

PEOPLES DEMOCRATIC PARTY (PDP)
Motto: Justice, Unity and Progress
MANIFESTO OF PEOPLES DEMOCRATIC PARTY

PREAMBLE

We of the Peoples Democratic Party of Nigeria.

CONSCIOUS OF:

Our historic mission to build a modern democratic state founded on justice, Equity and Fair play;

REALIZING THE NEED TO:

- i. make a fundamental break with past mistakes in order to realize the optimum potentials of the country;
- ii. Build a qualitatively better society based on the principles of democracy, human rights and social justice under the rule of law;

COMMITTED TO:

- i. Restructuring Nigeria in the spirit of true federal and responsible tiers of government, so as to achieve a just and equitable society;
- i. Resolving such fundamental issues as proper devolution of powers between the three tiers of government;

COVENANT AS FOLLOWS:

1. The indivisibility of the Nigerian Polity
 - i. we affirm our belief in the unity of Nigeria under the Federal system of Government, we shall, therefore, continuously promote political tolerance, accommodation and compromise, religious harmony, as well as inter-ethnic and intra-ethnic accommodation and co-operation.
 - ii. The party shall also promote geo-political balancing as a fundamental principle of power sharing in the country, in life with the principle of federal character.
 - iii. l.ii. The party shall uphold the principle of power rotation in our polity at all levels.

2. SUPREMACY OF THE CONSTITUTION

We affirm our belief in the supremacy of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and the sovereignty of the Nigerian nation and its people. We hereby affirm our commitment to strict observance and enforcement of the provisions. As a political party, we shall conform to the

spirit and the letter of the provisions of the constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and the constitution of the People's Democratic Party.

3. INDEPENDENCE OF THE JUDICIARY AND OPERATION OF THE RULE OF LAW

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4. SANCTITY OF HUMAN DIGNITY

We affirm belief in respect of fundamental human rights, as enshrined in the Nigerian institution and international protocols and Conventions. We are against all forms of discrimination on the basis of gender, religious, place of origin, or ethnicity, race beliefs, etc. The PDP will strive to protect the rights of vulnerable groups in society, including, women, children, senior citizen and minorities.

DIRECTIVE PRINCIPLES

We shall remain strongly committed to:

- i. Democracy and good governance;
- ii. Freedom, human rights and human dignity;
- iii. Justice, Equity, popular participation, inclusiveness and the rule of law;
- iv. Integrity, transparency and accountability in the conduct of public affairs;
- v. Sustainable development through the creation of an enabling environment for a private sector led economic development.

DIRECTION OF POLICY AND MEASURE

1. Political Objective

The political objective of the Peoples Democratic Party is to:

- i. Seek political power for the purpose of protecting the territorial Integrity of Nigeria and promoting the security, safety, welfare and well-being of all Nigerians.
- ii. Promote and establish political stability in Nigeria and foster national unity and integration while safeguarding our culture and our values;
- iii. Provide good governance that ensures probity and participatory democracy.
- iv. Guarantee human rights and fundamental freedoms of all citizens and persons resident in Nigeria;

- v. promote and nurture democratic ideals and traditions on a sustainable basis;
- vi. provide the political environment that is conducive to economic growth and national development through private initiative and free enterprise;
- vii. Offer equal opportunity to hold the highest political, military, bureaucratic and judicial offices in the country to all citizens, and protect, defend and safeguard the interests of all including minorities.

DIRECTION OF POLITY AND MEASURES

2. Governance

The party shall be committed to:

- i. The principle of participatory democracy that lays emphasis on the welfare of our people;
- ii. The principles of social justice and the equality of opportunities for all citizens;
- iii. The promotion and defence of the Nigerian Federal system of government.;
- iv. The principles of accountability and transparency in order to restore confidence in the institution of government, discipline and leadership by example as basis for public life and personal integrity as an important moral value in the conduct of public affairs;
- v. Fostering the spirit of oneness among our people by treating all Nigerians fairly and equitably, regardless of their social, political, or economic status; and
- vi. The preservation of Nigeria as a multi-religious state whilst guaranteeing freedom of religion and good conscience.

DIRECTION OF POLICY AND MEASURES

3. Economy

At the root of Nigeria's political and social problems is poverty and low access to economic opportunities. The improvement in the well-being of Nigerians is the ultimate objective of the PDP's economic policy, and makes accessible to every Nigerian the basic needs of life.

The focus would be to create a market-based economy driven by small and medium scale businesses and regulated by a reformed public sector.

At the very foundation of the above objectives of the party is the pursuit of a strong, virile and diversified economy built to stem rural urban migration through investment in modern agricultural methods. PDP's economic policy is centered on people and seeks to realize the millennium development goals while aiming to;

- i. Develop a middle class driven by small business owners, professional class with access to credit
- ii. Create easy access to transferable property rights in urban and rural areas.
- iii. Protect the weak and poor through initiatives that are designed to integrate them in the economy.
- iv. Improve investment in physical and social infrastructure
- i. The PDP aims, altogether, at establishing the leading economy in Africa and one of the 20 Leading and largest economies in the world by 2020; an economy that experiences rapid and sustained growth of not less than 10% per annum.

HUMAN INFRASTRUCTURE.

Educations more within reach....literacy, student enrolment & completion Going Up.

Federal Government allocation to educational sector has been increased steadily over the last 3 years; this has translated into greater access to education, thus encouraging enrolment.

? Primary and Secondary education increasingly accessible,

? Access to education has bolstered enrolment; enrolment in schools has grown significantly.

? Efforts at improving adult literacy rate have also yielded fruit.

? Student enrolment into universities has increased by 149% over this 6 year period, while secondary school enrolment increased by 62.7%.

Objective

The PDP aims at ensuring and sustaining unfettered access to education for the total development of the individual. The party will also use a means for accelerated national development by using it as a tool for improving the quality of life.

