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# Invest in Guyana

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# Invest in a connected, competitive and growing Caribbean



## Scalable investment potential

The Caribbean attracts **USD 5bn+** in **annual FDI** and offers scalable opportunities supported by **sustained GDP growth of around 3%** across the region.

## Gateway between North and South America

Located on key hemispheric trade routes, the Caribbean connects the US, Canada and Mexico with South American markets, offering **sub-5-hour flight times** and **strong maritime connectivity** across major regional hubs.

## A coordinated regional investment ecosystem

Anchored by **CARICOM's single market** and supported by **CAIPA and 23 national IPAs**, the region offers streamlined investment facilitation, cross-border industry clusters and access to blended and multilateral finance.

Sources: UNCTAD; IMF; World Bank; Inter-American Development Bank (IDB); CARICOM Secretariat; CAIPA.



The Caribbean offers a strategic location, political stability, skilled workforce, competitive incentives, and strong investor protection - backed by investment promotion partners committed to your success

Suzette Hudson, Secretariat, CAIPA



# Why invest in Guyana?

## Tap into One of the World's Fastest-Growing Economies

Guyana offers investors a rare early-entry advantage in a market expanding faster than any other globally, with **real GDP set to grow by 23% in 2026**.

Exports have more than doubled and **FDI has surged over 300% since 2020**, reflecting strong confidence and a rapidly modernising economy.

Supported by stable regulation and deepening trade ties across CARICOM, Brazil, North America and Europe, Guyana is emerging as a strategic hub for companies seeking scale and regional reach.

## Build Efficient Operations with Competitive, English-Speaking Talent

Investors benefit from a dependable, **English-speaking** workforce backed by technical universities, vocational institutes and expanding training programmes.

**Competitive labour costs** across skilled and semi-skilled roles enable cost-efficient operational growth, particularly in **manufacturing, logistics and Agri-processing**.

As infrastructure and utilities continue to strengthen, **companies gain a resilient operating base** designed to support long-term expansion.



**Guyana offers what investors value most: design discipline, and delivery – an economy engineered for performance**

Hon. Peter R Ramsaroop, MP  
Chief Investment Officer, Government of Guyana

# Why invest in Guyana?

## Access **High-Growth Opportunities** in **Agribusiness, Logistics and Clean Energy**

**Guyana presents clear, investment-ready opportunities** across its priority sectors. In agribusiness, abundant land, favourable climate conditions and a national push for value-added processing create strong market potential.

Logistics benefits from duty-free access to **15+ CARICOM markets** and major upgrades to corridors, ports and warehousing, positioning Guyana as a natural gateway between South America and the Caribbean.

In renewable energy, **fast-growing solar capacity, vast hydropower resources and the LCDS 2030 framework** open attractive prospects for utility-scale projects, clean-tech manufacturing and smart-grid infrastructure.

## Enter the Market Faster with **Attractive Incentives and One-Stop Support**

Guyana provides a smooth path to establishment through generous incentives—including up to **10-year tax holidays, duty-free imports**, accelerated depreciation and **zero VAT on utilities** for manufacturers.

**GO-Invest** acts as the national one-stop partner, coordinating across ministries, fast-tracking approvals through the **Single Window System** and guiding investors from project identification to full operation.

This coordinated, pro-investment ecosystem ensures clarity, speed and confidence at every step of the journey.



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## A favourable business environment



796k

Population<sup>1</sup>



\$24.7bn

GDP<sup>1</sup>



292k

Labour force<sup>4</sup>



### What makes Guyana attractive

**Guyana is among the world's fastest-growing economies**, with over 10% GDP growth in 2025<sup>1</sup>, driven by strong exports, rising investment and solid macro-economic fundamentals.

