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August 20, 2026 Marks 100 Days Since the 2026 General Elections

100 Days of Action: Minister Lisa Rahming Advances Inclusive, People-Centred Urban Renewal

NASSAU, The Bahamas — In her first 100 days in office, Minister of Urban Renewal and Community Relations the Hon. Lisa Rahming has advanced a people-centred agenda focused on improving homes, revitalising inner-city communities, promoting inclusion and creating opportunities for Bahamians.

From representing The Bahamas at the United Nations to engaging communities across New Providence and the Family Islands, Minister Rahming has placed collaboration at the centre of the Ministry's work.

Strengthening Small Home Repairs — July 3

More than 400 Bahamian contractors attended the Ministry's Small Home Repairs Contractors' Workshop, which focused on accountability, professionalism and quality workmanship.

Representatives from the Department of Inland Revenue, National Insurance Board, Ministry of Works and other agencies provided guidance on compliance and conducting business with the



Government. Contractors who completed the training were subsequently presented with certificates.

“This Ministry will not be measured simply by the number of contracts we award,” Minister Rahming said. “We will be measured by the lives we improve.”

The Small Home Repairs Programme provides vulnerable Bahamians with assistance to repair roofs and complete minor renovations that improve the safety and condition of their homes. This project extends throughout the Bahamian archipelago, as the Ministry is committed to ensuring that no Family Island is left behind.

Representing The Bahamas at the United Nations — July 16–17

Minister Rahming represented The Bahamas at the United Nations headquarters in New York, USA, where she delivered an intervention calling for inclusive, resilient and people-centred communities as part of discussions surrounding the New Urban Agenda.

She also adopted a team approach that gave senior members of the Bahamian delegation an opportunity to contribute their expertise and speak on the world stage.

Joining the Minister in delivering interventions were Permanent Secretary Montez Williams; Urban Renewal Authority Managing Director Stephen Dean; Urban Renewal Advisor Sharon Martin; and Deputy Director for the Family Islands Melony Rahming.

Together, the delegation highlighted The Bahamas’ work in urban development, resilience, inclusion and community empowerment.



Mobilising Relief for Bimini Fire Victims

Following the July 8 fire that affected at least five homes and nearly 20 residents, the Ministry mobilised a clothing and food drive, collecting clothing, food, toiletries and other essentials for displaced families.

Women's Empowerment Workshop — July 25

Women in Bamboo Town received practical automotive training during a Women's Empowerment Workshop conducted in partnership with Battery & Tyre Specialists and Valvoline.

Participants learned how to change a tyre, check their vehicles' oil and conduct other basic automotive checks, helping them become safer, more knowledgeable and more confident motorists.

Persons with Disabilities Employment Training — July 29

The Ministry organised employment training for persons with disabilities covering résumé preparation, interview techniques, workplace conduct and other essential skills.

The training prepared participants to approach prospective employers with greater confidence and a clearer understanding of the recruitment process.

Urban Renewal Authority Board Induction Meeting — July 30



The Board of the Urban Renewal Authority of The Bahamas held its induction meeting on July 30, strengthening the institutional framework supporting the transformation of urban communities.

The Authority works alongside Urban Renewal community centres to rebuild communities, enhance public safety and promote economic empowerment.

Minister Rahming works closely with Co-Chairs the Rt. Hon. Algernon Allen and Rev. Dr. Diana Francis and Managing Director Stephen Dean to advance improvements in urban areas.

Job Fair for Persons with Disabilities — August 6

Following the employment training, the Ministry hosted a first-of-its-kind Job Fair for Persons with Disabilities, connecting hundreds of jobseekers directly with more than 20 prospective employers, government agencies and support organisations.

The initiative created pathways towards employment, greater independence and economic empowerment for persons with disabilities.

Award Recognition for Women in Leadership — August 8

Minister Rahming was recognised as an award honouree by the Global LeadHERship Empowerment Network for her leadership and advocacy for women.

Launching the Special Projects Unit



Minister Rahming launched the Special Projects Unit, led by Director Trevor Seifert, to respond to the needs of vulnerable residents and persons with disabilities.

