

NATIONAL UNITY PARTY (NUP)

Motto: Let's Unite Nigeria!

MANIFESTO OF NATIONAL UNITY PARTY

PREAMBLE:

The Military since independence to date have had greater share in governance than their civilian counterparts. Their regimented approach to governance over those years promoted militarization of the national psyches of the ordinary Nigeria and the institutionalization of authoritarian ethos.

The characteristics of the authoritarian culture included; arbitrariness, deep-rooted disregard for accountability and transparency in governance, corporate institutions and private life, disregard for personal liberties and group rights and the absence of rule of law amongst others. Prolonged military rule in particular from 1983 not only desecrated all that was holy in the country it also set in motion a process of national retrogression and decay in the economic, social and cultural spheres. Military rule rather than enhance national prosperity, foster and cement national unity, promoted and perfected the phenomenon of wealth without enterprise via patronage, mismanagement and corruption. It also created the conditions for the prominence of ethnic consciousness as against nationalism, thus it perpetuated and deepened the crisis of nation building.

The long years of military dictatorship in Nigeria did not derive entirely from its internal and institutional capabilities. It was re-enforced by opportunism, inconsistencies and the weak commitment of the Nigeria political class to the well being of the mass of the people in favour of personal enrichment.

The exit of the military for prolonged governance in 1999 was not voluntary. The Military was consumed by its own contradictions, which also created popular resistance against its mis-rule, abuses and attempt at self-perpetuation. It therefore evolved a transition programme in 1998-1999, which was essentially face saving but also accommodated its terms and expectation.

The current post Military regime, through a product of democratic election, is also a manifestation of neo-military attributes, culture and tendencies. This could not have been otherwise, political power did not fall into the hands Of those who fought military dictatorship. Above all the

political process in 1998 and 1999 few years after alienated a vast majority of the populace and divergent political views.

The three political parties, which were foisted on the country by the Military in 1998, essentially lacked the basis for excessively addressing and resolving the problems and ills, which prolonged Military dictatorship bestowed on the country. Instead, most of the sensitive problems created by the military and brutally suppressed by them have emerged and are now apparently intractable.

Even as the number of political parties increased over time, one glaring factor and reoccurring decimal that has also remained intractable is the issue of ethnic politics.

Politics ethnicism still pervades every strata of our national life as embers of disunity and differences in culture, tradition and religion are upgraded to the height to mediocrity, National Unity is sacrificed at the altar of tribalism, ethnics and parochial interest.

The rampant schism and intra-party squabbles across board in the political terrain suffices to reveals an admixture of strange bed fellows with different ideological backgrounds and upbringing which led to the jettisoning of the philosophical tenets of the their respective parties up in pursuit of personal aggrandizements.

The above situation has strengthened the notion that the present civilian dispensation is at best a transition and as such a watershed for the emergences of genuine and sustained democracy. The current myriad of dashed expectations, general disillusionment, cynicism and fear of the future which now pervade the populace, further strengthen the above notion.

The conservative and the neo-military forces that now dominate governance in Nigeria, essentially have no contract with the electorates and the mass of the people. They do not identify with any discernible ideology or set of ideals. This is deceitful. They should not be ashamed to identify with conservatism and commitment to sustaining the status-quo bequeathed from military dictatorship. They therefore cannot justifiably explain their failures and inability to provide the promised dividends of democracy. Consequently, for the masses, hope in the future appears dimmed and illusionary.

The Police

Objectives

- a. To transform the police into a truly nationalist instrument for the maintenance of law order in the country.

- b. To enthrone discipline in the Nigerian police force
- c. To transform the public image of the police both in appearance, in their living conditions and their relations with the citizenry.