Irreducible minimum Objectives for States & LGA

? Free and compulsory basic education

? Physical rehabilitation of all secondary and primary schools in the States

? Improvement in teachers/student ration to meet global standards

? Provision of mid-day meal for all students in basic education classes

? 100% school enrolment for boy and girl child

? Target reduction of illiteracy to 10%

To get there: PDP will

- ? Enforce compulsory basic education;
- ? Make education available, accessible and affordable to all;
- ? Improve the quality of education at all levels;
- ? Enhance the efficiency, resourcefulness, and competence of teachers and other educational personnel through training and other measures;
- ? Mobilize and develop partnership with private sector and local community to support and fund education;
- ? Enrich and diversify curricular so as to emphasize integrated skills at the basic educational level and judiciously mix of intellectual and practical skills development at all levels;
- ? Regularly supervise, monitor and evaluate the entire educational system;
- ? Encourage private and voluntary organizations to establish educational institutions at all levels subject to compliance and adherence to existing government policies;
- ? Allocate a minimum of 15% of Federal Budget to Education and establishment of independent Agencies for the accreditation and regulation of different levels of education, professions and vocational schools;
- ? Ensures free education up to JSS1 level;
- ? Revamp and revolutionized the tertiary educational level;
- ? Assist the State and Local Government to construct at least one new secondary school in each LGA and one new primary school in each of the towns that make up a Local Government;
- ? Encourage the State and Local Government to make use of scholarship awards in order to reward bright students and as an incentive for indigenes.

HEALTH

Objective

The overall objective of policy in the health sector will be to improve the health status of Nigerians in order to increase productivity, Job creation, wealth creation & poverty reduction.

The specific elements of the objective include:

Increase in the life expectancy of Nigerians; through improvement of healthcare services.

- ? Ensuring universal access to basic health care and reproductive health;
- ? Improvement of maternal and child health; and
- ? Achieving high and substantial levels of immunization against all vaccine preventable diseases, including attaining national self-sufficiency in vaccine production

Irreducible minimum objectives for State and LGA

- ? Free medical services for pregnant women and children less than five years;
- ? Rehabilitate or construct a standard health care centers in each ward;
- ? Rehabilitate or construct a well-equipped General Hospital in each Local Government Area;
- ? Support NAFDAC to rid rural areas of fake drugs;
- ? Reduce HI V/AIDS prevalence to under 2%;
- ? Encourage research into traditional medicine and local production of drugs;
- ? Routine immunization of all children under five years

To get there: PDP will

Institutionalize restructuring, reorganization, re-orientation, strengthening and redefining of roles and responsibilities;

- ? Review existing policies and strategies on health legislation;

Refurbish the primary health care facilities to make them operational;

- ? Strengthen local governments capacity in primary health care management;
- ? Create an enabling environment for local production of Nigeria's needs for essential drugs and supplies and antiretroviral drugs and reagents;
- ? Develop and implement an appropriate response to HI V/AIDS pandemic;
- ? Develop and implement a strategy to enhance community participation in providing and financing health services;
- ? Establish a reliable system for supplying good-quality drugs and medical materials to health facilities;
- ? Encourage Public Private Partnership in Health Care delivery;
- ? Assist the Local Governments capacity in Primary Health Care Management, especially in Maternal and Child Health, TB, Malaria, HIV/AIDS and other communicable diseases and sickle cell diseases;
- ? Expand training facilities for all categories of health Personnel;
- ? Upgrade the entire various tertiary health institutes to international standards.
- ? Promote Health by creating 100% awareness of the various risk factors and provide health centres free medical information and help
- ? Ensure through the state and LG that the vaccine get to the entire population.

Making progress...

Improved funding and targeted health programmes... PAYING OFF

Substantial government funding and determined focus on selected areas has positively and significantly impacted on health/welfare.

Access to basic health facilities and care has been greatly enhanced and given significant increase in health care centers.

? Improved portable water supply has reduced the number of water borne disease recorded.

? Life expectancy up by 1.6 years for Male and 1.5 years for Female from 1999 levels

The fight against HIV/AIDS is BEING WON

Considerable awareness campaign on HIV/AIDS pandemic has resulted in a consistent decline in HIV/AIDS prevalence rate.

? Strong political commitment has translated into greater support for intervention.

? Nigeria was the first county in Sub-Saharan Africa where the government commitment to putting some 10,000 adults and 5000 children on Anti-Retroviral Therapy(ART) using HER OWN RESOURCES in 2002 using 25 hospitals as pilot sites.

? The number of ART site has increased since then from 25(in 2002) to 85.

? About 69,000 people on treatment as of April 2006.

Economy

Improvement in the well-being of Nigerians is the ultimate objective of the PDFs economy policy thrust is to make accessible to every Nigerian the basic needs of life. Significant reduction of poverty by at least 50% from the current levels must be achieved by the policy within 5 years and this poverty reduction shall be the true indicator for measuring well-being, as would be demonstrated by:

Ensuring food on every table and food security;

? Unemployment reduction; and

? Provision of rural infrastructure including potable water, electricity, basic education and health, roads, telecommunication and housing

At the very foundation of the above objective of the party is the pursuit of a strong, virile and broad-based economy with adequate capacity to absorb externally generated stocks. A buoyant economy with a high level of productivity of the factors of production (Land, Labour & Capital), improved capacity utilization is the goal of the PDPs economic policy. The PDP aims, altogether, at establishing one of the leading economies in Africa; an economy that experiences rapid and sustained growth of not less than 10% per annum.

Objective

The present Administration's tenure i.e. 2007 is the target. The creation of a national economy that is highly competitive, responsive to incentives, private sector-led, broad-based, diversified, and market- orientated and open, but based on internal momentum for its growth, is the aim of the PDP.

The PDP aims to make Nigeria one of the 20 largest and leading economies in the world by the year 2020AD (i.e. Vision 20:20:20).