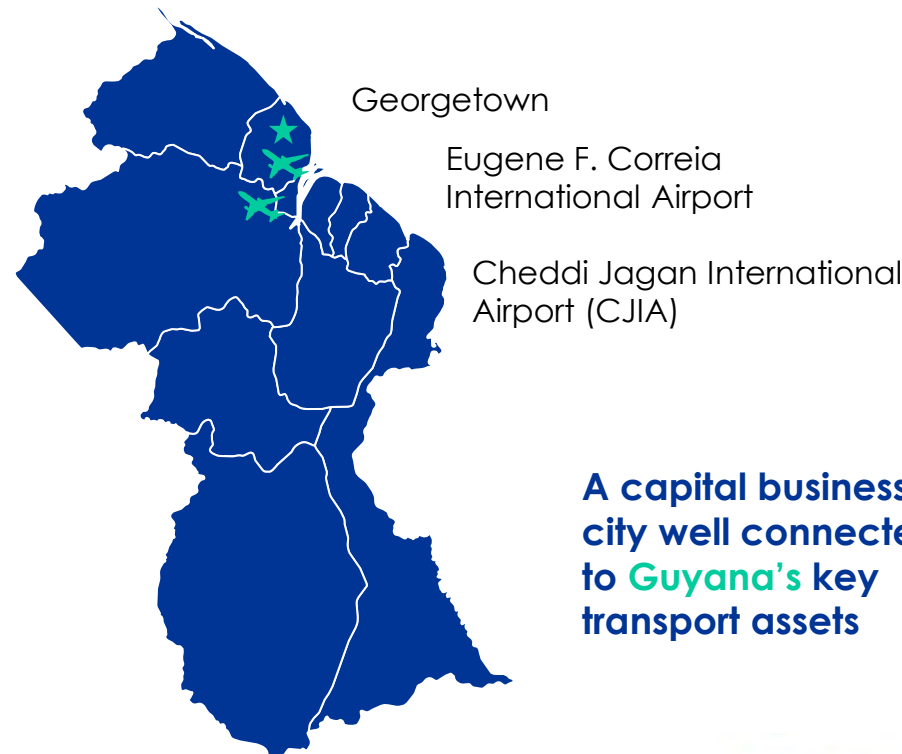
**Guyana is well connected regionally and internationally**, with Georgetown serving as a commercial and logistics hub linking the country to key Caribbean markets via Cheddi Jagan and Eugene F. Correia international airports.

Sources: <sup>1</sup> IMF World Economic Outlook 2025, <sup>4</sup> International Labour Organization

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# Access to a well connected and a healthy economy

**Guyana offers investors a rare combination of macro-economic momentum, strategic connectivity and a young, English-speaking workforce**, creating a strong platform for scalable, long-term investment.



Georgetown

Eugene F. Correia International Airport

Cheddi Jagan International Airport (CJIA)

**A capital business city well connected to Guyana's key transport assets**

## Exceptional growth and investment momentum

### World-leading economic growth



Guyana is projected to be one of the fastest-growing economies globally in 2026 and 2027, with real GDP rising by 22.95% in 2026 and 20.99% in 2027, reflecting Guyana's rapid transformation and exceptional investment potential<sup>1</sup>.

### Rising foreign investment



Guyana attracted US\$8.6bn in FDI inflows in 2024 which represents a 316% increase since 2020 which highlights strong investor confidence and solidifies its status as a leading investment hub in the Caribbean<sup>3</sup>.

### Surging export performance



Exports of goods reached US\$22.4bn in 2024, a 107% increase from 2023, driven primarily by crude oil exports which reinforces Guyana's position as a major energy exporter and key contributor to global supply growth<sup>2</sup>.

### Efficient regulatory environment



A well-institutionalised and relatively efficient regulatory framework helps Guyana achieve business, labour and monetary freedom scores above global averages in the Index of Economic Freedom, reflecting a stable and supportive environment for private enterprises<sup>4</sup>.



**Guyana is projected to be one of the fastest-growing economies globally in 2026, with real GDP rising by 23%**

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## Access talent and utilities at a competitive cost

# Access to a qualified pool of talent

## Why Guyana?

Guyana offers a **young**, stable and **English-speaking** workforce at **competitive costs**, enabling efficient and scalable operations. Ongoing investment in education and skills is strengthening the talent pipeline to meet rising investor demand.

### Cost-efficient talent

Competitive labour costs across both skilled and unskilled categories enable investors to scale operations efficiently in labour-intensive and high-value sectors.

### English-speaking workforce

As the only English-speaking country in South America, Guyana offers investors a unique linguistic and cultural bridge to both the Caribbean and Latin American markets.

### Stable and reliable workforce

With a population of 796,000 and a labour force of nearly 300,000 that is increasingly active across skilled and semi-skilled occupations, supporting the country's growing investment landscape<sup>1</sup>.