Strategy:

The party in government shall intensify present efforts aimed at improving the law and order maintenance capability and image of the police by:

- a. Increasing the present strength of the police force;
- b. Raising the entry qualification into the force;
- c. Expanding and improving framings facilities
- d. Providing adequate training opportunities for the rank and file with the provision for refresher course; in-service training and attachment to police commands in order parts of the world;
- e. Providing adequate funding for the modernization of police equipments;
- f. Providing sufficient barracks accommodation with amenities to house all members of the police and their families;
- g. Improving the welfare, working conditions , salaries and allowances of the police with a view to curbing the tendency for corruption among some members of the force; and
- h. Launching in-house political education among the police to change their attitudes to the state and perception of their duties and obligations.

The Prison

Objectives

- 1. To humanize the prisons
- 2. To make the prison a corrective institution and provide them well equipped and functioning workshops
- 3. To improve the sanitary and health conditions of the prison
- 4. to rehabilitate and rebuild the prison.

Strategy:

The party shall, when in government make measures to:

- a) Decongest the prisons future by building new ones and by periodic judiciary visit to prisons;
- b) Construct special prisons for different categories of prisoners;
- c) Rehabilitate prisoners by providing adequate facilities and equipment for their acquisition of knowledge and skills while in the prison, enable them lead useful life and to obtain gainful employment in discharge;
- d) Improve working conditions of warders and other prison staff;

- e) Initiate orientation programmes for prison inmates to give them new hope for a life of usefulness as acceptable members of the society after their discharge;
- f) Provide facilities for faster dispensation of justice by our law courts reality. It shall be organizationally strong to defend democracy. In which case, the party shall not be dissolved by any force outside it or not shall its independence and life be subverted in any way.
- g) In determining the party's manifesto, on specific national subjects, our party recognizes that it must urgently transform the Nigerian state from its present self inflicted incapacities to a state that would be committed to; ensuring safety of lives and property, promoting commitment to rule of law and due process, promoting transparency, efficient and judicious management of national resources, state apparatus and agencies.

In furtherance of the above, our party would bring to an end, "the self-defeating syndrome or Nigerian factor", used to explain the failures of eh state and build a new Nigerian state a Nation.

Our party is full convinced that given its progressive orientation, ideological plank, credibility and acceptability, it has the organizational strength and moral commitment to translate its social democratic ideals (alternative) on all facets of our national life as itemized below:

i. The Nigeria Nation:

- The party shall be committed to the Federal system of government anchored on the need for sustained national unity, peace, social justice and balanced development.

ii. The Economy:

- the party will relentlessly strive to build a strong economy that would the country from its present stage of underdevelopment within five years, based on the nation's strength of human, natural resources and prudent management.

The principal policy thrust of the Nigerian economy shall be to:

- Empower, economically most Nigerians;
- Create expanding employment opportunities;
- Encourage domestic competition and investment;
- Ensuring continual improvement in quality of life of every citizen;
- Discourage the extremes of poverty and affluence.

In order to achieve the above, the Nigerian state, while being the vacillator, shall also be a major player in the strategic sectors or the petroleum industry, energy, communication, rail and port, health-care education and research.

In pursuant of these, the state:

- shall create, within two years the critical success imperatives necessary for socioeconomic developments;
- shall achieve, within five years, far reaching diversification of the Nigerian economy by reducing substantially reliance on petroleum export;
- shall, as a matter of conscious policy, develop and empower indigenous entrepreneurs to be major players and compete in all aspects of the country economy.
- Shall motivate and encourage indigenous scientists and technologists, within and outside the country, and also assist and encourage them to acquire and adapt foreign technologies for the needs of the country;
- Shall recognize the role of the market fundamentalism,
- Shall appreciate the strength of globalization and liberalization but would adopt a cautious and step by step approach, given our country's weaknesses and disequilibrium,
- Shall promote foreign investment and provide ample incentives.

