

YOUNG PROGRESSIVES PARTY



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INTRODUCTION

The formation of YOUNG PROGRESSIVES PARTY was necessitated by the need for Nigeria to effectively respond to the global craving to provide leadership for the African continent - a true leadership founded upon social democratic principles and inclusive governance.

Having survived colonial shocks, the disorganisation of the civil society by incessant military rule, and now a purported civil rule governed by tyrannical leadership; Nigeria truly deserves a people oriented government, devoid of tribal or sectional politics which is committed to a more equitable distribution of socio-economic opportunities through the implementation of impactful policies and plans for rapid socio-economic development.

It is in this regard that we in the YOUNG PROGRESSIVES PARTY have resolved to put aside our differences and work together within one strong political party to fulfil the yearnings of the people for the restoration of democracy and the establishment of good governance to salvage the Nigerian nation from an impending collapse and international alienation.

Consequently, leaders and members of this party held a well-attended meeting at the Movement's Secretariat, Block 10, Flat No.1, Benue Crescent, Area 1, Section 1, Opposite Diplomat's Park, Garki – Abuja, on the 4th January, 2017, and passed the resolution stated below to give effect to their resolve to use the instrumentality of the YPP to bring into effect a new agenda of responsive and participatory governance as well as sustainable development in Nigeria.

PARTY FORMATION RESOLUTION PASSED AT BLOCK 10, FLAT NO. 1, BENUE CRESCENT, AREA 1, SECTION 1, OPPOSITE DIPLOMAT'S PARK, GARKI – ABUJA.

In consideration of the dwindling fortunes of the democratic system in our country, it is our resolution to enthrone a viable social democratic system based on active participation of the citizenry in the political process. To this end, all patriotic citizens of Nigeria must come together to rebuild the foundations of civil society, which have been broken and left in ruins over the years. Accordingly, propelled by our energetic and dynamic political party –YPP, we hereby resolve as follows:

1. To enthrone the Nigerian citizen as the prime resource of the Nigerian state. To rescue our political system by ensuring an all-inclusive peoples' government in Nigeria.
2. To explore and harness the huge resources and talents in our human capital for nation building.
3. To promote rapid and sustainable growth in the agricultural sector through modernization of the means of production in order to ensure sustainable food security, promote the participation of youths in agriculture, enhance the contribution of the agricultural sector to foreign exchange earnings and the Gross Domestic Product (GDP)
4. To facilitate rapid and sustainable development of science and technology by Promoting research and development as well as innovation and entrepreneurship.

5. To diversify the national economy by promoting solid minerals development and harnessing its potentials for rapid socio-economic development.
6. To engage our diversities for the promotion of integrity and moral rectitude in the conduct of government's business, protection of the rule of law and individual and collective rights/liberties, as well as for fostering national unity, peace and progress
7. To promote national consciousness, a sense of loyalty to Nigeria and pride in her rich variety of cultures.
8. To facilitate a rapid and sustainable development process through sound education; basic health-care; rapid industrial growth; adequate and affordable housing; full employment; improved infrastructure and services; efficient transport; regular power supply; and basic services, including potable water and sanitation.
9. To build an egalitarian society based on the principles of democracy, human rights and social justice, under the rule of law

We hereby solemnly RESOLVE to form a credible, nationwide people-oriented and principled political party, enjoying the widest support throughout the Federal Republic of Nigeria, so help us God!

Agreed By:

YOUNG PROGRESSIVES PARTY (YPP)

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Comrade Bishop Amakiri
(National Chairman)

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Hon. (Barr.) Vidiyeo H. Bamaiyi
(National Secretary)

FOR / ON BEHALF OF THE **YOUNG PROGRESSIVES PARTY (YPP)**

Dated: Thursday, 6th April 2017

OUR CREED

We believe:

In God

That leadership must be by example and without greed.

That the National value of our country must be restored.

That the integrity of men and women must be prioritized.

That the common vision of our people must be achieved.

That the Energy and Strength of the youth must be galvanized.

That the wealth of experience of the elders must be tapped.

That the knowledge and skills of professionals must be utilized.

That the voice of the local communities must be heard.

That diplomacy and international cooperation must be improved and sustained.

In Unity, Service and Accountability.

1. ALLEGIANCE TO THE SOVEREIGNTY OF THE PEOPLE OF NIGERIA

We of the YOUNG PROGRESSIVES PARTY avow our trust in the supremacy of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, its relevant provisions and the sovereignty of the Nigerian people. As a political party, we shall obey its rules as outlined in its provisions.

DIRECTIVE PRINCIPLES, VISION AND MISSION STATEMENT

We shall remain strongly committed to:

- (1) Democracy and good governance;
- (2) Freedom, human rights and human dignity;
- (3) Justice, equity, provision of basic services, the rule of law and Sustainable development; and
- (4) Integrity and transparency in the conduct of public affairs

VISION

To build an egalitarian society anchored on Nigerian citizens as the prime resource driven by mentally progressive and young innovative leaders without greed.

MISSION STATEMENT

Faced with the tragic consequences of poverty and under-development, our mission is to qualitatively transform the Nigeria economy and society. Therefore, we shall tirelessly work for:

- (a) The enthronement of the Nigerian citizen as the prime resource of Nigeria, and the creation of a dynamic economy designed to serve the people's interest, and in which market forces are combined with the forces of partnership, solidarity and cooperation to create and produce goods and services for the benefit of all;

- (b) The establishment of free and democratic society, in which the powers and actions of Government are lawful, and where those in authority are held accountable to the people;

- (c) Building a just society, which provides basic needs, ensures equal opportunities for self-development through education and gainful employment; defends the dignity of the human person; judges its strength by the condition of the weak; provides security against fear; and delivers the masses from the tyranny of abject poverty, oppression and abuse of power;

- (d) Sustained implementation of people-oriented programmes with particular emphasis on:
 - (i) War Against Poverty
 - (ii) Integrated rural development
 - (iii) Rapid Industrial Growth
 - (iv) Excellence in Education, Science and Technology
 - (v) Rebuilding and Expanding Basic Infrastructure and services.

