

MANIFESTO OF ACTION DEMOCRATIC PARTY (ADP)

HIGHLIGHTS

THE RAISON DETRE OF THE ACTION DEMOCRATIC PARTY ESSENTIALLY IS TO DELIVER TO THE GENERALITY OF NIGERIANS THE ECONOMIC DIVIDENDS OF CITIZEN AND NATURAL RIGHTS, IN COMPOSITE AND INCLUSIVE FASHION

- Orchestrate the technical and material conditions for greatly enhanced independence of the Independent Electoral Commission with the objective to initiate action to amend our Constitution with a objective to devolving powers, duties and responsibilities to states and local governments in order to eventuate in true Federalism and a Constitutionally guaranteed three-tier government structure;
- Strengthen INEC by deepening the democratic content in its operations in order to reduce/ eliminate electoral malpractices;
- To make it mandatory for all aspirants to elective offices to present their programs and plans at a public debate.
- To permanently reduce estacode use in the institutions and processes of government to the barest minimum specific to travel by government officials and other perquisites and allowances.
- Create the enabling environment in order to attract resourceful, bright, young, dynamic and achievement-driven factors and individuals into our parties and public service by an aggressive recruitment drive. Also academics and professional within Nigeria and the diaspora should be cultivated through internships, fellowish etc. the best and brightest into our politics and public service by aggressive recruitment of private sector people, academics and professionals within Nigeria and in the Diaspora through internships, fellowships, executive appointments and special nomination to contest elective offices;
- Entrench integrated institutional instruments and mechanisms to prevent abuse of executive, legislative and public offices through greater accountability, transparency and strict enforcement of anti-corruption laws whilst strengthening the EFCC and ICPC;
- Amend the Constitution to remove immunity from prosecution for elected officers in criminal cases;
- Restructure and reengineer government and governance for a leaner, more efficient and adequately compensated public service;
- Strengthen the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), stretch our imagination and take it up to the next level to require full disclosure in all media outlets of all government contracts over N100m prior to award and during implementation at regular intervals to ensure strict compliance to term and specifications of award.
- Reform and Strengthen the Justice System for efficient administration and dispensation of justice along with the creation of special courts for accelerated hearing of corruption,

drug trafficking, terrorism and similar cases of national importance, GIVEN THAT Justice delayed is Justice denied.

- Ensure comprehensive implementation of the Freedom of Information Act so that government held data sets can be requested and used by the media and the public at large, and then published on regular basis;
- Seek to amend the Constitution to increase Local government autonomy as the third tier and to require local governments to publish their meeting minutes, service performance data and items of spending over N5M.

NATIONAL SECURITY – ADP SHALL:

- As a matter of necessity urgently address capacity building of law enforcement agents in terms of quantity and quality and attain to the irreducible minima attained by the matured and consolidated democracies of western Europe and the Americas in terms of the minimal tenable ratios of security personnel to citizens and this is critical in safeguarding the sanctity of lives and property;
- Entrench and establish a well-trained, rapid response ,adequately equipped and goals driven Serious Crime Squad to combat terrorism, kidnapping, armed robbery, militants, ethno-religious and communal clashes nationwide;
- Put in place the machinery for widespread nation- wide consultations to amend the Constitution to enable States and Local Governments to employ State and Community Police to address the peculiar needs of each community. This would mean setting boundaries for Federal, State and Community Police through new Criminal Justice legislation to replace the Criminal Code, the Penal Code and the Police Act.
- Push for more support in the security and economic stability of the sub-region [ECOWAS] and AU as a whole and maintain a strong, close and frank relationship with West Africa, South Africa, UK, USA, Canada, and other African countries.

