

GREEN PARTY OF NIGERIA (GPN)



PARTY MANIFESTO

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FOREWORD

2017-2023

POLICY THRUST

MISSION STATEMENT

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MISSION STATEMENT

GPN Mission is of reconciliation, reconstruction, rehabilitation and reformation.

Reconciliation

1. To foster a high degree of patriotism and nationalism while preserving distinct individual personalities and group characteristics, weeding people together and forging a sense of belonging. Thus, our diversity must be our strength.

Reconstruction

2. Reconstruction will be the foundation of our economic policy and thrust. We will move to implement economic reforms aimed at equity in particular, to construct macro-economic policies that combine growth with human development and solving justice, to improve legislations on labour standards and to restore peoples' control over primary productive resources as a key strategy for poverty reduction and eradication.
3. GPN reconstruction goals (covenant) will aim at providing physical development in terms of infrastructural development such as housing, water, electricity and communications as well as to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) which include amongst others;
 1. End poverty in all its forms everywhere.
 2. End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture.
 3. Ensure healthy lives and promote healthy wellbeing for all at all ages.
 4. Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all.
 5. Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls.
6. GNP reconstruction motives intends to promote and sustain social relations in the context of justice and human values. With a focus on the particular status of women,

youth, children, and physically challenged persons as well as care for the old and deprived.

Reformation

1. GPN Government(s) will introduce and Implement programmes to eradicate corruption in all its ramifications especially in the public service and private sector, enshrine and enforce at all levels, the principles of good and corporate governance, transparency, accountability and democracy as the foundation for public ethics. Our reformation drive will work to create in the shortest possible time the required conducive environment for political, social and economic growth.
2. GPN Government will capitalize on the inherent comparative advantage of the country, and the reservoir of talents of the people to foster and promote business organizations from within Nigerian and abroad as the key for the economic empowerment, advancement and prosperity of the citizens.
3. GPN's reform drive will be "people-centered". Emphasis will be placed on human, social and economic development with specific focus in the areas of Agriculture, Education, Health, Sports and Social Welfare.

Agriculture

Nigeria has been dependent on foreign producers for imported food items such as rice, wheat, sugar, milk, fruits and fruit juices among others. Our currency is weak, our independence is endangered and our national pride and integrity are compromised, consequently, these circumstances will certainly degenerate with the imminent uncertainty in the oil and gas market. For agriculture to provide meaningful income to our people in terms of production of surplus for export, either of food or other agricultural products, policies directed at Agriculture should be very comprehensive and far reaching agricultural policies should also relate to industrial policies which will be able to stimulate the production of raw materials needed for industries in the country.

Policy Thrust

One of the cardinal objectives of the **GPN** government is progressive agenda, which is the diversification of the economy through the development of agriculture, manufacturing, housing and other sectors of the economy.

Implementation Strategies:

In recognition of the value of agriculture in national development, the **GPN** administration will be guided by the following:

1. GPN has articulated implementable progressive blueprint covering fertilizer production reforms, marketing, and agricultural investment framework. This is designed to use agricultural sector to aggressively create jobs, wealth and ensure food security.
2. Develop a programme of crop development such as mangoes, guava, banana, oranges and onions etc. intensified through the production of premium seedlings which will be provided to farmers at subsidized rates.
3. Intensify training and development of qualified, competent and highly conscientious agricultural extension workers and farmers. Also, devise appropriate and cultural technology relevant to the environment of the geo-political zones in the country.
4. Encourage farmers to form cooperative systems through which they obtain loans, credit and even grants, while presenting and defending the interest of their members. Easy-to-reach and easy-to-get micro credit facilities will thus be accessible by farmers through the cooperative system which will be in tandem with the **Fadama III** Project as supervised by the World Bank.
5. Facilitate access to cheaper and better agricultural implements such as farm tools, chemicals, fertilizers, improved seedlings, fingerlings and variety of livestock.
6. Assist in the provision of land clearing implements for the rapid opening of large and fertile lands
7. Create, expand and equip new and old Veterinary Clinics and Hospitals and develop a comprehensive animal inoculation programme.
8. Prevent and control animal diseases, achieve a qualitative and quantitative increase in livestock production through encouraging development of ranches, cross breeding, water development project for livestock and increased sources of supply of animal protein.
9. Develop and carryout clear and well-demarkated grazing areas, as well as provide adequate and equitable settlement arrangement in order to reduce tension between farmers and grazers.

10. Procurement and distribution of fishing materials and fish feeds at subsidized rates.
11. Development of fisheries' extension as part of agricultural development.
12. **GPN** will ensure the supply of stable, quality and nutrition food for all the citizenry.

Anti-Corruption

As one of the goals of the **GPN** government to significantly reduce corruption in Nigeria, GPN will build up and uphold a system and institutions that will detect, capture and prevent, and bring lawbreakers to justice. In that manner, the GPN will uphold ethics such as honesty, transparency, accountability, and selflessness, among others to restore our values and consciousness.

There is no gainsaying in the fact that corruption and corrupt practices have eaten deep in the public and private lives of this country. Some efforts have been made by previous administrations to start arresting the menace by creating a number of institutions to carve out the menace. It is the resolve of our Party being in government to continue the crusade.