### Strengthening higher education system

Institutions such as the University of Guyana, Guyana Technical Institute and Caribbean Vocational Qualification (CVQ) programs are enhancing local skills in engineering, ICT and business management supporting a pipeline of locally trained professionals.

## Utility unit costs (USD)

### Electricity



\$0.32 kWh

### Gas



\$0.32 m<sup>3</sup>

### Water



\$0.66 m<sup>3</sup>



**Engineer salaries in Guyana are 83% lower than in the US<sup>2</sup>**

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## Access talent and utilities at a competitive cost

### Operating costs<sup>1-2</sup>

Role	Labour costs (USD)
Engineer	\$18,578
Engineer Technician	\$13,984
Warehouse Manager	\$14,399
Warehouse and Distribution Operative	\$7,411
Agriculture Manager	\$12,206
Agriculture Worker	\$5,331
Production Operative (Highly Skilled)	\$11,159
Production Operative (Skilled)	\$10,531

Sources: <sup>1</sup>International Labour Organization, <sup>2</sup>Based on 2025 fDi Benchmark data: salary comparisons include all mandatory social security contributions and employee benefits

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## Investment opportunities



8%

of GDP is from agriculture in 2024



8.5%

of the national budget is for agriculture



90 inches

of rainfall and a tropical climate



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# Unlocking growth in value-added and sustainable **agribusiness**

Invest in scalable value-added and AgriTech ventures that reduce import dependence, strengthen food security and support export diversification.

Guyana's agribusiness opportunity is driven by strong natural endowments, rising public investment and a policy push to expand agro-processing, climate-smart farming and locally produced food for domestic and regional markets.

	Key anchor firms and business associations
Agriculture producing and processing	
AgriTech	

Sources: World Bank, Guyana Economic Overview; FAO, Guyana Agricultural Sector Review; Government of Guyana, National Agricultural Strategy 2022–2030



# Unlocking growth in value-added and sustainable **agribusiness**

## Key Investment Opportunities



### **Value-added agriculture processing**

High potential opportunity for increased processing of local and imported products including meat, fish, dairy, sugarcane and vegetables to meet local and regional demand. Value-adding agricultural processing investments act as a form of import substitution, reducing reliance on imports of processed goods into Guyana and strengthening local value-chains.



### **Diversified opportunities in crop production and animal husbandry**

Whilst rice and sugar are the traditional pillar crops of Guyana, significant efforts are being made to diversify cultivation and processing of crops such as corn, soya, coconuts and citrus. Significant development opportunities in the segment including development of modular abattoirs, hatcheries and marine fishing systems and processing operations.



### **Agri-tech and climate-smart agriculture systems**

Mechanization and adoption of Agri-tech solutions is critical to improving production and processing practices. Since 2020 Guyana training programmes reached over 2,740 farmers and 131 agri-processors, focusing on climate-smart practices.