To get there: PDP will

Sustain the private sector-led economic growth strategy;

? Expand poverty reduction measures;

? Provide, reactive, rehabilitate and maintain infrastructure;

? Employ measures to create wealth and generate employment;

? Reoriented values;

? Reform the public sector;

? Create and maintain a stable macroeconomic environment for private enterprise to thrive;

? Continue the divestment of government holding ventures where the private sector can operate better through privatization;

? Adoption of measures to activate and energize medium, small scale and micro enterprises to make them contribute meaningfully to national economic development; and

? Provision of rural infrastructure and services

Making Progress

Bank consolidation policy DELIVERING CREDIT Stimulating investment and growth

Total credit to the economy has increased by 25% compared to the same period (January to May) last year.

Credit to priority sector growing faster this year than last year

AGRICULTURE

Objective

One of PDP's principal objectives shall be the development of Agriculture. Our agricultural objective shall aim at: food security, making agriculture profitable by various measures, the promotion of agriculture as major source of industrial raw materials, foreign exchange earnings; employment creation and achieving a diversified economy.

The Agricultural Credit Support Scheme (ACS 5) aims to provide a fund N5 0 billion to provide increased access to affordable credit for Nigeria farmers. The funds are available interest rate of 8% for farmers who make early repayments.

Irreducible minimum objectives for States & LGA

Create training programmes for successor's generation of farmers and extensions service staff.

? Provide at least one Agro-service unit to include input supplies and marketing facility in each Local Government Area.

? Each State to develop at least two crops for local self-sufficiency and two for export and at least one crop each from each Local Government Area.

To get there: PDP will

Facilitate-access to cheaper and better agricultural inputs, including farm tools, chemicals, fertilizers, improved seedlings and fingerlings, and livestock breeds;

? Encourage plantation agriculture and production of farm animals;

? Embark on massive irrigation schemes by emphasizing small-scale dams to provide irrigation water;

? Stimulate agricultural research through a package of incentives to the universities and agricultural research institutes;

? Increase the supply of agricultural extension services through massive training and encouragement of extension personnel through the State Government; and

? Use of the Nucleus Estate Initiative, NFI, as a model of implementation under the general framework of National Economic Empowerment and Development Strategy, NEEDS.

RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Objective

The party shall be committed to raising the quality of life of rural dwellers and alleviation of poverty in the rural areas through integrated Rural Development reduction in the level of rural poverty reversal of rural-urban migration; re-introduction and expansion of extension services in the rural areas; and provision of run based infrastructure and services such as rural feeder roads; water supply; electricity; telephony; nutrition education programme, HIV/AIDS prevention and control programme; and basic health services.

Irreducible minimum objectives for States & LGA

Provide potable water in all communities.

? Improve quality of life through deliberate policies that increase economic opportunities in rural areas.

To get there: PUP will

Encourage the establishment of small-scale, micro and cottage industries in rural areas;

? Improve the cooperative society system in the rural areas;

? Cooperate with NGOs and multilateral agencies in the empowerment of rural communities.

? Stem Rural-Urban migration through improved access to local economic opportunities;

? Through the State and LG, Improve water supply in all communities and Accelerate rural electrification to achieve 100% power supply by 2011.

INFRASTRUCTURE

Infrastructure needs traverse all sector of the economy and are central to economic development. Poor and inadequate infrastructure has remained the greatest obstacle to private investment and indeed, Nigeria's economic development since investors have to embark on compensatory investment to provide infrastructure. PDP government intends to give priority to the provision of infrastructure that is conducive to private sector-driven economic growth and development. The PDP government will intensify public sector investments, strengthen legal and regulatory frameworks for private participation and encourage the integration of the economy in:

Electric power supply

? Transportation networks roads, rail, air transport and inland water ways

? Water supply or consumption, irrigation and production

To Get There: PDP will

Privatize key infrastructure services;

? Encourage private sector initiative in the provision of infrastructure services;

? Target intervention in the provision of infrastructure to critical areas of need

? Mainstream maintenance culture for all infrastructure facilities.

? Develop a national plan for protection of critical infrastructure

POWER SUPPLY

Objective

It is the aspiration of the PDP that Nigerians enjoy reliable and regular electricity supply without outages, the power sector should be transformed into one led by the private sector while government provides the enabling environment with appropriate legal and regulatory framework as well as formulates the right policies for the development of the sector. The PDP also envisage accelerated rural power supply through targeted measures by the states and local governments and appropriate incentives to private sector operators.

The plank of measures is the complete reform of the sector with the unbundling of existing structures so that generation, transmission and distribution could be distinctively carried out. The PDP government will license private companies to generate electricity for sale to distribution companies nationwide.

Irreducible Minimum Objective for State & LGA

Achieve total Electrification of rural and Urban Water

? Provide potable water within easy reach of all communities

? Encourage community ownership and sustenance of water projects

? Utilize water management rain harvesting, irrigation etc in all Local Government Areas

? Continue investments in distribution infrastructure particularly in rural areas

? Accelerate investments in off-grid electricity supply.

To Get There: PDP will

Strengthen the regulatory agency for the electricity industry; and

? Privatize business units that will emerge from the unbundling of NEPA.

? Encourage independent power producers by private sector, state government in collaboration with private enterprise

? Promote the supply and use of other sources of energy such as solar, biomass, coal, fuel briquettes, nuclear, hydrogen etc.

? Continue investments in power plants and transmission lines nationwide

? Provide matching grants from the rural electrification fund to incentivize state and LGAs to invest in off-grid power supply.

WATER RESOURCES

Nigeria has about 267.3 billion cubic meters of surface water and 52 billion cubic meters of underground water. Despite the potential, only about 39 percent of the rural population and 52 percent of urban dwellers have access to safe drinking water. Only 18 percent of the total water impounded nationwide is effectively used. Water shortages are rampant nationwide.

