

Five Foreign Policy Priorities for 2026:

- 1) **Climate Action:** maintaining Bahamian leadership in climate diplomacy; focusing on adaptation and mitigation, resilience; and addressing human security as a climate change issue.
- 2) **Peace and Security:** expanding dialogue and partnerships aimed at promoting peace and addressing complex security challenges at home and abroad; protecting the archipelago through strengthening military and law enforcement cooperation.
- 3) **Economic Diplomacy:** advancing Bahamian economic and development interests through trade and investment; attracting infrastructure, blue economy and green energy transition investment.
- 4) **South-South Cooperation:** strengthening alliances and development cooperation on food security, public health, technology, AI, and other strategic areas.
- 5) **Public Diplomacy:** ensuring that all Bahamians understand key positions and values; promoting cultural and educational exchanges; hosting dialogue and engagement with civil society.

Three Multilateral Policy Priorities 2026:

- 1) **Rules Based System:** strengthening The Bahamas' participation in the United Nations with a focus on core principles: sovereign equality; peaceful settlement of disputes; prohibition of the use of force; nonintervention in the domestic affairs of states; and respect for the UN Charter and international legal norms.
- 2) **Regional and Values-based Alignment:** foreign policy coordination based on regional and other groupings; increased participation in CARICOM, the Organization of American States; the Association of Caribbean States; and the Commonwealth; alignment with fellow member states based on shared values and principles of democracy, human rights and the respect of the rule of law.
- 3) **Partnerships for Peace and Security:** seeking purposeful South-South alliances in NAM, G77, and other grouping focusing on peace, security and development; strengthening ties with the African Union and its organs and institutions.
- 4) **Bahamian Global Leadership:** exert strong lobbying efforts on The Bahamas' candidatures: UN Security Council Non-Permanent Seat 2032-2033; and Deputy Secretary General of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU).

Four Consular Policy Priorities for 2026:

- 1) **Enhanced Service Delivery:** ensuring Bahamians abroad have timely access to information and appropriate government services; increased public outreach on consular matters at home and abroad; a strong focus on emergency management and communication during crises.
- 2) **Modernisation and Digitalisation:** introducing open access to appointment platform for passports, visas and legalisation of documents; digital tracking for complex consular cases; gathering and analysis visa and immigration data sets; and improving the public's access to travel and other advisories.
- 3) **Strengthening Support:** increasing capacity to respond to Bahamian nationals in distress regionally and globally; cross training diplomatic and local staff to assist with consular matters.
- 4) **Transparency and Cooperation:** deepening cooperation with other line Ministries and the Royal Bahamas Police Force on complex consular cases involving foreign nationals; increasing transparency and strengthening ties with foreign consular agents and providing timely updates on consular cases.