OBJECTIVES

The Party shall be committed:

- a. To the principle of participatory democracy that lays emphasis on the welfare of our people

- b. To the principles of social justice and the equality of opportunities for all citizens

- c. To promote and defend the Nigerian Federal system of government
- d. To the principles of public accountability in order to restore confidence in the institutions of government; discipline and leadership by example as a basis of public life, and personal integrity as an important moral value in the conduct of public affairs.
- e. To ensuring that those put in positions of power, including the president, will regard themselves as holding such power in trust for the people.
- f. To fostering the spirit of oneness among our people by treating all Nigerians fairly and equitably, regardless of their social, political or economic status.
- g. To the preservation of Nigeria as a secular state whilst guaranteeing freedom of religion and conscience.

STRATEGY

Our strategies for achieving the above objectives shall include:

- a. Participating fully in free and fair electoral processes:
- b. Upholding the sanctity of elections and the supremacy of the will of the people:
- c. Being responsive to public opinion
- d. Operating the politics of inclusion by accommodating people of diverse opinions and political persuasions in governance;

- e. Providing honest and transparent governance in the country while in power;
- f. Supporting and accepting peaceful changes in government through the electoral process;
- g. Respecting and defending the democratic institutions in the country.

2. POLITICAL OBJECTIVES

The political objectives of YOUNG PROGRESSIVES PARTY are as follows:

- a. To seek political power for the sole purpose of delivering good service and promoting the security, safety and welfare of all Nigerians.
- b. To promote political stability in Nigeria and foster national integration and unity.
- c. To promote good governance and set a pattern of political management which encourages probity and emphasizes participatory democracy.
- d. To guarantee the human rights and fundamental freedoms of all citizens and persons resident in Nigeria.
- e. To introduce young, fresh, creative and enterprising minds to governance, and also promote and nurture democratic ideals and traditions on a sustainable basis.
- f. To provide the political environment that is conducive to economic growth and national development through

private initiative and free enterprise.

- g. To afford equal opportunities to hold the highest political, military, bureaucratic and judicial offices in the country to all citizens.
- h. To protect, defend and safeguard the interests of the minorities.

STRATEGY

The Party shall:

- a. Endeavour to seek political power by sponsoring its members for elective and appointive political offices in healthy, fair and free competitions devoid of sentiments.
- b. Be magnanimous in victory and gallant in defeat; and reject the politics of winners takes all and losers lose all;
- c. Establish a code of conduct on public affairs for all its members, particularly public office holders and enforce the code through clearly defined sanctions; and
- d. Encourage the mass participation of Nigerians in the management of their public affairs.

3. THE INDIVISIBILITY OF THE NIGERIAN POLITY

OBJECTIVES

- A. The YPP believes in the perpetual unity of Nigeria under the federal system of government. It shall therefore, continuously promote political tolerance, accommodation and compromise, religious harmony, as well as inter-ethnic and intra-ethnic accommodation and co-operation.

- B. The party shall also promote geo-political balancing as a fundamental principle of power-sharing in the country

- C. The party shall uphold the principle of power shift in our party at all levels

STRATEGY

The YPP in government shall:

- a. Apply the zoning and rotational principles in the sharing of political power at all levels of government and within the party;
- b. Operate the federal-character principle in a just and equitable manner;
- c. Involve all interest group in the running of its government; and
- d. Pursue programmes that shall guarantee the socio-political and economic rights of all Nigerians.

4. THE JUDICIARY

OBJECTIVES

- a. Uphold the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria;
- b. Uphold the principles of Separation of Power as enshrined in the Constitution;
- c. Uphold the Independence of the Judiciary;
- d. Defend and enforce fundamental human rights and the rule of law without let or hindrance; and

- e. Pursue the speedy dispensation of justice at all times as “justice delayed is justice denied”.

STRATEGY

The YPP government shall at all times be guided by the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria as it relates to the Judiciary. Towards this end, the party shall:

- a. Ensure that only Nigerians of proven integrity with relevant professional qualifications and track record are appointed to serve in the nation's judiciary;
- b. Protect the absolute independence and integrity of the judiciary by avoiding interference in its financial and administrative management.
- c. Provide adequate office and residential accommodation and other facilities and material incentives that will ensure and guarantee quick and fair dispensation of justice; and
- d. Ensure probity and public accountability in the administration of justice.

5. ECONOMY

OBJECTIVES

The economy of Nigeria has been in the doldrums for nearly two decades. Successive regimes have attempted to put it back on sound footing through a mixture of policy measures, but the economy has failed to respond adequately and appropriately to these measures thereby causing unintended hardship to the people of Nigeria.

The economic objectives envisaged by the party will strive to achieve a self-reliant economy that will depend on the strength of

the nation's resources and on the efforts of our peoples. Consequently, the following shall be the key thrusts of party's policies and actions:

- a. Poverty alleviation;
- b. Self-sufficiency in food production;
- c. Full and gainful employment for all citizens;
- d. Diversification of the economy in order to reduce reliance on oil;
- e. Improvement of and efficiency in tax collection systems;
- f. Reduction of the gap between the rich and the poor, thereby creating the middle class that will strengthen democracy;
- g. promotion of innovation and technological development; and
- h. industrialization.
- i. The state will play a leading role in the economy in order to achieve a self-reliant and just society.
- j. The policy of privatization of the Nigerian economy shall be encouraged and expanded

6. AGRICULTURE

OBJECTIVES

YPP Principal programme shall be the development of agriculture. Our agricultural objectives shall aim at:

- a. Self-sufficiency in food production throughout the year;
- b. Making agriculture profitable;
- c. The promotion of agriculture as a major source of industrial raw materials, and foreign exchange earner;
- d. Providing infrastructure for storage;
- e. Creating and strengthening necessary institutions;
- f. The protection of farmers against all hazards.

