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Guyana 2025 Election Overview and how to Govern

The Government of Guyana should recognizes the critical importance of robust Governance, Risk, and Compliance (GRC) strategies for achieving its developmental objectives. This document outlines the government's integrated approach to GRC, emphasizing transparency, accountability, and sustainable development. By implementing effective GRC practices, the government of Guyana will foster public trust, attract investment, and ensure the efficient and ethical management of public resources. This strategy is aligned with international best practices and tailored to the specific needs and context of Guyana.

Governance, Risk, and Compliance (GRC) is a framework, Government and organizations use to align Information Technology with Government business objectives, manage risks effectively, and ensure compliance with regulations.

Guyana Governance Structure

The governance structure within the Guyanese government is designed to promote clear lines of authority and responsibility. Key elements include:

- **Parliament:** Responsible for enacting legislation and overseeing government activities.
- **Executive Branch:** Led by the President, responsible for implementing laws and policies.
- **Judiciary:** Independent and responsible for interpreting laws and resolving disputes.
- **Ministries and Agencies:** Each ministry and agency has a defined mandate and is accountable for its performance.

This multi-layered structure ensures checks and balances, promoting good governance and preventing abuse of power. A robust **legal framework** supports this structure, providing the foundation for ethical conduct and accountability.

Guyana Governance:

Guyana has a hybrid republican / parliamentary form of government, with a 65-member seats in the National Assembly, known as Parliament.

Guyana Political Parties:

People's Progressive Party/Civic (PPP/C), We Invest in Nationhood (WIN), A Partnership for National Unity (APNU) and Forward Guyana Movement (FGM),

In March 2020, PPP/C won 33 seats which is over 50% of the 65-member seats in Parliament, APNU and the other Parties were left with 32 seats.

In 2025 the seats distribution of the 65 elected members of the National Assembly is as follows:

- **People's Progressive Party/Civic (PPP/C):** 36 seats.
- **We Invest in Nationhood (WIN):** 16 seats.
- **A Partnership for National Unity (APNU):** 12 seats.
- **Forward Guyana Movement (FGM):** 1 seat

PPP Election Strategy:

Having too many parties' participated in the 2025 Election, played into, PPP Election Strategy.

Election is a number game; it's simple Mathematics and Statistics. PPP used mathematics and statistics and developed a winning strategy.

Lets examine the numbers of Parliament Seats:

Before the 2025 Election PPP already garnered more than 50% of the 65 member seats in Parliament. PPP already controlled 33 of the 65 member seats in Parliament. The PPP strong hold is unshakeable, it is not easily swayed, it is not easy for other Parties to capture Votes from the PPP Party. PPP Voters are loyal to the PPP.

WIN, APNU and FGM will have an up hill battle making inroads into PPP strong hold. Their best option is to establish a singular Party.

WIN entry into the race played into PPP strategy. The addition of WIN Party changed the division of the Parliament Seats. PPP secured 33 Member seats in Parliament, the remaining 32 member seats in Parliament were left to be divided among PPP, WIN, APNU and FGM.

After 2025 Election, PPP increased its 33 Parliament sets by 3, bringing the total to 36 seats. WIN: 16 seats, APNU 12 seats, FGM: 1 seat.

The Opposition Parties received 29 seats in Parliament, while PPP received 36 seats. In 2025 PPP increased its 33 seats by three, bringing the total seats to 36 seats. 55.38% of seats in Parliament.

PPP behind close doors was apparently delighted that WIN entered the race, which works for the benefit of PPP.

A textbook election strategy by PPP, using mathematics and statistics.

Guyana is better server with a two party, instead of multiple parties competing. Having Multiple Parties benefit the ruling party in power. It's a number game.

My hope is that the three Opposition Parties form under one umbrella, one voice to compete with PPP, the ruling party, this will result in a better balance of power and accountability.

A single Opposition Party will benefit all Guyanese Citizens, this unified umbrella will allow the Opposition Party to develop better Election Strategy for the next Election.

Opposition Parties: United you stand, divided you will fall.

PPP Accomplishment – Election Strategy

Another strategy used by PPP is, PPP campaigned focused on what they have accomplished in the last 5 years and identified what they would do if given the opportunity to serve the next 5 years.

Scholars and economists will debate the effectiveness of PPP accomplishments, however during an election campaign, defining accomplishment to Voters is a winning strategy.

PPP took credit for the Oil boom in Guyana and blamed the APNU Granger Administration for the lopsided agreement between Exxon and Guyana, it's a clever move by PPP, that went unchecked and unchallenged.

