

MANIFESTO

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JUSTICE AND LIBERTY

Justice and liberty are essential requirements in any free society. These are essential for development. The NDLP avers that all of our people are not only equal, they will be treated equally under the law and in opportunities. Besides, liberty shall be guaranteed under the law and justice shall be made swiftly accessible, our Constitutional provisions in this respect be faithfully, observed and implemented.

POLITICAL OBJECTIVES AND THE INDIVISIBILITY OF THE NIGERIAN NATION

The recent crises have led to unfortunate and unacceptable calls for the dismasting of the Nigerian State. Our Party stand firmly one Nigerian one Nation. It is our belief that the Nation is always more important than any of its constituent parts and we are ready at all mas to defend this unity. This unity can be guaranteed by the entrenchment of liberty and justice as well as good government with economic well being of the people.

DEMOCRACY

The impeachment Saga in last regime is a threat to the survival of our democracy. Democracy is the foundation of our Party it is very important that the concepts of Democracy is given equality by dialogue, information and consultation so that when the majority position is taken, and has its way, it would have been based on maximum consensus including minority opinion and interests. This shall be the NDLP attitude on all .sues. Democracy will not be diluted by oppressive mechanism of special interests, opinion polls, and naked advocacy of self interest.

To achieve this for our people, the National Democratic Liberty Party within the provisions of the Constitution, will create the conditions for Democracy in Nigeria. These conditions which are difficult, but not insurmountable, include:

- a) The bill of rights on what the people are entitled to from the Government;
- b) The political freedom of the citizen;
- c) Freedom of speech, press and the mass media;
- d) Freedom of opinion;
- e) Religious freedom and liberty of conscience;

- f) War on poverty, guaranteeing minimum standard of living of the people assistance towards self-reliance and encouragement of free enterprises.
- g) Right to free, qualitative education; Right to clean and well sanitized environment.

ECONOMY

The National Democratic Liberty Party believes that the Nation's poor economy is regrettably one of the major threats to the survival of democracy and constitutional government. Poverty has compromised the people's political independence, self-respect and conscience. The National Democratic Liberty Party will therefore take steps to move the economy from the wrong assumptions on which it is based and pilot into the direction of real development.

Nigerians have long realized that there is a close relation between economics and politics common and durable source of friction is found in the unequal distribution of resources.

The most serious drawback to Nigerian economy is unemployment and low productivity with increasing population resulting in continually dropping per capital income of the citizen and thus increasing poverty. The nation has been blessed with a lot of natural resources but the poor strategy of depending solely on oil has engendered mixed feelings to the nation. Governments have in the past decades experimented with various shifting economic policies, which have become bloated, corrupt and ineffective. These definitions have to be corrected by competent government ensuring the trust of the people. The NDLP feels that poverty must be eradicated by releasing private enterprise, reducing excessive government, cleaning up both the public and private sectors, encouraging self-reliance while assuring all who need help the elder, the youth and unemployed and women. The purchasing power of the Naira shall be restored; access to capital inputs and markets shall be facilitated. The nation has enough resources to be self-reliant and avoid crushing debt burden from injudicious transactions.

The National Democratic Liberty Party is aware of the relationship between economics and politics and the fact that no investor, local or foreign, will invest in an atmosphere of chaos. The NDLP government

will therefore as a matter of priority and urgency bring about stability in the polity, so that local and foreign investors are attracted to the state and stable political environment of investment in the country. The NDLP government will amend policies bordering on external loans so that the country can break away from “vicious cycle of borrowing and spending”.

We shall, once again, sturdily focus on policies that increase the productivity of Nigerians so that, with the increased production, we can pay off our external debt and free the country once and for all from the debt burden. We shall support calls and vigorously pursue struggle aimed at total cancellation of Nigeria’s colossal foreign debts.

We shall also re-introduce the service of petroleum Trust Fund (PTF) to execute various developmental projects across the country.

HEALTH SERVICE

Objectives

- i. Party is committed to the building of a nation where every citizen have access to adequate health care through adequate and innovative primary health development;
- ii. Shall ensure that adequate preventive and curative health services are made available to Nigerians;
- iii. To achieve these goals, emphasis shall be placed on the following;
 - a) Curative health care;
 - i. Provision and maintenance of health care delivery services to all Nigerians at minimum cost through a comprehensive and people oriented primary health care system.
 - ii. Establishment of Specialist Hospital in every State Capital;
 - iii. Establishment of adequate staff with good remuneration and other incentives in all health service delivery;
 - iv. Introduce policies and enact law that will rid society of fake and adulterated drugs;
 - v. Encouraging the establishment of more health facilities by private individuals co-operate bodies and voluntary organizations to supplement government efforts;

b) Preventive healthcare:

For comprehensive healthcare system, the Party shall ensure that:

- i. Comprehensive health and nutritional education is taught to all citizens in schools and informally through public enlightenment.
 - ii. Good and clean potable water is given to all Nigeria Citizens to reduce the incidence of water-borne disease.
- c) Health facilities of our Teaching and Special Hospitals will be improved, to stop our people flying out for external treatments overseas.
 - d) The Healthcare system will be funded in such a way as not to collapse under the financial strain as happened elsewhere. Health insurance schemes shall be entered into for those who can afford them to free the public sector facilities for the poor;
 - e) The NDLP will encourage Population Policy, based on information, advice and free choice;
 - f) Recognize the practice of traditional medicine;
 - g) Legislate the settling up of traditional healing schools and funding it;
 - h) Employ the Service of traditional doctors in all existing hospitals and government health agencies in Nigeria.