STRATEGY

The YPP government shall:

- a. Facilitate the access to cheaper and better agricultural inputs ,including farm tools, chemicals, fertilizers, improved seedlings, and livestock breeds;
- b. Encourage plantation agriculture, especially in the area of arable and economic tree crop production.
- c. Stimulate the massive production of farm animals particularly poultry birds, cattle and others;
- d. Promote fish, aquatic and livestock production;
- e. Embark on massive irrigation schemes by emphasizing small scale dams to provide irrigation water as well as promote aqua culture;
- f. Stimulate agricultural research through a package of incentives to the Universities of Agriculture as well as other agricultural research institutions.
- g. Facilitate the access of farmers to agricultural loans;
- h. Encourage pastoral livestock farming by embarking on:
 - i. Pasture and range development and management
 - ii. Water point provisions in strategic pastoral locations;
 - iii. promotion of the production of livestock feeds on an all-year-round basis;
- i. Increase the supply of agricultural extension System services through the massive training and encourage extension personnel; and
- j. Revitalize and modernize the farm settlement System to increase agricultural productivity; check rural-urban migration and make farming attractive as profitable and

prestigious occupation, to farmers, young school leavers, etc.

- k. Bring more land under cultivation and irrigation.

7. YOUTH POLICY

OBJECTIVES

The future of Nigeria entirely rests in the hands of the youth and any attempt to undermine this demographic matrix automatically translates into a bleak future. The need for youth inclusivity, participation and equitable distribution of roles gave birth to the formation of the Young Progressives Party by young Nigerians tired of the continuous socio-economic and political declivity caused by lack of visionary leadership and the general absence of political will by the political class to drive radical development.

The role of youth in development cannot be overemphasized with events over the years showing their indispensability in global development. Nigeria is the most populous country in Africa with one of the largest populations of youth in the world, however, we have not been able to fully harness the strength of this vibrant demographic who were at the forefront of advocacy for emancipation from colonial rule and provided a developmental headwind evinced in unprecedented development witnessed in the late '50s and early '60s.

Nigeria is likely to be completely left behind if the youth are continually being excluded from governance, especially with the global trend where young visionary political leaders are gradually taking over leadership in many parts of the world with proven results of a quantum developmental leap. In the 21st century

where the world is driven by knowledge, the greatest investment is the development of human capital, which is the core of our youth policy.

The Young Progressives Party defines youth as persons between the ages of 15 and 40 years. This, however, does not discriminate against the older generation, especially those with undeniable patriotic zeal who would continue to serve as lamps of experience to ensure there is a radical departure from the status quo.

Our goal is to usher in an era of aggressive youth participation in governance where every young person is empowered to achieve their full potential in all spheres of human development.

STRATEGY

In pursuit of the aforementioned objectives, the Young Progressives Party government will ensure the following;

- a) Strict compliance with global best practices of 26% and 15% budgetary allocation to education and health respectively at all levels of government and simultaneous institutionalization of mechanisms that will ensure transparency and accountability in the application of funds so allocated.
- b) Complete rejig of the educational system to make Nigerian youth more innovative and globally competitive.
- c) Galvanize Nigerian youth through several interventions and programs with the aim of raising political awareness and participation.

- d) Constant transformational leadership drive to sponsor visionary, innovative and selfless young Nigerians without greed for elective offices.
- e) 51% affirmative action on political appointments for Nigerian youth at all levels of government.

8. WOMEN

OBJECTIVES

Women are an important group of Nigerians whose participation in national politics has been minimal due largely to cultural inhibition and barriers. The relevance of women, their numerical strength and their multiplier effects in the mass mobilization of the Nigerian people for the attainment of educational, health, and socio-economic objectives are recognized by the party. Accordingly, the party's government shall pursue policies enshrined in the Beijing Declaration.

STRATEGY

Our government shall:

- a. Ensure gender equality in employment and socio-economic advancement, and promote greater women involvement and effective participation in politics;
- b. Embark on an aggressive crusade of greater political awareness and mass mobilization of Nigerian women for participation in a sustainable national development;
- c. Ensure adequate women representation in all the organs and institutions of the party and of its government through enhanced participation of women in electoral contests and through political appointments; and

- d. Ensure that at all levels of governance, women occupy a minimum of 35% of both elective and appointive positions;
- e. Strengthen women societies to enable them become more effective in engineering the process of economic and political empowerment of Nigerian women.

9. PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

OBJECTIVES

The Party shall ensure that Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) are given equal opportunities, protection of their rights and full participation in Politics and governance. The party shall take steps to safeguard the rights of Persons with disabilities in the Party and Nigeria at large.

STRATEGY

The YPP government shall:

- (a) Initiate programs for the general mobilization and recruitment of Persons with disabilities and to get them to participate in governance.
- (b) Ensure the provision of relevant and necessary facilities and amenities to ensure full integration of Persons with Disabilities in the general polity
- (c) Ensure the inclusion of a minimum of 5% for Persons with Disabilities in governance at the Federal, State and Local Government Council levels
- (d) Provide necessary facilities and incentives for the proper education of Persons with Disabilities at all levels.

10. RURAL DEVELOPMENT

OBJECTIVES

The Party shall be committed to the following objectives:

- a. Enlightening the Nigerian in the rural area, and pursuance of integrated Rural Development;
- b. Reduction in the level of rural poverty;
- c. Reversal of Rural-Urban Migration;
- d. Re-introduction and expansion of extension services in the rural areas; and
- e. Expansion of mass literacy programmes, development of rural roads, water supply, community health-care, electrification and communication.
- f. promotion of rural industrialization.

STRATEGY

The Party shall:

- a. Encourage the establishment of small-scale and cottage industries;
- b. Increase funding for integrated rural development programmes;
- c. Improve the co-operative society system in the rural areas; and
- d. Cooperate with NGOs and multi-lateral agencies in the empowerment of rural communities.

11 INDUSTRIALIZATION

OBJECTIVES

Industrialization is one of the principal programmes of the party.

