

Manifesto of the



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(MAJA)**

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*Reform the Nation in
Truth Justice and Equity*

FOREIGN POLICY

Goal:

1. Undertake a coherent foreign policy agenda to protect Nigeria's interests, especially in security, trade and investments; and collaborations in education, healthcare and infrastructural development.
2. Improve Nigeria's international image and reputation to boost international respect for the country.

Approach:

- A. Provide both diplomatic and economic leadership within the sub-Saharan region and African in general.
- B. Deep commitment to the principles and ideals of ECOWAS, AU and the United Nations Charters, as well as those of other international organizations of which Nigeria is a member.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, the party being truly owned by the people of Nigeria, shall pursue vigorously to implement all the aforesaid programme in compliance with provision of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria particularly the provision relating to the Fundamental Objectives and directive principles of state policy as contained in chapter II and section 224 of the Constitution.

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service to guarantee productivity.

3. Adequate remuneration of service in both public and private sectors.
4. Eliminate unnecessary bureaucratic processes in service delivery.

Approach

- A. Implement Public Service Reforms to meet the changing needs of society within available public resources.
- B. Leverage on the advantage of opportunities provided by new skills, knowledge and technology. A well-adapted and effective ICT learning process is essential for boosting labour and productivity.
- C. Guarantee political independence of the civil service and minimize extraneous factors from recruitment, promotion and discipline processes.
- D. Implement an exhaustive plan of "efficiency initiative" which focuses on cost reduction using congenial ideas and practices.
- E. Encourage and support multisector labour and trade union activities.

3. Adequate funding to enhance effectiveness, professionalism and affordability of security and its components in order to contribute to sustainable peace and respect for human rights and rule of law.

Approach:

- A. Encourage dialogue and support the implementation of specific strategies and principles to uphold the National Security interests.
- B. Guarantee political stability and commitments to democratic ideals as enshrined in the Nigerian Constitution.
- C. Enhance budgetary allocation and transparency in management of Defence budget.
- D. Institutional reforms in Police, Immigration and Prisons Formations respectively to deepen professional conducts, operational capacities and enhanced service benefits.

CIVILSERVICE AND PRODUCTIVITY

Goal:

1. Highly professional and productive work force at every level of government in Nigeria.
2. Enhanced working standards and conditions of civil

PREAMBLE

Now there is something to vote for, if you believe in Nigeria!

Since the return of democracy in 1999, there is genuine hope on the horizon. All you have to do is vote for it. The typical Nigerian political strategy is usually filled with over-ambitious targets and most times empty and impractical promises to Nigerians. This is different and we will show you why.

Consequent upon a number of factors which includes:

The failure of the system to stem the tide of hunger and depression amongst Nigerians; the mismanagement of the Nigerian economy, ensuing decapitation of the middle and lower middle class of Nigerians, embarrassing multidimensional poverty index which have resulted in the general loss of confidence in the ruling party.

The highly distractive, and arbitrary anti-corruption war of the ruling party, which not only exposed the fiscal recklessness in the fellowship of the former ruling party, have also dismantled the remnant forces of opposition and much needed vibrancy in the Nigerian political space.

The lack of political and socio-economic will to improve upon the economic and democratic gains of previous governments for the benefit of the common man has exposed the ruling party's lack of depth, deception,

hypocrisy and pretentious dispositions in solving our structural challenges.

There arose the urgency, not only for caution and redirection, but also the need to seek a better platform, for the restoration of the eroded confidence of the electorate on political leadership.

This informed the emergence of the Mega Party – an association of volunteer Nigerians from different political backgrounds, calculated to prudently seek opportunity to participate in the arduous task of salvaging what remains of the Nigerian Economy. Our focus and strategic objectives are the major issues touching every Nigerian - the economy, our health services and living conditions, education and security.

The major goal of the Party is to create a platform that would ensure that Nigerians experience sustainable development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. Unfortunately, in Nigeria, we have been denied this by privileged political leadership who have enjoyed power over the past half century. Mega Party hopes to change this trend in the nearest future.

