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**PRESS RELEASE (March 30, 2006)**

### **INEC registers African Democratic Congress ADC**

We are glad to inform you that the Independent National Electoral Commission -INEC after due verification of our submissions according to its rules and regulations has approved the registration of our party the African Democratic Congress ADC. The constitution, manifesto, logo, flag and the list of our national executive officers were equally scrutinized and given approval.

If you will recall, on Wednesday, November 16, 2005 we had announced the formation of our political platform, with the name Alliance for Democratic Change-ADC. This was when it became very clear to us that our political systems, party politics, democracy and the governance of our country were in disarray. As eminent leaders in the political process of our nation we could not just remain passive while this moral crisis continue to hurt our nation and our people. So we had to take action. The immediate result of our action is the official registration of ADC as a political party with the full authority to contest elections at all levels in the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

We took the step to register our party the African Democratic Congress ADC after we were empowered by the tremendous support of the good citizens of Nigeria who gave us a clear mandate to form a truly grass root based political party. Our various sensitization tours across Nigeria had taken us to Lagos (South West), Kano (North West), Benin (South South), Jos (North Central), Maiduguri (North East), and Anambra (South East), After the zonal tours we had embarked on state tours which took us again to all the states of the federation including the FOT. We equally consulted widely in the UK, USA, Germany, and many other countries with our fellow Nigerians in the Diaspora on our mission and sought advice from many international democratic institutions in South Africa, Europe and the United States of America.

The outcome of these consultations was the resolution of the people that they want a true democratic, pace setting political institution that will engineer the true democratization of the Nigerian state and indeed the African continent. ADC is therefore, a public political institution belonging to no one, but to the people of Nigeria who subscribe to its ideals.

We had to change our name from Alliance for Democratic Change to African Democratic Congress (ADC) to effectively encompass and reflect the aspirations of our people. To remain focused, while we build a grassroots political party with global appeal we resolved to benchmark our party the ADC

against the ANC of South Africa, the Democratic and Republican parties of the USA and the Labour Party of Great Britain.

Having emerged successful from registration, we are determined to impact on the lives of our people and lift our country to the desired height. As we enter the next stages of our phased development plan, our mobilization which has been on going will continue in earnest as we are ready to contest all elections to be held in our country subsequently. We assure you that as the elections of 2007 draw nearer; it will become abundantly clear that ADC is the party for the majority of Nigeria. This will definitely reflect in the future polls. And we shall defend all victories and electoral mandates of the people of Nigeria. We elicit the support of all men and women of good will and especially, you members of the media, as we position to make Nigeria turn a positive new leaf politically, democratically and leadership wise. As a matter of fact ADC is for the people, ADC is your party because every single Nigerian who subscribes to the rule of law, constitutionality and democracy is a VIP in the Project Nigeria and Project Africa.

God bless the Federal Republic of Nigeria, God bless ADC, Thank you.

ADC - CHANGE! ADC - CHANGE!! AD & C - CHANGE FOR A BETTER NIGERIA!!!

Chief Ralphs Okey Nwosu  
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National Chairman ADC.

**ADDRESS BY THE NATIONAL CHAIRMAN ALLIANCE FOR DEMOCRATIC CHANGE (ADC), CHIEF RALPHS OKEY NWOSU, AT THE SOUTH? SOUTH MEETING OF ADC HELD AT BIBI HOTEL, BENIN CITY ON JAN 10<sup>th</sup> 2006.**

I welcome all our esteemed members and distinguished guests. It is a brand new year, and I will like to wish all of you a happy and prosperous 2006. The year 2006 is a paradox year, and it is incumbent upon leaders like us to face the challenges it brings in earnest, so as to unravel the complex contents and give our nation a definite and sensible direction. Without mincing words, I must say that our failure to properly and conscientiously navigate the looming storm will endanger our democracy and destroy our nation. Yes, this is the true essence of the Alliance for Democratic Change (ADC) and our mission in Benin today.

Our nation is confronted with myriads of self inflicted problem. Our hard earned democracy is being presently trampled upon by inordinately ambitious and selfish individuals who are using power to traumatize the entire citizenry and cannibalize the constitution. These people have a brazen agenda propelled by greed and lust for power. So, what do we do in this brand new year, fold our hands and watch, or take action? As members of ADC, we must take action to put our nation in the path of peace, development, and progress.

As a progressive and welfares political platform, the welfare of our people and health of our nation remain the cardinal reason for our existence. Our meeting today, like our last meeting in Kano, will address ways to ensure that all our people across the length and breadth of Nigeria are carried along with us on this mission. The ordinary men and women on the streets of Benin City, Uromi, Warri, Eket, Ogoni, Ogoja, Potokiri, and all the towns across Nigeria seem to have given up on the leadership of this country. Some of our young men and women who decided to take their destiny into their own hands are languishing in jail today because they expressed themselves in the best way they know how. They include Gani Adams, Ralph.