15+

CARICOM nations duty free access



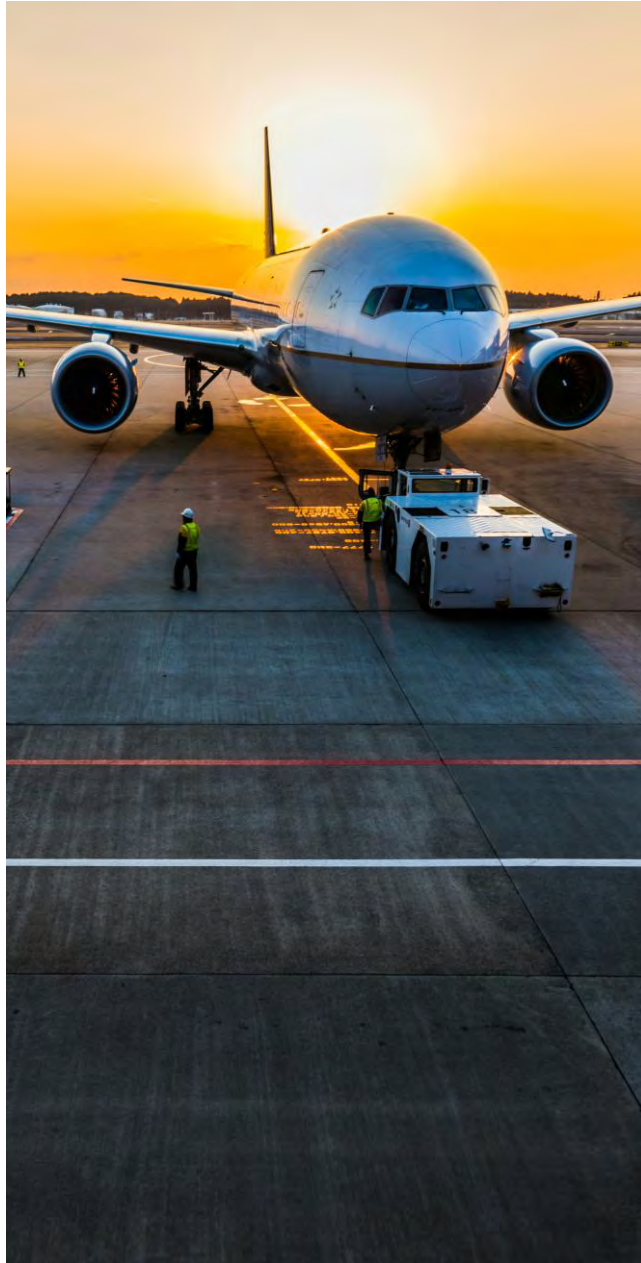
\$156m

Project focused on improving transport



Trade

Agreements with the US, UK, Canada and Brazil



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# Invest in Guyana' emerging regional logistics hub

Leverage Guyana's strategic location and expanding transport infrastructure to serve CARICOM and northern South America. Duty-free access to 15+ CARICOM markets, targeted investment in ports, airports and inland waterways, and growing air-cargo connectivity position Guyana as an emerging platform for regional distribution, trade facilitation and logistics services.

## Key anchor firms and business associations

Sea port and in-land water logistics



Air freight operators



Full-service cargo and logistics service operators



Sources: Guyana Office for Investment, 2024, World Bank Group, 2025, Guyana Department for Public Information, Global Logistics Network, 2025



# Invest in Guyana's emerging regional **logistics** hub

## Key Investment Opportunities



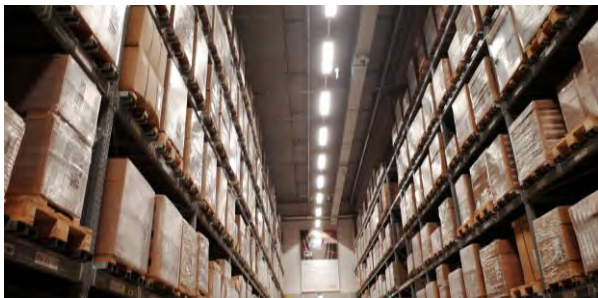
### **Deep-water terminals and in-land shipping networks**

Ongoing development and feasible key port infrastructure projects such as the cold-storage and agro-processing operations at Parika Port are enhancing the opportunity for global and regional trade with Guyana as a major hub. Opportunities for improvements inland river connectivity between major economic hubs and remote interior locations to serve rural communities, efficient trade and interior extractive industries such as oil and gas and forestry operations.



### **Road Infrastructure development**

Road improvement is a priority area for enhancing the facilitation of trade and movement of good. Currently Over 60% of the road network consists of smaller roads, many of which sit on low-lying coastal plains which are highly exposed to natural hazards.



### **Warehousing, distribution and last-mile logistics**

Growing e-commerce demand is driving demand for warehousing and distribution centres and operators of last-mile delivery solutions in Guyana.



2600+

Home systems and farms powered by new solar



70%

Emissions cut and \$237m reinvested into green growth



\$7.9bn

Invested in renewables and grid modernisation



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# Seize growth opportunities in Guyana' renewable energy

Guyana's renewable energy market is rapidly scaling, **driven by strong public investment, clear policy support and rising private-sector participation**, creating early-mover opportunities across solar, grid modernisation and clean-energy services.

## Key successful investors



Oursun  
Guyana

Active in delivering rooftop and off-grid solar systems nationwide, the company has completed installations across 57 public facilities, showing strong delivery capacity for international-local renewable partnerships. (Foreign-local joint venture)



SolarOne  
Guyana

Operating across households, businesses and government clients, the company's expanding portfolio reflects solid and growing demand for private-sector solar services in Guyana.