The trend where a system of governance does not support real economic growth and national development; must be reviewed. More worrisome is the significant imbalance between poverty and economic growth rates, embarrassing literacy rate, insecurity and

will be provided financial support for leasing and acquiring farmland through low interest loans. The focus will be on young, full-time producers.

- C. Recruit young farmers and promote specialization. Special loans will be provided to rice, cassava, livestock, fruit and vegetable farmers, etc. to support expansion of farm size, purchase new machineries, and renovate orchard facilities. Special loans will be provided to these selected specialized farmers at a special interest rate.
- D. Research for agricultural innovations and productivity by enhancing institutional capacities for R&D.
- E. Actively encourage privately funded investments and initiatives in the sector through strategic partnerships.

SECURITY AND DEFENCE

Goal: Efficiency and Professionalism

1. Comprehensive Security and Defence Sector Review taking into account global security threats; and the intricacies and complexities of Nigeria's security architecture.
2. Promote National integration and peaceful coexistence driven by greater citizens' participation, improved social accountability, transparency and professionalism.

the demand for Nigerian agro-foods and promote their consumption both locally and abroad. Linking the two industries together also allows for re-recognition of role of agriculture in the nation and contributes to succeeding and developing Nigeria's cultural heritage. The foreign expansion of the Nigerian food service industry and increasing export of our produce abroad will not only drive the export-led economic growth of Nigeria but also contribute to globalizing Nigerian food and culinary culture, which will enhance Nigeria's image around the world.

5. Standardise System for Food Quality and Safety - enhance food safety through a food industry policy that focus on quality assurance and food safety management. The policy will enable consumers to choose agricultural products and foods with the provision of appropriate information.

Approach:

- A. Supply-driven implementation strategy for the Agricultural Promotion Policy (2016-2020) with the food industry acting as the driving force for the growth of agriculture, as it is directly linked with food security.
- B. Finance agricultural development programmes through sustainable investments in SMEs and Cooperative Societies. Under this program, farmers

political instability. One of the major criticisms of the political class is that it encourages gerontocracy and denies resourceful young people fair representation in vital public office. This therefore inspired the formation of the Mega Party, a courageous movement that will work for the will and yearnings of the Nigerian people.

The Party is found on the principles of genuine federalism, deep commitments to democratic ideals and economic prosperity for all Nigerians.

THE MAJA OPTION:

If you believe that our government can be more responsible and diligent in its responsibilities and obligations to its people, can make our laws and policies in a transparent and accountable manner; if you believe we have the sovereign right to economic and political freedom; rebalance power from the minority 2% who gets all the privileges and wealth and put it into the hands of the people of this country, then there really is only one choice, the MAJA.

If you believe its within your power to effectively reform the system, save the nation from imminent collapse and protect our children's future; it's time to look at the MAJA picture.

If you believe in these things and that in this year, we should seize the opportunity for real change in our politics; think MAJA!

OUR PLEDGE:

The MAJA hereby proclaims its belief in the supremacy of the Nigerian Constitution and the sovereignty of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and her people. We state emphatically, our deep commitments to democratic ethos and ideals as guaranteed by relevant provisions of the Nigerian Constitution.

In this document, which should inform your choice in subsequent elections, we pledge to outline practical policies, reforms and strategies that reflects what our party is all about. We will put Nigeria first!

OUR AGENDA: Vision for Nigeria

The MAJA Party is committed to building a strong, indivisible and self-sufficient Nigeria. Our vision is of a prosperous country where every sector and State gets the chance to fulfil its potentials. This singular vision reinforces the Party's ideology and firm belief in social liberalism, a center-left standpoint on the political spectrum, steep belief in national liberalism, equality, freedom and rights to all citizens. The MAJA Party is not an extreme capitalist party, we however believe that absolute control and regulation of the market by government is inimical to our vision of a robust and self-sufficient economy. We understand that the interests of the working class must be protected, at all costs, if we must become an egalitarian society.

Ours is a grand vision to bequeath Nigeria, a responsive and

and injuries, basic sanitation.