Uwazuruike, and Asari Dokubo to mention but a few, they have lost faith in government. Our country needs leadership and a clear political direction. We need to convince the people that we as members of the Alliance for Democratic Change (ADC) have come to fill this vacuum, and this will not be easy. We have a lot of work to do, but so long as we are committed and determined, our people will follow us.

Unfortunately, some of our people are losing their senses and lending themselves to be used for inglorious third term or life presidency campaign. I

do not mean the sycophants, praise singers and hatchet men who have become regular doormats at the seat of power, but people who should know better. I must use this opportunity to send a message to the men and women of corporate Nigeria: it is a double tragedy when wealth creators allow themselves to be distracted and used as loudmouthed area boys and girls. The government has just concluded the structural reforms and consolidation exercise, and without the needed stability these new institutions which our fine professionals worked very hard to put together will all fall like packs of cards. I am concerned, because unless these wealth creators focus, they will be criminalized by the same government of Gen Olusegun Obasanjo, they will end up in chains and in prison.

The South-South are showing tremendous interest and enthusiasm in the Alliance for Democratic Change (ADC). With your vibrancy and political sagacity, ADC is your natural constituency. Carry on your success in ADC is just around the corner. The South-South and the entire Nigerian Republic will experience a catalytic development if we succeed in our cause. With consistent hard work and all hands on deck, quantum success beckons.

God bless the Federal Republic of Nigeria. God bless ADC

**ADDRESS BY THE CHAIRMAN OF ALLIANCE FOR DEMOCRATIC CHANGE AND RALPHS OKEY NWOSU, AT THE SECOND MEETING OF ADC HELD AT DAULA HOTEL KANO ON 14<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2005**

I wish to welcome all delegates to this second meeting of Alliance for Democratic Change (ADC).

I do not intend to make a long speech because the abuse in our system is glaring and as days go by, it is becoming clearer that the people in power have no intention of changing some of their obnoxious ways, and the resultant system decay is having far reaching effects on our people.

Only last Saturday, the 15th of December, 2005 our nation faced another reality of this system collapse when innocent children returning home for Holidays were wasted in yet another air accident, the third time in two months. So far, no political personality has resigned because we love to cling to power. Our system is in a terrible shape. Our roads are equally death traps and up till now, the Federal Government has found no wisdom to do any thing on the rail system.

Unfortunately, the people in power are acting as if all is well. We hear of distribution of money. We hear of offers being made for the extension of terms of office of the President. We hear of "Ghana Must Go", now they call them GMG in Abuja. We hear of N50Million, N100Million being given to each person while a police salary remain less than N 15,000.00 a month.

As eminent persons in the political process, we therefore have a duty. Our mobilization efforts are yielding tremendous results. I appeal to all members to intensify their efforts so that we are able to accomplish all we have set out for ourselves and ensure that the Nigerian people have quality and responsible leaders come 2007. We shall not allow any imposition of leaders on our nation any longer.

I thank you all.

God Bless Nigeria.

God Bless ADC.

Chief Ralphs Okey Nwosu.

Ikolo Dikeorabueze Awka

National Chairman

**COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AT THE END OF THE SECOND MEETING  
OF ALLIANCE FOR DEMOCRATIC CHANGE (ADC) HELD AT  
KANO ON 14<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2005**

The second meeting of Alliance for Democratic Change held on 14<sup>th</sup> day of December 2005 at Duala Hotel, Kano. Present at the meeting are the national conveners of ADC, all the northern progressive associations and leaders, some delegates of some political parties and executives of governments.

We commended the progress being made by ADC in sensitizing and mobilizing Nigerians to stand up against any form of dictatorship and unconstitutional act and implored the leadership and the general membership not to rest on their oars as we work to defend our democracy and enthrone good governance. To ensure that our mission is clearly followed to actualization, we resolved as follows:

- 1) Affirm our resolve in one united and democratic Federal Republic of Nigeria.
- 2) That all elected officials of government should respect the constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, which they swore to uphold and to desist from any alteration of the constitution for their selfish interests.
- 3) That the President should make his position on the rumored extension of tenure clear to Nigerians since not doing so creates an atmosphere of instability which is not conducive for the polity, business, investment climate, and general development of our country. This too, is capable of derailing our democracy and further tarnishing of the image of Nigerian political leadership.
- 4) We commend some elected members of the National Assembly and speakers of the States Houses of Assembly for their resolve not to alter the constitution to accommodate the third term, life presidency or extension of tenure ambitions of any individual. We expect and appeal to all their colleagues to follow suit.

- 5) We urge all elected Executives, Local Government Chairman, State Governors and the Presidency to spend the resources of the people for the development of the country and to use the remaining time in their tenures to work for the interest of their people.
  
- 6) It is 15 months to the general elections, we urge any Nigerian interested in contesting the Presidency, to come out confidently and appeal to Nigerian people with their programmes. This is important because the Nigerian people will not tolerate any more impositions of leaders. All executive officials must be contested and Nigerian must be allowed to vote freely.
  