To fulfil the covenant GPN will:-

- a. Give all the necessary support and encouragement to the existing institutions to work diligently without fear or favour.
- b. Work with the legislature to make amendments in the EFCC and ICPC Acts in order to strengthen the institutions.
- c. Evolve a system of accelerating the trial of alleged culprits so that such trials are commenced and finished within a very reasonable time.

DEFENCE AND INTERNAL SECURITY

Nigeria as we all know maintains conventional forces for the preservation of our sovereignty, territorial integrity and preservation of our democracy in order to maintain conducive atmosphere for national growth and development. In the area of internal security, it is clear that the nation has been facing a number of security challenges ranging from Boko-Haram insurgency, Niger Delta militancy, kidnapping, cattle rustlers, and farmers-herdsmen clashes, amongst others.

A cardinal objective of the GPN government is the drive to ensure the security and wellbeing of Nigerian people. Various approaches have been set out through which this objective can be realized. Among them is sustainable national development, which will be all encompassing and will affect all segments of our society.

To fulfil the covenant, GPN will:

- a. GNP Government will confront head on major challenges to Nigeria's national development which include: insecurity, terrorism and insurgencies, high level of poverty and unemployment, corruption, money laundering and cybercrimes, oil theft, piracy and sea robbery; as well as trafficking in drugs and proliferation of small arms and light weapons. Engaging these challenges provides the necessary impetus for enhancing national security and development for Nigeria.
- b. Embark on massive training and retraining of the armed forces personnel in order to improve their capabilities. This is crucial in safeguarding the sanctity of lives and property.
- c. The GPN will put into action a zero-tolerance anti-crime strategy by strengthening and supporting all police, military and para-military units, implement community policing across the country, encouraging community involvement in crime prevention and deny bail for crimes such as kidnapping, murder, armed robbery, rape, terrorism and insurgency.
- d. Provide more equipment and tools required for security operations and improve the method to securing our borders which at present are too porous for successful control of illegal movement and migrations.
- e. Ensure the maintenance and welfare of security outfits and personnel (**NPF, DSS, NSCDC**) that are disciplined, professional, responsive and people-friendly.
- f. Overhaul the recruitment system in the police force to ensure priority and credibility of those recruited.
- g. Set up a well-trained, docile, sufficiently funded, equipped and goal-driven anti-crime troop to fight such vices as armed robbery, terrorism, insurgency, kidnapping, ethno-religious and communal clashes on a national scale.
- h. Thrust for additional support in the security and economic strength of the sub-region of ECOWAS and AU altogether to sustain a viable, close and candid rapport with the international community.

ECONOMIC GROWTH

The overall improvement in the quality of life of individuals in Nigeria and the sustenance of a growing, diversified, national economy that is, competitive, private sector driven, open

market-oriented based on internal impetus towards a post-oil boom development is the main objective of the GPN's economic policy.

The GPN desires to sustain a strong, viable, modifiable and diversified economy with high efficiency, enhanced capacity utilization and sustained development to a post-oil based financial system.

To fulfil the covenant, the GPN will:

1. Encourage the sustenance of the private sector led economic strategy.
2. Put in place a very strong economic team to advise the government on the day-to-day economic trends and the way forward.
3. Ensure the expansion of all poverty reduction measures put in place to sustain economic growth.
4. The concept of food security must be pursued with vigour since agriculture is the main covenant with the people of Nigeria as far as GPN is concerned.
5. Provide rural infrastructure, rehabilitate and maintain services.

EDUCATION

Policy Thrust

Education is undoubtedly the most important key of human development, proper liberation, self-actualization, fulfilment of individual as well as group basis for freedom, justice, equality and access to economic opportunities. It is through education that man can liberate himself from ignorance and disease, while enabling individuals to actualize their potentials. Education should therefore be purposeful, meaningful, relevant, functional and total.

Key challenges in education sector:

1. Inadequate funding of the sector.
2. Inadequate educational infrastructure.
3. Undue skepticism about education.
4. Under staffing of education sector.
5. Improper data management.

To fulfil the covenant: GPN will:-

- a. Continue to enforce free, compulsory, affordable and accessible basic education throughout the federation.
- b. Embark on vigorous campaign to increase participation and enrolment while also pursuing a policy of ensuring adequate provision of educational facilities and materials to ensure a conducive and effective learning environment.

- c. Adopt an integrated approach to the curriculum, with the intention of providing varied experience capable of meeting the immediate and future needs of pupils.
- d. Direct special efforts towards equipping students with special knowledge, skills and competencies that will make them better able to fit into any employment situation or be self-employed as the case may be.
- e. Improve every aspect of the quality of education and ensuring their excellence so that recognized and measurable learning outcomes are achieved by all, especially in literacy, numeracy and essential life skills.
- f. Improved welfare packages and remunerations shall be offered for the teachers and supporting staff.
- g. Establish local education forums to facilitate discussion between local representatives, school boards, parents and council management, and to plan effectively for the needs of schools.
- h. Support education for the physically challenged and people living with disabilities
- i. Re-establish and re-open Teacher Training Colleges to train and prepare more qualified teachers so as to improve the quality of teaching and learning.

