



## PAPIAMENTO



### VIVIENDA ACCESIBEL

<p><b>Ponencia 1:</b> Gobierno mester subsidia Proyecto di Vivienda pa hasi cas mas accesibel pa famianan cu tin entrada mas abou.</p>	<p>E plan di MEP ta (capitulo 1), awor cu tin fondo disponibel, pa fia FCCA placa na interes abou pa asina percura pa mas vivienda social. Di e forma aki partido MEP kier garantisa e accesibilidad di vivienda pa famianan di nos comunidad y nos grandinan.</p>
<p><b>Ponencia 2:</b> Mester introduci medidanan pa controla e prijs di huur y preveni subimento halto den costo di vivienda.</p>	<p>Gobierno di MEP ya caba ta subsidia huur di viviendanan social y lo continua cu esaki. Ademá, plan di partido MEP ta pa percura pa e proceso di reparticion di tereno y permiso pa traha cas (bouwvergunning) cana mas lihe pa asina nos hendenan por construi nan propio hogar (capitulo 1).</p>
<p><b>Ponencia 3:</b> Cumpradornan di exterior mester paga un impuesto adicional riba compra di propiedad pa reduci e falta di vivienda.</p>	<p>Plan di partido MEP ta pa percura cu cumpradornan di exterior no por cumpra vivienda na Aruba si nan ta bay biba aki pa un tempo limita. Esaki lo pone un paro na casnan cu ta keda bendi na inversionistanan di afo cu ta cumpra cas pa haci negoshi di vakantie. Asina nos ta duna mas posibilidad na nos localnan pa yega na nan propio cas (capitulo 1).</p>



COSTO DI BIDA	
<p><b>Ponencia 4:</b> Salario minimo mester yega na un nivel pa por cubri gastonan basico di bida.</p>	<p>Plan di partido MEP (capitulo 2) ta pa sigui hisa e salario minimo manera ya a bin ta haci den tur e gobernacionnan di partido MEP. Mas cu claro nos lo keda haci esaki na un manera responsabel.</p>
<p><b>Ponencia 5:</b> Accijns riba producto di luho mester wordo usa pa yuda combati pobresa y sostene servicio social.</p>	<p>Partido MEP ta na fabor pa no solamente impuesto riba producto di luho, pero pa tur impuesto cu drenta caha di gobierno keda den fondo central pa asina tin libertad pa inverti aun mas pa combati pobresa y sostene servicio social (capitulo 15).</p>
<p><b>Ponencia 6:</b> Gobierno mester implementa medidanan pa hasi e costo di bida mas accesibel pa tur residente di Aruba.</p>	<p>Den plan di partido MEP (capitulo 2, 3 y 7) tin varios punto cu ta conduci na un bida mas accesibel economicamente. Ehempelnan ta, amplia e canasta basico aun mas, sigui aumenta salario minimo, baha tarifa di awa y coriente sigur awo cu tin espacio financiero pa haci esaki.</p>
<p><b>Ponencia 7:</b> Apoyo adicional mester wordu duna na pensionadonan cu tin dificultad cu costo di bida.</p>	<p>Plan di partido MEP (capitulo 5) ta pa sigui aumenta pensioen, sigui baha e peso di impuesto riba pensioen y percura pa remedi pa nos pensionadonan ta cubri bek door di AZV .</p>
DIVERSIFICACION DI ECONOMIA	
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<p><b>Ponencia 9:</b> Impuesto di turismo mester wordu ahusta pa yuda cu desaroyo di otro sector di economia.</p>	<p>Actualmente tin e fondo di TPEF cu ta pa inversionnan di e producto 'Aruba', sinembargo plan di partido MEP ta pa uza fondonan extra di turismo pa inverti tambe den otro sectornan manera agricultura y industria creativo (capitulo 1 y capitulo 2) .</p>
<p><b>Ponencia 10:</b> Iniciativanan di agricultura local mester ricibi subsidio pa reduci dependencia di Aruba riba importacion di cuminda.</p>	<p>Plan di Partido MEP ta pa percura cu fondonan bira disponibel pa inverti den iniciativanan den sector di agricultura pa asina fortalece e siguridad alimenticio di nos comunidad, reduci importacion y asina cuida nos divisa (capitulo 1).</p>
<p><b>Ponencia 11:</b> Inversion den industria creativo (pelicula, musica, moda) mester forma parti di diversificacion economico di Aruba.</p>	<p>E vision economico di MEP (capitulo 1) ta inclui entre otro promove un economia resiliente caracteriza pa innovacion, sostenibilidad y inclusividad. Esaki ta inclui apoya startupnan, stimula inversionnan internacional y desaroya sectornan manera economia di conocimiento, tecnologia y industria creativo.</p>
<p><b>Ponencia 12:</b> Gobierno mester reduci bareranan pa empresario chikito y entrepreneurs.</p>	<p>E plan di MEP (capitulo 1) ta pa sigui inverti den empresanan chikito y mediano por medio di sosten financiero hunto cu sector priva y capacitacion, estimulando nan asina pa innova nan negoshi via digitalisacion y cu servicio enfoca riba clientenan.</p>