(iii) Agriculture Objectives

The party shall acknowledge the strategic importance of agriculture and accord it top most priority in order to;

- Achieve national food self sufficiency and food security five years, increase the production of agricultural tools;
- Increase the production of raw materials for local industries thereby lessening their dependence on imported raw materials within five years;
- Diversify production based in agriculture by expanding fishing, forest preservation and expansion, expanding poetry and animal husbandry and promoting fruits and vegetable production and processing;
- Rejuvenating and expanding agricultural commodity export like cocoa, cotton, groundnut, palm produce, rice, rubber and timber and ensure maximization of value-added to these export products, through domestic/fabrication and processing;
- Reactivate and expand effective agricultural extension services by agricultural institutions and government agencies.
- Re-organized and refocus ministries of agriculture into production and experimental oriented agencies;
- Provide farmers in rural areas easy access to credit and other agricultural inputs like fertilizer;

- Provide adequate irrigation and all season rural roads in agricultural areas;
- Promote the medium and large-scale farming including the revamping of farm settlement schemes;
- Stimulate agricultural research and relate it to production. Embark on local food preservative equipment machinery.

In order to achieve the above, the state would:

Promotion of local fabrication of agricultural tools or implements and equipment to enable the average farmer produce over 50% his normal output.

Change the status of farmers from that of peasants who primarily engage in subsistence farming by encouraging at least 40% of all graduates of all agricultural institutions and retired agriculturists to return to farming.

Strengthening of public agencies for agricultural development and financing. Introduction of cheap labour augmenting technology that would meet the verities in agricultural landscape in the country.

Removal of taxes and levies, which constrain capital formation and production by peasants medium and large-scale farmer, complementing subsidy on agricultural inputs with price support for out puts.

Intensification of research into organic fertilizers;

Establish a rural development farm in L.G Areas to provide easy access to credit for farmers.

(iv) **RURAL DEVELOPMENT**

Nigeria is essentially a rural community with over 60% of the country's populations living in rural areas. But the quality of life amongst rural dwellers is very poor due t extremely inadequate infrastructure, and dwindling economic fortunes. Increasingly, the gap between the rural and urban centers in virtually all aspect is widening.

In order to urgently address the state of pervasive poverty which has become the lot of the rural communities, the party would be committed to the under listed objectives:

Narrowing the gap between the rural and urban centers;

- Reduction of rural poverty and neglect;
- Reversal of rural urban migration;
- General improvement of the quality of life of the rural population.

In order to achieve the above objectives, the party shall:

- Emphasis community organizations for community development;
- Ensure the total electrification of the entire country within five years;

- Ensure the sustenance of rural roads, water supply and create enabling environment of rural industrialization;
- Encourage skilled personnel to relocate to the rural areas of the country.

(v) ENERGY

Objectives:

The party's policy objectives shall be:

1. To ensure a steady and increasing supply of energy for both industrial and social uses;
2. To formulate and implement a comprehensive energy policy ensuring that reasonable tariffs are charged
3. Encourage private ownership of commercial power generation and distribution

STRATEGY:

Hydroelectric thermal and solar-energy shall be further developed and strengthened the power

Holding Company of Nigeria (PHCN) shall be reorganized and adequately funded to ensure uninterrupted supply of power. Ageing turbines and other machines shall be replaced. The Hydro Electric Projects shall be given greater impetus and support. Thermal power stations shall be established at strategic locations in addition to the one at Egbin. The current policy of linking all the local government headquarters in the country with the National grid shall be pursued with greater vigour.

4. Encouraging the utilization of solar energy as a source of both domestic industrial energy.

(vi) MINING AND PETROL CHEMICAL INDUSTRY

Objectives

The party policy objectives in this sector shall be:

- To ensure responsible and controlled exploitation of our mineral resources;
- To ensure that, government shall maintain exclusive rights over all mining activities in the country;
- To undertake comprehensive surveys so as to determine the quantities and locations of all the country's mineral resources,

Strategy ‘

The NNPC and the Nigerian mining corporation shall be properly organized and adequately funded to enable them play the very active role we envisage for them our administration. The party shall establish

and further expand petro-chemical plan as vehicles for industrial development. .Also other projects shall be initiated, bearing in mind the great potential of these projects to generate foreign exchange for the country.