Objective

The PDP aims at providing universal access to safe drinking water, adequate sanitation and eradication of water-borne diseases. The PDP in government will put in place measures for optimum utilization of water resources for enhanced and sustained economic growth. A participatory approach, involving all stakeholders, including the three tiers of government and the private sector, will be adopted in the development of water resources and the provision of water. The PDP government will aim at the rehabilitation and modernization of existing infrastructure and provision of additional ones. Intra sectoral policy consistency especially at the three tiers will receive priority while institutional reforms will be on a continuous basis. Efforts would be geared towards the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals in the area of access to potable water. The private sector will be encouraged to participate fully in water resources development.

Irreducible Minimum Objectives for States & LGA

Provide portable water within easy reach of all communities

? Encourage community ownership and sustenance of water projects

? Ensure water management rain harvesting and irrigation in all Local Government Areas.

To Get There: PDP will

? **Fast** track the passage of all pending water resources legislation so that water resources are not only rationally used but protected too;

? **Completion** of key ongoing projects at all levels, including hydro.-geological mapping of the country and the establishment of water quality laboratories;

? **Continue** the expansion and improvement of the rural water supply and sanitation schemes at state level.

? **Encourage** private sector participation in water resources development, supply and management.

RAIL TRANSPORT

Objective

The goal envisage for the rail system is an expanded rail network system linking major activity centres such as ports, raw materials centers, major cities, etc. A PDP government will strive to make the rail system the prime mover of goods and people due to its advantages over other modes of transportation. The linking of the rail network system to the Trans-African rail network system and its full integration into the national transport system is the long term objective.

The Obasanjo administration has embarked on an ambitious rehabilitation and modernization of the Railways which key elements include:

Federal government investment of \$8.3 billion for the construction of standard gauge rail line between Lagos and Kano

? Second phase will consist of Port Harcourt to Jos

? National coverage of standard gauge by 2011

A PDP government will ensure speedy implementation of the national railway system to facilitate commerce and socio economic development.

To Get There: PDP will

Rehabilitate, refurbish and modernize equipment and facilities;

? Modernize and convert obsolete gauge to standard and double gauge;

? Privatize or concession the Nigerian Railway Corporation to private operators;

? Extend the rail network to link all state capitals to the FCT; and;

? Encourage private sector participation in rail system operations and development by adoption of modern funding and management measures.

? By the end of 2011 the Railway system will be revamped nationally to achieve national economic integration.

ROADTRANSPORTATION

Objective

The objective in road transport is to make a large part of the country including rural areas, accessible by road, all year round.

A network of roads that is capable of promoting inter-state travels with ease and comfort is the goal for a PDP federal government while PDP state and local governments are to construct more rural feeder roads and stock routes.

Irreducible Minimum Objectives for States & LGA

? Train vehicle inspection officers to enhance regulatory function

? Provide commercial garages in all LGAs

? Promote non-motorized transport modes in rural areas

? Construct and maintain feeder roads in each LGA

? Maintain all modes of transportation within the state and the local government

To Get There: P1W will

Complete all ongoing road projects;

? Establish and strengthen road maintenance agencies that use locally available inputs including asphalt and labour to keep roads in motorable state; and

? Partner with private sector operators/investors.

? Ensure that roads are constructed with a view to the tonnage of vehicles that may ply such highways.

? Improve Road safety through sustained implementation of existing laws.

? Empower the federal road safety corps to regulate interstate travels.

? Assist the State and Local Government in the construction of new feeder roads and stock routes for easy access.

WATER TRANSPORT

Objective

The objective of a PDP government in water transportation is to enhance the use of water as a major means of transportation at the various levels. Towards this end, the major rivers would be made navigable all year round while the development of other inland waterways to increase overall water carrying capacity is envisaged. In the area of seaports, the PDP government's target is to make Nigeria the centre of activities in the West African sub-region. There should be 24 hours port operation, including night sailing. APDP government consolidating the gains of the past seven years will see to

- Improved through put at all our ports linking of the ports to the Railways
- Improved turnaround time for containers
- Ensuring Nigeria's presence in the (IMO) International Maritime Organisation white list
- Increased number of seafarers
- Increase implementation of cabotage regime to enhance indigenous vessel acquisition.

To get there: PDP will

- Encourage private sector involvement in the development of water transportation at all levels, including dredging inland waterways and seaports;
- Streamline marine transport agencies through mergers and alignment of functions;
- Institutionalize, strengthen and restructure the Nigeria Ports Authority in its new role as a regulator;
- Continue port reforms including further simplification of procedures and continued reorientation;
- Deepen the current reforms and concessioning through provision of more deep sea capacity ports to enhance regional prospects;

AVIATION (AIR TRANSPORT)

Objective

The PDP envisages an aviation industry that meets international standards; where all facilities work and the aircraft meets the ICAO standards. An aviation industry that provides affordable alternative means of domestic transportation to Nigerians is the desire of PDP.

To get there: PDP will

- Continue the maintenance and upgrading of infrastructure at the Airports;
- Equip local airports with modern and adequate facilities;
- Allow and encourage private operators to provide facilities needed for their operations;
- **Develop** local manpower and maintenance capacity;
- Adopt measures to achieve total radar coverage of Nigeria's airspace;
- Establish an effective/efficient emergency rescue unit;
- Regulate the age of aircraft that ply Nigeria air space.