Our objectives shall emphasize:

- a. Private entrepreneurship;
- b. Small-scale and intermediate industries;
- c. Involvement of the public sector in direct, industrial ventures of strategic and capital intensive nature;
- d. Provision of industrial infrastructure and other enabling environment; and
- e. Promotion of industries using locally available raw materials.
- f. Promotion of technological innovation

STRATEGY

The YPP government shall embark on the following industrial programmes and schemes:

- a. Privatization of those public enterprises for which private entrepreneurship and capital are available locally.
- b. Establishment of a Directorate for Small-scale intermediate industries;
- c. Strengthening of the National Economic Reconstruction Fund and Nigerian Bank of Commerce and Industry to make them more responsive to the needs of small-scale and medium industries;

- d. Lowering of interest rates to encourage industrial investment;
- e. Provision of tax holidays for newly established industrial ventures that use local raw materials or are located in non-industrial zones.
- f. Intensification of the Government's direct involvement in the steel, mining and petro-chemical industries in joint ventureship with private entrepreneurs;
- g. Establishment of heavy industrial equipment manufacturing plants in collaboration with private entrepreneurs;
- h. Strengthening of the Nigerian Industrial Development Bank to make it more responsive to the needs of large-scale industrial entrepreneurs; and
- i. Promotion of labour-intensive industries in order to reduce unemployment, promote local technology, and hence, raise the country's aggregate national productivity.

12. HEALTH

OBJECTIVE

The party shall present a comprehensive health-care policy for the country, the essential aim of which shall be:

- a. Health-care for all citizens;
- b. Free medical services in all institutions of learning; and
- c. Free medical services to the aged and the physically challenged
- d. Free medical services to all pregnant women and children under the age of 5 years old

STRATEGY

The YPP government shall:

- a. Ensure that all Nigerians, particularly children 0-5 years and the aged, shall have access to free medical services;
- b. Provide free immunization to all children;
- c. Progressively establish primary health centres, equipped with pharmacies, within the reach of every Nigeria, particularly the rural dwellers.
- d. Progressively provide General Hospitals in all Local Government headquarters; and specialist hospitals in all State Capitals.
- e. Encourage research into traditional medical, practices and integrate these practices into the orthodox medical system.
- f. Equip and expand the teaching Hospitals in the country;
- g. Embark on mass training of paramedical personnel to meet the needs of our rural populace;
- h. Encourage more students to train as medical doctors;
- i. Provide special incentives for medical practitioners and other medical Personnel with particular emphasis in those located in remote areas;
- j. Stimulate the local production of medical drugs and other supplies;
- k. Encourage family planning by providing family planning services and materials free of charge;
- l. Regulate private hospitals, medical clinics, and pharmacies to protect Nigerians against exploitations; and
- m. Make and enforce stringent laws against the manufacturing and sale of fake and adulterated drugs; and promote a healthy physical environment by intensifying the present

periodic environmental sanitation exercises.

- n. Promote nutritional health and education.
- o. Expand and strengthen the national health insurance scheme.

13. EDUCATION

OBJECTIVES

Education is an important social instrument for national unity amongst the diverse peoples of Nigeria. The party in government shall:

- a. Ensure that the educational system is improved upon; develop an educational framework that is Nigerian oriented but of world standard.
- b. Ultimately provide free, functional education at all levels;
- c. Integrate into the formal education system the political education of the citizenry with emphasis on the provisions of the Constitution, the state and democratic principles;
- d. Foster and expand education all levels and fields of knowledge; and
- e. Encourage private and voluntary organizations to establish schools subject to compliance with and adherence to existing government policies.

STRATEGY

The YPP government shall pursue the following:

- a. Promotion of pre-primary education by encouraging the

establishment of private Nursery schools in such a way that every Nigerian child shall have the opportunity to start education at the nursery levels;

- b. Provision of:
 - i. Free and compulsory primary education;
 - ii. Free and compulsory junior secondary education; and
 - iii. Free qualitative senior secondary education
- c. Expansion of the Unity School system as models and as instruments of fostering national unity;
- d. Greater involvement of private individuals and agencies in the delivery of education services, subject to government regulation;
- e. Establishment of adult and continuing education centre to promote mass literacy among Nigerians.
- f. Provision of technical educational institutions with well-equipped workshop and adequate and well-trained-teachers;
- g. Encouragement of the establishment of private universities, polytechnic and colleges of education subject to government regulation;
- h. Adequate funding of university education;
- i. Raising of the social and economic status of educational personnel through improved conditions of services;
- j. Free University education for all students of science, technology and medicines;
- k. Provision of Federal Government Scholarship on merit;
- l. Provision of library, laboratory and workshop facilities in all schools and colleges;
- m. Encouragement and promotion of the running of

consultancy units in all universities.

- n. Guaranteeing of academic freedom in the university system;
- o. Encouragement of entrepreneurs to provide hostels/ accommodation at affordable rates to university students, and staff quarters for staff;
- p. Aggressive training of teaching personnel and enforcement of the requirement that the National Certificate in Education shall be the minimum qualification for primary school teachers;
- q. Provision of special facilities for the schooling of the children of nomads; and
- r. Provision of adequate educational facilities and manpower for the physically challenged.

14. SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the party shall be:

- a. The provision of adequate industrial base for rapid technological development and promotion of scientific and technological literacy among Nigerians;
- b. The acquisition, adoption, utilization and appreciation of scientific and technological invention and methods in everyday activities; and
- c. The encouragement and promotion of appropriate technologies necessary for sustainable development.

STRATEGY

The strategies shall be to:

- a. Provide facilities and create a conducive environment for the promotion of scientific and technological literacy among Nigerians;
- b. Encourage existing scientific and technological research institutions to develop simple tools for industrial plants using locally available raw materials;
- c. Promote research and innovation in all levels of the nation's educational systems;
- d. Encourage the development of scientific and technological attitude and culture among Nigerians; and
- e. Accelerate the completion of the iron, steel, gas and petro-chemical plants currently under construction in the country.

15. DEFENCE

OBJECTIVES

The party's objectives on defence shall be consistent with the provisions of the Constitution in this regard. Specifically, our objectives are:

1. National security in all its ramifications;
2. Creation and maintenance of armed forces capable not only of discharging the afore-stated responsibility, but also using them to support our foreign policy objectives and
3. Recruitment into the Armed Forces to reflect the Federal Character.