- 7) We appeal to all Nigerians to support our course since it is the interest of all that constitutional rule, rule of law, justice and respect for human rights and the transformation of Nigeria to major power in the comity of Nations is achievable and to our best interest.

Bless the Federal Republic of Nigerian.

Signed all Exco Members present.

**COMMUNIQUÉ BY THE ALLIANCE FOR DEMOCRATIC CHANGE (ADC),  
AFTER A CRUCIAL MEETING HELD AT BIBI MOTELS, BOUNDARY ROAD  
(GRA) BENIN CITY ON TUESDAY JANUARY 10, 2006**

A crucial meeting of the Alliance for Democratic Change (ADC) took place on Tuesday, January 10, 2006 at Bibi Motels, Boundary Road (GRA), Benin City, to deliberate on a number of important matters concerning the nation, Nigeria. The meeting resolved as stated in this communiqué:

1. Believing that it is a meaningful step to addressing the problem of the Nigerian nation, ADC supports the Constitutional reforms. However, we totally reject any amendment that would extend the tenure of the present elected executives. We consider this aspect as parochial, hypocritical and capable of derailing our hard earned democracy.
2. ADC condemns the conduct of some of our political leaders, who continued to fan the embers of disunity by working to polarize our nation into the North and the South, ADC fervently upholds the unity of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and warn all the political opportunists to desist from their self serving and sinister game plan.
3. ADC abhors the pity situation of the South South zone, which is the resource base of the nation. We call on the government of the day to reverse this situation and to ensure good infrastructural development in the South zone, in particular, and the whole country in general.
4. ADC calls for the immediate release of Gani Adams, Asari Dokubo, Ralph Uwazurike and the other Nigerians who are being detained illegally, and we urge the Federal Government to respect the fundamental human rights of all Nigerians.
5. ADC detests the shoddy handling and management of the 2005/2006 Hajj operations. We advise the Federal Government to hands off the pilgrimage operations if it is incapable of handling them.
6. ADC has set up a national committee to formally register the Alliance for Democratic Change (ADC) as a full fledge political party, with the Independent National Electoral Commission. (INEC), and we urge INEC to dispatch its responsibility judiciously and constitutionally



**Signed All Exco Members present.**

**WELCOME ADDRESS BY THE NATIONAL CHAIRMAN OF AFRICAN DEMOCRATIC CONGRESS ON THE OCCASION OF THE VERIFICATION VISIT TO THE NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS BY INEC VERIFICATION TEAM ON TUESDAY 28TH OF FEBRUARY 2006.**

**THE CHALLENGE BEFORE US:**

On behalf of the National Executive and entire membership of ADC I welcome this august delegation from INEC led by the Honorable National Commissioner Mr. Setley Daze to our modest office. We would like to use this opportunity to express our good feelings towards your professional handling of the party registration exercise. Many of our representatives have visited your headquarters especially from January when we first applied for registration of our political platform for the purpose of contesting election in our great country Nigeria. We have received germane and candid advice and assistance from your office. This has guided us in ensuring that our association is well packaged and prepared to transform into a party. For this we thank you and we extend our great appreciation to the INEC Chairman Professor Maurice Iwu, the other distinguished and Honorable Commissioners and very warm and courteous staff of the commission.

The Nigerian Nation, and indeed Africa is in dire need of genuine leadership. Sub-Saharan Africa is presently the only region of the world whose countries are almost all tagged third world nations. Painfully, this part of Africa is essentially populated by Black people; as a matter of fact, every Black person in the world can trace their roots back to Africa. Although South Africa may be viewed as belonging to the league of semi-modern nations, that may be attributed by some analysts and development historians to be the 'good' result of the years of apartheid. While we condemn such theories, it is incumbent on the black nations to prove them wrong. Nigeria as the most populous and endowed black nation, in my opinion, is expected to lead and motivate other member nations of the continent.

The challenge before all of us today is to address this great tragedy. We have the resources to move Nigeria towards the league of developed nations and transform her into a respected and responsible member of the world community. What is lacking is effective leadership, and this can best be provided through a transparent, ongoing democratic process in which elected leaders stay on the path of constitutionality and are truly accountable to the people. For our nation to march successfully forward, the INEC, the political

parties, and the citizens must be in a covenant where each is expected to play a patriotic role.

The part that INEC has to play in this respect is straightforward the role of an unbiased and purposeful ombudsman, performing its sacred function of conducting free and fair elections and guiding the parties and citizenry along the path of transparency, honour and civility in the democratic process. This will set the stage for the other stakeholders to play their respective parts. Today's INEC is well equipped to fill this role. The Chairman of this institution is a renowned scientist, international scholar and globally acclaimed researcher. The present electoral commissioners are select technocrats and intellectuals in various fields, and are cosmopolitan and politically aware, and the civil servants are experienced and urbane professionals.

Since you are on a verification exercise, we will reserve our commentaries about the African Democratic Congress ADC and allow you to judge for yourself. We however assure you that the challenges we face as a nation, a continent and a race are central to our vision. ADC is a coalition of the masses of Nigeria from diverse backgrounds. We are on a mission to build a model political institution that will engage in resourceful, people- centered and issue-oriented party politics as a major player in Project Nigeria and Project Africa. We have had to change our name from Alliance for Democratic Change to African Democratic Congress to effectively encompass and reflect this vision, and we shall remain steady and resolute in its pursuit.