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

The plight of the Nigerian Youth is pitiful because of the destruction of the middle class by economic stagnation. Their hope and aspirations are frustrated, as they complete their education only to join the unemployment queues and remain sadly dependent on home. The Youth must be brought up as successor, carded for and encouraged to achieve and to fulfill themselves in life. This will guarantee our posterity and reduce the present deviant behaviour in our youth like drugs, cults and violence.

The central goal of the National Democratic Liberty Party in its Youth development programme will be:

- 1) The elimination of selection and segregation of children;
- 2) Introduction of a comprehensive education programme for Youths;
- 3) Introduction and intensification of special youth programmes and workshop;
- 4) Helping the Nigerian Youth to achieve their full potential;
- 5) inculcate moral discipline in Youths;
- 6) Promote interaction among Youths for national understanding and integration;

- 7) Promote economic empowerment of Nigerian Youths through adherence to full implementation of poverty alleviation policies and programmes.
- 8) Legislate a Social Trust Fund that shall empower a Nigerian youth between the age of 18-35 years a monthly take home of N1,000, N2,000, N3,000, N4,000 and N5,000 respectively if they are jobless.

The National Democratic Liberty Party position acknowledges the primary and central position of education in any national development effort. The NDLP government will accord to education this primacy and will therefore grant to education adequate funding priority.

Education will be regarded by the National Democratic Liberty Party as the engine of growth and development and we shall further, use education as important instrument for National integration.

In order to achieve a high level of functionality and relevance in education, the NDLP shall pursue the following educational goals:

- a) Work to eradicate illiteracy in the country,
- b) Provide free and compulsory education at the primary level and the junior secondary level.
- c) Provide subsidized comprehensive education at the secondary level;
- d) Establish schools to meet the general needs of the handicapped, the disabled, nomadic, migrants as well as the gifted;
- e) Encourage the education of our women;
- f) Establish quality and glory to our old and famous secondary schools and teacher training institutions.

PRE-PRIMARY EDUCATION

The Party shall, in keeping with existing policy, permit voluntary agencies and Individuals to establish pre-primary (nursery schools). These schools will be run along guidelines to be stipulated by Government and subjected to periodic inspection by the Ministry of Education which will approve the curriculum and lay down minimum standards of infrastructures to be provided and level of performance to be attained.

PRIMARY EDUCATION

The NDLP shall faithfully, pursue the UPE as well as the Universal Basic Education (UBE) scheme. Reliance will be placed on the National Primary Education Commission. This Commission will be staffed and

adequately funded to make Primary Education of fulfilling experience for all pupils by giving them the opportunity to develop physically, intellectually and spiritually through a balanced curriculum.

SECONDARY EDUCATION

Individual and voluntary agencies will also be encouraged to invest in secondary education subject to the standards laid down by Government.

The NDLP Government will ensure that secondary education is of high quality, emphasizing leadership, history language education, and Science and Technology. More Unity Schools will be established by Government in all the States. Boarding facilities in the institutions will be improved and equipment, materials and other infrastructures will be provided to facilities leaning and therefore maintain the schools/colleges as centers of academic excellence.

TECHNICAL VOCATION EDUCATION

Party shall build more Technical Colleges and Colleges of Technology to train skilled manpower for the economy. These institutions will be provided with adequate workshops and laboratories. Government shall also encourage private individuals or organizations to and run vocational education institutions within laid down principles, guidelines and standards.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

The NDLP will pay adequate attention to the education of the handicapped will also be specially trained. All those with special education requirement, will be catered for including the women, the nomads and migrant and the gifted.

HIGHER EDUCATION

Higher Education will be given the priority it deserves by the NDLP the NDLP recognizes the fact that higher education is crucial to the socio-economic and political development of nation: In consideration of these, the Party shall adopt the following policies:

- a) Motivate University and Polytechnic teachers by providing working conditions, condition of service and atmosphere as well as opportunities for achieving academic excellence including research.
- b) Will subsidize University and Polytechnic tuition

- c) improvement of learning environment in higher institutions
- d) Encouraging higher institution to achieve financial independence through revenue generation ventures.

FUNDING

The NDLP will continue with the existing arrangement of funding education with little amendment by creating a special education funding scheme.

AGRICULTURE

Our over reliance on oil as the status symbol of decadent monolithic economic culture has no small way contributed to the economic decay, epitomized by a continuous decline in foreign reserves and the dwindling Gross Domestic Product (GDP).