Election Investment:

PPP invested a substantial amount in advertising dollars on news stations, social media platforms, Podcast and print to get the messages out to Voters.

Define a strategy for Election and Implement the strategy as defined, is A Winning Strategy for Election Campaign.

APNU and other Opposition Parties were too late in identifying what the PPP have done or not done in the last 5 years. Campaign against the PPP Party should have started the first day of Parliament in 2020 and not a few months before the election in 2025, the internal **APNU** power struggle and messaging caused Voters to loose confident in **APNU.**

More time should have spent devoted to defining APNU, accomplishments during 2016 through 2020 and expressing to the Voters the direction APNU would take the country if elected.

The Way Forward for Guyana:

PPP is in a good position and should cease the opportunity and practice good Governance, Manage Risk, and ensure compliance with regulations. It is the roadmap for Guyana future, it is the way forward to take Guyana to a place where the World looks at Guyana with different lense.

In order to build a successful future Guyana, PPP must develop an inclusive and transparent strategy. A strategy that must involve Parliament, Judicial and develop a working relationship that will help enhance good Governance, Manage Risk, and ensure Compliance with Regulations.

Guyana you have the key, in your hand, use it.

Don’t blame your life on a master plan, change it.

Guyana Roadmap to a successful and a secure Guyana

America's role in The Way Forward for Guyana:

Guyana's key trade agreement with the United States is preferential market access under the Caribbean Basin Trade Partnership Act (CBTPA).

United States Exports to Guyana was US$1.31 Billion during 2024, according to the United Nations COMTRADE database on international trade.

Guyana Exports to United States was US$3.37 Billion during 2024, according to the United Nations COMTRADE database on international trade. Guyana Exports to United States.

Guyana Risk Management

Guyana government should employ a comprehensive risk management framework to identify, assess, and mitigate potential threats to its operations and objectives.

Key aspects include:

- **Risk Identification:** Systematic identification of potential risks across all government functions.

- **Risk Assessment:** Evaluation of the likelihood and impact of identified risks.
- **Risk Mitigation:** Development and implementation of strategies to reduce or eliminate risks.
- **Monitoring and Reporting:** Continuous monitoring of risks and reporting to relevant stakeholders.

The framework should regularly reviewed and updated to reflect changing circumstances and emerging threats. Emphasis is placed on proactive risk management, with the goal of preventing problems before they arise. The government also promotes a culture of risk awareness, encouraging all **Ministries and Agencies** to identify and report potential risks.

Guyana Risk Management for USA:

Guyana is able to increase trade with US, and should seize the opportunity immediately

While the U.S. is currently Guyana's largest trading partner, a failure to deepen this relationship could amplify existing challenges despite Guyana recent oil boom.

Economic Risks:

1. **Continued dependence on oil:** Guyana's rapid growth is driven almost entirely by its booming oil and gas sector. Not increasing trade with the U.S. could limit opportunities to develop sectors like Technology, agriculture, manufacturing, and services.

2. **Guyana inadequate Infrastructure:** Significant infrastructure gaps persist in Guyana, including poor roads and an unreliable electrical grid. Deeper trade ties with the U.S. could attract more American investment and expertise to help close these infrastructure shortfalls, which are crucial for long-term economic stability and development.

3. **Guyana resource Curse:** The World Bank and others have warned of the risk of the "resource curse," where a country experiences rapid growth due to natural resources but fails to translate it into broad-based, durable prosperity. A refusal to engage in deeper trade with the U.S. could lead to unchecked spending and less emphasis on long-term economic planning

Political and geopolitical risks:

Venezuelan aggression: Guyana is in an ongoing border dispute with Venezuela over the Essequibo region, which is rich in resources. The U.S. has shown support for Guyana in this dispute, currently. Strained trade relations with US could weaken this important strategic alliance, leaving Guyana more vulnerable to military operations from Venezuela.

Guyana Must investment in its Military, Drone Network and Technology, this type of investments will send a message to US that Guyana is serious about helping to defending its borders and protecting Guyanese citizens.

Failure to increasing Guyana trade with the U.S., Guyana could miss opportunities to bolster its position as a regional hub and exert its influence within bodies like CARICOM.

U.S. Assistance to Guyana:

Working together through Caribbean Basin Trade Partnership Act (CBTPA), the United States and Guyana, along with other Caribbean countries, are combating drug trafficking and other transnational crimes that threaten regional security. The U.S. Agency for International Development supports programs focused on strengthening communities, improving the health sector and access to finance, youth empowerment, strengthening agricultural value chains, small business development and climate resilience. The Public Affairs Section develops people-to-people ties through exchange programs such as the Young Leaders of the Americas Initiative, the Youth Ambassadors program, and the Community Solutions Program.