On behalf of our executives who are here seated, I welcome you to our headquarters which, true to our cause, is located in the heartland of the city of the masses; Nyanya, FCT.

### **PRESS RELEASE (November 6, 2005)**

Fellow Nigerians, it is very clear, how our hard earned democracy is being desecrated without any decorum. As eminent leaders in the political process of this country we can no longer sit down while this moral crisis continues to hurt our country and our people. Therefore, we announce to you the formation of Alliance for Democratic Change ADC, a truly Grass root based political party.

The Alliance for Democratic Change - ADC is therefore an umbrella political movement for people with distinct transparent and progressive credentials, true democrats with shared nation building ideology, a populist party organization with room for everyone.

The ADC is open to all and sundry, it is an organization where all membership is appreciated. No discrimination on membership. The party would be open to market women, farmers, civil servants, teachers, professionals, artisans, Labour leaders and all well meaning Nigerians who have respect for human dignity, who treasure democratic conventions and culture, and the Rule of Law.

ADC is open to members of all existing parties who want to prove that they are true democrats, that they love our country, Nigeria and seriously dedicated to its progress. ADC is open to all popular and well-meaning candidates who may be interested in running for any election at any level, and those who may want to serve our country at any capacity.

Finally, we want to make it abundantly clear that the 2007 elections must be democratically contested. Let it be clear that the next occupant of the villa will only be elected by the Nigerian people. The 36 states government houses in the federation come 2007 will be occupied only by people who have the mandate of the electorates within their state. And that the representatives of the people at the federal, state and local levels must be voted in only by the electorates. We recognized that Nigerians are tired of impositions, in like vein we recognized that if the kind of elections held in Nigeria in 2003 is repeated in 2007, it will be destructive to the fabrics of our democracy and nationhood. This, we will not allow to happen because it will have a far-reaching effect. That is why our motto is Democracy: It is our right to choose. Progress: It is our choice to make. Elections: No more imposition.

Thank you.

Long Live Federal Republic of Nigeria, Long Live ADC.

Democracy: It is our right to choose. Progress: It is our choice to make.  
Elections: No more imposition.

ADC: Power Belongs to the People.

CHIEF RALPHS OKEY NWOSU  
Ikolo Dike OrabuezeAwka  
National Chairman.

**ADDRESS BY THE NATIONAL CHAIRMAN OF ALLIANCE FOR DEMOCRATIC CHANGE (ADC), CHIEF RALPHS OKEY NWOSU, ON THE OCCASION OF THE COURTESY VISIT OF ADC TO THE GOVERNOR OF ANAMBRA STATE, DR. CHRIS NWABUEZE NGIGE, CON, AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE, AWKA ON THE 5TH DAY OF JANUARY 2006.**

**PROTOCOLS**

On behalf of the members of Alliance for Democratic Change (ADC), I wish you and all the members of the first family of Anambra State a happy, peaceful and grace-filled New Year. I would like to extend the same good tidings to the entire members of the executive arm of the State Government and the most honourable members of the other two arms of government. I will use this opportunity to commend the Government for the cooperation, focus and clarity of vision they have shown in spite of the vicissitudes. The year 2006 holds a lot in stock for the government and people of Anambra state and Nigeria, as a result I pray to Almighty God to give all of us the wisdom, courage and fortitude to face the challenges.

The Alliance for Democratic Change is a vision-driven, ideological, grassroots-based and people-oriented political platform which came on stage in October 2005. We came together as a result of the decay and moral dilemma that the entire system and nation have been plunged into as a result of the recklessness and unparalleled abuse of our hard-earned democracy, and the siege and trauma inflicted on our nation and people. ADC, however, has come to fill a larger space. Within a month or two we will become a transformative and people-focused welfarist party to give light and direction to our democracy and nation and to give essence to Nigerians and the Black Race. We are committed to doing this and we have been encouraged most especially by the ordinary Nigerian masses in very significant ways. This is the reason behind our various slogans: "Democracy - it is our right to choose", "Progress - it is our choice to make"; "Elections - no more impositions".

We wish to congratulate His Excellency for running one of the true democratic governments in Nigeria. In Anambra State, we see a government being kept alive and strong by the peoples support and not by individuals who consider

themselves so powerful that they play God. When a government's sustaining power is the support and goodwill of the people, it is evil for anyone person or group of individuals to work against that government. Records show that the State has witnessed unparalleled development during the tenure of your government; billions of Naira have been invested in road development, agriculture, erosion control, and education among others. For the first time in the life of the state, civil servants receive their salaries and pensioners get their entitlements. We therefore consider it insane, incorrigible, and a sin against humanity for some few individuals to be waging a war to remove you from office. They will not succeed, for evil cannot defeat the goodness of men. You have served the people with relentless effort; the people of Anambra State are saying it, the nation has seen and heard it, and the sign posts are there for all to see. The chorus of your government is in harmony with the people of the state, as a result, the goodwill of all noble men and women will sustain your government. We wish you well.