It is the considered opinion of NDLP that the enduring basis of our collective and individual wealth is Agriculture. Hence, our priority would be the rapid development of an agricultural economy through agricultural improvement and agricultural education.

The development of agriculture is fundamental to the progress of the nation. Without a flourishing and expanding agriculture, the growth of industry will be retarded. Hence, they had to develop economical through forward backward linkages.

The NDLP government will therefore embark on an export based economic policy beyond 11 based on agro-based products like Rubber, Groundnut, Maize, Wheat, Coca, Rice Pineapple, Sugar, Cashew, Oil Palm and Timber etc.

The people will cease to be held to ransom by a simple matter like the provision and distribution of fertilizer, which has corrupt agricultural effort and retard our crops yield.

Apart from the boost on export crops, the NDLP government will also acknowledge the contribution of the farmer to rapid economic growth. Efforts will therefore be made to provide up-dated tools, high yielding seeds and livestock, farm lands as well as improve the over well-being of the farmer.

Food crops constitute about 5% of the G.N.P. It is therefore demanding that, while paying export trade, commensurate attention should equally be given to the general improvement of these crops locally. It is therefore the avowed objective of NDLP to foster:

- a) The attainment of self-sufficiency in food production
- b) Aggressive development: The contribution of agriculture to export thereby rapidly our foreign earnings
- c) Aggressive development of domestic agriculture
- d) Enlargement of the employment capacities of agriculture to create job opportunities improve industrialization.
- e) Provision needed inputs for agriculture and agro-allied industries.

STRATEGY

To attain our well articulated objectives, the NDLP shall adopt the following strategies:-

a. Small Scale Farming

- i. Local manufacture of simple but effective farming tools and instruments suitable to our local environment.
- ii. Provision of agricultural inputs of farmers
- iii. Immediate establishment of Agricultural development and finance corporation and charged with the duties of subsidizing agriculture
- iv. Establishing farming institutes and co-operation farm settlements.
- v. Establishing domestic industries for processing agricultural products.
- vi. Expansion of agricultural Insurance Scheme to cater adequately for the needs of the States and Local Government Areas.
- vii. Liberalization of loans from a financial institutions to make the loans easily accessible to farmers.
- viii. Establishment of commodity exchange markets for the marketing of farm products.
- ix. Construction of storage facilities in all the States and Local Government and other strategic locations in the country.

LARGE-SCALE FARMING

Large scale agricultural farming will be expanded by

- i. Encouraging local production of feeds and fertilizers by individuals entrepreneur to boost large-scale mechanized farms.

- ii. Encourage large-scale plantations of major export crops like Rubber, Oil Palm, Cotton, Cocoa Cashew etc.
- iii. Provide an enabling environment for active participation by offering tax relief and reduction of tariffs and import duties on agricultural equipment and spare parts.
- iv. Liberalization of lending facilities to Nigerians in large-scale farming.
- v. NDLP will be positively restructured and empowered to perform all duties assign to it.

FORESTRY

The NDLP Government shall ensure that our forestry resources are sustainable managed by:

- i. Encouraging and involving the local committee in the management of the forest.
- ii. Provide and encourage the use of other energy source as alternative to firewood as a source of energy. In particular, our natural and associated gas being flared shall be gas harnessed in a major natural gas and butanisation programme programme to produce alternative energy source.
- iii. Embark on an aggressive establishment of long short term rotation trees to compensate for the over exploitation of our forest.
- iv. Improve the beauty and variety value of the forest to make it more attractive leisure.
- v. Embark on vigorous and result, oriented public enlightenment campaign about forest and conservation.
- vi. Encouragement the establishment of private tree farms.
- vii. Sustained afforestation programme as part of the world green investment, and will be sought for from multilateral agencies including the World Bank.

FISHING

The NDLP Government shall encourage large-scale fish farming by individuals and private and will:

- i. Provide fishing inputs farmers.
- ii. Providing an enabling environment for persons and organizations interested in the venture.
- iii. Local fishermen will be encouraged to produce more fish through a system of incentives and our international fishing waters will be protected from over of its fishery resources.

LIVESTOCK

The NDLP Government shall be committed to the over-all improvement of the livestock resources of the country by:

- i. Encouraging and assisting interested persons to acquire grazing land, facilities, add credit.
- ii. Providing and enabling environment.
- iii. Promoting animal health by encouraging the availability of water, animal feeds, preventive and veterinary services.

INDUSTRIES

The National Democratic Liberty Party will establish industries in all parts of the country the identification of growth poles all over the country. The NDLP government will viable industries in the country by:

- i. Investing massively in the production of a machine tools industry through the long overdue completion of the iron and steel industry.
- ii. A petrochemical industry for the production of fertilizers and synthetic fibre,
- iii. The rigidified natural gas industry will be pursued decisively and expanded.
- iv. Cement and other local products production will be increased with a view of creating and meeting large demands.
- v. More oil refineries will be established to increase local value added to our crude oil.
- vi. Assistance shall be given to genuine businessmen to operate effectively in the consumer, processing and building material industries.
- vii. Our industries accelerated designed as to make for efficient backward integration to the rural areas.
- viii. A special accelerated programme of small-scale industries will be embarked upon the country to provide employment and enhanced earning for our rural populace.

