

AFRICAN REFORMATION PARTY (ARP)



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1. FORWARD

A REFORMED NATION IS OUR GOAL

The Fourth Republic was formed as a result of the failure caused due to the **shortcomings of the** constitution that was inherited from the General Sanni Abacha **led regime**, whose intention was **merely to** transform from military uniform to **civilian** 'Agbada' without any policy or structural changes to the newly formed democracy. So, the constitution for that transformation was hinged on personal interest of his remaining in office by manipulation, **bribery and intimidation**. The party **which** formed the government in 1999 (PDP) did so without vision **and a practical plan**, as their intention was to foster retired **military officers and politicians throughout our democratic existence**. The constitution is neither people-oriented nor is it designed to meet the day-to-day running of a complex and rapidly evolving society like Nigeria in terms of ethnicity, cultural, religious, and political background.

The implication, therefore, of inheriting such a constitutional **document** by subsequent governments which clearly does not have the genuine interest of the country is **solely responsible** for the political and economic **quandary currently bedeviling Nigeria**; the government has continued to thrive on corruption, impunity, injustice, nepotism, suppression of free speech, and the systematic exploitation of ethnicity and religious sentiments and thus, reverting to the initial plans of the colonial masters whose aim was to divide and rule Nigeria right from independence and all through our successive governments.

Since the historic and **emergence** of the All Progressive Congress (APC), a party that deceived many Nigerians and won through its change mantra and war on corruption, the country has witnessed an unprecedented downturn and a free fall, the likes even worse than the inhumane conditions that resulted in the civil war. And this can only be **remedied** and **resolved** by the holistic reformation agenda of our party, the African Reformation Party (ARP).

It is based on this premise that we invite the general public to our proposed transformation agenda for our dearly beloved nation, Nigeria; and Africa at large to join us in liberating our people from the grip of a root deep colonial mentality and backward reasoning. In today's Nigeria, political manifestos are mere **booklets filled with overzealous and impractical policies which embellish their capabilities and project them as visionaries all with a goal of getting votes to get into power**. They do not have good intentions and technical capacity required to transform the country and its citizens. **What we are witnessing is a systematic decay of our institutions caused by years of abuse and underfunding by the ruling class. Counterproductive policies have only benefited the upper class and further impoverished those at the bottom end of our society and that has contributed to the recent state of anarchy and unrest with the youths demanding for good governance.**

On that note, we believe that the Nigerian people need to immediately break free from the shackles of past systems by opting for our reformation agenda to restructure and rebuild the country and create the people's constitution which will address our problems with home grown solutions. Thus, we are on a mission to rescue our people from the present hardship, oppression and neo-colonialism.

THE AFRICAN REFORMATION PARTY

The African Reformation Party (ARP) manifesto is a completely different and honest proposal, and is a far cry from what the other parties have put forward in that it proposes reforms geared toward the dream of A NEW NIGERIA as desired and envisioned by all, irrespective of ethnicity, religious background and political affiliations.

2. INTRODUCTION

Power Rotation, Traditional/Royal Institutions, Land and Natural Resources, Religion, Four Tiers of Government and Seniority/Retirement.

The AFRICAN REFORMATION PARTY (ARP) is formed from the NEW NIGERIA REFORMATION UNITY FORUM (NRUF), a people's movement which believes in uniting Nigeria through initiating political solutions in the six geopolitical regions/zones, and creating arrangements to solve the country's national problems through POWER ROTATION AND THE REFORMATION of the present political systems using local contents.

After **independence**, the Nigerian civil society has been ravaged by incessant military rules. This took a turn on Nigerian politics as the implication of these military regimes contributed to tyrannical leadership and one of the causes of failed leadership in the country. Therefore, without proper reforms which will commit to a more equitable distribution and control of socio-economic resources, through the implementation of sound policies and a robust plan for rapid reformation of the present political system, Nigeria will forever remain in the woods.