INTERNAL SECURITY

Objective

The PDP envisages for Nigeria a society where peace reigns, a society where there is security of life and property. A society devoid of ethnic militia and inter-ethnic/inter-religious feuds, a society where the security outfits are disciplined, professional, effective, responsive, people-friendly and pro-community

Irreducible minimum Objectives for states & LGA

- Support neighborhood groups to work with the Police encouraging community policing
- Provide logistic and information support to the Police

To get there: PDD will

- Refine the methods of recruitment to ensure credible intake to the force
- Implement reforms that will address the retraining of personnel, improved logistics and more effective supervision and control of personnel;
- Pursue vigorous reorientation programmes to be instituted to create people friendly security personnel;
- Strengthen early warning and response mechanisms which aim at reinvigorating old structures and creating new ones, to analyze and disseminate data and intervene as necessary;
- Mainstream conflict resolution into structures and processes that encourage a culture of peace, in which conflicts are addressed before they degenerate into violence and, creating incentives for peaceful groups.

DEFENCE

Objective

Nigeria maintains conventional forces in order to preserve the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the country.

The defence objective of the P1W government shall be:

- The preservation of democracy and protection of territorial integrity in order to create a conducive atmosphere for national development. PDP will continue to seek peaceful coexistence with neighbouring countries and the promotion of sub-regional and regional security in Africa while supporting the quest for global peace and stability. A PDP led government will continue the policy of reduction in size, reorientation, professionalization and retraining of the armed forces.
- The armed forces shall be responsible to civil authority through a well-defined chain of command. The chain of command will run through the President, Commander-in-Chief, to the Minister of Defence, to the Chief of Defence Staff down to the appropriate Service Chiefs.
- Improve access to information on the Armed Forces to the public within the limits of National security consideration
- Continue the training of Armed Forces personnel to improve their delivery capabilities
- Increase manpower in Security agencies
- Provide additional equipment and tools
- Collaborate with International Security agencies.
- Improve welfare of Security personnel

Making Progress...

Anticorruption

The ultimate aim of the PDP is create a transparent rule-based society. The major plank for the realization of this goal is the continuation and sustenance of the fight against corruption in public and private sectors of the economy. Current initiatives like the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative, Economic and Financial Crimes Commission and Independent Corrupt Practices Commission will be strengthened to sustain the fight against corruption.

EFCC & ICPC ...working

- In just three years of the operation of EFCC, Nigeria has been delisted from the list of on- cooperating countries and territories in the global fight against money laundering by the Financial Action Task Force (FATF)
- This means increase in foreign investment inflows for our economy
- Number of petitions received by the ICPC indicates heightening accountability-particularly in the public sector
- In twenty years or more, before the inauguration of the commission, no case of corruption was heard in any court OF RECORD in the land. From 14ay 2001 to July 2005 the commission has filed 49 cases in court
- The EFCC has in three years secured more than 50 conviction for financial crimes:

To get there: PDP will

- Encourage its legislators to strengthen the Code of Conduct Bureau and pass the Freedom of Information Bill
- Persuade elected officials to make public their assets declaration records and support a legal backing for compulsory open declaration of assets
- Support the removal of immunity clause against criminal proceedings enjoyed by certain category of public officers
- Promote greater transparency in the extract industry and other private sector concerns.

PETROLEUM RESOURCES**Objective**

The PDP's objective for the sector is defined by the need to:

Increase the level of crude oil reserves to ensure regular supply and distribution of petroleum products through a liberalized and deregulated supply, distribution, and refining system to increase the drive for investments to establish integrated petrochemicals based on gas stream, with a majority private sector interest, increase local content, improving linkages to the rest of the economy sustain the focus on the terminal date for ending gas, flaring; hedge the national economy against volatility in the crude oil market and OPEC quota; harness and exploit the country's huge gas reserves to increase the use of gas in power generation and boost foreign exchange• earnings from gas; foster healthy, orderly, and competitive development of oil and gas sub-sector through effective and efficient regulation, standards, and quality control agencies.

To get there: PDP will

- Continue the reorganization and streamlining of the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation
- Explore the use of alternative funding schemes;
- Complete the deregulation of the downstream sector;
- Improve security in the sub-sector and strengthen relevant institutions;
- Continue the implementation of the principles of the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative;
- Eliminate gas flaring, enforcement of air pollution regulations and cleaning up of the Niger Delta region;
- Lay gas pipelines across the country to enable industries access to cheaper and steadier energy source.

SOLID MINERALS**Objective**

The objective for the sub-sector is the achievement of an orderly development of the nation's mineral resources to achieve optimum benefits from their production and use in terms of enhanced economic growth and improved human welfare.

The specific elements of the objective include enhanced contribution to employment generation, government revenue and foreign exchange earnings. The sub-sector is also to play a major role in the effort to broaden the productive base of the economy through its linkage effects. In particular the PDP will aim at achieving self-sufficiency in the production of road grade asphalt and using resources from this sector to broaden the energy supply base.

Broadly, PDP government is to create an enabling environment for the private sector to develop the enormous resources in this sub-sector.

In this direction, incentives to attract investors will be put in place. Specific actions to be taken include:

To get there: PDP will

- Sustain the on-going institutional reorganization and strengthening in the solid mineral sector for the PDP government to effectively perform the role of a facilitator and catalyst;
- Adopt measures to boost domestic demand, ensure value addition and provide relevant information to investors;
- Provide necessary central infrastructure;
- Carry out environmental impact assessment to curtail the adverse effects of operations on local communities;
- Update the database on solid minerals deposits in the country
- Encourage Private participation in the mining sector through transparent licensing and
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The specific elements of the objective include enhanced contribution to employment generation, government revenue and foreign exchange earnings. The sub-sector is also to play a major role in the effort to broaden the productive base of the economy through its linkage effects. In particular the PDP will aim at achieving self sufficiency in the production of road grade asphalt and using resources from this sector to broaden the energy supply base.

Broadly, PDP government is to create an enabling environment for the private sector to develop the enormous resources in this sub-sector.