The NDLP Government will ensure that the installed capacity of our viable industries is raised by at least 20 percent per annum to increase the availability of cheap domestic goods and to increase employment.

RURAL DEVELOPMENT

The rural development policy of the National Democratic Liberty Party shall aim at:

- a) Complete rural transformation
- b) Producing functional education at the rural areas and:
- c) Eradicating disease through the provision of potable water and intensified health education.
- d) Massive rural electrifications system

URBAN

The NDLP Government will give great attention to our critics. Their growth will be controlled by encouraging rural development and youth employment to reduce rural urban migration. Environmental sanitation, control of pollution, provision of shelter and control of crime will be energetically pursued.

ENERGY

The party shall ensure balanced exploitation of all the nations energy resources to guarantee the availability of adequate and steady energy supply for national development.

NEPA GRID

NEPA line from the national grid will be promptly made available to all Local Government Headquarters.

ENERGY STRATEGY

- a) Carryout a comprehensive survey of all energy resources in the country.
- b) Provide adequate funds for the establishment, rehabilitation and expansion of existing power plants.
- c) Promote research into simple energy systems.
- d) Undertake the development of new energy sources, like the sun, wind power, hydroelectricity etc.
- e) Encourage private organization to research, produce and distribute new energy sources.
- f) Strengthen the National Energy Commission
- g) NEPA shall be fully commercialized and its monopoly judiciously and constitutionally in order to reduced the burden of inefficiently,

MINING AND PETRO-CHEMICAL INDUSTRY

Objective:

The objective of the Party will be to:

- i. Exploit, explore nations mineral resources
- ii. Coal Mining will be fully reactivated.
- iii. To exploit the solid mineral resources that had hitherto lain dormant for years.
- iv. To establish and sustain a strong petro- Chemical industry for the Nation.
- v. To speed up the completion of all the phases of the on-going LNG projects. To integrate the petroleum sector with the rest of the economy through downstream programme including petro-chemicals, pharmaceutical other chemicals plastics, fertilizer etc. The sector will also be integrated with the educational system for S & T adaptation.

STRATEGY:

- i. To hold exclusive rights over all minerals resources in the country.
- ii. To undertake a comprehensive survey with a view to determining the location, quality and quantities of each of the country's mineral resources.
- iii. The Nigerian Mining Corporation (NMC) shall be strengthened and adequately to enable it carryout to function effectively.
- iv. All the petro-chemical projects currently being put in place will be completed as priority projects.
- v. The ministry of solid minerals will be strengthened.

IRON AND STEEL DEVELOPMENT

The major goal of the National Democratic Liberty Party in this sector will be to ensure that a viable iron and steel industry as established to support the country's industrial take off.

STRATEGY:

For the attainment of this objective the following steps shall be taken to:

- a) Ensure the speedy completion and efficient operation of the Ajaokuta Steel Complex.
- b) Ensure that the various steel rolling mills are effectively managed and operated at full and profitable capacity.
- c) Ensure that the steel products are sufficiently diversified to meet the needs of all types of industries purposes.
- d) Ensure that the quality of the product meets international standards.

- e) Intensify prospecting, mining and purification of iron or in the country to ensure regular supply of raw materials for industry.

LABOUR, EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES

history of Nigeria over the years has been the history of elite rule. First, the British Colonialist, then the Nigeria elite, often a combination of military, professional, traditional rulers, business tycoons and bureaucrats. Elite rule has been the root of our people's disenchantment with politics. On Paper, government policies have been meant for the masses. In practice, these have served vested interested. Therefore, political power must be in the hands of the people themselves. These the National Democratic Liberty Party intends to do by:

- a) Creating more employment opportunities for all Nigerians.
- b) Improving the working condition of the worker.
- c) Make available adequate opportunity for individuals to go into private business.
- d) Encourage workers to organize viable trade unions to negotiate for better working conditions.
- e) Review the existing minimum wage to make it more realistic to the prevailing economic situation.
- f) Ensure that salaries, allowance, pensions and all other entitlement of the worker are promptly paid and in full.
- g) Enforcement of labour discipline and productivity.
- h) There will be continuous dialogue with labour to improve on the existing working environment in order to enhance productivity.
- i) Periodic review of workers remuneration package to check the level of inflation.
- j) Encouraging a high quality labour leadership so that unions will not seek to hold the country to ransom or to create crises that will endanger democratic rule.

TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

The National Democratic Liberty Party is aware of the fact that an efficient transport system is vital for national development and improvement of all forms of transportation, road, rail, air and water.

