

- (f) To facilitate the full settlement of labour liabilities and facilitate labour representation at the management and boards of the privatized companies.

19.2 Petroleum Sector:

All Grassroots Alliance is aware of the socio-economic problems confronting the country occasioned by poor management of the Nigeria National Petroleum Corporation and its subsidiaries.

We will take the following actions

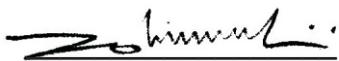
- (a) Embark on an expansive privatization of the corporation and remove subsidy from petroleum products.
- (b) The process of privatization will mainly be based on competitive bidding with a proportionate board representation of the country, the labour and the investors.
- (c) There will be a speedy review of Petroleum Sector Act to reflect the overriding interests of the country.

20. TEXTILE INDUSTRY

All Grassroots Alliance will revive the Country's comatose textile industry. Because of the employment opportunities they offer and the connection that fabrics have with identity and cultural issues, new policies will be introduced and adequate measures taken to ensure that the industry fulfills the needs and aspirations of the people.

CONCLUSION

All Grassroots Alliance will constantly review this manifesto to keep it at tuned with the prevailing socio-economic dynamics of the country and that it is not exhaustive. In furtherance to the Party's Aims and Objectives, we will conscientiously implement this manifesto in absolute concordance with the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Chapter 11, section 224, and will be the harbinger of good governance and responsible citizenship.



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MANIFESTO

OF THE



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ALL GRASSROOTS ALLIANCE

Motto: PEACE, PROGRESS AND PROSPERITY

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17.2 We will preserve the cultural historical and archaeological features sited in parts of the country; conserve and manage the indigenous flora and fauna of the regions.

18. SPORTS

Sports enhance good health and vitality in the young and old people alike. The significance of exercise in physical and mental development cannot be underestimated. All Grassroots Alliance with priority attention to sports. We will carry out major restructuring of the sports administration and management in the country; reposition sports supervisory bodies and associations with increased funding. We will encourage and honour talented sport men and woman who have brought honour to the nation.

19. ECONOMY

19.1 Power Sector

All Grassroots Alliance has observed that few years after the privatization, the new investors in the power sector have not made a visible difference, hence, the power situation has become worse. Power generation capacity is grossly inadequate giving an increase in population and demand; transmission infrastructure are poorly maintained, aged and underfunded and distribution expansion is slow and unfunded.

The Alliance will , as a matter of urgency, profer the following solutions:

- (a) Review the Power Sector Act 2015, to consider as paramount the interest of the country and strengthen the regulatory competence.
- (b) An appraisal of performance indices of investors with a view to enhancing their prospects of service delivery in the short term.
- (c) To exploit alternative sources and other types of power generation including coal, solar and wind.
- (d) To enforce the gas to power policy to achieve higher power generation and protect the environment from gas flaring.
- (e) Our government will take over the shareholdings in the investors' companies by active and profession representatives.

strengthened. We see little prospects for progress towards a more peaceful prosperous and just world unless inter-dependence is accepted as the basis of international relations.

15. POVERTY AND CORRUPTION

15.1 The twin cankerworms are ravaging the socio-economic health of Nigeria and had pushed the country backward. Poverty is the resultant effect of unequal opportunity and unjust distribution of knowledge, powers and factors of production including infrastructure. The All Grassroots Alliance will engineer a socio-political, socio-economic, socio-cultural renaissance for mass mobilization towards building of an egalitarian society. The policy trust is to provide a regulated cash transfer to the poor people through cooperative and entrepreneurship system. We will not tolerate gross indiscipline in fiscal administration.

15.2 All government agencies and commissions charged to manage grafts, corruption and indiscipline will be restructured and repositioned to be able to effectively perform and meet the yearnings of the society on corruption and indiscipline.

16. GAINFUL EMPLOYMENT

16.1 All Grassroots Alliance will initiate variety of programmes to reduce unemployment. We will build entrepreneurship and skills acquisition centre across the Federal constituencies and open a job Bureau for those wanting work and arts. Incentive will be given to the industrialists to encourage them to employ more youths. Our agricultural breakthrough, when on steam, will equally absorb more unemployed. One percent of the annual budget will be set aside to assist those youths who have graduated from our entrepreneurship and skills acquisition centres.

17. CULTURE AND TOURISM

17.1 We will work for the development of tourism as a virile industry. We recognize that tourism is perhaps one of the fastest growing economic concerns with high contribution to national income and global trade. Attention will be focused on renovations, upgrading and beautification of several tourist centre across the nation.

ALL GRASSROOTS ALLIANCE (AGA)

MANIFESTO

PREAMBLE

This is the manifesto of All Grassroots Alliance (AGA) carefully scripted and designed for Nigerian people, institutions and governments' multi dimensional development and break-through. It is the totality of our mission and vision for a greater people and greater nation.