STRATEGY

The party shall within the context of the country's strategic posture, the nature and sources of threat and budgetary

constraints:

- a. Ensure a high standard of professionalism through constant training.
- b. Provide sufficient funds that will enable the Defence industries Corporation produce various types of weapons for defence, deterrence, and retaliation; and
- c. Pursue, as a deliberate policy of self-reliance, the policy of local production of arms, military equipment and command, control and communication system that will enhance the combat readiness of our armed forces and boost their morale and enhance their capability.
- d. Engage in community programs that will foster total belief in Nigeria by all Nigerians; and consequently promoting total security consciousness by all Nigerians.
- e. Ensure that the National Youth Service Corp programme incorporates full military training for one additional year in order to create a reserve force for the military.

16. TRANSPORT

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the party shall be:

1. Efficient transportation system throughout the country; and
2. Modernization of all existing modes of transportation in the country (Road, Rail, Air, Water) Maritime.

STRATEGY

Our strategy in each subsector shall be as follows:

a. Road Transportation

The YPP in government shall:

- i. Introduce and sustain the culture of road maintenance by establishing a system of routine maintenance of roads such that the roads are repaired at the first sign of damage or potential damage;
- ii. Ensure that all Local Government Headquarters and major towns are accessible through tarred roads;
- iii. Embark on an aggressive development of roads; highways and feeder roads;
- iv. Improve and expand the Mass Transit Programme of the Government.
- v. Promote vehicle manufacturing in Nigeria.

b. Water Transportation

- i. Facilitate water transportation by embarking on dredging channelization and canalization; and the constructions of weirs;
- ii. Ensure the easy availability of water transportation vehicles and spare parts;
- iii. Strengthen the Nigerian National Shipping Lines; and
- iv. Provide adequate and well-maintained modern seaport facilities.

c. Air Transportation

The YPP government shall:

- i. establish a national carrier, in collaboration with investors, and make it efficient and commercially viable;
- ii. Encourage private investment in the air transport

- sub-sector;
- iii. Provide modern facilities and equipment in all the airports in the country; and
- iv. Provide regular maintenance of the airports and their equipment and facilities.

d. Railways

The party shall revitalize Nigeria's railway system by striving to;

- I. Ensure adequate funding of the Nigerian Railway Corporation to make it more efficient;
- ii. Involve the private sector in the delivery of railway services; and
- iii. Motivate rail workers through the introduction of a package of incentives
- iv. Ensure that all the State Capitals of the Country and other important Cities are linked with railways.

17. COMMUNICATION

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the party shall be to::

- 1. Guarantee the access, efficiency and effectiveness of the communication system ;
- 2. Enhance national security through improved communication system.

STRATEGY

The party shall ensure:

- I. total reorganization of the country's postal system with a view to guaranteeing its efficiency; and

- ii. Enhance national security with the privatization and or commercialization of NITEL, NIPOST etc.

18. INTERNAL SECURITY

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the party shall include:

- a. Promotion of policies aimed at guaranteeing security of lives and safety of property;
- b. Ensuring discipline, probity and accountability among security agents;
- c. Improving police-community relations;
- d. Promotion of professionalism within the police, prison security agencies;
- e. Provision of a more humane prison system.

STRATEGY

YOUNG PROGRESSIVES PARTY Government shall endeavour to stem the wave of violent crimes in the country by:

- a. equipping the Nigeria Police Force with modern equipment;
- b. promoting the establishment of state police
- c. providing more relevant professional training opportunities to the force, at local and international training institutions;
- d. motivating the police force with enhanced conditions and environment of service;
- e. providing enlightenment and educating programme about

the actual roles of the police and their relationship with the civil society;

- f. providing enlightenment programme for the public on how to complement the work of members of the police force;
- g. reorganizing the prison system to ensure:
- h. decongestion of prisons and improved accommodation for inmates and,
- i. the provision of more positive rehabilitation programmes.

19. ENERGY

OBJECTIVES

YPP is technologically driven, thus it shall be the goal of the YPP government to supply electricity to all cities, towns, villages and settlement in Nigeria land and encourage private participation in the search for and use of alternative sources of environmentally sustainable energy as is unique to Nigeria.

STRATEGY

- a. involve the private sector in the generation and distribution of energy
- b. equip and motivate the Electricity Generating Companies (GENCO's) and Distribution Companies (DISCO's) to more effectively play its leading role in the energy sector .
- c. maintain and equip the country's energy generation and distribution plants to enable them supply uninterrupted energy for industrial and domestic use;
- d. promote the supply of energy through the solar system;
- e. intensify the implementation of rural electricity supply schemes; and
- f. ensure the linking of all Local Government Headquarters to

the National Grid.

- g. engaging young minds or energy development by establishing Energy research and development centres for Nigeria.

20. WATER SUPPLY

OBJECTIVES

Our objectives shall be:

- a. to provide the people of Nigeria drinking water in urban, semi-urban and rural areas;
- b. to provide water for large stock needs of the country; and
- c. to provide surface water for irrigation.

STRATEGY

The YPP government shall adopt the following strategies:

- a. the tapping of underground water; and
- b. the protection of domestically usable surface water against pollution and contamination;
- c. ensure the supply of potable water to all urban and rural communities in the country;
- d. construct additional dams for irrigation, hydro electric energy and treatment plants;
- e. introduce water and sanitization programme throughout the country; and
- f. encourage the local production of water treatment chemicals.