CONFLICT RESOLUTION, NATIONAL UNITY, SOCIAL HARMONY – ADP SHALL

- Establish through constitutional channels a Conflict Resolution Commission to help prevent, mitigate and resolve civil conflicts within the polity;
- Bring permanent peace and solution to the Niger Delta and other conflict prone areas such as on the Plateau, Benue , Enugu ,Anambra , Kogi , Taraba, Bauchi, Borno and Abia States in order to engender national unity , national concord and social harmony;
- Initiate policies to ensure that Nigerians are free to live and work in any part of the country by removing state of origin, tribe, ethnic and religious affiliations and replace those with state of residence in tandem with other affirmative action legislation to protect the financially marginalized components from across the social strata of Nigerian society. Also contract appointments/ employment on selective base criteria will be abolished by any Action Democratic Party Government. Construe of security as an integrated affair by mainstreaming all occupations and social groups even the traditional chieftaincy institutions in intelligence gathering and monitoring in order to anticipate, intercept and apprehend breaches in the security system before they manifest and negatively impact the security health of the nation, a more forthcoming preventive disposition is a desideratum given the purview of an Action Democratic Party government specific to the critical issue of national security.

JOB CREATION AND THE ECONOMY ADP

Government SHALL: Given that Nigeria has one of the fastest rates of urbanization in the world with a relatively stagnant secondary sector and the concomitant high unemployment rate, there are deliberate well researched and well sequenced plans by an Action Democratic Party government to sufficiently grow the secondary sector of the economy especially manufacturing and the service sectors of the economy to absorb the surge of the labor force to the urban areas and compositely transform the rural areas in order to decisively stem the rural – urban drift and make manageable the prospective rate of the urban unemployment, with an eye to positively impact the poverty situation to redound in enhanced benefits to all Nigerians.

- Maintain on a sustainable basis a sound macro-economic policy environment, run an efficient government and preserve the independence of the Central Bank;
- Restore, reinvigorate and strengthen financial confidence by putting in place a more robust monitoring, supervising and regulating of all financial institutions;
- Make our economy one of the fastest growing emerging economies in the world with a real GDP growth averaging not less than 10% annually;
- Embark on vocational training, entrepreneurial and skills acquisition scheme for graduates along with the creation of Small Business Loan Guarantee Scheme to create at least 1 million new jobs every year, for the foreseeable future;
- Integrate the informal economy into the mainstream and prioritize the full implementation of the National Identification Scheme to generate the relevant data;
- Expand domestic demand and consider undertaking associated public works programmes;
- Embark on export and production diversification including investment in infrastructure; promote manufacturing through agro based industries and expand sub-regional trade through ECOWAS and AU;
- Make Information Technology, Manufacturing, Agriculture and Entertainment key drivers of our economy;
- Balance the economy across regions by the creation of 6 new Regional Economic Development Agencies (REDAs) to act as champions of sub-regional competitiveness;
- Put in place a N420bn regional growth fund (average of N70bn in each geo-political region) to be managed by the REDAs, encourage private sector enterprise and support to help places currently reliant on the public sector;
- Amend the Constitution and the Land Use Act to create freehold/leasehold interests in land along with matching grants for states to create a nationwide electronic land title registration system on a state by state basis;
- Create additional middle-class of at least 3 million new home owners in our first year in government and 1.5 million annually thereafter; by enacting a national mortgage system that will lend at single digit interest rates for purchase of owner occupier houses.

AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SECURITY ADP SHALL:

Phenomenally enhance productivity for peasant farmers through generous disbursement of micro credit for small scale farmers whilst creating the enabling environment for new jobs in commercial agriculture and improved infrastructure in rural infrastructure.

- Modernize the sector and change Nigeria from being a country of self-subsistence farmers to that of a medium/commercial scale farming nation/producer;
- Create a nationwide food inspectorate division with a view to improving nutrition and eliminating food-borne hazards;
- Inject extra N30bn to the Agricultural sector to create more agro-allied jobs by way of loans at nominal interest rates for capital investment on medium and commercial scale cash crops;
- Guarantee a minimum price for selected crops and facilitate storage of agricultural products as and when necessary.