ENVIRONMENT

Nigeria had signed the **Great Green Wall (GGW) convention in 2010**. The programme is based on cross-sectoral interventions that will ensure ecosystem restoration and will enhance food security for achieving sustainable development.

GPN Government will be committed to the goal of the **GGWprogramme** which is to establish an African partnership supported by the international community to check and reverse land degradation in the dry regions of Africa through coherent and common set of intervention targeting national resources conservation and developments.

To fulfil the covenant, the GPN will:

- a. Reorganize and strengthen GGW Agency to perform its statutory role such as strengthening of social infrastructure especially in rural areas, diversification of economic activities and improvement of rural communities living conditions.
- b. Turn waste-to-wealth by setting up factories to recycle some waste materials to produce fertilizers and for other uses.
- c. Improve the usual and appropriate removal and dumping of domestic, industrial, as well as oil and gas wastes.

- d. Increase, revamp and update waste management apparatus at all levels of government.

FOREIGN POLICY

Every country has a national role conceived by its people and by which its policies and activities outside its borders are often adjudged and appraised. Nigeria is not an exception in this regard and the outlines of its world view and national role conception were clearly discernible long before its independence. This self-conceived national image determines to a large extent the country's perception of its position in the world, and defines the role it would seek to play in regional and global politics.

To fulfil the covenant, the GPN will:

1. Ensure that all stakeholders and interest groups will be involved in the formulation of Nigeria's foreign policy framework, to reflect Nigeria's national interest.
2. Embark onboard public opinion through conferences, seminars, and workshops to be organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs towards effective foreign policy formulation.
3. Strengthen Ministry of Foreign Affairs to pursue issues of National Interests through its Diplomatic Missions in beneficiary countries of Nigerian aid, though on occasions, attach strings to its aid policy.
4. Formulate a sustainable National Policy on peace support operations that will derive economic benefits for Nigeria.
5. Adequately fund the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and all Foreign Missions to fully implement Nigeria's Foreign Policy.
6. Provide those in the diaspora the privilege to exercise their franchise during general elections in their place of abode.

FOREST CONSERVATION

Our country is richly endowed with abundant forest resources but unfortunately no government makes any serious effort to conserve, harness, and revitalize these natural potentials to the nation's best advantages.

The GREEN PARTY therefore shall explore these potentials to the best use of the people in the country.

To fulfil the covenant, the GPN will:

1. Indiscriminate felling of trees all over the country was the major cause of soil erosion and desertification in various parts of our country. To this end, the party shall do all that is humanly possible to stop the menace and save the ecosystem.
 - b. Forest conservation shall receive the desired boost and attention.
 - c. The peasant farmers and the youth shall be encouraged to grow economic trees to enhance their living standards and at the same time reduce the menace of desertification and soil erosion.
- d. Bush burning shall be prohibited.
 - e. Tree planting programmes shall be encouraged and enhanced.

HEALTH SECTOR

A National Health Policy was adopted in 2014 with the goal of providing a formal framework for the direction of health management in Nigeria. The obligation is to provide the population with access not only to primary healthcare, but also to secondary and tertiary care, as needed through a functional referral system. Primary Healthcare Services include, health education, adequate nutrition, safe water and sanitation, reproductive health, including family planning, immunization against five major infectious diseases, provision of essential drugs and disease control. The policy requires that a comprehensive health care system delivered through the primary health centres should include maternal healthcare including family planning services.

To fulfil the covenant, the GPN will:

1. Promote functional health education of our people on principles of healthy living, such as disposal of refuse, human waste and control of communicable (infectious) diseases.
2. Intensify on active disease prevention programme in the following areas;
 1. Maternal and child health.
 2. Immunization.
 3. Environmental sanitation.
 4. Control and elimination of disease-transmitting insects such as mosquitoes and flies.
 5. Motivate our doctors, nurses and other professional health-related staff with better and equitable conditions of service, facilities and equipment to enable them carryout their duties efficiently and effectively by treating the sick with humility. Our hospitals and clinics should be a place where love, care and consideration for the patients should be overriding.

6. Seek the cooperation and understanding of our diaspora specialists to come back home and assist in the overall development of the health sector.
7. Intensify training and retraining of nurses, midwives, pharmacists, health technologists and other ancillary medical and hospital personnel for better health service delivery.
8. The overall objective being the total stoppage of our scarce foreign exchange being wasted in sending individuals for medical treatment elsewhere.
9. Collaborating with State and foreign donor agencies, including NGOs to combat HIV/AIDs to include, provision of subsidized drugs and anti-retrieval drugs. Infected mothers, orphans and vulnerable children would be targeted as primary beneficiaries of this programme.
10. Eliminate drug shortages by collaborating with certified drug manufacturers to provide commonly administered drugs as well as disposable needles, syringes and infusion solutions.
11. Strengthen National Health Insurance Scheme (NHIS) Agency to perform its statutory functions.
12. Keeping and maintaining accurate medical records and statistics by encouraging all Federal, State and Local government hospitals and clinics to keep accurate records of birth and deaths, immunization and public health so that the pattern of diseases can be known as proper health care delivery policies be formulated.