21. LABOUR EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES

OBJECTIVES

The YPP government shall vigorously strive:

1. to improve the working conditions of the Nigerian labour force;
2. to ensure that workers benefit from the huge profits being declared by the private sector and
3. to ensure that workers are reasonably remunerated by the public sector

STRATEGY

The following steps will be taken:

- a. review of the current monthly minimum wage in line with the prevailing economic realities;
- b. review of the current remuneration of workers, including fringe benefits;
- c. enforcement of labour discipline and productivity;
- d. overhaul of the National Industrial Court and the arbitration and mediation machinery and processes.
- e. Prompt payment of salaries and allowances;
- f. Review of the pension rate of retired workers in line with inflation rates and cost of living;
- g. Encouragement of trade union activities, especially the Nigerian Labour Congress (NLC);
- h. Representation of labour in all organs of government dealing with the affairs of working people;
- i. Organization of workers in the industries into Workers Assemblies, Workers Councils, and Management Committees; and

- j. Free movement of labour throughout all the States of the Federation.

22. NATURAL MINERAL INDUSTRY

OBJECTIVES:

The YPP government shall aim at the judicious exploitation of Nigeria's natural mineral resources. In particular, it shall emphasize the activities in the solid-minerals sub-sector and restructure the liquid minerals industry.

STRATEGY:

The YPP Government shall:

- a. Identify all solid-minerals deposits in Nigeria, ascertain the commercial quality of each deposit, and set out a rational schedule of the exploitation;
- b. Involve the private sector in the exploitation of the country's mineral resources especially the exploitation for solid minerals;
- c. Reorganize and strengthen the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation to enable it have a full grip in managing the petroleum industry; and
- d. Speed up the process of converting the country's wasting natural gas to productive and commercial use and, make it become a major source of industrial input and foreign exchange earnings.

23. IRON AND STEEL

OBJECTIVES:

The party recognizes that the development of Nigeria's iron and steel industry is an essential requirement to the creation of a solid industrial base in Nigeria. Iron and steel are necessary for the local manufacturing of heavy, intermediate and light industrial machinery equipment, tools and spare parts. The party shall therefore work for the speedy completion of the on-going iron and steel project in the country and ensure maximum capacity utilization in the existing ones.

STRATEGY

The YPP government shall:

- a. Speed up the completion of the Ajaokuta Steel complex;
- b. Ensure that the country's steel rolling mills operate at full capacity;
- c. Initiate new industrial plants based on the use of the country's iron ore and allied deposits; and
- d. Internationalize the standard of the products of the iron and steel plants to enable the country earn foreign exchange from the country.

24. SPORTS

OBJECTIVES:

To integrate sporting and cultural activities into a system of national mobilization, education and development of the youth both as symbols of national character and identity and as future leaders. As a basic element of this general objective, the mental, physical, and moral development of our youths shall be given priority attention. Existing sports development programmes shall be strengthened

and new ones created.

- i. Make Nigerian sports men realize their maximum potentials;
- ii. Inculcate moral discipline in our sports men and insulate them from obscene acts and conducts etc.;
- iii. Promote interaction among sports men for national understanding and integration; and
- iv. Enact laws to enhance and promote sporting activities Nationally.

STRATEGY:

The YPP government shall reorganize the National Sports Festival and create other sporting festivals to embrace all other sporting activities from the Secondary and Tertiary Institutions for the physical and intellectual development of the youths.

25. THE NIGERIAN CULTURE

OBJECTIVES:

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 other people and gives her peculiar qualities and character. Culture is therefore an instrument of national identity. As such, any country that loses her culture also loses her identity.

Our party also recognizes that culture is a dynamic way of life

which must be continuously refined. The Nigerian culture must project Nigerians not only as people of clearly recognizable identity but also as people that have fineness of taste thought and gracious urbanity of manners.

The objectives, therefore, shall be aimed at:

- a. Promoting and integrating the diverse culture of the peoples of Nigeria in such away as to achieve a truly national cultural identity for the country; and
- b. Making of Nigerian civilization the central and dominating civilization of Africa and the world.

STRATEGY:

The YPP government shall through a deliberate and carefully packaged programme:

- a. Progressively integrate the diverse culture of the people of Nigeria.
- b. Promote only those aspect of our culture that are conducive to fostering national unity and gradually phase out all of its unfavourable aspects;
- c. Employ culture as an instrument for moulding Nigeria's social and political behavior;
- d. Employ culture to promote the country's traditional values of honesty integrity and hospitality;, as well as intra and inter ethnic understanding, religious harmony and socio-political solidarity; and
- e. Internationalize the country's cultural values and hence, the political values arising therefrom, particularly within the continent of Africa.

26. HUMAN RIGHTS

The YPP shall recognize that the constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria guarantees the fundamental human rights of every Nigerian citizen. These include:

- a Right to life
- b Right to dignity of human persons
- c Right to eradicate corrupt practices
- d Right to personal liberty
- e Right to fair hearing
- f Right to choose
- g Right to private and family life
- h Right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion
- l Right to freedom of expression and the press
- j Right to peaceful assembly and association
- k Right to freedom of movement
- l Right to medical consultation
- m Right to freedom from discrimination
- n Right to primary education
- o Right to acquire and own immovable property anywhere in the Federation

We of the YPP shall respect these rights. In doing so, however, we shall ensure that every Nigerian enjoys and exercise these rights within the limits imposed by the laws of Nigeria.

STRATEGY

The YPP government shall:

- A. ensure that every Nigerian does not only enjoy his or her fundamental rights, it shall also ensure that he or she does so without undue government interference;

- B Simplify the processes of seeking redress in the event of the violation of any of the rights;
- C Support the Human Right organizations in Nigeria to enable them complement the efforts of the government in promoting human rights awareness and education, and in checking human rights abuses; and
- D encourage and assist the Human Rights Organizations in the country in conducting their affairs in a responsible and mature manner.

27. ENVIRONMENT OBLIGATIONS

OBJECTIVES

It shall be the policy of the YPP government to ensure that every Nigerian lives in an environment which is conducive to good health and soundness of body and mind. The party shall in particular, address the ecological problems associated with mining and oil exploitation in the country.