INDUSTRIALIZATION :- ADP SHALL:

- Formulate a robust industrialization policy and provide a conducive environment for a private sector led industrial base for the economy, promote entrepreneurship that would help usher in new industries, new jobs, new knowledge and utilization of information and communication technologies;
- Create growth centers through the promotion of industrialization in all regions by encouraging the use of local resources.
- Promote innovation by investing heavily in research, development, science and technology.
- Support diversification of our economy from export of primary materials to value added goods through supporting the establishment of a solid industrial base.
- Ensure that key agricultural products such as cocoa and rubber go through value addition as opposed to exporting raw materials for industries in other countries.

INFRASTRUCTURE: ADP SHALL

- Undertake an urgent review of the Public Private Partnership(PPP) enabling environment with a view to addressing the legal, regulatory and operational challenges including introducing enabling legislation where necessary. In addition, we shall create a National Infrastructural Development Bank to provide loans at nominal interest rates exclusively for this sector to help rebuild our infrastructure and provide gainful employment;
- Generate, transmit and distribute from current 5,000 – 6,000 MW to at least 20,000 MW of electricity within four years and increasing to 50,000 MW with a view to achieving 24/7 uninterrupted power supply within ten years, whilst simultaneously ensuring development of sustainable/renewable energy;
- Embark on a National Infrastructural Development Programme as a PPP that will ensure the (a) construction of 3,000km of Superhighway including service trunks and (b) building of up to 4,800km of modern railway lines – one third to be completed by 2019;
- Enact new legal and regulatory frameworks to establish independent regulation and incentives to accelerate public and private sector investment in seaports, railways and inland waterways;
- Embark on PPP schemes with a view to ensuring that at least one functioning airport is available in each of the 36 states.

OIL AND GAS INDUSTRY ADP SHALL:

- Make the industry and Nigeria one of the world leading/cutting edge centers for clean oil and gas technologists, scientists, mega structure installation, drilling, processing, production engineers supported with best services and research facilities;
- Fully develop the sector's capacity to absorb more of the nation's new graduates in the labour market. The sector will produce more home-grown world class engineers and scientists;
- Modernize the NNPC and make it the national energy champion. Consider breaking it up into more efficient, commercially driven units and strip it of its regulatory powers and enable it tap into international capital market;
- Enforce the government master plan for oil companies to end flaring that pollutes the air and damages people's health and ensure that they sell at least half of their gas production within Nigeria;
- Speedily pass the much-delayed Petroleum Industry Bill (PIB) and ensure that local content issues are fully addressed;
- Make Nigeria the world's leading exporter of LNG through the creation of strategic partnerships.

EDUCATION: ADP SHALL

- Fully implement and enforce the provisions of the Universal Basic Education Act with emphasis on gender equity in primary and secondary school enrollment whilst improving the quality and substance of our schools;
- Targeting up to 15% of our annual budget for this critical sector whilst making substantial investments in training quality teachers at all levels of the educational system;
- Implement performance based education as against the current certificate based qualification;
- Enhance teacher training and improve the competence of teachers along with vigorous national inspection;
- Make learning experiences more meaningful for children and make education more cost-effective;
- Develop and promote effective use of innovative teaching methods/materials in schools;
- Ensure a greater proportion of expenditure on university education is devoted to Science and Technology with more spaces allocated to science and technology oriented courses;
- Establish at least six new universities of science and technology with satellite campuses in various states;
- Establish technical colleges and vocational centers in each state of the federation;
- Provide more conducive environment for private sector participation in all levels of education;
- Establish six centers of excellence to address the needs of special education;

HEALTHCARE – ADP SHALL

- Prioritize the reduction of the infant mortality rate by 2019 to near zero; reduce maternal mortality by more than 80%; reduce HIV/AIDs infection rate by 70% and other infectious diseases by 80%; improve life expectancy by additional 15 years on average through our national healthy living program by fortifying the primary health care development aspect as well as phenomenally increasing funding for the health sector.
- Increase the number of physicians from 19 per 1000 population to 80 per 1000 ; increase national health expenditure per person per annum to about N80,000 (from less than N10,000 currently); we shall of course plough from the rich experiences of the welfare states of western Europe , Cuba , the Peoples Republic of China etc Alternative medicine shall be integrated into the overall health system.