When All Grassroots Alliance comes to power at any level of governments, we will religiously adhere to and implement these visions conscientiously and to the best of our abilities. All the elected candidates of the Party must work hard to carryout to the letters the vision as contained in their Manifesto.

All Grassroots Alliance Manifesto is the text of covenant we propose to the people of Nigeria and we will do all that is necessary and desirable, using adequately the machineries of the state for its implementation.

1. EDUCATION

To build a united, civilized society requires decent standards of education. The principal need in education and training is to release the full potential of the individual. It is on the skills and energy of our people that our survival depends. An increasingly complex and technical society place great demands on the education system.

In view of the prevailing decrease in the standard of education in Nigeria, we are committed to the followings:

- (a) We will ensure a free and qualitative education and technical training.
- (b) Will act to raise standard in the primary and secondary schools including the tertiary institutions in three ways:
 - i. By involving parents, teachers and local people more in the running of schools.
 - ii. By ensuring that children study a broader range of subjects than they do now putting more stress on maths, science, computer and technical subjects as well as practical skills to make them better equipped for life in today's world.

- iii. By improving the in service training of primary teachers and of others with specialist skills e.g. In maths and computer.
- (c) We will develop a broader bridge between school and work including more part time schooling, and more work experience and better technical education.
- (d) We will undertake a major re-organization of education and training, so that school leavers are not faced with the dole but can opt for either education and training or self employment or combination of the two.
- (e) We will actively support adult and continuing education. Initial education alone cannot prepare people adequately for life. It must be made easier for them as part of their normal development to acquire new skills.
- (f) We will ensure further public support for the National Youth Service Corp Scheme.

2. HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

- 2.1 The All Grassroots Alliance is wholly committed to free health services delivery, sustaining and strengthening National Health Services Scheme.
- 2.2 Within the health programme, action will be taken to make use of the health budget by:
- (a) Increased emphasis on primary health care, health education and preventive medicine.
 - (b) Particularly, attention will be given to the traditionally underfunded service such as those for the elderly, the chronically and the mentally handicapped. There will be free medical treatment for the elderly above the age of 65 years. And for children between the ages of one and eighteen years.
 - (c) The quality of care will also be improved by our position in three related areas:
 - i. The continuing commitment to health workers conditions of service and welfare.
 - ii. We will pay far more attention to prevention of accidents, illness and stress, making sure that health and safety

- 12.3** All the agricultural divisions, departments, will be energized and funded for effective performance. Special emphasis will be placed on the export service, forest and fishery, horticulture and tropical, food nutrition and consumer services, food safety and inspection, animal and plant health inspection, minerals and geology management, agricultural research services; waters management, research laboratory, etc.

13. MINERAL RESOURCES

- 13.1** Nigeria is abundantly blessed with a variety of solid mineral deposit, many of which have been established to exist in commercial viable quantum. This include among others: Tantalite and Columbite (for use in Aircraft engine, iron and steel industries), Wolfrinite, Lithium, Tale, Marble, Calcite, Dolomite (for production of lime and polishing stones); Mica, Sillimanite, Kaolinite Baulite (for paint and cosmetics); Tourmaline, Aquamarine, Emerald (useful for ornamental purposes) etc.
- 13.2** The All Grassroots Alliance will explore available opportunities for partnership and joint venture collaboration with professional and competent local and foreign investors in the exploitation of these minerals.
- 13.3** The Mining and other related Acts will be revisited and restructured. The use of crude method will be substituted with more scientific technology.

14. SECURITY AND PEACE

- 14.1** The All Grassroots Alliance policies in the field of foreign policy and defense are uncompromisingly internationalistic. They are based on the perceptive that Nigeria must play a full and leading role in the community of Nations.
- 14.2** AGA believes Nigeria must be properly defended and our forces equipped for the task. We pay tribute to the courage, determination and gallantry of our armed forces in a fight against insurgency in the North-East States of Nigeria. We adhere firmly to the principles of collective security. Nigeria cannot defend herself alone, and must make peace with her neighbours. The peace and security agreements must be maintained and

these deficiencies in the structure of government, we will pursue devolution of power from the centre to the states and local governments. We will simplify the structure of local government to make it more effective.

11. THE RULE OF LAW

11.1 We are dedicated to extending individual right but right also carried responsibilities. We need to restore our tradition of responsible citizenship. There is a great concern about crime. The rise in the crime rates has accompanied the rise in unemployment. We are of the conviction that more support and reinforcement will be given to the police. We will support community policing, and reforms the police recruitment and training policy.

11.2. We recognize the expansion of television technology though cable, video cassettes and satellite offers great opportunities in the creation of a better informed society and provides new opportunities for the arts, however, these technologies also carry dangers to our society if they become vehicles for pornography and violence. This must not be allowed to happen.

12. AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES

12.1 Agriculture is an important industry and employer of labour. To encourage further development. We will:

- a. Increase government support for effective agricultural marketing at home, and support mechanized farming.
- b. To ensure that agriculturist has access to industrial credit scheme.
- c. For abundant food supply to local use, industry and export, massive intervention and innovative technology will be pursued. Farmers' cooperative system will be encouraged, with access to agric loans.

12.2 We are determine to safe guard the future of our fishing industry which needs help to re-build. Better marketing and promotion, better vocational training and reasonable credit terms would all help the future of the industry. Our government will strengthen inspection to ensure that conversational measures are fairly enforced on the fleets.

legislation is properly applied and reducing environmental risks.

- iii. We will work for much closer cooperation between public and private services, to maximize the amount and average of health care available to the community as a whole.

2.3 In personal social services, the All Grassroots Alliance is determined to make the welfare state less bureaucratic and greater degree of voluntary effort. We will encourage the development of supportive care in the community for children through a wide range of facilities including pre-school play schemes and nursery centers.

3. HOUSING

3.1 All Grassroots Alliance Housing Policy has Three Basic Aims

To restore the housing stock where this is needed; to provide wider genuine choice for prospective tenants; and to allocate available funds with greater fairness. This however means huge investment.

Higher involvement here will not only help the tenant, the home buyer and the home-owner. It will help the whole country by creating jobs and boosting the economy.

3.2 Investment

There is an urgent need for increased investment in housing. The housing programme has suffered more than any other under the successive governments in Nigeria.

We propose

- (a) A partnership scheme between the local government council and the private builders to provide houses to rent and low cost house ownership opportunities.
- (b) Attracting institutional investment in a new type of non-profit making rented housing to be managed by the housing partners.
- (c) Introducing a new Tenants Charter to define standards of repairs, maintenance and amenities to which tenants are entitled.
- (d) Take stock of all abandoned housing estate and project, for the

purpose of completion and delivery.

- (e) To reform mortgage tax relief so that it relates to individual income rather than the size of the loan. In the meantime, tax relief will be limited to the standard of income tax.

4. ENVIRONMENT

There can be no healthy economy without a healthy environment. For far too long we have been wasting irreplaceable resources and amenities both natural and manmade on which our community's prosperity and well-being depend. In all public decision making the environment aspects should be accessed and taken into account from the beginning.

5. POLLUTION

We endorse the 'Polluter Pays' principle that those responsible for the pollution should pay for the resultant environmental damage. The existing pollution control legislation must be enforced and extended.

6. LIMITING WASTE

We will provide a financial incentive for authorities with responsibility for waste disposal; to construct new plants; to re-cycle waste material and encourage research into the conversion of waste into energy.

7. TRANSPORT

Without an effective public transport system the environment will suffer serious damage and energy resources will be wasted. We believe that new investment should be linked with modernized operating practices to ensure a future for our railway. To achieve modernization target, All Grassroots Alliance will entrench innovative ideas by opening up the sectors. We will work with the National Assembly to repeal the 1955 Railway Act, the law that vests sole ownership of railway in the Federal Government. In its place, a new law that will liberalise and accommodate private sector participation will be enacted.

Careful planning and co-ordination is required to meet the different public transport needs of both the cities and the countryside. There will be a continual partnership with private, the transport owners.

8. LAND USE

We need a fundamental change in the way in which we plan our cities, towns and villages to develop greater participation by those directly affected, to protect, create and develop living communities. The existing laws on land use will be revisited and made potent.

9. ANIMAL WELFARE

Cruelty to animals and unnecessary suffering by animals demean our society, and the All Grassroots Alliance would as a matter of priority, establish an Advisory Standing Commission on Animal Welfare.

This would keep under constant and rigorous examination all issues of Animal Welfare including experimentation on life animals, the treatment of farm animals, the transportation of animals and the regulations covering the use of animals. A caring community must care for animals as well as for human beings.

10. TRANSFORMING THE POLITICAL SYSTEM

10.1 Electoral Reform

The National interest demands electoral reform. All Grassroots Alliance will not hesitate to use its strength to protect and encourage free and fair elections across the country.

- 10.2** It is necessary, however, to strengthen and restore faith in our democratic process under which the relationship between the seats and votes is becoming constructive. The Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) will be strengthened to confront the challenge of logistics nightmare, and will be provided with communication technology and standby source of energy.

Decentralizing Government

- 10.3** In addition to electoral reform, All Grassroots Alliance is committed to further constitutional reforms: decentralization, to make government more accountable to the electorate, and basic legislation to protect fundamental human rights and freedom.

- 10.4** Our system of government is inefficient because it is over-centralized. The local government council is too dependent on the state, so much that local government council allocation has been diverted to the advantage of the state government. In the light of