(vii) IRON AND STEEL DEVELOPMENT

Objectives

- The party's major policy shall be to ensure that a viable iron and steel industry is established and maintained as a pre-requisite for industrial and technology take off.

Strategy:

The completion and continuous of the Ajaokuta Steel Complex, other rolling mills, and the iron ore mining projects shall be given top priority. The production of flat steel for the industrial machinery of all kinds and needs shall be a priority.

Quality control shall be enforced to enforce and ensure the products acceptability international and to build confidence in the goods produced in the country either for home consumption or for export.

(viii) LABOUR EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES:

Objectives

In keeping with the Social Democratic ideals of the party, the working man and woman shall be recognized as the motive force for the transformation of the country in which case, wage earners of all categories including intellectual workers and professionals shall be appropriately rewarded, motivated, and assured of full employment.

Strategy:

To achieve the above objectives of the party shall ensure that:

- a. Employment creation and sustenance in both public and private sector are made the cornerstone of government and private sector activities;
- b. Conditions of employment in both public and private sectors including remunerations are constantly reviewed by way of collective bargaining.
- c. The national minimum wage at any time is not below subsistence income and takes into cognizance the prevailing rate of inflation and the purchasing power of the naira.
- d. Pension rates for retired workers are constantly reviewed and minimum pension shall not be less than the prevailing national minimum wage.

- e. Trade unions are encouraged and strengthened, made independent of employers and government and are not demarcated by the status of workers.
- f. All Nigerians trade unions shall have the right to affiliate to the Nigeria Labour Congress in recognition of the party's belief in workers solidarity.
- g. (g) The trade unions shall administer their affairs without interference by state agencies in keeping with ILO convention on freedom of association.
- h. (h) Workers are adequately represented in all organs of government dealing with the welfare of workers.

(ix) TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATION

Objectives

The objectives of the party shall be:

- a. Efficient transportation system throughout the country;
- b. Modernization of all existing modes of transportation in the country (roads, rail, air water/maritime) and
- c. Considerable expansion and modernization of our Communications system.

Strategy

Our strategy in each sector shall be as outlined below:

A. Road Transportation

- i. improvement and development of all major roads linking our state capitals and
- ii. major cities and towns within the states of the federation;
- iii. (ii) revamping and acceleration of the Mass transit programme.

B. RAILWAY:

The party shall ensure that the railway is urgently modernized by way of establishing an expansive rail network in the country that would serve both economic and social needs including national integration.

The party shall ensure that within ten years the network would be fully operation thereby integrating the whole country thus reducing the cost of road maintenance while creating large job opportunities.

C. WATER TRANSPORT

The party shall develop the inland waterways, the emphasis on:

1. Dredging the beds of all major rivers so that they can be navigated throughout the year;
2. Providing financial allocation for the manufacture of necessary vehicles required for water transportation.

E. COMMUNICATION

The party shall ensure: Total reorganization of the country's postal system with a view to guaranteeing its efficiency;

2. Modernization of communications equipment belonging to government owned institutions and the Nigerian Television Authority.

(x) EDUCATION:

Objectives

In keeping with the social democratic ideals of the party, education in the country shall be free at all levels. Every Nigerian child or school age shall undergo compulsory primary and secondary school education.

The party however, shall recognize the right of private individuals, corporate bodies and religion organization etc to establish educational institutions. The party in government would however regulate fees in private schools in order to ensure that they are made available to the common man.

In furtherance of the above, the party in government would ensure that the quality of education in both private and public institutions is of the same standard.

Strategy (for attainment)

In order to achieve the above objectives the party shall ensure that:

- a. Education shall be compulsory for every Nigeria child from age four to fifteen;
- b. State governments shall be responsible for primary, secondary vocational and tertiary education. The federal government shall have the right to establish and run its own universities and polytechnic s.
- c. Within five years infrastructure in all institutions shall be modernized and made conducive for learning while the ratio of teacher to pupils shall be one to thirty- five for primary, secondary and vocational institutions.
- d. The federal stat governments shall be encouraged to provide necessary and conducive environment for teaching and acquisition of science, engineering and technology education. This is to create within the next ten years a massive pool of scientists, engineering's and technologists for the rapid development of the country.

