|  | **TARGETING STRATEGIC SUB-SECTORS** |  |
|  | **Aquaculture** |  |
| A.A2 | **Encourage the expansion of aquaculture in interior locations by facilitating the use of cage technology.** | MoA |
| A.R1 | **Enhance Technological Capacity** | MoA |
| A.R2 | **Establish a Brackish Water Aquaculture Station** | MoA |
| A.R3 | **Develop Specialised Physical Infrastructure and Identifying Priority Areas for Aquaculture Development** | MoA |
| A.R4 | **Expand Integrated Pest Management in Rice Production** | MoA |
| **BS.17** | **Make Available More Land for Fish Farming** | MoA |
|  | **Fruits, Vegetables and Livestock** | **Agriculture PPD** |
| BFV.A1 | **Support the vegetable and fruit, and beef supply chains through the setting up of an institutional arrangement to provide incremental public goods to current exporters and enterprises with agribusiness potential**  |  |
| BFV.A2 | **Strengthen public services needed to support the livestock and fruit and vegetable chains by support to i) technology development and transfer; ii) support implementation of animal and plant health systems; and iii) facilitate access to foreign markets.**  |
| BFV.A3 | **Streamline agri-business processes related to i) Sanitary and Phitosanitary Systems (SPS) and quality certification systems and ii) land applications and related incentives for agribusiness investors.**  |
| BFV.A4 | **Upgrade the SPS inspection service process for outgoing products.** |
| BFV.A5 | **Design and implement an information system for land lease requests.** |
| BFV.A6 | **Set up a non-discretionary land lease and water rights allocation system.** |
| BFV.A7 | **Conduct a pilot program for allocating relative large land plots in order to attract larger investors.** |
| BFV.A8 | **Design an investment strategy to attract the private investors, both local and foreign.**  |
| BFV.A10 | **Improve innovation and the diffusion of new agriculture-related products and services of a technological nature** |
| BFV.A12 | **Develop a training program for the Ministry of Agriculture and a number of private operators to establish HACCP procedures for slaughtering and meat handling.**  |
| BFV.A13 | **Conduct a feasibility study on the production and export of sheep and goats.** |
| BFV.A14 | **Carry out a census of livestock in Regions 5 and 6** |
| **BS.17** | **Need for New Plantations to Boost Coconut Industry** |
| **BS.17** | **Investment and Incentives to Increase Coconut Cultivation** |
| **BS.17** | **More Effective Techniques for Harvesting Coconuts Should Be Researched** |
| **BS.17** | **Incentives for Animal Feed Facilities to Reduce Feed Cost.**  |
| **BS.17** | **Incentives for More Processing Facilities**  |
| **BS.17** | **More Land Should Be Made Available for Cattle Farming** |
|  | **Agro-Processing** |  |
| AP.A1 | **Support efforts of local agro-processors to improve marketing activities efforts** |  |
| AP.A2 | **Facilitate of agro-processing cluster working group activities** |
| AP.R1 | **Develop a strategic plan for the sector** |
|  | **Contract Manufacturing/Services****Exports – Garments** |  |
| CM.A1 | **Sensitise sector stakeholders to the ramifications of the ATC and develop possible actions initiatives for sector development.** |  |
| CM.R1 | **Update and create new sector standards.** |
| CM.R2 | **Facilitate cooperation between fabric suppliers and local garment manufacturers** |
| CM.R3 | **Encourage fabric designers to form an informal association** | MoB |
| CM.R4 | **Facilitate cooperation between small fabric designers and manufacturers and the larger garment manufacturers** | MoB |
| CM.R5 | **Support industry stakeholders in finding new markets** | MoB, MFA |
| CM.R6 | **Develop and implement a comprehensive action plan for the future development of the sector** | MoB |
|  | **Business and Eco-Tourism** |  |
|  | **Forest Products** | **Forestry PPD** |
| FP.A1 | **Work with a cross cutting section of loggers, manufacturers and other stakeholders to put in place forest products strategy to ensure maximum value added** | Forestry Public-Private Dialogue |
| FP.A2 | **Improve quality control and production efficiency of high-end, hardwood door manufacturers** |
| FP.A3 | **Upgrade the Guyana Technical Institute (GTI) training capacity in wood working.** |
| FP.A4 | **Assist furniture firms with design, prototype, production, and promotion of furniture products, and provide technical assistance in plant design and production efficiency** |
|  | **Governance & Legal Architecture**  |  |
| **BS.17** | **Appointments to Constitutional Commissions** |  |
| **BS.17** | **Constitutional Reform** |
| **BS.17** | **Improve Efficiency of Judicial/Court System**  |