Finally, we would like to extend our hand of fellowship to His Excellency. As a people's man, ADC is your natural constituency. We invite you to come on board.

God bless you. God bless Anambra State. God bless the Federal Republic of Nigeria. God bless ADC.

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# **THE MANIFESTO OF THE AFRICAN DEMOCRATIC CONGRESS**

## **Preamble**

The aim of the founders of this Organization is to evolve a truly grass root based political institution in Nigeria that would be relevant at all times. Therefore our organization will remain closest to and for the people and will always work to essentially be the vehicle of the masses, the average Nigerians, the working class people, the artisans, the poor and all others who appreciate our cause within our society. While the party is open to everyone, we will specially seek the involvement of the less privileged, disabled and disadvantaged members of our society. At all times, we must have deliberate and elaborate strategies in place to carry along and empower our women, and people of all persuasions. Our party must be wholly associated with the cause of the family and family values, elimination of poverty and enthronement of a modern and decent egalitarian society.

Africa is a continent that holds a great promise but has failed to assert itself. Nigeria is the largest and most populous country in Africa; as the most endowed country, with abundant human and material resources, she remains the fulcrum and heartbeat of the continent. However, in our opinion, Nigerian leaders have failed to exhibit the inspirational and qualitative leadership needed to drive the development of Nigeria and in turn Africa thus making the entire continent the laggard or sick baby of the world. Painfully too, Africa and Nigeria story is equivalent to the story of the black race. It is from this background that the founders of ADC are inspired to take measures, make whatever sacrifices that are necessary while leaving no stone unturned to break the jinx that is keeping the continent from taking footsteps to assert itself as a responsible and capable member of the community of nations. Therefore our organization is on a mission not only for Nigeria but Africa, Blackman and the entire world community.

With the aforementioned as our guiding light, and following what we considered to be strong deficiencies in our nascent democracy and the unimaginable attitude of our fellow Nigerians towards democratic governance after the disengagement of the military from political governance on May 29, 1999, as concerned Nigerians and enlightened partakers in the political process we decided to come together to give a proper direction to our national politics and democracy. The group's initial concept and inaugural meetings were held at the instance of Chief Ralphs Okey Nwosu who equally hosted and sponsored the occasions.

In our country, Nigeria, the third tier of government, which is closest to the people and the centre-piece for grass root development, is almost moribund because the present political parties or government of the day pay lip service to issues concerning the ordinary people. The present political parties and their various governments as a result of their parochialism, power-drunkness, ineptitude and inertia have deliberately emasculated the local government thus halting real development of our nation and inhibiting the dynamic flow and growth of the democratic systems. However, this truncation, and irresponsible and ridiculous stampede, negligence, and obfuscation can only succeed and become the permanent fate of the people if they allow it to be so. Recognizing that democracy is government of the people by the people and for the benefit of the people and that it is one man one vote, the people therefore have a great role to play, and ADC is conceived to provide that vehicle for our collective emancipation and development. Political organizations and the institutions of government should exist only for the interest of the people and the nation, this ADC holds very dear, therefore through our enlightenment campaign the people shall be educated to ward-off all the anachronisms that conspire to hold the Nigerian state backwards.

We set forth to bring people together to work to form a truly democratic party as a veritable entity to address the collective needs of the people for the benefit of the generality and the glorious emergence of a new Nigeria nation and a great African continent. As of duty of committed patriots, our members started to transverse the different communities in all the states of the federation to create awareness and solicit membership. In October, 2005 we met and reviewed our activities, we had raised 755,000 members and supporters and we decided to form a party by the name ADC, a truly people focused political organization to work for the interest of the generality of Nigerians and not just for a class or region. Our platform is an open organization and members are welcome with open arms so long as they truly believe in equality of all men and women and also committed to the welfare and well being of the citizens of Nigeria and the Nigerian nation and share our vision of the African continent and the world.

The platform ADC is the result of dedicated effort of noble Nigerian men and women. The result of our selfless effort and focus is a membership as at January 10th 2006 of 1,350,000, and presence of our infant organization in all 36 states of the federation and FCT. The founders of this organization expect the same effort and sacrifice from all members new or old at all times.

## **Aims & Objectives**

### **AIMS**

The aim and principles of the party are as follows:



- i. We believe that the state should be the servant of the people and that democracy will lead to the progress and well being of our people and nation.
- ii. We believe in free and fair elections and completely abhor imposition and other high handedness and antidemocratic tendencies of any group or government.
- iii. The unity of Nigeria
- iv. The rule of law, justice and equity
- v. Good governance and equality of opportunity for ALL.
- vi. Respect for fundamental human rights
- vii. Integrity and transparency
- viii. True federalism and equitable revenue sharing formula.
- ix. Full and productive employment with security of life, family and property
- x. Self respect, self-reliance and human dignity.
- xi. Sound education, basic health care, abundant food production, rapid industrial growth, good housing, full employment, provision and improvement of infrastructure and basic services.
- xii. Environmental care and safety.
- xiii. Gender equality and empowerment.
- xiv. Commitment to world peace.