INDUSTRIALIZATION/IRON AND STEEL SECTOR

For economic and industrial development to take root, there is the need to have a sound industrial base upon which to build the industrial super structure. This industrial base, as the experiences of both the developed and other emerging economies of the world have shown, is none other than a well-developed iron and steel industry that will produce some critical raw materials such as: cast iron rods and bars (high tensile and mild steel), wires, structural steel (light, medium and high structural), flat sheet (plain, galvanized etc.), stainless and alloy steels, rail profiles, pipes and plates (various sizes in width and thickness).

To fulfil the covenant, the GPN will:

1. GPN has profiled Ajaokuta Steel Company project and is evident that the project is strategic to the development of the steel industry, which is a major catalyst for the industrial development of the nation.
2. GPN Government would engage stakeholders to provide a lasting solution to the factors militating against the optimal operations/performance of the privatized steel rolling mills in the country.
3. GPN Government would create a Steel Development Bureau directly under the Presidency for effective attainment of the goals of the sector.

INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

As we all know, there' has been a significant improvement in telecommunications and information technology since the inception of the fourth republic in 1999 to date. However, there is still a lot to be done in this area, especially, a change from analogue to digital system. ICT is leveraged for trade and industry, societal and interpersonal business and communications. This hugely modifies how people work, communicate, gain knowledge and live. ICT continues to revolutionize all aspects of the human knowledge. The GPN will do more to improve the situation to an optimal level.

To fulfil the covenant, the GPN will:

1. Encourage public and private sector cooperation in the establishment and manufacture of telecommunications and information equipment, tools, accessories, and other components.
2. Provide an enabling environment to make the sector fully private-driven.
3. Provide infrastructure and components that enable modern computing.
4. Provide devices, networking components, applications and systems to enable people and organizations, governments to network in the digital world.
5. Make telecommunications affordable for all.

INFRASTRUCTURE

It is an admitted fact that the level of economic development in any country directly depends on the development of its infrastructure. Nigeria is indeed in dire need of basic fundamental facilities and services which would facilitate different economic activities and thereby aid economic growth of the nation. Infrastructure and systems that would serve the nation, cities and villages are necessary for the economy to function. Such infrastructural facilities and services include good roads, power supply, bridges, sewage, water and housing. Infrastructure is a basic prerequisite for economic development.

Infrastructural development such as roads, houses, schools, clinics, telephone lines, as well as technological development like computers, cell phones, televisions etc can only be done on land. Having all these in mind, the GPN, therefore, regards land ownership by indigenous Nigerians irrespective of **colour, race, sex, ethnicity, political affiliation, religion or economic status**, as a very fundamental requirement.

To fulfil the covenant, the GPN will:

- a. Invest in major economic infrastructural projects such as energy, transport and communication as well as social infrastructure such as education, health, sanitation, water supply, and housing.

- b. Revolutionize transport and communication.
- c. Develop sufficient and quality infrastructure to help in economic development to facilitate production and investment in the Nigerian economy.
- d. Invest in agricultural infrastructure,

LABOUR, EMPLOYMENT AND PUBLIC SERVICE

The GPN government aims to ensure improved working conditions for the Nigerian labour force, enforce opportunity for gainful employment, ensure all workers are involved in contributory pension scheme and ensure all workers are reasonably remunerated by their employers to enhance labour efficiency and productivity.

However, with regards to the public service, the GPN Government will continue the restructuring exercise in a holistic manner in order to reduce waste and improvement of efficiency of the government expenditure and in the end, eliminate the menace of ghost workers.

To fulfil the covenant, the GPN administration will:

1. Review the salaries and wages of workers in line with the economic realities and in accordance with the provision of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and other relevant Laws.
2. Ensure the freedom of labour movement throughout the States of the federation and the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja.
3. Rationalize, restructure, reduce cost, and restore professionalism of the civil service, while strengthening the Institutions.
4. The GPN will endeavour to create jobs through economic development and growth. Specific measures to be taken in this regard include the provision of direct incentives for job creation to encourage the appointment of young job seekers, support small businesses, attract international investment and boost trade.
5. The GPN government shall strongly emphasize on economic development, job creation and the creation of an enabling environment for business growth and for the private sector to create wealth and jobs.
6. The GPN shall ensure prompt and adequate payment of salaries and allowances.
7. Evaluate and improve value of service aligned with SERVICOM yardstick.
8. Restructuring the Public Service for better competence and output.

LAND AND HOUSING

The rapid and uncontrollable growth of urban centres coupled with low provisions accorded urban planning and good urban governance, have occasioned housing shortages, high land values and accentuated the proliferation of slums, traffic congestions, and the rate of pollution of land, air and water among others. In addition, poverty is on the rise in virtually all Nigerian cities. In order to create affordable housing, Nigeria needs more houses that average Nigerian citizens can afford. It has therefore become imperative to build affordable housing for our people.