- I. Infrastructure and Logistics – detailed implementation strategy to upgrade and modernize all primary and tertiary health facilities with support infrastructure.
- J. Standardise Electronic Medical Information System at all levels of health provision.

AGRICULTURE

Goals:

1. Sustain support for the Agricultural Promotion Policy (2016-2020).
2. Support programs that would reduce production costs through farm consolidation, foster competitive farm entities, and encourage farmers to specialize, as well as promote the development of agricultural technology.
3. Crop Insurance Program – through private partnerships, stabilize the farm management against production risks due to natural disasters such as typhoon, hail, drought, floods and even diseases.
4. Strengthen the linkage between agriculture and the global food industry for sustainable agro-food development in Nigeria. This is necessary to improve

responsibilities, authority and resources to the Hospitals, States/Regional Health Directorates and Community Development Committees.

- E. Creation of effective management structures (i.e. Hospital boards and local public Health committees) for re-enforcing community participation in decision making.
- F. Establish clear operational linkages between the community, other healthcare providers (private and NGOs) and traditional health practitioners. Linkages and functions of all the management structures will be clearly defined to ensure harmony, promote self-management and reinforce the decentralisation process.
- G. Human Resource Development - adequate staff training and high attrition rates attractive enough to retain skilled health staff and to attract others into the services. Rational utilisation of available trained human resources and improvement of the service conditions of the health care workers.
- H. Continuous Community Mobilization and Advocacy Campaigns to reduce maternal and neonatal mortality in all local Government Areas on prevalent health problems, epidemics, methods of their prevention and control, approximate treatment for common diseases

smart government, by leaders who are empathic, intelligent, youthful and innovative. We are resolute and convinced that we can achieve this.

Our objectives are basically to promote equality, innovations and inclusiveness in governance and nation-building through education and technology as typified by the Party's logo; a child academic carrying a school bag and a toolbox embossed in the Nigerian Map. Our desire is to involve true representatives of the people in the decision-making processes of Nigeria, and to unfetter our God-given gifts in achieving the aspirations of our founding fathers.

In pursuit of this agenda, we acknowledge that we have lost decades and therefore need to catch up and excel in a limited time. We believe we can achieve our lofty goals by infusing the spirits of urgency, innovations and professionalism into governance to optimise productivity. Our children cannot wait, and Nigeria can no longer wait!

POLICIES AND PROGRAMMES:

Our Strategy for a New Beginning builds upon the potentials and capabilities of Nigeria (human and material resources) and hopes to fade out its fault lines in order to create wealth, create jobs, reduce poverty, and re-orient the values of our people. We understand that Nigeria's challenges are deeply rooted in our political structure with its attendant socio-economic symptoms. We therefore offer to address these issues by initiating a series of political, constitutional and

economic reforms to achieve our objectives.

We will adopt a tailored approach for each sector so we can focus on where potentials can be best realised. Our strategy will explore industries with better growth prospects because they can take advantage of global opportunities and rapidly-improving technology. Achieving the requisite feats that would reposition our country as a major force in the globe is not an easy task, it is also not a feat that would be attained miraculously, rather it requires tremendous planning, determination and altruism which we intend to imbibe in our Modus Operandi. While we hope to, over time, improve on the lots of our nation, primary focus is on the following:

GOVERNANCE MODEL:

Goal: A New Beginning for Nigeria

1. With recourse to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, decentralise the system of governance and create a more acceptable, fluid and practical model which will improve efficiency and accountability in government, and also bring governance closer to the grassroots. This will eliminate unnecessary 1. bureaucracy and help spread dividends of democracy across board. To be in the driving seat of our destiny and to shape our future is a natural desire. It is what the Mega Party hopes for Nigerians and it is what the Mega Party believes is right for Nigeria.
2. Our desire is to mainstream 'servant leadership' and to

structures (institutions).

5. Skilled staff retention and circulation - Attractive service conditions (package); job satisfaction to encourage a net inflow of skills.
6. Partnerships, Community Empowerment; active involvement of the private sector, NGOs, local government authorities and civil society; effective donor co-ordination.