## **OBJECTIVES**

To achieve these aims, the Party shall with trust, discipline, and faithful Leadership endeavour to:

- i. maintain and preserve the integrity, unity and sovereignty of the Federal Republic of Nigeria as one indivisible political entity;
- ii. ensure genuine restoration, permanent entrenchment and practice of democracy, the rule of law, equity and social justice;
- iii. promote national integration and harmonious co-existence of the diverse communities of our society;
- iv. build an egalitarian society founded on the principles of freedom, equality and justice;
- v. uphold the independence of the judiciary, a free press, as well as uphold the freedom of speech and of association;
- vi. ensure that only competent, dedicated, patriotic and credible candidates are sponsored for elective offices at all levels of governance;
- vii. ensure that the programmes of the Party at all levels conform at all times with the fundamental objectives, and directive principles of state policy, as contained in the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, as well as conform at all times with the Ethic, Aim and Objectives of the Constitution of the Party;
- viii. promote mutual respect for and understanding of the religious, traditional and Cultural heritage of the various communities of our nation.

- ix. eradicate illiteracy in our society and to promote learning and research, science and technology;
- x. build, promote, sustain and consolidate political, economic and social independence and self-respect for all Nigerians;
- xi. co-operate with Africans and other Nationalist movements and organizations working for the eradication of imperialism, neo-colonialism, racism and to strive relentlessly towards African Unity, as well as greater understanding and cohesion among all peoples of African descent;
- xii. co-operate with all member nations in promoting the course of Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) the Organization of African Unity (OAU), The Common-wealth, and United Nations Organization (UNO) and other International and regional groupings that shall be in the best interest of Nigeria and Africa; and help to find just and peaceful solutions for international disputes.
- xiii. build a political culture in which all Nigerians are equal members, where each contributes according to his ability, where no one person dominates and where, no political party belongs to one individual;

### **Manifesto**

As a political party committed to the welfare of the people, the African Democratic Congress, ADC is a veritable political organization for the propagation and actualization of the will of Nigerian patriots to set the Nigerian nation and in turn the African continent on the path of true growth and development. While we shall work to bring about all the above stated aims and objectives, our watchword shall always remain to work together without fear or favor for the welfare and well being of all people. To do this we shall evolve leadership worthy of emulation that will transcend all tiers of government; Local, State and Federal Government. In promoting our doctrines, we shall ensure, respect and uphold the role of the constitution of the Federal republic, the dictum of separation of power and preserve the right of all citizens to ensure the free flow of democratic principles and ideals, In this context we must work for the full development and empowerment of the separate arms of governments, the Executive, Legislature and Judiciary. The abuse of the constitution of the Federal republic of Nigeria by anybody no matter how powerful is a contemptuous aberration and will be countered by our party ADC as these are supposed to work in harmony for public good.

We believe that Government is only important to the extent that she is able to Develop, Empower and Secure her people, and in her ability to build a civilized Country that her citizens will be proud of, and that it is her duty to raise the nations profile to attract the attention, admiration and respect of all responsible members of the world community, we hereunder list our compact EIGHT CARDINAL POINT AGENDA for the Nigerian Nation.

## **Eight Cardinal Point Manifesto for the Well Being of our People and State**

We are committed. We are charged. We are focused. We are determined. We are prepared. And, we are ready. As we set forth to change the errors of the past, the ignorance, insincerity, greed and 'rudderlessness' of the present, it is a duty call and we invite all noble men and women with passion for Nigeria to join us as we do the road map for the FUTURE. Our immediate goal is to building a political institution of distinction capable of enthroning leadership that will build an egalitarian society with limitless potentials and opportunities for all. As we present this, with all decorum we wish to note that the act of nation building is a continuous exercise, and we invite contributions to this document from Nigerians and Friends of Nigeria and Africa. Hereunder presented are our eight point Agenda which shall be applied with personal skills, style and creativity by our various candidates, while seeking office or in office.

1. Education: To ensure that all Nigerians are well equipped in life to meet local and global challenges. We shall do this through effective budget allocation, curricula enrichment, infrastructural development and improvement. ADC's programmes on education shall stream down from the national to the states, local government areas and the communities making sure that no one is left behind. Quality of education to be provided shall be splendid and will through the quintessential African value for hard work, technology and language, and skill and style. Qualitative and empowering education to be is our paramount concern for all at primary and secondary schools levels. This shall form our policy thrust. We shall put in place, appropriate scholarships, bursaries, grants and loans schemes to be availed to ensure that advanced education is available to all who aspire for it. We shall formulate and support legislations at all levels for the successful implementation of worthy educational and human enhancement programmes. Establish special schools for the disabled to ensure that all members of our society have equal chance to develop their potentials to the fullest. Our governments will work with the academia, professional bodies and institutes and businesses to propagate research and nation building milestones.
2. Family, Gender and Youth Empowerment: Recognizing that the family is the nucleus and bedrock of the society and that all the gender are important constituents of the family and society, our party and government shall evolve programmes to empower the family institution. We shall remain sensitive to all gender issue to ensure that all members and sexes are equally empowered to ensure full mobilization of all potentials for the effective development of our society. ADC shall pay special attention to our

women in all ramifications to ensure solid and balanced development of our nation. We also recognize that various past and present governments only pay lip service to and hardly apply recognized international conventions to family and women issues. As a responsible party, we shall always work towards maximizing the participation of our women in government and nation building.