In this direction, incentives to attract investors will be put in place. Specific actions to be taken include:

To get there: PDP will

- **Sustain** the on-going institutional reorganization and strengthening in the solid mineral sector for the PDP government to effectively perform the role of a facilitator and catalyst;
- Adopt measures to boost domestic demand, ensure value addition and provide relevant information to investors;
- Provide necessary central infrastructure;
- Carry out environmental impact assessment to curtail the adverse effects of operations on local communities;
- Update the database on solid minerals deposits in the country
- Encourage Private participation in the mining sector through transparent licensing and

To get there: PDP will

- Revise the legal and administrative framework of incentives for science, engineering and technology;
- Encourage local technological initiative and the development of scientific and technological attitude and culture among Nigerians;
- Implement Technology Park initiative;
- Intensify value addition R&D efforts involving the use of locally available raw material;
- Open Technology Business Incubator Centres in more states of the Federation;
- Strengthen the expertise in applied Research & Development (R & D);
- Use Science & Technology to fast track growth and development under NEEDS;
- Launch more communication satellites for improvement in telecommunication and meteorology
- Continue with the development of the Abuja Technology Village(ATV)

COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Objective

In order to position the country to meet the challenges of global trends in information and communication technology development, the PDP aims at installing an efficient and effective communication system that is affordable to most Nigerians.

The PDP notes that the challenges to improving communication and information services include:

- High cost of provision of power;
- Lack of local manufacture of information and telecommunication equipment;
- Absence of effective and efficient postal communication;
- Inadequate human capacity and indigenous technical know-how.

The elements of the objective include:

- Increasing telephone density to one telephone density to every 5 people

- Developing a national transmission backbone, including multimedia super corridor; and
- Improving the efficiency of the country's postal system.

Irreducible minimum Objectives for states & LG

- Setup internet and computer learning centers in all LGAs
- Progressively move the state bureaucracy to E-government platform
- Provide computers in all secondary schools
- Encourage private involvement in internet cafes

To get there: PDP will

- Pursue local content policy in the manufacture of electrical and electronic equipment and communications and telecommunications equipment, including handsets, accessories and components;
- Foster enabling environment for developing software capacity;
- Continue with the development of the Abuja Technology Village and the African Institute of Science & Technology.
- Provide incentives to develop industrial parks in information and communications technology;
- Enforce intellectual property rights, and promotion of entrepreneurship, training and partnership;
- Improve regulatory oversight of the industry;
- Strengthen and restructure the postal system

ENVIRONMENT

Objective

It shall be the policy of the PDP government to ensure the securing of a quality environment adequate for good health and soundness of the body and mind. The party shall in particular, address the ecological problems associated with mining, oil exploration, flooding and erosion, desertification, etc., in the country.

Irreducible minimum Objectives for states & LGA

- Introduce sanitation inspectors or monitoring staff in all Local Government Areas
- Provide waste dump and incineration sites in all Local Government Areas

To get there: PDP will

- Improve the regular and proper disposal of household and industrial wastes;
- Ensure effective implementation of the Environmental Renewal Initiative;
- Progressively increase the adoption of environmentally sound technologies and implement relevant international conventions;
- Provide incentives and assistance to industries to change to ozone-friendly production processes by reducing atmospheric pollution

- Encourage state and local governments on the need to develop, refurbish and update their waste management equipment;
- Improve and beautify the environment by establishing open space, parks and gardens for recreational purposes in cities, towns and within housing estates.

LAND

Objective

The objective of our party is to ensure easy access by all Nigerians to land and provide easily transferable property rights through revamping land registries and creating a uniform platform for nationally interoperable system, The Land reforms would reduce transaction time for property transfers, improve access to credit and increase transparency in land transactions.

A CASE IN POINT

In FCT, Land reforms led to the establishment of Abuja Geographic Information Systems (AGIS) since inception, AGIS has implemented the following.

- * GIS graphical and textual data have been entered into the system: Over 2,000 maps have been captured and are available in digital form.
- The master plan for the city and the Land Use Plans for phase I & II were scanned, geo-referenced and digitized into the GIS.
- The Master Plan of all Satellite Towns has also been digitised.
- Over Seven Billion Naira was generated and collected from land transaction since the inception of the agency in July, 2004 to date.
- An additional sum of \$1,007, 222.31 was generated and collected from foreign embassies and diplomats having grants of plots within the FCT

To get there: PDP will

- Support a nation-wide land registry reforms that would ensure easy and transparent land transfer
- Encourage reduction in processing time for consent and overall land transaction
- Reclaim and rehabilitate land devastated by desertification and soil - erosion; and
- Encourage active afforestation in areas where lumbering activities have caused waste.

HOUSING

Objective

The PDP aims at having affordable houses for the masses of Nigeria.

The focus of the past seven years has been to increase the national housing stock; ensure uniform building codes and promote the use of local materials in the quest for affordable housing.

The PDP Government will not only provide affordable housing but will seek to build more inclusive communities comprising a mix of different income brackets.

Our housing vision will be guided by equity and inclusiveness

Irreducible minimum Objectives for states & LGA

- Produce State-wide digital maps
- Create Master plan for major cities
- Computerize land registries
- Provide digital information on street names and house numbers for national database
- Embrace village and urban renewal programmes Encourage private-public partnership in housing development

To get there: PDP will

- Intensify efforts to popularize the use of local raw materials;
- Review the Land Use Act to make the acquisition of land cheaper for developers so that the cost of houses could be lower;
- Encourage private operators, local and state governments to produce houses;
- Give grants for developing sites and providing services;
- Further encourage research into development of local inputs for the production of Cheaper houses; and
- Further strengthen the mortgage institutions.