## TURISMO SOSTENIBEL

<p><b>Ponencia 13:</b> E cantidad di turista mester wordo limita pa proteha naturalesa di Aruba.</p>	<p>Gobierno di MEP hunto cu ATA a bin ta implementa un Sustainable Tourism Model, 'High value - Low impact', cual su meta ta pa balansa calidad di bida di e ciudadano, experiencia di e bishitante, proteccion di medio ambiente y contribucion economico. E modelo aki ta pa atrae turistanan di entrada halto di cual lo mester menos turista pa yega na e contribucion economico necesario (capitulo 1).</p>
<p><b>Ponencia 14:</b> Tur hotel y resort mester cumpli cu certificaciontrato di medio ambiente sostenibel.</p>	<p>MEP su plan (capitulo 1) ta pa amplia e programa di certificacion renobabel pa hotelnan, resortnan y operadornan di turismo, incentivandonan pa adopta practica sostenibel como eficiencia energetico, reduccion di desperdicio y conservacion di awa y asina por usa categorisanan mes como "eco-friendly".</p>
<p><b>Ponencia 15:</b> Mester dedica mas fondo pa restaura area naturalnan cu turismo a afecta.</p>	<p>MEP su plan (capitulo 1) ta pa inverti den areanan natural di Aruba hunto cu un programa di conscietisacion pa nos local y bishitantenan pa asina nos reduci nos 'carbon footprint'. Di e forma aki nos ta duna espacio na naturalesa pa e restaura y tambe nos ta proteha otro areanan di keda afecta .</p>

## CONDICIONAN LABORAL

<p><b>Ponencia 16:</b> Gobierno mester importa trahado cu e habilidad corecto pa sector cu tin falta di personal.</p>	<p>Plan di MEP (capitulo 7) ta pa flexibilisa e Landsverordening Toelating en Uitzetting (LTU) y introduci e "Alternative Legal Pathway" pa asina permiti personanan cu a drenta Aruba den forma legal y cu a keda, pa laga nan yena e vacaturanan den nos mercado laboral.</p>
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# Compas di Vota

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**Ponencia 17:** Gobierno mester introduci opcion di trabou flexibel pa yuda cu balansa entre trabou y bida personal.

lan di partido MEP (capitulo 2) ta pa introduci flexibilisacion den oranan di trabou sin cu esaki ta afecta e productividad y servicio negativamente, manteniendo e mesun entraday tambe pa sondea e posibilidad pa introduci "4-daagse werkweek" na Aruba.

## Energia Alternativo

**Ponencia 18:** Gobierno mester inverti den infraestructura di energia solar y di biento mester wordo amplia pa reduci dependencia di petroleo.

Plan di Gobierno (capitulo 6) ta pa continua e transicion di Aruba na 100% energia renobabel, sigurando cu energia solar y energia di biento ta alimenta e red di e isla pa 2050, reduciendo dependencia riba combustibel fosil importa .

**Ponencia 19:** Propietarionan di cas y negoshinan mester ricibi apoyo financiero pa instala panel solar.

Pa por logra cu Aruba ta transiciona pa 100% energia renobabel pa 2050, ta importante pa promove panelnan solar riba daknan di propiedadnan residencial y comercial y MEP ta para pa esaki (capitulo 7).



