

THE ALLIANCE FOR CHANGE

REGION 5 VISION – MAHAICA TO BERBICE: UNLOCKING YOUR POTENTIAL



Region 5 is one of Guyana's richest agricultural zones — from rice and cash crops to cattle, poultry, and fish. It is home to the Mahaica-Mahaicony-Abary (MMA) Project and holds the potential to become the national centre of livestock transformation. Yet, the region and its farmers are being left behind. The Alliance For Change believes it is time to change that.

TRANSFORMING THE LIVESTOCK SECTOR

The AFC will implement a comprehensive and sustainable livestock development plan designed to reduce poverty, create jobs, preserve rural livelihoods, and build wealth for farming communities across Region 5. Our policies will be guided by national and international frameworks, including:

- The Green State Development Strategy (2020–2040)
- The United Nations Sustainable

Development Goals

- Nationally Determined Contributions on climate change

HERE'S WHAT THE AFC WILL DO FOR REGION 5

1. MARKET-DRIVEN AGRICULTURE AND VALUE CHAINS

We will ensure that livestock and crop production systems are built to meet market needs, both locally and abroad. Emphasis will be placed on improving productivity, quality, and food safety. Farmers will be supported to meet international certification standards such as HACCP, GAP, and GLOBAL GAP.

2. YOUTH AND WOMEN IN AGRIBUSINESS

We will establish agri-business incubators with access to land, grants or soft loans, technical training, and guaranteed market access. These will especially target young



people, women, and vulnerable groups seeking opportunities in the livestock value chain.

3. PROTECTING FARMLAND FOR AGRICULTURE

The AFC will implement a common-sense but firm agricultural zoning policy to preserve farmland and prevent its conversion into housing developments. We will also introduce policy tools to manage cheap imports and protect local products through smart import levies.

4. STRENGTHENING FEED SUPPLY AND LOCAL INPUTS

We will invest in local feed production — including rice bran, broken rice, molasses, and specially grown corn and sorghum — and implement regulations to ensure that a percentage of agricultural by-products remain available to the livestock industry.

5. ADDRESSING LAND TENURE AND SECURITY

The AFC will regularize land tenure and address the issue of landless farmers. Issued land titles can serve as collateral, unlock financing, and boost confidence in developing and stocking land for livestock production.

6. INFRASTRUCTURE FOR AGRICULTURE

We will accelerate investment in farm-to-market roads, drainage and irrigation systems, modern abattoirs, milk and fruit processing plants, and other essential infrastructure. These facilities will be managed by farmers, co-operatives, and

trusted public-private teams.

7. REVITALISING EDUCATION AND RESEARCH

The agricultural curricula at the University of Guyana, Guyana School of Agriculture, and CPCE will be aligned with the livestock sector's needs. We will fund postgraduate training in animal sciences, veterinary medicine, animal nutrition, and agricultural economics. Diaspora experts will be invited to contribute short-term and long-term expertise.

8. STRENGTHENING SCIENCE AND VETERINARY SYSTEMS

We will upgrade the Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory and promote climate-smart, environmentally friendly livestock systems. These include water harvesting, methane-reducing feeds, pasture conservation, and silvo-pastoral systems that improve both productivity and sustainability.

9. WOMEN IN AGRICULTURE

The AFC will expand access to credit, land titles, and technology for women farmers. We will promote innovations that reduce physical labour, improve income, and encourage full gender participation in the livestock economy.

10. INCENTIVES FOR CLIMATE-SMART FARMING

Farmers who adopt climate-resilient production systems will be eligible for special incentives, pricing premiums, and public recognition during Agriculture Month and other national events.





11. STRONGER FARMER REPRESENTATION

We will strengthen farmer organisations, enhance their ability to lobby for supportive policies, and facilitate easier access to inputs, technology, and marketing services.

12. ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL AGRICULTURE COUNCIL

AFC will create a National Agriculture Council to advise the Minister of Agriculture on key issues and ensure that decisions

reflect the realities of farmers and the needs of the sector.

THE AFC IS READY TO SERVE REGION 5

From MMA to Mahaicony, from cattle and rice to dairy and poultry, Region 5 must become a powerhouse of modern agriculture and rural development. The Alliance For Change is ready to work with farmers, entrepreneurs, families, and youth to make it happen.

Vote for the party with the plan, the people, and the political will.

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