To fulfil the covenant, the GPN will:

- a. Popularize the use of local raw materials, such as cement stabilized laterite and burnt bricks, to reduce the cost of housing construction.
- b. Make the acquisition of land cheaper for developers in collaboration with other tiers of Government in order to make houses more affordable, while also expediting the acquisition of title by individual land allottees to facilitate mortgage finance.
- c. Encourage States to build more houses at affordable rates to their people.
- d. Re-evaluate the Land Use Act to make the purchase of land cheaper for developers in order to reduce cost of houses.
- e. Encourage both public and private sectors participation in the housing industry.
- f. Recover and repair land devastated by desertification and soil erosion as well as encourage active forestation.
- g. Support companies, industries and parastatals to afford housing for their staff on owner-occupier basis with moderate conditions for repayment;

MINING SECTOR

Nigeria's mining and metals industry is governed by a number of legal and regulatory instruments. The primary instruments are the 2007 Mining Act and the 2008 Minerals and Metal Policy. Nigeria's mining sector faces a range of important challenges. However, these can be solved if a clear plan is articulated and the challenges are addressed within the right strategic framework.

To fulfil this covenant:

1. GPN Government has developed a blueprint for a mining sector development to enable the country to confront the inherent challenges of inadequate geoscience

data, poor or low industry participation, ineffective stakeholder's participation, institutions and governance challenges.

2. GPN Government will strengthen the Ministry of Mines and Steel Development and its Agencies to perform their statutory responsibilities in line with the provisions of the law.
3. GPN has developed an Industrial Mineral Strategy to boost the local economy through: beneficiation and utilization of domestic minerals, developing an energy minerals strategy for domestic use and industrial power generation using Nigerian Coal resources, as well as developing the steel sector to provide a solid back-bone for manufacturing and industrial economy.

NIGER DELTA REGION DEVELOPMENT

The Niger Delta Region which has accounted for much of the nation's foreign exchange and national income has endured a long history of exploitation. The region has benefitted just minimally from these riches and is still the least developed in the country. The GPN government will continue to follow peaceful resolution and commit herself to the continuous welfare of the people of the Niger Delta region through dialogue, negotiations and economic empowerment. The people of the region deserve fairness, the right to demand representation at both State and Federal levels, a safe and clean atmosphere, resolution to the conflict and fairer control of their land and resources. For these demands to be met, the GPN will take measures to tackle the long ignored disputes of environmental and mass poverty amongst the people of the region.

To fulfil the covenant, the GPN will:

- a. Follow procedures that will enhance security of lives and property in the region which will include discouraging armed militancy so as to ease normal economic activities in the region.
- b. Alleviate the environmental filth of the area caused by oil exploration and gas flaring activities by cleaning up to reclaim and redress the environmental degradation of the region.
- c. Fully implement the Amnesty Programme.
- d. Mandate the oil companies to play their roles of Corporate Responsibility and Community Development.

- e. Strengthen and support operational efficiency and funding of the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC).
- f. Quench the conflict and tension in the Niger Delta region by seeking long-lasting peace and sustainable development in the region.
- g. Provide physical infrastructure and social amenities to show for its contributions to the national reserves,

NORTH EAST ZONE

The GPN government aims at tirelessly pursuing the facilities and infrastructural development and rebuilding of the North-East Region as well as reinforcement efforts to control existing insecurity confronting the region and ease future Incidents.

To fulfil the covenant, the GPN will:

- a. Formulate strategies and plans intended to accelerate Infrastructural and human capital improvement of the North-East Region through diverse involvement of all NGOs.
- b. Afford a secure and peaceful environment to promote all-encompassing development in all areas of the region.
- c. Support private sector investments and enhance cooperation in the rebuilding activities and efforts to manage the potentials of the region.
- d. Increase and tighten the security of the region in order to protect lives and property.

PETROLEUM RESOURCES

Oil or black gold we must admit has been the major foreign exchange earner since oil was discovered in 1961 in the Niger Delta region. But Nigerians have not realized the folly of sticking to one major source of foreign exchange until now. The current economic crunch as a result of the low production of the commodity coupled with the very low price of the barrel of oil in the international market is nearly bringing the government to its knees. It is therefore incumbent on the GPN government to holistically address all the issues and problems at hand in order to find lasting solutions to them.

To fulfil the covenant, the GPN led government will:

- a. Address the problems of Niger Delta especially the environmental degradation, the empowerment of women and youth and militancy of some youth in the region.
- b. Strive through technological innovations to make a breakthrough in the non-vandalization of oil and gas pipelines and increased surveillance by land, sea and air.
- c. Completely stop gas flaring and put same to productive use.
- d. Encourage the operations of extractive industries transparency initiative to work diligently and honestly for the overall good of the nation.
- e. GPN Government will pursue with vigour and determination to systematically and aggressively explore and rapidly assess the hydrocarbon resource potentials of the seven (7) Inland basins in Nigeria. This is to facilitate the much-desired diversification of Nigeria's oil exploration and production base with the resultant increase in the nation's oil and gas reserves to deliver strategic, security and socio-economic benefits.
- f. GPN Government will implement the recommendation of NNPC'S technical consultants' report which concluded the search and evaluation and identification of capable Airborne Geophysical Survey Companies for hydrocarbon exploration of the inland basin of Nigeria.
- g. GPN Government will as a matter of priority speedily conclude the necessary arrangements for the contract for Airborne Gravity, Magnetic and Electro-Magnetic Hydrocarbon Exploration Surveys of the seven inland basins in Nigeria.

POWER SUPPLY

It is abundantly clear that the present system of power generation and distribution cannot take us to the promise land within the shortest time possible. Inability to supply efficient power impacts negatively and thwarts the economy of the nation. To launch industrial development in the country, steady and affordable power supply is a total prerequisite. The GPN therefore shall with vigour embark on the production of power through solar, wind and hydro. They are cheaper and more reliable.