Solar Direct  
Guyana

With over a decade in the market and a broad customer base, the company demonstrates that consistent growth in clean-energy services is achievable in Guyana.

Sources: Government of Guyana, Guyana Utility-Scale Solar Programme and Hinterland Electrification Project; Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), Guyana Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Projects; Government of Guyana, Low Carbon Development Strategy (LCDS) 2030; Government of Guyana, Public Sector Investment Programme (PSIP)



# Seize growth opportunities in Guyana's **renewable energy**

## Key Investment Opportunities



### **Hydropower – build the region's clean-energy backbone**

Partner in Amaila Falls (165 MW) and Kato/Kumu (370 MW pipeline) to deliver affordable baseload power and enable regional energy exports.



### **Solar + Storage – scale resilient power generation**

Invest in utility-scale and community solar farms (33 MW GUYSOL) backed by long-term PPAs, concessional finance, and rural-electrification incentives.



### **Bioenergy & Green Hydrogen – pioneer new clean-fuel markets**

Develop biomass-to-energy and green-hydrogen ventures under LCDS 2030 to serve Guyana's growing industrial base.

# Seize growth opportunities in Guyana' renewable energy

## Key Investment Opportunities



### Renewable-tech Manufacturing – supply the Caribbean transition

Set up solar, battery or storage assembly hubs to serve CARICOM markets, backed by duty-free access and competitive costs.



### Smart Grid & Infrastructure – connect Guyana's energy future

Join US \$450 m PPPs to expand 700 km of transmission lines and roll out smart-grid tech linking renewables nationwide.

“ Insert investor testimonial on their success in Guyana

Name, Role, Company

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## Incentives and support

# How Guyana is supporting your investments

Benefit from competitive incentives: **access duty-free imports, tax holidays, and blended-finance tools** designed to reduce costs and de-risk your investment.



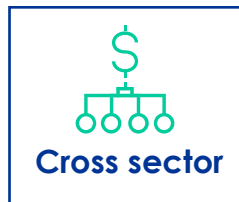
Waivers on machinery and inputs, tax deductions on cultivation, and export incentives make Guyana ideal for value-added agribusiness investment.



Tax breaks, duty-free equipment, and low-cost SEZ land — with PPP opportunities supporting large-scale logistics and transport projects.



Across all industries, up to 10-year tax holidays, profit repatriation, and zero VAT on utilities for manufacturers, and double-taxation treaties



Tax holidays, duty-free import of solar, wind, and hydro equipment, and accelerated depreciation for energy assets. Green tech grants and guarantee programs further support clean energy ventures.