The Party's objective is the establishment of the Nigerian Society. In the pursuit of this objective, the NDLP shall:

- a) Carry out a major re-organization of the country's postal system to enhance its effectiveness and ensure speedy and safe mail delivery system.
- b) Vigorously pursue the present policy of commercializing the Nigerian postal service.
- c) Put into operation office already built throughout the Federation.
- d) Provided guarantee loans to allow NITEL modernize its equipment to perform more efficiently.
- e) Transportation will be improved in the following areas.
- f) Massively reduce the cost GSM services.
 - 1. The Railways will be rehabilitated and up graded to a standard gauge system for repaid mass transit. This is a priority of the NDLP. Similarly urban mass transit will be efficient and modern.
 - 2. Road networks will be fully maintained, on the highways, by ways, and cities New and permanent road networks will be accelerated.
 - 3. The major rivers, like the Niger, Benue and their major tributaries will dredged in order to rehabilitate the inland waterways system of transportation. Marine services shall be accorded similar priority.
 - 4. The recent Air Crashes is major set back to the aviation sector and via threat to the economy of the country. Aviation will be expanded, and private entrepreneurs will be encouraged in order to cut costs and provide service.
 - 5. There shall be no compromise as air safety, which shall be developed and maintained at the minimum. Additional international air port will be build at FCT.
 - 6. The price of automobiles will be cut to enable we peoples to purchase these. This will also be done for bicycles and motorcycles.
 - 7. Government of the NDLP will enhance road safety and it shall secure the concern of every citizen.
 - 8. Petroleum products shall be made available always and at fair and affordable prices.
 - 9. Telephones are a necessity and reduce travel. Telephones service will therefore, be expanded to Local Governments area by privatization if necessary. The monopoly of NITEL will be judiciously broken but only in accordance with the Constitution. Privatization will improve service to the consumer and cut down crushing and arbitrary bills.

DEFENCE

The National Democratic Liberty Party believes that a well-trained combat ready Armed Forces is an insurance against disunity and external aggression. In view of the leading role which the country have been playing on Africa and world affairs. The Party will pay special attention to the issue of national security in all its ramifications: and will create and maintain an armed forces capable not only of discharging the affore-said responsibility, but also using them to support our foreign policy objectives. All this will be carried out under a comprehensive defense policy according to the constitution of Nigeria.

STRATEGY

The Party will pursue the following as to achieve its stated objectives these are:

- a) By strengthening the Nigeria Armed Forces through the provision of adequate training facilities, acquisition of modern weaponry and arsenals within budgetary limits.
- b) By promoting high professionalism in the Armed Forces by encouraging training specialization in the serious aspect of Military Science.
- c) By intensifying the local manufacture of modern weapons and other Military equipments.
- d) By improving the living conditions and the professional posture of the Armed Forces by constructing more barracks to meet the needs of the servicemen and their families.
- e) The NDIC will be strengthened.
- f) Encourage political education of the Military to enable them to concentrate on their pail professional calling of defending Nigerian and its people.

FOREIGN POLICY

National Democratic Liberty Party in recognition of the country's position and role in Africa and global politics shall pursue a foreign policy directed at protecting its vital national Lest, offering credible leadership to other African Countries.

STRATEGY

The Party shall:

- a) Promote and protect Nigerian's National interest first.

- b) Continue with the policy of Africa as the center piece of it's foreign policy.
- c) Pursue policies of peaceful co-existence through bilateral and multilateral agreement.
- d) Promote and Support African Unity.
- e) Maintain and strengthen Nigeria's membership of sub-regional, regional and international organization.
- f) Adhere strictly to the principles governing relationship in the community of nations as enumerated in the U.N. and charters.
- g) Take active interest in and forge closes relationships with our immediate neighbours.
- h) Continue to provide leadership in African affairs by remaining at the forefront of the fight against racism, apartheid and all other obnoxious doctrines and practices.
- i) Retain the country's membership in the international organizations.
- j) Use political and economic instruments of diplomacy as a standard foreign policy strategy.
- k) Promote dialogue, constructive engagement, positive intervention and international co-operation for the consolidation on world peace.
- l) Pursue of the principles of peaceful co-existence in international politics and relations with other countries and
- m) Fight against imperialism, neo-colonialism, racial discrimination, and domination. Improve and strengthen our role in ECOWAS.
- n) At all times the NDLP upholds that the least important ingredient of foreign policy is peace, progress and development at home.
- o) Purse permanent set for Nigeria at the U.N.

THE CIVIL SERVICE

Objectives

The National Democratic Liberty Party will continue with the civil service reforms and implement it with commitment. Recognizing the primary role of an efficient civil service to make it more efficient:

- a) Provide well-equipped conducive working environment for all categories of staff.
- b) Review salaries and allowances of civil servants periodically to cushion off the adverse effects of inflation.
- c) Provide opportunities for civil servants to improve their knowledge through in-service courses, seminars, workshops and other types of development programme.

- d) Create a conducive working environment for civil servants
- e) Ensure probity, discipline, and accountability in the management of public resources through regular internal and external auditing, and prompt and full application of a system of reward and sanctions.
- f) Ensure that the civil service is fair to all, as essential part of its calling.
- g) Ensure that the recruitment into the civil service especially at the senior levels is in with the principle of Federal Character as stipulated in the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.
- h) Compulsory retired civil servant will be re-instated.