STRATEGY

The YPP government shall:

- a. maintain the present system of monthly environmental sanitation exercise in Nigeria;
- b. ensure the regular and proper disposal of household and industrial wastes;
- c. establish and implement programmes aimed at checking environmental pollution and degradation;
- d. strengthens the Federal Environmental Protection Agency to make it more effective in engineering a sound environment for all Nigerians;

- e. ensure adequate fiscal allocation to the Ecological fund and National Emergency and Disaster Relief Agency;
- f. improve the physical environment of Nigeria's cities and towns through beautification; and
- g. promote environmental ethnic and aesthetics among Nigerians.

28. THE CIVIL SERVICE

OBJECTIVES

YPP is aware that civil servants are at this point in time poorly paid and poorly motivated. We are concerned that the purchasing power of the average civil servant has become so low to the extent that many civil servants live below the poverty line. We are therefore, committed to the alleviation of the plight of the civil servants through improved conditions of service. The party shall also promote efficiency, dedication and loyalty in the civil service.

STRATEGY

Our government in office shall;

- a. ensure that the total remuneration of every civil servant shall be such as would enable him or her to have meaningful disposable income;
- b. ensure that personal housing and vehicle shall not be beyond the reach of the average civil servant;
- c. create opportunities for rapid career advancement and attractiveness in the Nigerian Civil Service;
- d. establish a dynamic, self-adjusting wage system in the country, such that periodic salary reviews shall become unnecessary;
- e. restore security of service to the Nigerian Civil Service

system; ensure merit recruitment, deployment and performance-oriented service.

29. TRADITIONAL RULERS

OBJECTIVES

The YPP regards the institution of traditional rulership not only as the custodian of Nigeria's culture and traditions or merely as ceremonial heads of the people, but also and more significantly, as one that symbolizes the community of governance in Nigeria. We therefore, also regard the authorities and influence of traditional rulers as complementary to those of the government. The party in government shall, therefore respect traditional rulers, restore their dignity and support them morally and materially in the discharge of their responsibilities.

STRATEGY

Our party in government shall;

- a. Implement the roles assigned to traditional rulers in the Nigerian constitution;

30. HOUSING

OBJECTIVES

To ensure that all Nigerian citizens and residents are adequately and suitably housed in safe, secure and habitable environments.

STRATEGY

The party's main strategies in attaining its lofty objectives in housing are as follows:

- a. Simplifying process of acquiring land for building purpose;
- b. Initiating research into, and also development of local

- building materials with a view to reducing cost of same;
- c. Providing home ownership guaranteed loans at low interest rates to assist individuals build and own their homes;
 - d. Encouraging corporate bodies, companies, industries and parastatals to provide housing for their staff on owner-occupier basis with liberal terms for repayment;
 - e. Encouraging the setting up of private-owned real estate development companies to build houses for sale to the public at affordable prices;
 - f. Formulating and implementing a resettlement policy to take care of people displaced either as a result of government projects or natural disasters or ecological factors or insurgency;
 - g. Strengthening the federal, Mortgage Banks to allow it meet the financial requirements of individual Nigerian home owners;
 - h. Improving and beautifying the environment by establishing open spaces, parks and gardens for recreational purposes in cities, towns and within housing estates established by government or government agencies and by the private sector.
 - i. Implement the roadmap on housing and urban development in Nigeria.
 - j. deepen the housing finance market through the creation of construction finance ,strengthening of the Nigeria Mortgage Refinance Company and the encouragement of capital inflows into the country through the introduction of a number of financial packages including sovereign guarantees and other forms of incentives.

31. TOURISM

OBJECTIVES

Our party in government shall give pride of place to the exploitation of our tourist potentials in the country.

STRATEGY

- i. Reorganize the National Tourism Board as a full-fledged parastatals to encourage tourism;
- ii. Encourage the active participation of private entrepreneurs and non-governmental organizations in the development of our tourist industry; and
- iii. Harmonize the activity of the board, state government and private operators
- iv. Evolve a coherent national policy dealing with all aspects of tourism in the country.

32. LAND

The objective of our party is to ensure easy access by all Nigerians to land.

STRATEGY

- i. Ensure access to land for agricultural purpose for farmers;
- ii. Protect small-scale farmers against large commercial farmers;
- iii. reclaim, rehabilitate land devastated by diversification, soil erosion, flood, mining, wrong usage and other natural or man made factors, and protection of further degradation of any land; and
- iv. Place greater emphasis on afforestation for both desert and erosion control through mobilization and active

participation by the community, if necessary, to establish, management committees for land utilization and rehabilitation.

33. FOREIGN POLICY

OBJECTIVES

The revolutions in communication and the interdependency of world economies have turned the whole world into a large global village; thus making regional, continental cooperation inevitable within the context of global interdependence. Nigeria's vital national interest must provide the pivot around which her foreign policy revolves. Our government while leading the Nigerian citizen through total self-discovery shall pursue a foreign policy aimed at protecting Nigeria's interest, boosting her international image and promoting her economic independence. The Nigerian brand should be exported to the world. This policy shall be backed up by economic and political engineering that will ensure international respect for the country.

The main thrust of the policy shall stress self-confidence and boldness of action.

STRATEGY

The YPP government shall implement its foreign policy on the basis of:

- a. Engaging the Nigerian citizen on self-belief and self-discovery programs aimed at cutting to the barest minimum the unnecessary dependence on foreign brand, and conversely building the Nigeria brand for the ultimate purpose of exporting same and imposing Nigeria to the rest

of the world.

- b. Commitment to the principles of ECOWAS; OAU and United Nations Charters, as well as those of other international organizations of which Nigeria is a member;
- c. Commitment to the political and economic emancipation of the black people in the diaspora;
- d. Promotion of greater economic and political cooperation and interdependence among neighbouring countries;
- e. Provision of diplomatic and economic leadership in Africa in general and West African in particular; and
- f. Promotion of world peace and international understanding by playing a leading role in world matters particularly those directly affecting the interest of the country.

34. KNOWLEDGE ECONOMY

Man's existence and changing behavioural pattern are influenced by the ethos of his environment.