(xi) HEALTH

Objectives

The party shall present a comprehensive health policy for the country, the essential aim of which shall be to guarantee the health of all citizens.

Under the party free medical services shall be available to all children from birth up to the age of 12 for all pupils in post-primary schools, as well as student in the university and other tertiary institutions up to graduation. Free medical service will also cover all old people from the age of 65.

Strategy

The party shall strengthen the national health insurance scheme to which contribution are made by all workers according to income and all private companies and business houses.

Primary health care shall be an essential element of our national health programmes and shall guarantee the provision of clean water, healthy food in a healthy shelter and environment, while the party shall improved the standards of the country's general and specialized medical practice into the national modern health programme.

The party shall promote systematic and adequately fund research into all forms of traditional medicine and shall encourage the establishment of traditional health institutions in all the states to complement the national effort in health care delivery.

(xii) HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENT

Objectives

The party's objectives on housing and environment are grouped into three-board categories namely:

1. Provision of housing for all Nigerians;
2. Proving the environment through programmes like supply of nursery plant, reclamation of land for building projects and the fight against erosion among others and
3. Disposal of industrial wastes in order to protect the lives of our people, as well as plants and animals through controlled pollution of water and the atmosphere and vigilance against industrial waste policies of the advanced countries.

Strategy

Our party in government shall therefore endeavour to:

- a. Simplify the process of acquiring land for building purpose;
- b. Initiate research into and development of local building materials with a view to reducing cost of building materials;
- c. Establish low-interest housing loan scheme for workers;

- d. (d) Establish property development agencies, building societies, mortgage institutions to build for sale and/or allocation of different levels of workers;
- e. (e) Establish housing estate in urban, semi-urban and areas on owner-occupiers basis. The design of such houses will be such that the house can be extended at owners wish
- f. Improve and beautify the environment by establishing open spaces, parks and garden for recreational purpose in cities, towns and within estates, and/or cooperatives, and
- g. Provide all facilities that will make life comfortable and secure for residents of housing estates, schools, places of worship, banks, petrol filling stations, pitches for game, cinema house, etc.

The party in government will pay attention to the environment in order to improve the environment by tackling erosion, oil spillage, desertification, and the percentage of the stricken parts of the country. The party's strategy in its housing programmes will be to provide these facilities to people on terms that are reasonable.

(xiii) **YOUTH SPORT AND CULTURE**

General and Specific Objectives

To integrate sporting culture 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 basic elements of these general objectives, the mental, physical and moral development of our youths shall be given priority attention. Existing youth development programmes shall be strengthened and new ones created to:

- a. Make Nigerian youth realize their maximum potentialities;
- b. Inculcate moral discipline in our youth and insulate them from obscene literature, films etc.
- c. Promote interaction among youth for national understanding and integration and
- d. Enact laws against child abuse and child labour

Strategy

The government shall reorganize the NYSC scheme to make it more function and result oriented and shall promote and encourage societies/club such as boy scouts, girls guilds, man o' war, debating societies, etc for the physical and intellectual development of their members.

Sports

The party in government shall use sports to promote the physical and mental health of groups and individuals:

Promote the spirit of healthy competition among the populace thereby helping to cement relations among Nigerians and participate in international sporting activities.

The party views the provision of facilities that promote and encourage the development of these activities as vital. The party shall:

- a. Encourage sports at all levels
- b. Provide recreational facilities such as parks, gardens and theatres,
- c. Build stadium in each local government headquarters and improve the existing ones to meet the desired standards
- d. Establish national and state parks both for recreational purpose and as a means of promoting tourism;
- e. Reward young talented sportsmen and women who have brought laurels to the country;
- f. Formulate a comprehensive insurance scheme which will be developed for the coverage of all members of the various national sports team, and create and open a national sports hall fame to honor and immortalize the names of sports men and women who contribute to the sports in the country.