## CUIDO DI SALUD Y SALUD MENTAL

<p><b>Ponencia 20:</b> Gobierno mester aumenta fondo pa salud mental pa haci nan mas accesibel pa tur hende.</p>	<p>Plan di partido MEP ta pa introduci un suma fiho cu azv lo cubri si un persona bay un psicologo priva y tambe pa amplia e cantidad di psicologonan na Stichting Hunto y Respaldo (capitulo 4).</p>
<p><b>Ponencia 21:</b> Proveedor local di cuidado mester ricibi incentiva pa keda traha na Aruba.</p>	<p>Ta importante pa Aruba retene personal di cuidado y salud. E plan di modernisacion di salud di MEP ta enfoca pa mantene e profesionalnan den e sector salud na Aruba door di provee desaroyo profesional continuo y stimula y crea oportunidad den e sector di cuidado (capitulo 4).</p>

## MIGRACION

<p><b>Ponencia 22:</b> Maneho di inmigracion mester duna preferencia na trahado cu habilidad pa yuda cubri e falta di personal</p>	<p>E maneho actual ta proteha tur persona cu ta biba na Aruba pa haya trabou prome. Si dado caso no ta haya un persona cu no ta cumpli cu e rekisitonan y funcion e ora un persona di pafo tin e posibilidad di drenta Aruba pa traha (capitulo 7).</p>
<p><b>Ponencia 23:</b> Permisionan temporario pa trahado stranhero mester wordo acelera pa sector cu tin hopi tardanza.</p>	<p>Ta importante pa keda menciona cu un trahado stranhero ta ricibi su permiso solamente si no tin hende riba mercado laboral local. Gobierno di MEP ya caba a acelera e proceso di permisionan temporal. E ta e plan pa sigui inverti den servicio pa sigui baha e tempo di espera pa permiso temporal pa trahado stranhero (capitulo 7).</p>



## ENSEÑANSA Y CULTURA

<p><b>Ponencia 24:</b> Enseñansa na Aruba mester pone enfoke mas grandi riba preserva y siña cultura y historia local.</p>	<p>Un di e puntonan den plan di partido MEP (capitulo 12) ta pa incorpora e historia y cultura di Aruba den curiculo di scol pa asina conserva nos manera di ta y nos forma di biba.</p>
<p><b>Ponencia 25:</b> Enseñansa na Aruba mester pone enfoke mas grandi riba preserva y siña cultura y historia local.</p>	<p>Un di e puntonan den plan di partido MEP (capitulo 12) ta pa introduci un plataforma digital y central, 'Aruba Creativo'. 'Aruba Creativo' lo fungi como un hub pa artistanan pa asina por haya e sosten necesario pa por promove nan creatividad, arte. Tambe lo promove tur evento y festivalnan cultural.</p>
<p><b>Ponencia 26:</b> Gobierno mester inverti den programanan pa retene young professionals di Aruba y reduci exodo di talent local 'brain drain'.</p>	<p>MEP lo bay expande e reduccion di pago di debe di estudio.</p>

## BON GOBERNACION Y FINANZAS

<p><b>Ponencia 27:</b> Funcionario di gobierno mester sigui regulacion mas stricto pa cu transparencia y anti-corupcion.</p>	<p>MEP ta 'walk the talk' ora ta toca e topico di anti-corupcion. MEP ta para pa cero tolerancia pa corupcion y lo continua cu e esfuerso inicia pa aplica un maneho di cero tolerancia contra corupcion den sector publico (capitulo 9 di plan di MEP). Cu introduccion di e-Government y un presupuesto participativo lo haci transparencia mas grandi.</p>
<p><b>Ponencia 28:</b> Relacionan cu reino mester ta prioridad pa por crea respect mutuo y cooperacion.</p>	<p>Sigur loke pandemia a siña nos ta e importancia di tin lasonan stricto den Reino y pa tin un bon comunicacion y relacion cu Hulanda. Partido MEP ta sali for di e punto di bista cu partnernan den Reino mester ta igual (capitulo 14).</p>

# Compas di Vota

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<p><b>Ponencia 29:</b> Reduci e debe di Aruba mester bay prome cu gobierno crea gasto nobo.</p>	<p>MEP a demostra cu e unico forma pa baha e debe ta door di crea surplus financiero. Esaki ta nifica cu tur gasto ta ser cubri y loke ta dimas ta bay na reduccion di debe y inversion den nos pais (capitulo 15).</p>
<p><b>Ponencia 30:</b> Inversion den infraestructura esencial mester wordo aumenta pa apoya crecimiento economico y bienestar publico.</p>	<p>Den plan di MEP (capitulo 1) ta pa sigui inverti den infraestructura na Aruba y asina sostene crecimiento economico a largo plaso. Inversion den careteranan, scolnan, transporte, energia y infraestructura digital lo sigura cu Aruba por garantisa un desaroyo sostenibel.</p>