VALUERE ORIENTATION

The PDP notes with sadness the breakdown of community and core African values in our communities. Cherished values of selfless service, honesty, integrity, communal service and valor are conspicuously missing in our value system accentuated by conflict in our communities. The reason for this breakdown in social cohesion and values can be traced to the family, the most intimate unit of society. PDP's objective is to cause a holistic reorientation of our values and restoration of the African identity and consciousness

To get there: PDP will

- Employ culture to promote the country's traditional values of honesty, integrity, hard work, respect for elders and hospitality as well as intra and inter-ethnic understanding, religious harmony and socio-political solidarity;
- Inculcate value reorientation in school curriculum
- Launch a national revival campaign
- Reward behaviour that promotes our traditional values
- Involve the media in the reorientation campaign

YOUTH EMPOWERMENT

Objective

The PDP will put in place policies to address youth development and empowerment in order to curtail rising incidence of social ills associated with joblessness among young people. The PDP will also seek to reorient the youth away from negative values to cherish core values of the African society including respect for elders, honesty, hard work and good neighborliness.

Irreducible minimum Objectives for states & LGA

- Build youth training and empowerment centres in all LGAs
- Provide business advisory services, micro credit and entrepreneurship support for youths
- Encourage youths to participate in voluntary services
- Provide centres for skill acquisition and citizenship and leadership training

To get there: PDP will

Expand opportunities for vocational training and entrepreneurial development;

- Inculcate core African values on children in primary/secondary schools;
- Sustain current campaigns against negative habits/practices; cultism, drug abuse, corruption, prostitution, women trafficking and child abuse; and child trafficking;
- Establish Youths Centres for Leadership skill development at State and LG levels;
- Aim at establishing a separate youth's ministry at federal and state levels.
- Restructure and revamp the National Youth Service Corps to meet its set objectives and future challenges;
- Improve facilities of the National Youth council and citizenship and leadership training centre
- Encourage involvement of youths in hobbies
- Inculcate the spirit of volunteerism in youths, through value reorientation

WOMEN

Women are an important group of the Nigerian society whose participation in national politics has been minimal due largely to cultural inhibitions and barriers. The relevance of women, their numerical strength and their multiplier effects in the mass mobilization of the Nigerian people for national development is recognized by the party.

Objective

Accordingly, the PDP in government shall pursue policies to enhance the participation of women in national affairs. Specifically, the PDP will seek to integrate women by enhancing their capacity to participate in the economic, social, political and cultural life of the Nigerian nation.

Irreducible minimum Objectives for states & LGA

- Ensure equal opportunity in accessing microfinance by women cooperatives

- Selectively provide affirmative action for women participation in democracy and other social areas

To get there: PDP will

- Ensure equitable representation of women in all aspects of national life including party organs by using affirmative action to ensure that at least 30% of the workforce are women;
- Implement the provisions of the UN Convention on elimination of all forms of discrimination against women;
- Mainstream women's concerns and perspectives into all policies and programmes;
- Enhance access to microfinance
- Support legislation for the abolition of all forms of harmful traditional practices against women;
- Strengthen women societies to make them more effective in the process of ensuring the empowerment of the women;
- Exempt women standing for electoral office from paying any fees

SPORTS

Objective

The PDP aims to harness effectively the enormous potential of the sports industry by liberalizing it so that the private sector will play the dominant role while government creates the enabling environment for the private sector to operate. The PDP intends to use the sports industry as an avenue for national mobilization, job creation for the youth, wealth creation for the country and as a tool of foreign relations.

Irreducible minimum Objectives for states & LGA

- Establish or improve inter-school sports at Secondary school level
- Create incentives for all youths to participate and excel in sporting activities
- Promote community sports facilities in all LGAs,
- Encourage cultural sporting 'events

To get there: PDP will

- Amend all laws inhibiting private sector participation;
- Expand sporting facilities all over the country and provide recreational facilities at all Local Government levels
- Establish private/public sports training institutions
- Harness the unifying capacity of sports

NIGERIAN CULTURE

Our party recognizes the Nigerian culture as the totality of complex of attainments, beliefs, customs and traditions which form the country's collective identity. It is the culture of Nigeria that distinguishes her from all other people and gives her peculiar qualities and character. Culture is therefore an instrument of national identity.

Our party also recognizes that culture is dynamic and has to be continuously refined. The Nigerian culture must project Nigerians as people that have fineness of taste.

Objective:

- The objective therefore shall aim at promoting and integrating the diverse cultures of the peoples of Nigeria in such a way as to achieve a truly national cultural identity for the country; and
- Promote Nigerian culture and civilization

To get there: PDP will

- Progressively integrate the diverse cultures of the people of Nigeria;
- Promote only that aspect of our culture that is conducive to fostering national unity and gradually phase out all of its unfavorable aspects;
- Employ culture as an instrument for molding Nigeria's social and political behaviour;
- Internationalize the country's cultural values hence, the political values arising there from particularly within the Africa region.

TOURISM

Objective

The primary focus of PDP in the tourism sector is to make Nigeria the preferred tourist destination in West Africa. The key target in the immediate term is to increase tourist arrivals into the country by 10 percent a year.

Irreducible minimum Objectives for states &LGA

- Develop at least one historical/tourist site in each senatorial zone
- Create an office for preservation of historic and tourist monuments in each Local Government Area
- Encourage local tourism

To get there: PDP will

- Concession existing tourist attractions and provide support infrastructure for tourism;
- Encourage private sector investment in the tourism sector and participation in the management of national parks;
- Improve security to encourage foreign tourists to visit Nigeria;
- Launch an awareness campaign within and outside the country on the benefits and potentials in the sector;
- Reorient visa officials to a pro-tourism approach; to liberalise issuance of visas for visitors to Nigeria.
- Promote heart of Nigeria project to exhibit Nigerian business, culture and resorts.
- Support the preservation of Nigeria historic monuments as tourist attractions.

EMPLOYMENT, LABOUR AND WAGES OBJECTIVE.