THE JUDICIARY AND ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

Objective

- i. Uphold the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria
- ii. Establish a judiciary system where individual citizens or groups could promptly seek and obtain full redress when their freedoms or rights are violated or encroached upon.
- iii. Guarantee the independence and the dignity of the judiciary including by making it self-accounting.

STRATEGIES:

The NDLP, in furtherance of the above objectives, will:

- a) Build sufficient court House all over the Country to ensure quick dispensation of justice because justice delayed is justice denied.
- b) Appoint more judges and magistrates in order to accelerate the dispensation of justice and decongest the prisons.
- c) Ensure that every Nigerian has justice done to him by strengthening the existing legal aid system to avail Nigerians, unable to employ services of counsel, an opportunity for free legal service for their defense.
- d) Will expand and stock our law libraries with relevant books, journals law reports etc. for reference purpose to improve the quality of judgments.
- e) Will provide office equipment and vehicles for the use of judges and other officers.
- f) Enhance Welfare package for judiciary.
- g) Introduce the use of lawyers as prosecutors instead of the police: to hasten the dispensation of justice.

THE POLICE

The country has, of recent become sadly unsafe. This has cut lives and has also robbed us of tourist, visitors and investors.

The National Democratic Liberty Party will therefore introduce an articulate programme for crime prevention. In this regard, the NDLP will implement programmes to improve the lot of the police by the following:

- a) Increase in the strength of the Nigeria Police to enable it perform better.
- b) Transform the police into a Nationalist instrument for the maintenance of law and order.
- c) Enthroned discipline and probity in the Nigeria police, from the police Colleges to itself.
- d) Raise the entry qualification into the Nigeria Police to ensure that recruits can read and write.
- e) Improve and expend the training facilities available in police colleges:
- f) Provide adequate funding for the police to procure necessary equipment in sufficient quantities.
- g) Provide sufficient barracks accommodation with standard amenities of house all members of the police and their family.
- h) Improve the welfare, working conditions, salaries and allowance of the police with the view to improving the image of the police and curbing the tendency for corruption among some members of Nigeria Police.
- i) Continue with the present policy of deploying the lower and middle ranks of the police to their local government areas:

STRATEGY:

- (i) Communication gadgets, vehicles and other capacity building apparatus will be provided.
- (ii) Better police/people relations

He NDLP shall adequately arm the police to check crime, by ensuring that adequate budgetary provisions are made to meet the requirement of the police.

PRISONS:

Objectives:

The NDLP notes the prison congestion, our party shall take all necessary steps to decongest the prisons and ensure that prisons in

Nigeria become corrective institution by building new prisons which will be equipped for the teaching of trades and marketable skill to inmates.

STRATEGY

To achieve this objective the NDLP shall:

- a) Decongest the prisons further by building new prison which will be equipped for teaching of trades and marketable skill to inmates.
- b) Construct special prisons for different categories of prisoners to avoid putting first offenders together with hardened criminals.
- c) Rehabilitate prisoners by providing adequate facilities and equipment for the acquisition of knowledge and skills.
- d) Improved working conditions of warders and other prison staff
- e) Rehabilitation of prisons will be the center point of our policy.

TRADITIONAL RULERS:

The National Democratic Liberty Party will continue accord Traditional Rulers the respect they deserve because of the invaluable role they played in the government of the people. The NDLP will however, try to insulate them from party politics. To achieve the above started objectives, the NDLP will:

STRATEGY:

- a) Maintain the existing traditional Council of Chief in the State and rest in the Council the functions stipulated in apart II of the schedule4 to the constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1989.
- b) Seek advice from the councils as traditional and cultural matters as and when necessary.
- c) Uses the institution rulers to mobilize their subjects to understand government Policies and actions and
- d) Uses the institution and traditional rulers as individuals to maintain peace harmony and good relations among all citizens living in their domain.

WOMEN IN NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

Women are half the population in Nigeria. In addition to carrying out their crucial roles as hers and wives and often heads of the families, women have shown that they are capable of rising to the highest position in the professions, in business, in politics, in government and, indeed, all spheres of life.

The fact that women are almost invariable in the minority in such positions, despite advances made in recent years is due to deeply ingrained social attitudes and prejudices.

The NDLP will eradicate such prejudices through its educational policy which will be greased towards public acceptance of the positive role and capabilities of women in all is of human endeavor and will promote and encourage women education. The National Democratic Liberty party realizes that women need something more than equal rights and opportunities on paper, if they are to make their optimum contribution to our development. We shall, therefore design special programmed to keep girls in school until they have completed at least the basic education. We shall also provide special lines to women in agriculture, manufacturing and business. This special push is needed, not because women are incapable without such help, but to counteract the negative prejudices which still linger and which constitute barrier to their advancement, and therefore, the advancement of the whole society. The National Democratic Liberty Party realizes that the main impediments, which stand in the way of women in realizing their potential, are those arising from the social issues. As part of an action plan for women development, the party, will tackle the social issues that militate against this advancement. Nigerian women are strong and resourceful. Too much of the strength, however, has had to be directed towards the struggle for mere survival for themselves and their families. The drudgery of walking miles a water arid firewood, the Herculean tasks of cultivating and processing food crops and raw materials for the most basic family needs and other travails have build resilience and determination but have left little room for creativity and enterprise. As our Nation develops, more women will have access to education and will be relieved of domestic drudgery by the provision of social amenities and improved technologies The strength which is now committed to more survival will be frees for more imaginative and resourceful use. A great economic force is awakening in Nigeria. Already, it has made considerable stride. But the strength of the African women will be harnessed for the overall development of the Nigerian nation by the National Democratic Liberty Party. The National Democratic Liberty Party will, among other things retain and strengthen the Ministry of women Affairs.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT

The importance of science and development in areas of natural science, engineering, medicine and agriculture is acknowledged as a catalyst for the development of modern nations. The National Democratic Liberty Party controlled Federal Government shall therefore maintain the Federal Ministry of science and technology to make the following broad policies:-

- a) Encouraging our Building Scientist by fishing out youth and giving them scholarship.
- b) Formulation and administration and monitoring of National policy on science and technology.
- c) Promotion and administration of technology transfer programmes;
- d) Promotion and co-ordination of scientific and technological research and development activities in agriculture, industrial, medical, road and building, energy research and basic science;
- e) Promotion and co-ordination of scientific and technological innovation, development, adaptation and production;
- f) Establishment relations with the existing national research institutes, with the scientific, technical and technological research of bodies O.A.U. and with Science and Technology programmes of UNESCO and other United Nations Agencies and cc WAS; as well as other regional bodies and bilateral arrangements.
- g) Popularization of science so that it proves less daunting to the people, particularly the young.

THE NIGERIAN ACADEMIC SCIENCE

To promote the growth, acquisition and dissemination of scientific knowledge, and to facilitate its use in the solution of major problems of national interest;

- (i) By providing advice on specific problems of a scientific and technological nature; presented to it by the government and its agencies as well as by private organizations.
- (ii) By bringing to the attention of the government and its agencies problems of National interest the science and technology can help to solve.
- (iii) By the establishment and maintenance of the highest of achievement in Nigeria.
- (iv) Through the publication of journals and reports,
- (v) Through the recognition of outstanding contribution to science in Nigeria.

- (vi) Through the organization of conference, seminars, workshops and symposia
- (vii) Through the development of a working relationship with other national and international scientific bodies and academics.

a. THE ENERGY COMMISSION OF NIGERIA, OKOTHIEBOH ROAD IKOYI LAGOS:

To formulate and implement an energy policy for Nigeria.

b. SHEDA SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY COMPLEX:

To initiate and promote national and innovative use of Nigeria's national resources.

c. THE NATIONAL MATHEMATICS CENTER, ABUJA:

To develop appropriate initiative and resources of international standing for the reawakening the sustenance of interest in the mathematical science at all levels in Nigeria. The center is also supposed to be an adequate source of teachers' and specialists in the mathematical science at all levels.

d. UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY:

Both the Federal and State institutions which are engaged in teaching of Science and Technology would be maintained and developed. Both policies on acquisition of science equipment in our tertiary institutions would involve project implementation unit maintenance centers to establish a maintenance culture.

We shall also enlist the support of international funding agencies which includes:-

- a) international Foundation for Science in Stockholm, Sweden;
- b) The third World Academy of Science, Trieste Italy.

ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTATION

We shall strive to work, with the co-operation of UNESCO and other UN organs.

We shall have a national plan for information activities to ensure:

- (i) An orderly and comprehensive gathering of information both published and unpublished,

- (ii) Processing of information resources
- (iii) Channeling of available resources to set goods so that the objectives of the national economy can be achieved.
- (iv) Expediting the flow of information with great efficiency and
- (v) Eliminating duplication of resources and effort.

We shall set up committee of Experts of Research Scientists, Science and Technology Information Dissemination Agency, National Academics of Science. The National Library of Nigeria and the National Documentation and Information Centre for science and technology to:

- (a) Develop a National policy on science and technology Information; and
- (b) Establish by law for national library for science and technology: and
- (c) Seek for the aid of international managers such as UNESCO, to carry out a survey of science and technology information needs.

HUMAN RIGHTS AND ENVIRONMENTAL, OBLIGATIONS

1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 The concept of Human rights originated from Helsinki Agreement which was final ACT of conference on science and Co-operation in Europe, signed in Helsinki, the capita) of Finland, on August 1, 1975 by the united state of America, Canada and thirty three European countries. This agreement set fundamental principle of freedom to guide relations between the signatories. This agreement is not a treaty and not legally binding, however, carries considerable moral authority.

1.2 In context and in relation to environmental obligations, Human Rights programme enumerated at Helsinki proclaims

- 1. The rights to be free from governmental violations of the integrity of people all over the world.
- 2. The right to the fulfillment of such vital needs-food, shelter, health care and education and
- 3. The right to enjoy civil political liberties.