## ENGLISH



### AFFORDABLE HOUSING

<p><b>Statement 1:</b> The government should subsidize housing projects to make homes affordable for low-income families.</p>	<p>MEP's plan (chapter 1), now that funds are available, is to provide FCCA with low-interest loans to ensure more social housing. This guarantees accessibility to homes for families in the community and senior citizens.</p>
<p><b>Statement 2:</b> Rent control measures should be implemented to prevent rapid increases in housing costs.</p>	<p>The MEP government already subsidizes social housing rentals and will continue doing so. Additionally, MEP's plan is to expedite land allocation and building permit processes so people can construct their homes faster (chapter 1).</p>
<p><b>Statement 3:</b> Foreign buyers should pay an additional tax on property purchases to reduce housing scarcity.</p>	<p>MEP's plan is to prohibit foreign buyers from purchasing homes in Aruba unless they intend to live on the island temporarily. This limits properties being sold to foreign investors for vacation rental purposes, providing more opportunities for locals to own homes (chapter 1).</p>

### COST OF LIVING

<p><b>Statement 4:</b> The minimum wage should be increased to provide a living wage for all workers.</p>	<p>MEP's plan (chapter 2) is to continue raising the minimum wage, as has been done in previous MEP administrations. However, this will be implemented responsibly.</p>
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# Compas di Vota Answers



<p><b>Statement 5:</b> Taxes on luxury goods should fund poverty alleviation and social services.</p>	<p>MEP supports not only taxing luxury products but also ensuring all tax revenue goes into a central fund to provide flexibility for investments in poverty reduction and social services (chapter 15).</p>
<p><b>Statement 6:</b> The government should implement measures to make living costs more affordable for Aruban residents.</p>	<p>MEP's plans (chapters 2, 3, and 7) include expanding the basic food basket, continuing minimum wage increases, and reducing water and electricity rates, especially given current financial space.</p>
<p><b>Statement 7:</b> Additional support should be provided for retirees facing high costs of living.</p>	<p>MEP's plan (chapter 5) is to continue increasing pensions, reducing taxes on pensions, and ensuring AZV covers retirees' essential meds.</p>

## DIVERSIFYING THE ECONOMY

<p><b>Statement 8:</b> The government should prioritize developing the tech and innovation sectors.</p>	<p>MEP's plan (chapters 1 and 6) includes continuing investments in technology and innovation, such as e-learning, EduTec, Mo-B-bus, and e-Government development. Additionally, MEP aims to stimulate entrepreneurship by incentivizing startups in fintech, e-commerce and creative industries. It will also establish a national incubator program for capacity building, mentorship and startup funding.</p>
<p><b>Statement 9:</b> Taxes on tourism should support the growth of other economic sectors.</p>	<p>While TPEF funds are already allocated to Aruba's tourism product, MEP plans to direct surplus tourism revenues to sectors like agriculture and creative industries (chapters 1 and 2).</p>
<p><b>Statement 10:</b> Local agricultural initiatives should receive subsidies to reduce Aruba's dependence on imported food.</p>	<p>MEP plans to allocate funds to strengthen agriculture, enhancing food security, reducing imports, and preserving foreign currency (chapter 1).</p>



<p><b>Statement 11:</b> Investment in creative industries (e.g., film, music, fashion) should be part of Aruba's economic diversification.</p>	<p>MEP's economic vision (chapter 1) includes promoting a resilient economy characterized by innovation, sustainability, and inclusivity, supporting startups and creative industries.</p>
<p><b>Statement 12:</b> The government should reduce barriers for small business owners and entrepreneurs.</p>	<p>MEP's plan (chapter 1) focuses on providing financial support and training to small and medium enterprises, encouraging innovation and digitization.</p>
<h2>Sustainable Tourism</h2>	
<p><b>Statement 13:</b> Tourist numbers should be capped to protect Aruba's natural environment.</p>	<p>MEP, along with ATA, has implemented a "High Value - Low Impact" sustainable tourism model to balance citizen quality of life, visitor experience, environmental protection, and economic contribution (chapter 1). This model is meant to attract high income tourists which will take fewer tourists to achieve the necessary economic contribution.</p>
<p><b>Statement 14:</b> All hotels and resorts should be required to meet eco-friendly certification standards.</p>	<p>MEP plans to expand renewable certifications for hotels, resorts and tourism operators, incentivizing practices like energy efficiency, waste reduction and water conservation to be considered eco-friendly (chapter 1).</p>
<p><b>Statement 15:</b> More funds should be allocated to restore natural areas affected by tourism.</p>	<p>MEP will invest in Aruba's natural areas and promote awareness programs for visitors and locals to reduce the carbon footprint. This way we make room to restore and protect the environment (chapter 1).</p>