Culture

The party in government will support and implement an effective and comprehensive culture policy. The thrusts of such of a policy shall be to:

- a. Sieve out bad aspects of culture and encourage those, which are conducive to our moral and economic development;
- b. use the rich cultural heritage of the people of the country as a vehicle of national integration and
- c. promotes internalization of the new political culture the principle of the multiparty system and patriotic and nationalistic values.

(xiv) DEFENCE

Objectives

The party's objectives on defence shall be consistent with the provision 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 foreign policy objectives.

Strategy:

The party shall, within contexts of the country's strategic posture sources of threat, and budgetary constraints;

1. Ensure a high standard of professionalism through constant training;
2. provide sufficient funds that will enable the Defence Industries Corporation produce various types of weapons for defence, deterrence, and retaliation;
3. 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 the our armed forces and boost their morale.
4. Explore the possibilities of setting up similar industries in other locations in the country, especially in communities with proven expertise in indigenous armament technology;
5. Ensure that adequate welfare facilities and remuneration are provided to members of their armed forces to boost their morale and enhance their capacity.
6. Ensure that the military is subject to civil authority and control.

(xv) **FOREIGN POLICY**

Objectives

In conformity with the provisions of the constitution the party shall:

- a. Pursue policies of mutual co-existence through bilateral and multilateral agreement;
- b. Observe conventions and obligations of regional and international organisation of which Nigerian is a member;
- c. Maintain and strengthen Nigeria's membership of the UN, OAU, ECOWAS, the non Aligned Movement, OPEC, and the African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) states;
- d. (d) Focus on Africa and the Third World and black race in Diaspora as the centre piece of the Nigeria's foreign policy.
- e. (e) Resist imperialism, neo-colonialism, racial discrimination, and all forms of external intervention and domination

Strategy

- a. use of the political and economic instruments of diplomacy as the standard foreign strategy;
- b. pursuit of the principle of peaceful co-existence in international politics and relations with other countries.
- c. Collective self reliance as a strategy in south co-operation.

(xvi) **CIVIL SERVICE**

Objectives

The quality and character of the civil service of the country is crucial for the formation of responsive public policies. In this regard the party in government shall create a civil service that

Shall be:

- a. Patriotic, modern, creative, innovative and apolitical;
- b. Appropriately motivated, rewarded and guaranteed tenure of office
- c. Proficient and driven by professionalism and expertise;
- d. Attractive to the best brains and hands.

Strategy

In order to achieve the above stated objectives the party in government shall strive to:

- a. Adopt a recruitment system that shall be competitive but would also be reflective of the federal character;
- b. Ensure that educational attainment is, respected but must be complement with appropriate skills, professionalism and exercise
- c. provide training and re-training for skill development;
- d. Adopt measures to empower and encourage civil servants to be transparent, innovative and exhibit initiative at all times;
- e. Ensure that remuneration in the service shall be determined by the process of collective bargaining;
- f. Adopt measures to ensure that civil servants are not denied any form of civil rights

(xvii) THE JUDICIARY AND THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

Objectives

- a. To uphold the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria;
- b. To uphold the principles of separation of powers as enshrined in the constitution;
- c. To defend the principles of social justice, equity, equality and human rights
- d. To insulate the administration in all forms of parochial interest and to ensure that the national interest and objectives are generally upheld.

Strategy

The party shall be committed to constitutional government and constitutionalism; as well as independence of the Judiciary.

The party in government shall:

- a. Abide by the constitution in making appointments to the Bench, and only men and women with proven integrity shall be so appointed;
- b. Continue with the present judiciary setup, ensuring that the judiciary is self-accounting;
- c. Build sufficient court houses across the country to ensure quick dispensation of justice;
- d. Appoint more judges and magistrates;
- e. Uphold the principles habeas corpus;

- f. Review the existing legal aid system with a view to enhancing opportunity for free legal service for the masses.