The National Democratic Liberty Party Government will enforce these agreements in Nigeria.

ENVIRONMENTAL OBLIGATION IN NIGERIA

It is common sense that man needs clean environment, safe water supply, shelter, health care and education. We know this in Nigeria; amazingly we have not fulfilled our obligations to the environment in spite of the huge amount of money pumped in annually by both government and overseas Development Assistance (ODA). This has been so because of indiscipline on the part of actors in government and the Nigerian citizens as a whole. We require political will and redefinition of our behavior to achieve any meaningful goal. The National Democratic Liberty Party will implement the environmental obligations laid down in the constitution. Government will be fully committed to protecting, preserving and restoring the environment in terms of land, water, air, flora and fauna. Special attention will be paid to the preservation of forests and of wild animals. Exploitation of all natural resources will be allowed to be made only with minimal damage to the environment. Sustainable development shall be maintained at all times.

CULTURE

The National Democratic Liberty Party will elaborate a culture policy that will incorporate the good elements of any existing policies.

1. The policy shall mobilize and re-awakens the people through the dissemination of ideas which promote national pride, consciousness, solidarity, and Unity.
2. The policy shall advocate an educational system with promote creativity.
3. The policy will draw on our rich diversity and plurality of thought and will be rooted in our African identity, pride and aspirations.
4. The policy shall promote adaptation of, excellence in and increasing access to and creativity in science and technology, at all times bearing our cultural stamp.
5. The policy shall establish a code of behavior compatible with the tenets belief and culture of a disciplined plural society.
 - a. The policy shall sustain environmental and social conditions, which enhance the quality of life, produce responsible citizenship and an orderly society.
 - b. The policy shall seek to enhance the efficient management of national resources through the transformation of the indigenous technology, design reliance and self sufficiency, and reflect our cultural heritage and national aspiration in the process of industrialization.

SOCIETY ILLS, ETHNICITY. STATISM, CORRUPTION ETC

There is no nation in the world without these problems. The degrees of how each impinges on the fabric of society is what raises fundamental questions and how best to handle them. The National Democratic liberty party as a political part in control of power shall make sure that we keep to the provision and spirit of the constitution relating to the fundamental objectives of states policy.

On ethnicity and statism in Nigeria, the foundation was laid by our colonial masters who promote regionalism, which affected the growth and development of polities in Nigeria. Each region saw itself as enclave for regional development.

This attitude in turn affected the attitude of the minority groups in the regions who feared domination by the large tribes. They therefore sought for self identity through the creation of States and Local Government.

This exercise has continued up till now because we have our national goals and aspirations as peoples with one destiny. Many Nigerians think of their States and Local Government Area more than our national interest.

Yet another area of concern is the endemic nature of corruption and robbery in Nigeria. We identify these ills as a function of inequality of income; aggressive attitude to accumulation of wealth, lack of balance growth and a growing unemployment of our youths.

We shall adopt policies that will reduce ills by strengthening and enhancing the philosophy of the structures already on the ground which include the following:

- (a) WAI and WAI-C
- (b) National Orientation Agencies:
- (c) Federal Character Commission at all levels of government;
- (d) War against drug abuse and drug trafficking through NDLEA;
- (e) War against secret societies; and
- (f) Promotion of religion and moral instruction in our schools.

We shall also adopt economic policies and programmed which would create jobs for our young men and women by enhancing growth and development of agriculture, industrialization and technology. Our youth shall be taught the virtues of courage, friendship, environmental protection and safety.

Finally, we shall acknowledge the culture diversity of Nigeria and promote and protect those, which enhance national unity and aspiration.

MASS MEDIA IN NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

Few issues of contemporary relevance have generated such interest, debate and discourse as the, of the media in national development. In the first place, all developing societies, including Nigeria, have very high expectations from their media of communication and other appropriate information delivery systems.

This is precisely because most parts of the developing world are still enmeshed in a whirlwind of material poverty, grappling with fragile polities, and striving to integrate intense cultural diversities.

The media occupy a unique position in every society; since they are entrusted with the responsibilities to inform educate and entertain. In this regard, media practitioners should channel their capabilities, expertise and professionalism towards the overall social, economic cultural and technological development of the nation. The media must serve as a formidable platform to rally the populace in support of policies and programmes design to improve the quality of the citizens, raise the level of their consciousness for the collective protection and defense of the national interest.

As a deliberate corporate or in-house policy. The media must harness the vast national cultural wealth, cultivate a deep sense of patriotism and intensely promote the ideas of peaceful co-existence trust, understanding and harmony.

Period of our collective national distress should therefore engender sobriety, and the media should always take a leading part in promoting, heading and restoring self and mutual confidence. This is necessary whether the distress is domestically or internationally derived.

The media must play a leading role in promoting and defending the nation's external image.

The Government of the National Democratic Liberty Party shall guarantee the freedom of the press. But the press will encourage and is expected to exercise reciprocal responsibility and to raise their individual and collective professionalism and quality. The media needs to be patriotic even as they shape public perception and as they disseminate what they consider to be the truth.

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