- Upgrade and increase the quality of all federal government owned hospitals to world class standard within four years;
- Formally adopt and invest in cutting edge technology such as telemedicine in all major health centers in the country through active investment and partnership programs with the private sector, which shall be so situated as the viable stakeholders and partners that it is supposed to be.
- Provide free ante-natal care for pregnant women, free health care for babies and children up to school going age and for the aged and free treatment for those afflicted with infectious diseases such as tuberculosis and HIV/AIDS;
- Boost the local manufacture of pharmaceuticals and make non adulterated drugs readily available.

SENIOR CITIZENS, YOUTH, SPORTS AND CULTURE ADP SHALL

- Insist on timely and prompt payments of retirement benefits for all pensioned senior citizens and create a social security welfare net for all aged citizens above the age of 65;
- Create the enabling environment for youths to self actualize that is, to realize, harness, and develop their full potentials and to facilitate the emergence of a new generation of citizens committed to the sustenance of good governance and patriotic service to the Nigerian people and nation.
- Set up world class sports academy and training institutes and ensure that Nigeria occupies a place of pride in global sports and athletics;
- Generously fund through Public Private Initiatives the Nigerian football league and put incentives in place to make it as competitive as other national leagues to wit the English Premier League, the Italian League, the German League and the French League.
- Institutionalize through legislation measures and mechanisms to identify talents early and ensure their participation in local and international games to enable them become fully fledged professionals;
- Statutorily mandate schools and communities to create playgrounds/sports centers with needed equipment for skills development and acquisition;
- Through generous funding and other constructs and assists situate the Nollywood multibillion Naira film industry to fully develop into world class movie industry that can compete effectively with Hollywood and Bollywood in due season.

WOMEN EMPOWERMENT ADP SHALL

- Ensure the rights of women are protected as enshrined in our Constitution;
- Guarantee that women are adequately represented in government appointments and provide greater opportunities in education, job creation and economic empowerment;
- Recognize and protect women empowerment and gender equality with special emphasis on economic activities in development and in rural areas;
- Promote the concept of reserving a minimum number of seats in the National Assembly for women.

ENVIRONMENT – ADP SHALL

- Ensure compliance with policies and measures to halt the pollution of rivers and waterways in the Niger Delta and other parts of the country;
- Phenomenally accelerate the a forestation programme by creating shelter belts in states bordering the Sahara Desert to mitigate and reverse the effects of the expanding desert , to be in tandem with the policies and targets devised by all the relevant agencies of the United Nations Organization with respect to climate change;
- Support and accelerate the implementation of regional water transfer initiatives across the country;
- Take up and assume a multidisciplinary integrative holistic approach to erosion and shoreline protection across the country in tandem with the updating of our hydrographical data as at when due in order to be in consonance with best global practices;
- Generate volunteer teams on a sustainable national basis teams to plant and nurture to maturation economically viable trees in the arid and semi arid regions of the country, also to create the correct synergies with neighboring countries across our borders given the junction and similarity of belts, territoriality and the imperative for linkages and collaboration ;
- Restructure the Ecological Fund Office to enable it meet today’s environmental challenges;
- Regulate the timber industry to ensure that double the number of trees felled are planted by the loggers;
- Ensure full compliance with town-planning and environmental laws and edicts.

FOREIGN POLICY – ADP SHALL

- Essentially build upon the concrete psychological foundations laid by prior administrations both military and civilian within the context of the African Union and the global community ,to make regional integration a priority within ECOWAS including free trade with a view to ensuring that a common tariff and currency are achieved by 2020 under Nigeria’s guidance and leadership;
- To maintain strong, ,mutually beneficial, close and frank relationships within the Gulf of Guinea, the Commonwealth, South Africa and the rest of the world;
- Institute a unique partnership and maintain and sustain new special relationship with the leading emerging markets like Brazil, Russia, India and China (BRIC) and other strategic partners around the world.

THIS MANIFESTOE WAS SIGNED AND ADOPTED BY REPRESENTATIVE NATIONAL DELEGATES OF THE ACTION DEMOCRATIC PARTY DULY CONVENED ON THE MONTH YEAR