Approach:

- A. Reform healthcare financing and enhance social health insurance systems by supporting States to set up and manage their own insurance schemes.
- B. Encourage governments on the Party's platform to benchmark budgetary allocations to healthcare to 15% of its annual budget.
- C. Reduce morbidity and mortality in the population: significantly improve quality of life through Environmental Health and Safety Precautions, Health Education and Promotion, Expanded Programme on Immunisation, Efficient Disease Control Systems, Nutrition, Basic Clinical Care.
- D. Health Management Reform - Decentralised management of resources for healthcare delivery (human, financial and material). Devolution of

through the Research and Education Network Platform.

HEALTHCARE

Goals: Guiding Principles for Quality Care

1. Universal Health Coverage (UHC)—attainment of the objectives of the UHC in Nigeria.
2. Access and Equity - Accessibility and affordability of quality services at point of demand. The planning and implementation of specific health programmes that will address gender sensitive and responsive issues including equal involvement of men and women in decision-making; eliminating obstacles (barriers) to services utilisation.
3. Ethics and Standards - Respect for human dignity, rights and confidentiality: good management practices and quality assurance on service delivery. Access to 24 hours' quality essential services especially emergency obstetric care and blood transfusion services; reduced waiting time; empathy in staff attitudes; affordability and adequate staffing in health facilities.
4. Health System Reforms - Devolution of political and managerial responsibilities, resources and authority in line with the Government's decentralisation programme; capacity building for the decentralised

bring back the time-tested model of governance anchored on popular participation, accountability, national development, and values based on private enterprise, empathy and fairness. Leaders will henceforth be held to new standards.

3. Provide the much-needed political stability and cohesion among all organs and agencies of government; this will steer the direction of government towards the achievement of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals.
4. Provide a functional platform that encourages the inclusion of young resourceful individuals in governance. Approach:
 - A. Within the first 60 days of assumption of office, our government will commission a comparative study of reports of previous constitutional conferences and make far reaching recommendations to the National Assembly. This is with a view to establish, on practical grounds, a system of government that gives more political control to the lower federating units of government. Bringing governance closer to the people will lay the foundation for socially and regionally inclusive economic growth. This is a requisite step to assuaging old wounds inflicted by fear of domination and oppression amongst members of our culturally heterogeneous society. This is the first and most vital step in eradicating ethnocentric and clannish ethos from our body politic.

- B. The Party shall nominate only credible and responsible candidates with verifiable track records and proven integrity into public office. All candidates vying for any public office at any level of government under the MAJA must undertake to abide by Party rules and decisions enforceable through a justiciable Article of Trust between the Party and its candidates.
- C. To guarantee and encourage adequate representation of women and young people in governance, the Party shall make nomination costs free for women and any male candidate within the 18-35 years' age bracket.
- D. Recognizing the importance of public trust and responsibility in government, we shall work to restore public confidence and galvanise public support for government programs and policies. Party leaders shall at all times and in every circumstance through their conducts exhibit the Party's guiding principle which states that leadership is a means to help others and not a way to gain personal power. Through exemplary leadership, rooted in altruistic ideals and policies, we hope to review national pride, passion and patriotism in Nigerians. This, we believe, is contingent on national development.

ECONOMY:

Goal: Creating a Wealthier Nigeria

- 1. The MAJA Party is committed to creating a wealthier, more successful Nigeria. We want Nigeria to flourish, with opportunities for all as part of a fair and clean

- D. Revive the merit driven National Scholarship to train the best graduates and retain them for university system. We shall focus more on learning outcomes and not on inputs. Create special provisions for girls, first-generation learners, students from poor families, vulnerable groups, gifted children and socially disadvantaged communities through the National Scholarship Scheme, this will improve enrolments, check drop-outs, induce high quality learning and encourage non-discrimination within schools, while improving access to higher education facilities for as many Nigerians as possible.
- E. Our blue print on education shall focus more on demand-driven skills. Vocational and academic education shall be integrated in the school curriculum. We shall support the development of vocational degrees in higher education.
- F. We shall effectively regulate private institutions, especially on fees and quality of education.
- G. Link higher education to opportunities for entrepreneurship by setting up incubation centres in institutions of higher education. Improve private sector involvement in university learning and ensure that curriculum is consistently addressing employer labour needs.
- H. Continue to seek out and partner willing academic institutions from developed countries especially on exchange programmes and knowledge sharing

4. Funding, Resource Mobilisation and Utilisation – adequate budgetary allocation for regulatory agencies, schools and research institutions. Education to account for 30% of the annual national budget.
5. Research and Education Network - a network of networks, in which networks at international, national, regional and campus levels are integrated into a consistent and cohesive framework to underpin research and education in Nigeria.