## LABOR CONDITIONS

<p><b>Statement 16:</b> The government should recruit skilled workers from abroad for sectors facing shortages.</p>	<p>MEP plans to adjust LTU laws and introduce an "Alternative Legal Pathway" to fill labor market gaps with people who legally came to Aruba and stayed (chapter 7).</p>
<p><b>Statement 17:</b> The government should mandate flexible work options to improve work-life balance.</p>	<p>MEP's plan (chapter 2) includes introducing flexible work hours without reducing productivity or income, and exploring a "4-day workweek" pilot.</p>

## Renewable Energy

<p><b>Statement 18:</b> Government investments in wind and solar infrastructure should be expanded to reduce oil dependence.</p>	<p>MEP's plan (chapter 6) supports Aruba's transition to 100% renewable energy (wind and solar) by 2050, thus reducing the dependency on imported oil.</p>
<p><b>Statement 19:</b> Homeowners and businesses should receive financial support for installing solar panels.</p>	<p>Promoting solar panel installation for homeowners and businesses is crucial for Aruba's renewable energy transition by 2050, and MEP is committed to this (chapter 7).</p>



## HEALTHCARE AND MENTAL HEALTH

**Ponencia 20:** Gobierno mester aumenta fondo pa salud mental pa haci nan mas accesibel pa tur hende.

MEP's plan includes introducing a fixed amount AZV will cover for private psychologist visits and increasing the number of psychologists at Stichting Hunto and Respaldo (chapter 4).

**Statement 21:** Local healthcare providers should be incentivized to stay and practice in Aruba.

Retaining healthcare professionals in Aruba is essential. MEP's healthcare modernization plan focuses on continuous professional development and creating new opportunities within the care sector (chapter 4).

## MIGRATION

**Statement 22:** Immigration policies should prioritize skilled workers to address labor shortages.

The current policy prioritizes local workers for job vacancies. If no local candidates meet the requirements, then foreign workers may be allowed entry to fill the gaps (chapter 7).

**Statement 23:** Temporary work permits should be expedited for foreign workers in sectors with high demand.

It is important to remark that foreign workers are only granted permits if no qualified local worker is available. MEP has already sped up temporary permit processes and plans to invest in improving services further to reduce waiting times for temporary permits of foreign workers (chapter 7).

## EDUCATION AND CULTURE

**Statement 24:** Education in Aruba should place a greater emphasis on preserving and teaching local culture and history.

One of MEP's priorities (chapter 12) is to integrate Aruba's history and culture into school curricula to preserve local traditions and ways of life.



<p><b>Statement 25:</b> The government should increase funding to support arts and cultural programs across the island.</p>	<p>MEP's plan (chapter 12) includes introducing "Aruba Creativo," a centralized digital platform and hub for artists to receive support and promote creativity, art, and cultural events.</p>
<p><b>Statement 26:</b> Programs to retain skilled Aruban graduates and reduce brain drain should receive government investment.</p>	<p>MEP plans to expand programs to reduce student loan debt payments.</p>
<h2>GOOD GOVERNANCE AND FINANCES</h2>	
<p><b>Statement 27:</b> Government officials should be subject to stricter transparency and anti-corruption regulations.</p>	<p>MEP walks the talk when it comes to the fight against corruption. MEP maintains zero tolerance for corruption and will continue efforts to implement strict anti-corruption measures in public administration. Through e-Government initiatives and participatory budgeting, transparency will be further enhanced (chapter 9).</p>
<p><b>Statement 28:</b> Relations within the Kingdom should be prioritized to foster mutual respect and cooperation.</p>	<p>The pandemic highlighted the importance of strong ties within the Kingdom and good communication and relations with the Netherlands. MEP believes in equal partnership among Kingdom members (chapter 14).</p>
<p><b>Statement 29:</b> Reducing Aruba's national debt should take precedence over new government spending.</p>	<p>MEP has demonstrated that the only way to reduce debt is by creating financial surpluses, where all expenses are covered, and surplus funds are allocated to debt reduction and national investment (chapter 15).</p>
<p><b>Statement 30:</b> Investment in essential infrastructure should be increased to support economic growth and public welfare.</p>	<p>MEP's plan (chapter 1) includes continued investment in infrastructure such as roads, schools, transportation, energy, and digital systems to ensure sustainable development in Aruba.</p>