The PDP shall vigorously strive to:

- improve the working conditions of the Nigeria labour force, enhance opportunities for gainful employment; and ensure that workers are reasonably remunerated by their employers to enhance labour productivity

Irreducible minimum Objectives for states & LGA

- Ensure payment of minimum wage to workers promptly
- Provide incentives for entrepreneurship
- Ensure that all workers are involved in contributory pension scheme
- Register all workers and willing self-employed in the national health insurance scheme

To get there: PDP will

- Review wage structure and wage rates in line with the prevailing economic realities;
- Monetize fringe benefits;
- Support representation of labour in all organs of government dealing with the affairs of working people;
- Give freedom of labour movement throughout all the states of the federation;
- Take measures to alter the character of economic growth to make it job creation friendly.

PUBLIC SERVICE

Objective

The PDP aims to continue the restructuring of the public service to make it smaller, stronger, better skilled and more efficient at delivering essential services. It seeks to transform government from being a haven of corruption to an institution that spurs development and serves the people.

Irreducible minimum Objectives for states & LGA

- Right size the public service, limiting personnel cost to 33% of total revenues.
- Measure and improve quality of service against SERVICOM benchmark
- Increase the ratio of professionals to staff officers in the bureaucracy
- Increase access to information about government processes and decision
- Ensure discipline through prompt reward and sanction

To get there: PDP will

- Right-size the public sector and eliminate ghost workers;
- Restore the professionalism of the civil service; through rigorous capacity development.
- Rationalize, restructures and strengthens institutions;

- Reduce waste and improvement of efficiency of government expenditure; and
- Enhance economic coordination.
- Deepen Open and competitive tender arrangements;
- Monetization of fringe benefits and the payment of a living wage to public servants
- Establish and strengthen due process mechanism;
- Complete the privatization of public enterprises;
- Strengthen the anti-corruption agency and economic crimes commission; and
- Establish a policy and programme monitoring unit to build a comprehensive policy data base to follow up on all decisions of the President and monitor programmes in the public sector.
- Promote the service compact with the people. ie SERVICOM

FOREIGN POLICY

Objective

The revolution in communication and the interdependency of world economies have turned the whole world into a large global village making regional, continental and inter-continental cooperation inevitable in the context of the global interdependence. Therefore, Nigeria's vital national interest must provide the pivot on which her foreign policy which aim at protecting Nigeria's interest, boosting her international image and promoting her economic independence is anchored. This policy shall be backed by economic and political re-engineering that will ensure international respect for the country. The main thrust of policy shall stress national interest, self-confidence and boldness of action. Africa will remain the center point of the nation's foreign policy.

To get there: PDP will

Reinforce our commitment to the principles of ECOWAS; AU, United Nation's Charters, as well as those of other international organizations of which Nigeria is a member;

- Strengthen our commitment to the political and economic emancipation of the black people in the Diaspora;
- Promote greater economic and political cooperation and interdependence among neighbouring countries;
- Provide diplomatic and economic leadership in Africa in general and West Africa in particular; and
- Promote world peace and international understanding by playing a leading role in world matters particularly those directly affecting the interests of the country.

COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE

Each state in Nigeria and indeed each sector of the economy are endowed with unique attributes (competitive advantage) that will be harnessed to attain the optimum benefits obtainable within the states sectors

A CASE IN POINT

- Tinapa is conceptualized to be a world class integrated business resort. It is to be implemented under the public Private partnership (PPP). Located by Calabar River, and contiguous to the Calabar Free Trade Zone, of an exciting dream - the first integrated and business leisure in resort in Nigeria.
- Calabar, with her natural potential for tourism, through the unique vision of Tinapa, will be transformed into a global trading hub reminiscent of great international free zone like Hong Kong and Dubai.
- The complex will provide international standard wholesale emporiums, integrated shopping complexes and product distribution elements supported business tourism and entertainment facilities. The locations of these, in close proximity to Free Port on the east-west trading routes, provide exciting opportunities for Tinapa to serve as:
- The distribution point into Nigeria as the growing economic hub of West Africa.
- The ultimate centre for retail and wholesale commercial activities with the ECO WAS sub-region taking advantage of the international agreement on free movement.
- The Tinapa vision is bold, exciting and insightful, highlighting the determination of Cross River State Government, under a Public Private Partnership, to deliver a project that will ensure high economic growth and prosperity for the people of Cross River State, and Nigeria at large.

To get there: P1W will

- Make targeted efforts at identifying competitive advantages
- Exploit the advantages to grow economy and create jobs
- Develop legal and regulatory framework to ensure effective implementation
- Promote unique advantages globally

IMPLEMENTATION

The PDP realizes that implementation is critical to the achievement of set objectives, goals and targets. Implementation is particularly viewed to be invaluable in ensuring continuity of laudable policies and programmes due to change in administrations. The party will adopt a participatory approach involving party organs at all levels and the party stakeholders to ensure effective implementation. In the light, of the above, a Joint Annual Public Forum and regular monitoring and evaluation of performance will be carried out by the party.

I..... JOINT ANNUAL PUBLIC FORUM

In pursuance of the consistent, joint and uniform implementation of its manifesto and programmes, the party functionaries together with its elected and appointed public officers, shall undertake a Joint Annual Public Forum (JAPF).

Such JAPF shall held towards the end of the year, at the three levels (local, state and federal governments for the review of the performance of its government/public officers vis-à-vis the implementation of it manifesto, Officers/functionaries found wanting in the knowledge of and adherence to the party's programmes shall be sanctioned as in the case of misconduct.

2. MONITORING AND EVALUATION

Monitoring and evaluation as an effective tool for management and tracking of developments shall be employed by the party to assess performance. Critical variables and criteria will be developed and used in the regular monitoring of performance.

In the light of the above, monitoring and evaluation framework will be designed and used for regular monitoring of performance of specific officials. Also, an outline of the general direction of party policy/programmes for specific positions based on the party manifesto and constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria will be produced for aspirants/candidates to draw up their programmes and projects/policies for campaigns. A unit to design the monitoring and evaluation extract the general policies/programmes for specific positions and keep records of monitoring and evaluation results will be established by the party.