To fulfil the covenant, the GPN government will:

1. While strengthening the electricity regulatory agencies and giving encouragement to the independent power producers, the States shall as well be encouraged to partner with the private sector to produce more power plants.
2. Provision of power supply is one of the key major components of the GNP Government. A Progressive Power Supply Agenda and Mambila Hydro power project are key priorities of the GNP Government. The GNP Government in power will be committed to speedily implementing the Mambilla Hydro Power Project with vigour to generate 3,050MW.
3. GNP Government will revise the implementation schedule for Mambilla Hydro Power Project with time lines for the project ground breaking.
4. We have abundant sources of wind and solar energy. We must therefore seize the opportunity to embark on large scale production or procurement of equipment to generate enough power that will add to the National grid through these sources.
5. Encourage rational power preservation programme.
6. Deal with the almost paralyzing crumple of electric power generation, distribution and supply.
7. Rural electrification will continually be encouraged.

RURAL DEVELOPMENT

One of the major and fundamental weaknesses of the strategy of the current development programme of Ministry of Agriculture and Rural development is the adoption of piecemeal and disparate approach to the issue of development of rural areas. There is hardly any impact high level of investments and expenditures on the standard of the living of the people.

To fulfil the covenant, the GPN government will:

- a. Encourage development of small scale and cottage industries, which will be source of produce and secure employment for rural dwellers. This would help check the pull-push factor of rural-urban migration, particularly of young and usually unsuited people from rural areas to urban areas.
- b. Encourage individuals including doctors, agriculturalist, veterinary surgeons, etc, who came from rural areas and are educated in business and the professions to return

home, settle and pursue their professions on private business to serve as a catalyst for development. This will help reduce the level of rural poverty through integrated rural development.

- c. Strongly execute the rural electrification policy and expand extension services in the rural communities.
- d. Supply portable drinking water, rural electricity and rural feeder roads.
- e. Encourage NGOs and multi-lateral agencies in the empowerment of rural communities and rural dwellers.
- f. Sustain the provision of basic health care and preventive health services.
- j. Improve mass literacy programmes, community health-care, preventive health services and communication.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

The objectives of the party in relation to science and technology shall be to stimulate the re-entrance of science and technology as a mechanism for national growth and development. This will lead to technological advancement and speed up or fast-track general socio-economic development in the nation.

To fulfil the covenant, the GPN-led government will;

- a. Provide sufficient industrial base for fast technological advancement and promote science and technology literacy among Nigerian students.
- b. Encourage and support suitable technologies needed for sustainable development.
- c. Provide facilities and build favourable atmosphere to promote science and technology literacy among Nigerians.
- d. Encourage existing science and technology research institutes to develop simple tools for industrial plants with locally available raw materials.
- e. Employ more teachers for computer education and rehabilitate science schools all over the federation.
- f. Supply science and technology apparatuses and equip science laboratories in our institutions

SPORTS

GPN recognizes the importance of sports as an instrument of bringing together all the youth and entire citizenry for unity, national development and cohesion, even at international and regional levels. The GPN shall encourage sports and sporting activities as an entertainment and professional activity to improve lifestyle. The GPN will create an enabling environment for the private sector to also play a main role in sporting activities.

To formulate and implement articulate national sport policy, the GPN-led government will:

- a. Encourage the promotion of various sporting activities at all levels of the national education system through the provision of sporting facilities, upgrading of existing ones and reactionary physical education in the school curriculum at all levels.
- b. Provide for the early identification of training of talented youth throughout the country. Grass root -oriented talent hunt programmes will be organized from time to time to help boost the sports world.
- c. Welcome a private sector participation in the promotion and sponsorship of various sports.
- d. Commercialization of sports is one of the strategies. This will enable the various sports/events attain its peak and potentials. Administration of sports will be left in the hands of professionals and business-minded individuals. Government will only play a regulatory role.
- e. Introduce exchange programmes and international training of our athletes and their managers. This will help improve their performance.
- f. Ensure that; sports men, women, and their managers are well remunerated and maintained in their camps. This will help improve their performances. Special awards will be given to outstanding sportsmen/women for further encouragement. Also, Scholarships/national honours will be awarded to deserving sportsmen/women and their administrators.
- g. Increase sporting facilities, amenities and services nationwide and supply recreational facilities.
- h. Encourage inter and intra-school sports in our secondary schools and cultural sporting events.

TOURISM AND CULTURE

A major focus of our Party is to make Nigeria the most preferred tourist destination not only in West Africa but in the African continent as a whole. On the other hand, the preservation of our cultural heritage with its artifacts and monuments spread all over the nation shall go a long way in boosting our tourism industry. The GPN administration aims to promote and put together the various Nigerian cultures so as to attain a real cultural identity and promote Nigerian culture and the people. These two aspects shall therefore be pursued with vigour as it is an area that can massively generate foreign exchange for the nation.