Guyana's GDP in 2023 was 19.5 billion and its economy registered 33 percent growth, 11.7 percent from the non-oil sector. Guyana's GDP is projected to grow by 33.9 percent in 2024 driven by broad based growth (oil and gas and non-oil sectors). Guyana's non-oil exports are projected to expand by 21.4 percent primarily in commodities such as rice, gold, and bauxite. Guyana's overall balance of payments is expected to record a surplus of $120 million in 2024.

The United States is Guyana's largest trading partner, with accumulated trade of over $3.9 billion. The United States is Guyana's number one export destination and exports $2.7 billion to the United States. Guyana imported $1.2 billion in goods and services.

Guyana's oil production increased to 645,000 barrels of oil per day in early 2024. Guyana's production is forecast to reach 1.3 million barrels of oil per day in 2027. Guyana is undertaking a critical mapping survey which could catalyze the development of other minerals including lithium.

An Appeal to Guyanese:

I appeal to all Guyanese to stop for a moment, and analyze your political differences and think of what you can contribute to build a New Guyana.

How can you play a role in the growth of Guyana.

What can you do to enhance the growth of Guyana

Learn from the pass to build the present.

Use the present to build the future.

Work with what you have Guyanese, for "a bird in hand is worth two in the bush"

Technology is one way forward for a New Guyana:

We are living in a Technological Cyber World. Guyana is in the position to lead the Region in this Modern Digital Technological Cyber Space.

The roadmap to technological achievement for Guyana begins by investing in Cybersecurity, AI Technology. Equip all Universities, Colleges, Trade Schools and High Schools with Cybersecurity Labs. The goal is to teach Cybersecurity, Artificial Intelligence, Computer Network to enhance Guyana Government and private sector and bring them into a Modern Digital World.

Guyana the future is Now:

There are challenges in this Evolving Threat Environment and to secure a better future for all Guyanese is to invest in Technology across All Regions, Government and Private sector.

Defending Guyana:

Global Security Threats:

In today’s fast-evolving landscape of global security threats, the implementation of a drone network presents an innovative and necessary approach to safeguarding Guyana's sovereignty and ensuring the safety of its citizens.

Defending the sovereignty of Guyana is essential. In this Evolving Threat landscaped investment in Drone Network is vital to the security of the Guyanese People.

Artificial Intelligence is acceleration at rapid speed, stay ahead Guyana don’t fall behind.

Work for the security and prosperity of all Guyanese. One People, One Nation One Destiny.

Famous quotes from Mahatma Gandhi:

“We may stumble and fall but shall rise again; it should be enough if we did not run away from the battle”

“Perseverance and Continued Effort are sufficient achievements, even if you don't win or achieve a perfect outcome”

“The future depends on what we do in the present”

“Our greatest ability as humans is not to change the world, but to change ourselves”

Guyana Compliance Initiatives

The government is committed to adhering to all applicable laws, regulations, and ethical standards. Key compliance initiatives include:

- **Anti-Corruption Measures:** Implementing strong anti-corruption laws and promoting ethical conduct among public officials.
- **Financial Regulations:** Ensuring compliance with financial regulations and promoting sound financial management.

- **Environmental Protection:** Adhering to environmental regulations and promoting sustainable development.
- **Data Protection:** Protecting personal data and ensuring compliance with data protection laws.

The government should regularly conducts audits and investigations to ensure compliance. Whistleblower protection is also in place to encourage reporting of wrongdoing.

Transparency

Open government policies, accessible information, and public participation in decision-making processes.

Accountability

Clear lines of responsibility, performance monitoring, and mechanisms for addressing misconduct.

These elements contribute to sustainable development through responsible resource management and social equity.

Conclusion and Recommendations

The Guyana government's GRC strategy is crucial for fostering transparency, accountability, and sustainable development. To further enhance Guyana effectiveness, the following recommendations are made:

- **Strengthen Capacity Building:** Provide ongoing training and development opportunities for public officials in GRC-related areas.
- **Enhance Data Analytics:** Implement data analytics tools to improve risk identification and compliance monitoring.
- **Promote Collaboration:** Foster collaboration and information sharing among government agencies.
- **Increase Public Awareness:** Raise public awareness of GRC principles and encourage citizen participation.

By implementing these recommendations, the government can further strengthen its GRC framework and ensure the effective management of public resources for the benefit of all Guyanese citizens.

I close with these quotes:

"Drean the Impossible"

"Seek the Unknown"

"Achieve Greatness"

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