The unit builds ramps and railings at the homes of persons with disabilities, installs water supplies and works to eradicate outside toilets throughout a plethora of communities. Its work is intended to improve accessibility, safety and dignity within residents' homes.

Advancing Accessibility

As part of the Ministry's accessibility drive, the Special Projects Unit and Ministry of Works visited a plethora of communities, including Englerston, Centreville, Elizabeth and Yamacraw.

The visits allowed the team to assess physical barriers, identify residents requiring assistance and determine areas where practical interventions could improve accessibility.

Advancing Inner-City Development

Minister Rahming launched an Inner-City Development initiative and participated in an inspection of the Centreville area.

The exercise supported the Ministry's emphasis on the physical, social and economic revitalisation of urban communities.

Supporting Children and Senior Citizens



The Ministry staged its inaugural Urban Renewal and Community Relations Summer Camp Marathon, highlighting its summer programmes and reinforcing Urban Renewal centres as safe and positive spaces for children.

Senior citizens were celebrated through the Third Quarter Senior Service, which provided fellowship, recognition and encouragement for older residents.

Expanding Community Relations to Andros — June 19

The Ministry's participation in the annual Andros Crab Fest marked its first official partnership since the formation of the new Ministry and strengthened its relationship with a Family Island committee.

Minister Rahming travelled to Fresh Creek with Urban Renewal Authority Deputy Managing Director Carolyn Bowe and Director of Special Projects Trevor Seifert, demonstrating the Ministry's commitment to community engagement throughout The Bahamas.

Building on the First 100 Days

Minister Rahming's first 100 days established a foundation centred on safer homes, accessibility, employment, women's empowerment, inner-city revitalisation and stronger community partnerships.

With new structures established, programmes strengthened and relationships expanded, the Ministry moves forward under the message: **One Ministry. One Mission. One Future.**

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PHOTOS:



Minister Rahming and Delegation at UN: Pictured from left are Police Corporal Christine Sherman, Minister's Attaché; Permanent Secretary Montez Williams; Minister of Urban Renewal and Community Relations the Hon. Lisa Rahming; Urban Renewal Authority Managing Director Stephen Dean; and Urban Renewal Advisor Sharon Martin.



Urban Renewal Authority Board: Minister of Urban Renewal and Community Relations the Hon. Lisa Rahming joins members of the Urban Renewal Authority Board following its induction meeting on July 30, 2026.



Disabilities Job Fair: Minister of Urban Renewal and Community Relations the Hon. Lisa Rahming presents a gift to a participant during the first-of-its-kind Job Fair for Persons with Disabilities on August 6, 2026.



Small Home Repairs Workshop: Prime Minister the Hon. Philip Davis, KC, and Minister of Urban Renewal and Community Relations the Hon. Lisa Rahming join government officials and ministry executives at the Small Home Repairs Contractors' Workshop on July 3, 2026. More than 400 Bahamian contractors attended.



Women's Empowerment Workshop: Minister of Urban Renewal and Community Relations the Hon. Lisa Rahming joins participants and partners at the Women's Empowerment Workshop hosted with Battery & Tyre Specialists and Valvoline on July 25, 2026.



Disabilities Job Training: Minister of Urban Renewal and Community Relations the Hon. Lisa Rahming joins participants, facilitators and community partners at the Persons with Disabilities Employment Training held on July 29, 2026.



Andros Crab Fest: Minister of Urban Renewal and Community Relations the Hon. Lisa Rahming and Minister of Transport the Hon. Leon Lundy hold live crabs at the Andros Crab Fest on June 19, 2026, as Special Projects Manager Trevor Seifert looks on.





Eleuthera Small Home Repairs: Ministry of Urban Renewal and Community Relations representatives assess an Eleuthera residence for assistance under the Small Home Repairs Programme.



Bimini Clothing and Food Drive: Team members sort clothing collected by the Ministry of Urban Renewal and Community Relations to assist Bimini residents affected by the July 8, 2026 fire.



Special Projects: Director of Special Projects Trevor Seifert and team members visit a resident whose home was assessed for accessibility assistance.



Special Projects 2: A Special Projects Unit team member takes measurements for accessibility improvements at a resident's home.