The party in government will improve the working conditions of Judges and Magistrates;

All these years of our nascent democratic rule and the way it has negatively impacted on the popular expectations, tend to compel the average Nigerian to forget the atrocities of the military in the face of mounting hardship and despair. This frightening and regrettable development creates urgent need for a salvation and liberation mission in Nigeria.

CHARACTER OF OUR PARTY

The ideological plank of our party derive from its orientation and social base. Our party shall be mass based, peasant and artisans, progressive academicians, politicians, professionals and businessmen and women. Consequently, our party shall be humanistic, people centered nationalistic and patriotic. It shall have strong commitment to the upliftment of the conditions of life of all, the prosperity and stability of the nation and the reign of equity and justice in Nigeria.

In furtherance of the above therefore, the logical and rational minimal ideological plank of the party would be inclusive of all tendencies of social democratic united on the basis of its programme and ideals, will ensure that there would be no owners and followers;. Equality of all members irrespective of their social status and gender shall prevail.

OBJECTIVE OF THE PARTY

The objective of the party shall be:

- i. To acquire political power through free fair elections for the purpose of:
 - Establishing a new type of Nigerian state (Governments) that would be democratic, transparent, people oriented as basis for uplifting the country from backwardness to property founded on egalitarian ideals and the rule of law.
 - Enthroning a new Nigerian state (Government)
 - Would no longer be master of the people and basis for; private accumulation of wealth, distribution of patronage and plundering of the national wealth and assets.
 - Evolving a new Nigeria state (Government) that would not abdicate its social and economic responsibilities to the people while upholding equity and fairness;

- Enacting a new Nigerian state (Government) that would decisively bail the country out of pervasive poverty and underdevelopment; and propel it into prosperity; and strong enough to defend its citizenry and territorial boundaries.
 - Enacting a new Nigerian state (Government) whose actors and personages shall be embodiment of transparency, and modesty and who shall practicalize the concepts of leadership by example.
- ii. To serve as an integrating political institution, capable of mobilizing the people to defend and sustain democracy, adequately educate and empower them to ensure that sovereignty actually belongs to the people (electorate).
 - iii. To ensure that institutions of governance in the country and administration of the party, appropriately represent plurality of social status, professions and gender in the party.
 - iv. To usher in a Nigeria Renaissance that would create a new orientation bequeathed from prolonged military rule.

Consistent with the character and objectives of the party, it shall not exist essentially to meet the personal electoral aspirations of any member but that of the party collectively, in which case, it is the party that shall govern, and it is the party's manifesto and programme that shall constitute the contract with electorates.

Our party would therefore be a disciplined, principled and democratic platform committed to translating its programmes and manifesto to.

(xviii) TRADITIONAL RULES

General Objectives

The party sees traditional rulers as custodians of our rich cultural heritage. Because of the historic and integrative role traditional play at the grassroots level as community mobilizes and formidable bridges between the government and the governed, the party in government will consolidate this important socio-cultural institution.

Our ultimate aim is to assist the traditional institution that as the Nigerian society and economy are undergoing basic structural changes they will be able to transform their role the party in government is committed to putting in place policies designed to transform to traditional rulers such that they will be better placed than ever before to contribute to the process of change.

Strategy

The party in government shall:

Maintain the existing traditional council of chief in the states;

Assign new roles to the council in such spheres as social and political mobilization, as well as use of age groups and similar associations of commitment and national development.

Ensure that they are properly remunerated to enable them maintain their dignity.

Objectives

- a. To encourage the full emancipation, participation and involvement of women in all political, social, economic, and other aspects of national life, particularly as it effect elective and appointive office;
- b. To recognize the special responsibilities of women and to promote their use as veritable agent of political socialization.

Strategy

The party in government shall encourage the mass education and mobilization of our women for as avengement of peace and humanity:

- a. Production purpose;
- b. Nurturing a healthy family;
- c. Uniting the kinship groups together
- d. Ensuring that they play positive role in development; and
- e. Political socialization.