Youth empowerment programmes shall be supported and developed at all levels. Skills, talents, and entrepreneurial development programmes and facilities will be provided. Our party and governments will ensure that jobs are provided and that the very creative talents of our youth in sport, music, acting, art and cultural display is promoted through deliberate government programmes.

3. Health Care: Our country has enough resources to care for her people. However, due to long years of obfuscation, neglect, corruption and ineptitude on the part of our various leaders, our health care facilities are in very sorry states. People in government spend billion of dollars for medical treatment abroad. Our doctors, nurses and other health care professionals are scattered all over the world because the various governments have abandoned the role. Mortuaries, and funeral homes/activities management and consultancies are the order of the day. Average life expectancy in our country is now much below the world records as it has dove tailed to less than 45, as families are made to bury young babies, youths, adult men and women, and elderlies who meet their deaths daily from preventable causes. No self respecting nation can tolerate this and ADC will not.
4. Our health policy shall be primary and affordable health care. Preventive health care will be our priority; resources will be directed mainly to rural areas, as we shall work to eliminate completely poverty from our nation's books. Specialist health facilities will be established using the military hospitals and university teaching hospitals and special partnership with established corporate medical facilities.

In addition ADC will embark on measures to:

- (a) Promote safe motherhood, care for nation's children through Programmes of immunization, nutrition and free health care as may be essential.
- (b) Introduce measures to make medicine affordable.
- (c) Pay adequate attention to TB, HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases, cancer and plaques and epidemics.
- (d) Be dynamically involved with our health care specialists and institutions for overall development of this essential sector.

4. Promote and ensure Transparency and Accountability in Government and Society. Corruption and lack of transparency in government circles most especially, is the bane of our society. This tend to make some government officials to personalise the institutions of power which leads to some of them being dictatorial and playing 'god' at the expense of the people and our nation. To fully gets our country functioning and on the path of modernity, our party and governments will work to wipe away any form of corruption and fraud within the government and Nigeria society. To this end ADC government must lead by example. All the existing laws must be made enforceable and some modified to deter government officials, civil servants, security personnel and others from being involved in any fraudulent or corrupt practices. ADC will promote end support legislation to promote due process and stop all this abuse. Any form of corruption within the government will be dealt with. As our government will lead by example the era of 'Ghana must Go' as the way of government and passing nocturnal and stinky legislation will be a thing of the past.

Similarly, to empower any elected government to work for the people in a truthful manner, elections must be free and fair and ADC will make rigging, vote buying and monetary inducement of electoral official illegal and to attract severe penalties.

5. **Security of Life and Property.** The country cannot develop without adequate security. Institutions and corporations cannot grow without security. Foreign investment cannot flow into Nigeria without security. The tourism sector cannot open up adequately without security. Life and property and country can appreciate without security. In this light ADC will work on the main causes of these problems. Justice, equity and openness must be displayed by the government at all level. In the main youth and family empowerment programmes, enlightenment and job creation and promotion of decent societal value must be embarked upon by an ADC government. In addition, the security personnel must be well trained and educated.

For the long run education and appropriate development of the economy to provide good jobs, while effort will be made to check corporate and blue collar crimes and government excesses. ADC shall sponsor, promote and support legislations that aim to enthrone security of life and property. ADC will continue to pursue legislation to enable the local governments and states to create its own police as this will promote safety of our communities and cities better than what we presently have.

Security and safety of the environment is also of paramount concern to our party. Environmental degradation, pollutions and depletion of the ozone layer will be will be attended to and available international conventions on these issues must be aptly applied by our government while working on inventing ways to check these scourge.

6. **Niger Delta and Derivation**: ADC will route for equity and therefore will not pay and more lip-service to issues concerning the Niger Delta. As a result, ADC will put in place legislations in support of complete reconstruction and development of all the areas that had afforded this country the resources of great value. In addition ADC will ensure that justice is done with regard to resources no matter where such resources are derived as it is completely senseless to continue to deprive people. ADC will address these and other injustices as we work to build a country that is civil, responsible and a proud member of the committee of nations; all applicable international standards and conventions will be used to address all the problems. Any responsible government cannot cheat or take advantage of its own citizens rather should promote life more abundantly for the overall enjoyment of her citizens.