To fulfil the covenant, the GPN-led government will:

- a. Improve on all the existing tourist attractions in the country and provide supportive infrastructure for tourism.
- b. Encourage public-private investment in the tourism industry and participation in the management of our national parks and monuments.
- f. Use our embassies and diplomatic missions abroad to launch a vigorous awareness campaign on the potentials and other benefits in this sector.
- d. Enlarge the scope of tourism sector at both local government and State levels.
- e. Improve security to give confidence to foreign tourists to visit the country.
- f. Encourage the preservation of the nation's historic monuments as tourist attractions.
- g. Encourage Nigerian Consulate to a pro-tourism technique to relax issuance of visas to tourists coming to Nigeria.
- h. Increasingly bring together the different cultures of Nigerians.
- i. Uphold the features of our culture that are encouraging to promote national unity.
- j. Internationalize the nation's cultural ethics mostly within Africa.

TRANSPORTATION

Transportation system is indeed the backbone of the nation's economy. Rail transport, waterways, and air transports are key and useful ways to enhancing economic growth of a nation. Transportation will ensure the socio-economic integration of the nation as well as inter and intra-State business and global trade. There is no doubt; significant improvements have been recorded in some sectors of our transportation system.

However, there seems to be a lot to be done in order to reach the desired destination required of our great nation with its teeming population, The GPN-government will surely take us there within the shortest time possible.

Road Transportation

To fulfil the covenant, the GPN-led government will:

- a. Complete and rehabilitate all ongoing road projects nation-wide.
- b. Enforce and ensure the enforcement of maintenance culture in our road maintenance agencies. To this end, the government shall strengthen the Road Maintenance Agency for effective coverage of all our federal roads.
- c. Construct and maintain good network of urban-rural roads to improve inter and intra-States commercial activities and movement of people with ease.
- d. Re-introduce toll gates to generate income for optimal repairs and maintenance of road network.

Rail transport

The rail system shall continue to receive all required attention it deserves. The main objective being the connectivity of rail lines in all the States of the Federation with the nation's Capital inclusive. The GPN government will continue with the existing policy to expand railways network to connect key centres and major cities. Efforts will be put in place to ensure the rail transport system is utilized more than other means of transportation especially in the area of moving goods.

The GPN government will:

1. Rehabilitate, modernize and refurbish the trains and railways.
2. Construct more railways to link as many cities as possible and to the FCT.
3. Furnish the railway stations with modern equipment and facilities.
4. Concession the Nigerian Railway Corporation to private operators to ensure efficiency.
5. Revamp the railway transport system nationwide to attain national monetary integration.
6. GPN will support and encourage local content of Rail coaches' production and construction locally.

Maritime Transport and Inland Waterways

Marine transportation is one of the major foreign exchange earners for the nation. Its sustainable growth and development is guaranteed. As regards the inland waterways, the GPN government shall strive to make all the waterways navigable.

The GPN government will:

- a. Dredge the two major rivers and equally address the construction of mini ports across the routes.
- b. Modernize and renovate the ports to facilitate and manage growing traffic.
- c. Encourage larger use of inland waterways as a substitute means of transporting goods and services within the country.
- d. Encourage Nigerians to be involved in global shipping and maritime business.

Aviation/Air transportation

- a. Though the aviation industry has significantly received a boost over the years, the GPN Government will ensure that the Industry meets all the required international standards as enshrined in the ICAO regulations within a record time.
- b. The GPN Government in power will sustain the maintenance and upgrading of the existing facilities; encourage private operators to acquire all necessary facilities for their smooth operations and finally adopt measures to ensure total radar coverage of Nigeria's airspace.
- c. The GPN Government will upgrade and modify aviation infrastructure to be compatible with global safety standards.
- d. Put in place a standard hanger in partnership with the private sector for the protection of aircraft in the sub-region.

WATER

The GPN-led government aims to provide access to safe and potable drinking water, sufficient hygiene and eradication of water-borne diseases. Water sustains life, therefore the GPN government will put in place ways for best use of water resources for improved and constant economic development. The private sector will be encouraged to fully participate

in water resource management and development. Efforts will be geared in the direction of attainment of the SDG 6 in providing access to portable drinking water.

To fulfil the covenant, the GPN-led government will:

- a. Supply and ensure availability of safe and potable drinking water to all urban and rural communities in the country.'
- b. Promote community ownership and maintenance of potable water projects.
- c. Guarantee adequate water management, by constructing dams, reservoirs, rain water gathering for irrigation, and hydro electric energy as well as treatment water plants in each Local Government Area (LGA).
- d. Complete major ongoing scheme at every level and set up water quality laboratories.
- e. Maintain, expand and improve on rural water supply and at state level.
- f. Get the private sector to be involved in water resource development, supply and management.
- g. To introduce water and sanitization programme nationwide as well as encourage local production of water treatment substances.

SPECIAL CARE FOR THE PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED GROUP

The GPN-led Government in power recognizes the importance of the physically challenged and socially disadvantaged group of persons across the country in its development programmes. Previous administrations in this current democratic dispensation have only paid lip service to issues concerning these group of people. They make claims during campaigning and electioneering periods but failed to make provision for the welfare of the physically challenged individuals in their manifesto and development strategies. The GPN Government being an all-inclusive party has taken a bold step of including the physically challenged persons in its manifesto and will make concise efforts at enhancing the general welfare of these group of persons.