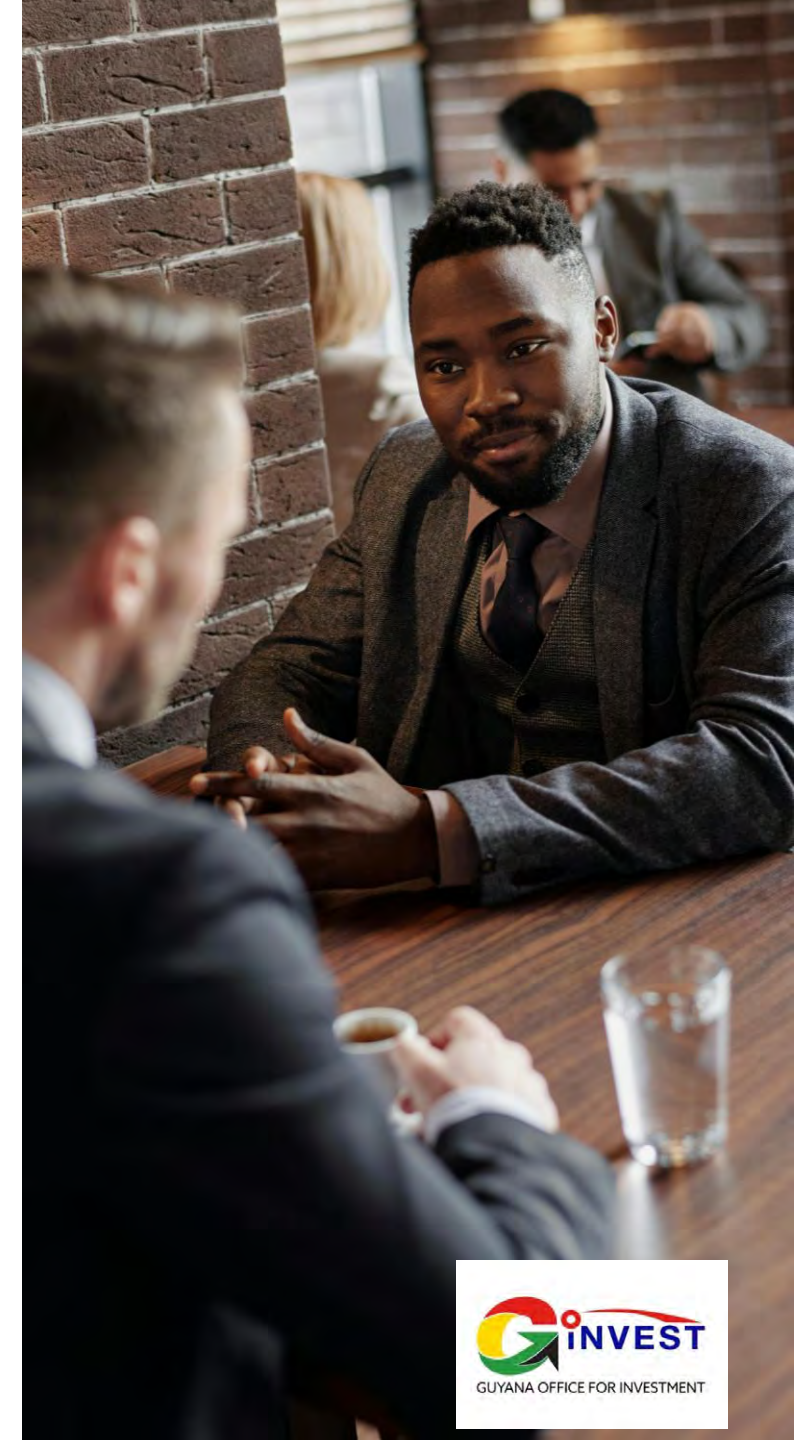
Freedom to transfer funds internationally, including profits, dividends and capital repatriation

# How Guyana is supporting your investments

**Leverage institutional support** by collaborating on driving investment frameworks and PPP opportunities.

## Key Institutions

<u>Ministry of Agriculture (MoA)</u>	Leads agricultural modernization, land use policy, and agro-processing initiatives.
<u>Ministry of Public Works (MPW)</u>	Implements national transport and infrastructure programs, including road, port, and airport expansion.
<u>Guyana Energy Agency (GEA)</u>	Regulates and promotes renewable energy generation and energy efficiency projects.
<u>Guyana Office for Investment (GO-Invest)</u>	The national investment and export promotion agency; provides facilitation, incentives, and aftercare support.
<u>Guyana Livestock Development Authority (GLDA)</u>	Supports livestock genetics, feed, and disease control programs.
<u>National Industrial and Commercial Investments Limited (NICIL)</u>	Facilitates land access and PPPs for industrial and port development zones.
<u>Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR)</u>	Oversees energy policy and oil-to-clean-energy transition.



# Free of charge services available from GO-Invest



## Your One-Stop investment partner

GO-Invest acts as your single point of contact for investment facilitation — coordinating across government ministries and agencies to ensure a seamless experience from inquiry to operation.



## Sector expertise

Dedicated teams versed in renewable energy, logistics/manufacturing, and agribusiness—so you engage experts instead of enquirers.



## Comprehensive facilitation services

From site selection and permits to legal and tax guidance under the Investment Act of 2004, GO-Invest delivers fast, transparent support — with approvals accelerated through the Single Window System.



## Gateway to Caribbean reach

Use Guyana as your regional base—through Invest Guyana we open connections across the Caribbean and help you scale your footprint.



## Market intelligence & sector insights

Access data-driven insights and investment-ready opportunities in agriculture, manufacturing, energy, tourism, ICT, and logistics, aligned with Vision 2030 & Beyond.



## Aftercare and expansion assistance

Beyond first investment, we stay with you—supporting expansion, regulatory changes, local workforce access, and export development.

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