7. **Development of Road and Rail Transportation**

**Infrastructures**. To promote industrialization, Commerce and Agriculture, ADC shall embrace road and rail transport development with every attention they deserve. While using Federal Roads and Rails to make major connections across the country, Federal Governmental of ADC shall cooperate with States and Local Government to ensure that towns are well linked with road and rail infrastructures to ensure free and unencumbered movement of people and goods. Likewise our inland waterways shall be developed with a view to giving businesses, farmers and merchants alternatives that will enhance their trade as this will promote the economy. This will equally give way to the opening up on inner cities. Also transportation will be safer and more affordable.

8. **Partnership for Development**

As a people's welfare focused political organization we shall partner with the following strategic members of society.

- a. Professionals
- b. Academics
- c. Institutions
- d. Businesses

This is to ensure strategic development and global competitiveness and at the same time avail the nation abundance of competences in various sectors towards building a strong, stable and virile nation.

Being in a genuine and constructive partnership with members of society the government of ADC shall have a superb network to accelerate development in Industrialization, Information Technology, Communication, Trade and all sector of national development through long term planning and vision for the country.

Topmost among the immediate desired result of the partnership will be the reversal of the power/electricity situation in the country, job creation, accelerated development, investment and research. Most importantly coordinated visioning and development planning will see the country to the desired goals.

### **Conclusion**

ADC will work at all time to promote and ensure the independence and harmonious co-existence and operation of the different arms and tiers of Government so that they would work efficiently to ensure that the people get top quality and value of service that is expected. ADC would work to promote democracy, democratic culture, tradition and conventions. Also ADC will work genuinely to ensure rule of law, order and the respect of the constitution by all and sundry especially those in power. ADC will not support the abuse of the constitution for pecuniary interests. Election rigging is completely abhorred and ADC will fight this.

The macro and micro application of our parties set of processes will definitely recreate our country as a prime leader in global development. It is targeted that an effective application and implementation of our manifestoes by an ADC federal government will generate 4 million jobs in 4years 8 to 10 million jobs in 8 years. Security situation, standard of life, industrialization, competitiveness and modernization of the country will experience an astronomical pull.

## **ADC - CHANGE! ADC - CHANGE!! AD & C - CHANGE FOR A BETTER NIGERIA!!!**

Goodwill Message to the Great Workers Of Nigeria (May 1, 2006).

On this very special day dedicated to workers all over the world, I wish to felicitate with all hardworking men and women of Nigeria. To work is to serve God and the one who works is a great patriot of his nation and a missionary of God the creator. Our nation needs your commitment and dedication especially now. Our party the African Democratic Congress connects with you genuinely and we share in your difficulties and your pains. I assure you that hope is on the way.

As a new party we are totally committed to the welfare of the working people of Nigeria. We are aware of the many broken promises and denied rights, and the lack of amenities and unfair conditions our faithful workers are subjected to. We view with great dissatisfaction the pittance paid to the majority of the work force and the plight of our pensioners and ex-service men and women. Particularly worrisome is the double standard of the government of the day; as they preach accountability, transparency, due processes, and austerity, they do the direct opposite. Everyday, contracts are inflated, oil wells are selfishly allocated and our common heritage is shared to a few cronies of those in power. Our hard-earned democracy has been reduced to a garrison and command imperialism, and the voters no longer count. The national assembly has become a special interest agency and rubber stamp for executive recklessness, sharing our collective wealth in what has now been christened as Ghana Must Go or GMG for short.

Failure of leadership has turned our nation to a beggarly country, a borrower without integrity. Recently, while receiving the Chinese Leader, President Obasanjo portrayed us as a mendicant nation without brains. Quoting the over flogged adage of teaching the people how to fish rather than giving them fish, he thanked his guest for the 'dash' of anti-malaria drugs, and begged China to teach us also how we can eradicate malaria. Mr. President would be well advised to stop putting down our country and maligning our brilliant and hard working professionals, scholars and technocrats. Our nation is certainly blessed with men and women of worth who can educate and help our President on any subject under the sun, including malaria eradication. In fact, our public health and medical personnel, engineers, researchers, and other intellectuals are scattered everywhere in the world because our nation is being raped by those in authority whose selfish personal ambitions will not let them move the country forward.



In the cause of setting up our party, we have traversed the length and breadth of this country, and we can say without fear of contradiction that the elite are the major cause of the problems afflicting this country. The ordinary Nigerian is trusting, hard working, and law abiding; the greatest threat to our nation is the greed and power drunkenness of a few. The challenge beckons on us to address this sorry state of affairs, and we shall continue to play our part to redirect our nation to the path of reason, development, peace and prosperity. On behalf of my party, the African Democratic Congress, ADC, I call on all Nigerians of goodwill to reject the third term or life rulership and inordinate fiefdom aspiration of the current PDP leadership. Democracy, rule of law, and respect for the constitution are the only ways to build the country of our dreams.

On this very special first day of May, 2006, I congratulate all workers in our land and beyond, and wish them the very best.

**ALUTA CONTINUA. VICTORIA ACERTA.**

God bless Nigeria.

Signed,

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