To fulfil the covenant, the GPN will:

1. Protect, promote and safeguard the rights of persons with disabilities and promote public enlightenment in civic education, human rights and public policy.
2. Initiate and implement programmes, policies and activities geared toward the promotion and enhancement of the welfare of persons with disabilities.

3. The GPN Government in power will involve the physically challenged members of the party in the administrative and electoral activities of the party.
4. Empower or assist in empowering persons with disabilities and regularly access the impact of public policy on human rights and report on same through publications seminars and workshops.
5. Educate, sensitise, counsel and mobilize persons with disabilities in various areas critical to their survival and progress and support and advocate for respect for the rule of law and due process.

WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

Women are very important and their involvement in national politics has been negligible owing largely to cultural reserve and barriers. The role of women in the overall development of this nation cannot be overemphasized. The GPN IS acquainted with the significant role women play in the household. Their importance, numerical strength and multiplier influence in the mass mobilization of people for the attainment of educational, health, and socio-economic objectives is also acknowledged by the party.

Consequently, the GPN is committed to working to ensure the formal recognition of women and their priceless involvement in the development of this country. The GPN has resolved to make adequate provisions in her constitution to take care of their problems. We stand by that and will do more.

To fulfil the covenant, the GPN will:

- a. Involve the women in its governmental activities as appropriate.
- b. Open adequate opportunity for the women to develop their potentialities to optimal level without any hindrance.
- c. Orientate the women 'group to imbibe the core African values and shun negative habits such as drug abuse, prostitution, cultism, corruption, and so on.
- d. Open windows to the women groups to pursue legitimate ways and means of standing on their own in various fields of human endeavour including in agriculture and agro allied ventures.

- e. Ensure gender fairness in employment and socio-economic improvement, and support greater women participation and effective involvement in politics.
- f. Embark on an aggressive campaign of greater political consciousness and mass enlistment of Nigerian women to be involved in sustainable national growth and development.
- g. Guarantee sufficient women representation in every organ and association of the GPN and of its government through encouraged involvement of women in electoral contests and through political appointments.
- h. Reinforce women societies and make them more valuable in engineering the process of economic and political empowerment of the Nigerian woman.
- i. Fortify the institutional ability of Women's Commissions and Agencies at Federal and State levels to facilitate better efficiency in the organization of women improvement affairs in partnership with the Federal Ministry of Women and Social Development.

YOUTH EMPOWERMENT

Election in Nigeria is the period when Nigerian youths are most valuable to politicians, majorly as veritable tools in the hands of greed. Politicians instead of being the vehicle of electoral progress, engage the vulnerable youth in electoral malpractice and violence.

When there is economic recession, the youth are the most hit, they are vulnerable to social and economic dislocation because they lack the exquisite skills, and financial prowess to compete strongly and favorably with other politicians.

Amongst all demographic groups, the Nigerian youth comprised the highest percentage of the voting population, yet unable to compete favourably. The long-term economic and social dislocation, as well as alienation of the youth in any society is very costly and has grave consequences in the long run.

The Nigerian youth is the epitome of the 'NEET' group i.e., Not in Employment, Education, or Training. The GPN approach to this menace will be the implementation of the co-leader mentorship programme.

To fulfil the covenant, the GPN government will:

1. GPN youth wing will always provide the opportunity for youths across the country to jigsaw on matters of National Interest internally as situations permits.

2. GPN as a party of conscience will boost low interest credit line for interested Nigerian youths that intend to engage in apprenticeship programmes in key trades. It will also provide financial support to young tradesmen involved in plumbing, carpentry, pipe fitting, and welding amongst others.
3. GPN will ensure that vocational training is in relation to the peculiarity of the regions and must be environmental friendly to the need and demand of the catchment area.
4. GPN will develop a youth community and Environment Service Corps that will engage youths and purposeful Nigerians across the country.
5. GPN youth shall revival LGAs through grassroot democracy and the use of smaller wards and units to foster voters' education of 'one man, one vote'.
6. GPN youth shall contribute towards enhancing national unity across the country by preaching tolerance of religious difference, and ethnic coloration.
7. The GPN youth using available Government vehicles shall disseminate information on the importance of living together; as well as enhancing our national strength which is in our diversity. The GPN Youth wing shall also promote absolute patriotism, having the interest of the country first.

CONCLUSION

The GPN through its manifesto has presented itself as a party who has the interest of the entire citizenry at heart through its inclusive-development inclined leadership. The GPN Manifesto goes beyond broad proclamations. For each sector, we have articulated clear policy directions and accompanying strategies to indicate how our vision will be implemented. In addition to securing the territorial integrity of Nigeria, our plan for national security includes development of the capacity, capability and welfare of our security forces, with clear public accountability frameworks and the promotion of peaceful co-existence among all Nigerians. The GPN will not indulge in the rhetoric's of the past; that is why we did not campaign with roads, hospital, corruption, security etc. Our cardinal anchor will be "ACCOUNTABILITY". This stems from the fact that when public officers are accountable, roads will be built, security will be adequate and efficient, our hospitals will be world standard, and our schools will return to its old glory. The GPN, its leadership and members are committed to rethinking, reforming, and remaking our government so that it can meet the challenges of our time.

God Bless the Green Party of Nigeria!! God Bless the Federal Republic of Nigeria!!!

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