Approach:

- A. Increase budgetary allocation to Education to meet the growing population. Our target is to surpass the UNESCO Standard pegged at 26 % to a minimum of 30% of the annual budget. Our government shall go beyond budgetary provisions but also ensure that funds are completely released when due.
- B. Invest more on teacher training facilities, remuneration of teachers and funding in research and development to ensure that our public-school system attracts and retains the best brains for its schools. We shall reposition the National Teacher Training Institutes through improved funding and curriculum reviews to produce quality teachers across board. Increase monitoring of learning processes to address teacher truancy. Involve the education stakeholders in monitoring and flagging poor quality where and when identified.
- C. Adequate number of qualified teachers shall be appointed on a regular basis through transparent selection processes.

economy. The Nigerian economy stems from a strong foundation – but there's much more work to be done, if the myriads of Nigeria's potentialities can be harnessed.

2. Youth and women's employment shall be one of our government's cardinal responsibilities. We shall work to reduce youth unemployment by 30% in the first term of our government.
3. More resilient, mixed economic models that supports risk-taking, innovations and growth. The goal is to make Nigeria the most competitive business and investment choice in Africa.
4. Diversify the Nigerian economy through manufacturing, technology, trade and commerce. The goal is to achieve annual non-oil export target of \$50billion in the first four years of our government.
5. Achieve full development of Nigeria's agricultural and extractive industries.

Approach:

- A. We will employ a Trident-Strategy of sustainable economic growth.
 - The first prong shall be export-led growth focussing on manufacturing and full development of Nigeria's agriculture and extractive industries.
 - The second prong shall be rural development, through a comprehensive 5 years' strategy for economic development of rural areas. Our

governments at every level shall embark on aggressive infrastructure upgrades (roads and bridges, sea and air transport, housing, power, communications and industrial hubs). We shall also redesign States Economic Policies to support and encourage industrialization through Regional Economic Development Strategies peculiar to every geographical region in Nigeria. We shall also design and build new industrial cities with world-class facilities in every geographical region in Nigeria.

The third and final prong shall focus on maintaining macroeconomic stability with economic growth and job creation as main priorities.

B. We shall help Nigerian businesses to grow, by reviewing and simplifying Small and Medium Business Stimulus to provide investment capital for SMEs and Collective Action groups (Cooperatives) in Nigeria. We shall leverage cooperative practices to drive SMEs growth in addition to technical support for small businesses through demand-driven business management training, appropriate system of infrastructure management, business consulting and regional supporting processes for business development, etc.

C. Substantial support shall be offered to young entrepreneurs by building strong digital capabilities in six incubation hubs across each region. We shall

strengthen enterprise capabilities for businesses to innovate and scale up. SMEs shall be supported to adopt digital technologies.

D. Review Nigeria's tax system to ensure that it remains broad, progressive, fair, competitive and pro-growth. Ensure multinational companies operating in Nigeria pay their fair share of tax.

EDUCATION

Goals: Championing New Ideas and Approaches in Education

1. Access & Equity – equal access to educational opportunities at the basic, post-basic and tertiary levels for all citizens irrespective of gender identity, religion, disability, ethnicity and other circumstance of birth.
2. Full harmonisation of the National Policy on Education with the objective principles of individual and national efficiency, self-realization, economic, social, political, scientific and technological progress.
3. Standards & Quality Assurance – teacher development, motivation and retention, curriculum relevance and review, innovations in teaching and learning through adequate infrastructure provisions.