At one point in time, it was acheulean man finding sustenance as a hunter gatherer in the Stone age, then the Bronze age, the Iron age, Industrial age and Information Technology age. Man continues to move at blistering speed to ever new horizons as man's insatiable questions for knowledge blows open! The hunger to know more, discover newer things and yearnings for knowledge about "who we are", "where we are", "what we are doing here" and are we alone in the universe", this ever changing dynamics of humanity will continue to lead us to conquer newer frontiers & lead us unswervingly to new order! Man must evolve from an old phase to a new phase in the course of man's evolution in material creation!

No mortal man can hold back humanity & none can stop the change in order, never!

OBJECTIVE

1. To accentuate millennial knowledge imperatives especially as it has to do with unsupervised and semi supervised learning technologies.
2. To deplore custom models for integrative knowledge economy.
3. To develop growth driven initiative that is focused on innovative architecture.
4. To build a low cost, high output productive complexes using internally developed mechanism for optimal yield.
5. To promote platforms that will enhance the development of a digital economy, robotics and artificial Intelligence.

STRATEGIES

- i. Ideation through enhanced information infrastructure.
- ii. Incentivised customs built modules with better research and development faculty.
- iii. structured and diversified workforce directed at providing technological and application based solutions.
- iv. Autonomic resource development through highlighted intellectual property.
- v. Enabling right economic and psycho socio-institutions through ideas synergy and information sharing.
- vi. Create endowments and accessible higher education for high impact engagement.
- vii. Engineering Platform development that unites highly efficient public sector with the private sector to not only nurture knowledge development but to adopt and absorb latest technologies.
- viii. Transitioning from bricks and mortar investments of the past, to mobile based hard and soft infrastructure that facilitates knowledge creation

- and diffusion.
- ix Investing in institutions, strengthening University industry links and promoting cross border institutional partnerships.
 - x. To sustain production of knowledge intensive goods and services, an educated and skilled workforce is critical.

De-emphasis from informal sectors while promoting growth dividends and changing workforces in a way that would be beneficial to all.

35. RESTRUCTURING OF NIGERIA

OBJECTIVE

The Young Progressives Party strongly upholds the idea of restructuring that will allow for true Federalism to be entrenched. The current structure is no longer sustainable and requires urgent intervention if the unabated developmental decline must be halted.

With increasing population, declining revenue, worsening state of insecurity, rising poverty, and ethnic agitations, the need for restructuring has become inevitable. The only condition precedent for these challenges to be adequately addressed is a radical departure from the current structure skewed in favour of the ruling class to the detriment of the Nigerian people.

STRATEGY:

The Young Progressives Party's approach to the concept of restructuring will be holistic. It will be both constitutional and mental as the lack of visionary leaders in a well-structured system will still be a clog in the wheel of accelerated progress and socio-economic development.

Our strategy will be as follows:

1. A National Advocacy Sensitization Program on the quick wins of restructuring will be implemented and citizens who

bear the direct brunt of the dysfunctional system will be galvanized towards a common purpose of ensuring a productive and prosperous Nigeria for the benefit of all through constitutional and mental restructuring.

2. Devolution of power from the center to component units. The exclusive list, which has bestowed so many powers with little responsibility on the Federal Government, will be de-congested.
3. Fiscal Federalism regime will be entrenched where states will be allowed to develop and manage local resources and agreed percentages remitted to the center with the buy-in of all relevant stakeholders in the Nigerian project.
4. The Policing system in Nigeria will be decentralized and States with the capacity to embark on the project of State Police will be encouraged and supported. Policing is local and the idea of a centralized Policing system is completely inadequate to address the Nation's hydra-headed security challenges.
5. Drastic reduction in the high cost of governance starting with the scrapping of the Nation's bicameral legislature, the reduction in the numbers of MDAs and government appointees at all levels.

36. POLICY ON CLIMATE CHANGE

The large-scale shift in weather patterns over the years has made climate change a global problem. It's one of the biggest threats facing the world today and Nigeria being a part of this global community is not immune.

The earlier we are committed to cooperating with the rest of the world in addressing the climate change conundrum through active participation, strategic policy development, and implementation, the better for Nigeria considering our position as one of the top six greenhouse gas emitters in Africa.

STRATEGY

The Young Progressives Party will initiate a national conversation

to create awareness concerning this global emergency that is threatening humanity. This will be done simultaneously with the following:

1. A National Policy on Renewable Energy will be developed to promote a low carbon economy with the goal of over 50% carbon reduction in the first ten years. This policy shall emphasize the roles of all stakeholders. Also, this policy shall capture;
 - a) The emissions goal of the country
 - b) A roadmap that will engineer the switching of power plants and vehicles to less carbon-intensive fuels with massive incentives for the production of electric and solar vehicles
 - c) The strategy for rapid development of national infrastructure through public-private partnerships to encourage carbon-free lifestyles among citizens
 - d) The enactment of a carbon tax to stimulate carbon-free investments.
2. The party will ensure the constant participation of Nigeria in all climate change platforms, engagements, and conferences and also ratify agreements that will fast track the reduction of global emissions.
3. The problem with Nigeria has not been the inability to ratify agreements or the capacity to develop solution-driven policies but the will power to ensure seamless implementation. The above-identified weakness will be eliminated to ensure deliberate implementation of all climate change protocols.
4. With careful research revealing that some developing countries aside from Nigeria have been accessing global funding aimed at accelerating both short and long-term renewable energy goals, Nigeria will hence take advantage of such funding to develop pragmatic and cost-effective solutions to climate change challenges.

37. RULE OF LAW

OBJECTIVE

The Young Progressives Party government shall enthrone and enforce strictly the principles of the Rule of Law as propounded and consistent with International Human Rights principles.

STRATEGY

Our strategies for achieving the above objective is as follows:

1. By ensuring that all persons irrespective of their positions, status, ethnicity, inclinations and proclivities are accountable to the Laws of the Nation.
2. By building very strong institutions and entities that will function seamlessly in accordance with the Laws setting them up without undue regard to any external influence no matter how important.
3. By ensuring that the Laws of the Land are publicly and transparently promulgated by the Legislature, equally enforced by the Executive and Independently adjudicated upon by the Judiciary.



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