Our party believes that the Nigerian constitution is not designed to bring about economic growth, political development, social integration, and sincere democratic practices. So, our primary aim as a political party is not only to fix but reform and position Nigeria as a **beacon of true democracy** and largest economy in Africa, through articulate policies and a developmental framework that will foster sustainable growth and development. It is crystal clear that Nigeria's prolonged economic nosedive is largely due to and presently sustained by lack of rigorous and biased amendment of the present constitution. This is a problem the ARP hopes to address.

In light of this, it is therefore our resolution and responsibility to enthrone a viable social democratic reformation process through mobilization and creation of awareness and in encouraging active participation of the citizenry in the political process of our country. To this end, we call on all patriotic citizens of Nigeria to join our party ARP to reform and rebuild the foundation of the Nigerian civil society which has been broken and left in ruins over the years. Please join us in our walk towards a new Nigeria propelled by our manifesto.

3. MISSION STATEMENT

Nigeria is faced with lack of good and purposeful leadership, as is the case in many African countries, thus, our mission is to reform Nigeria so as to play a pivotal role in liberating the African continent from political and economic enslavement as well as the systematic decay through the following objectives and principles:

1. Reformation
2. Democratic tendencies
3. Good governance
4. Freedom and human rights
5. Human Dignity to labour
6. Justice and equity
7. Sustainable development
8. Security and defence
9. Integrity and accountability
10. Transparency

REFORMATION

The African Reformation Party (ARP), as a reformation party, is fully committed to the total overhaul of Nigeria's political systems and restructuring of the existing commands of the country. Our manifesto flows from thorough review of the past Nigerian governments' failures, in our desire for unity, equity, justice, national integration, socio-economic independence of all regions to bring about political stability. This is indeed an uphill task, however, it is achievable through unity and collective effort of all patriotic Nigerians both home and abroad.

1. POWER ROTATION

The major reference point or highlight of the African Reformation Party (ARP) reforms agenda is the POWER ROTATION between NORTH/SOUTH and the six geopolitical zones/regions of the country with one single term of five years at the center.

Our party intends to sponsor bills to implement our proposed constitutional and electoral review at the National Assembly to drive home our reforms through an act of a referendum by the people.

2. POLITICAL/ELECTORAL REFORMS

ARP reforms will focus on driving local content in governance through the introduction of a regional system of government, adopting the present six geopolitical zones and granting them autonomy.

There will be a review of the jurisdiction and the role of the central government, which has to be in consonance with our local content and aspirations for all regions. Our party is proposing a parliamentary system of government at the regional and national levels, while adopting a presidential system at the state and local government levels. There will be POWER ROTATION among the regions for the office of the PRESIDENT AND DEPUTY, WITH SIX VICE PRESIDENTS FROM THE VARIOUS GEOPOLITICAL ZONES WITH A SINGLE TENURE OF FIVE YEARS IN OFFICE. With this arrangement, all the regions are expected to produce a president within 30 years of the proposed implementation. The above arrangements will alone solve most of the country problems like security, secession, electoral fraud, inequality, instability, resource control, adaptation and tribal/religious sentiments leading to divisive political systems.

Our party, once elected into office, will reform the political party system in Nigeria into a government sponsored two political party structure with a provision for independent candidature. Private individuals will not be allowed to register a political party so as to eliminate 'god-fatherism' in our political environment. Independent candidates are expected to have held a political office through a political party before they will be cleared to contest.

3. TRADITIONAL/ROYAL INSTITUTIONS

African Reformation Party reforms on the TRADITIONAL AND ROYAL INSTITUTIONS will border on developing and deploying all the necessary legislation to give traditional rulers a legislative regional role in our constitution. The regional ROYAL PALACE will serve as a rotational stool for all spiritual and traditional leaders and institutions in each state as the custodian of the people of that region, and they shall be deputised by the regional Vice Presidents of each region as stipulated by the constitution. There will a constitutional provision for the regional monarchs to have regional AUTHORITY AND A PALACE which will serve as their OFFICIAL STATE OFFICE in each region, with a secretariat for the ROYAL INSTITUTIONS in every region.

All our traditional rulers and institutions will be given a constitutional role of being in charge of the AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION, and will be solely responsible for overseeing the agriculture and food production at all levels in the regions throughout the country.

4. LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES

LAND

In our quest to ensure the oneness and indivisibility status of our country is maintained, the African Reformation Party will repeal the land act and entrust the right of land ownership to the federal government which will therefore be administered by the traditional institutions on behalf of the federal government. Certificate of occupancy on land administration shall be vested on the royal and traditional Institutions on behalf of the federal government in every region and in each state.

NATURAL RESOURCES

Under the reforms which will be carried by our party, the control of natural resources shall be vested on the states as stipulated the constitution, to promote internal development of every and bring about healthy competition to fast track economic growth and industrialisation our country . The states will have control of their natural resources and administer them for the development of their states.

5. FOUR TIERS OF GOVERNMENT

As a people-oriented political party committed to reforming every sector in the country, ARP is irrevocably committed to grass root development by legislating a fourth tier of government which will be known as the Community Development Association (CDA). This tier of government will be responsible for community development through annual budgetary allocations and shall be supervised by the regional governments.

The Local Government Area (LGA), will be granted autonomy from the states while the Community Development Association (CDA) which stands as the fourth tier of government under the constitution, shall be administered under the law by the traditional institutions through their traditional leaders in the community. This system will drive an inclusive government where community leaders and various associations will be stakeholders in addressing community needs as well as promote development and ensure the security of their people.

6. SENIOR CITIZENS/ RETIREES

The intention of our party for creating a fourth organ of the government is to initiate and legitimize the elections of senior members and retirees in the society into our local councils in order to create an all inclusive governance with experience and accountability at the grass root level. This addition will enable community leaders take active roles in governance.

7. RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS

Religious institutions are some of the major institutions in need of reforms not just in Nigeria but Africa as a whole due to the crucial role they play in the moral formation of the citizenry. All our religious institutions

shall be engaged at the fourth tier of government and shall be regulated to collaborate with the government at the grassroots level in ensuring development, progress and accountability in our nation.

8. GOVERNMENT/POLICY

Government's policy is an integral part of governance. This will be a medium for our government to establish a free and just society, by which the powers and actions of the government at all levels are lawful and in line with the constitution while also holding them accountable for their policies and use of funds meant to improve the wellbeing of the people. The challenge we anticipate in achieving our objective is whether as a nation we have the will and courage to unite toward implementing a large scale radical reform that will move our nation forward and not to the failed policies and practices of the current and previous administrations.

9. DEFENCE

Nigeria's borders are porous and opened to all sorts of illegal activities through illegal routes. As a result, we are witnessing unprecedented levels of insecurity. In the last decade, we have seen a surge in the killings of innocent Nigerians in the North East (which is unacceptable). Under our proposed reforms, Nigeria's defence will be strengthened to defend our nation against external aggression. The Nigerian armed forces are to be responsible for national security against external aggression (as they rightly should be). **We will invest heavily in defence and forge strong alliance with our allies to share intelligence and military hardware, to ensure lasting peace in every part of the country.**

NATIONAL YOUTHS SERVICE CORPS (NYSC)

The ARP reform on NYSC will incorporate graduates for a mandatory two years service in the armed forces. These graduates will be trained to defend our territory. To achieve this, there will be a review of the NYSC Act, curriculum, **their monthly stipend and living conditions.**

10. SECURITY/POLICE

Our security agencies have been stretched for too long on many fronts. As part of our party reforms, the African Reformation Party (ARP) agrees that Nigeria will be better secured if the police is decentralized. Therefore, our party will legislate for a REGIONAL POLICE, where every region will be in charge of their security apparatus using local elements. The arms of the regional policing will be under the jurisdiction of the regional Vice President of each region as will be provided by our revised constitutional amendment.

All other paramilitary personnel will be overseen by the regions. The following security apparatus will be under our regions:

(1) Regional police

- (2) Civil Defence Corps
- (3) Road Safety Corps
- (4) Peace Corps
- (5) Private Registered Armed Corps.

11. JUDICIARY/COURT

The judicial system needs total reformation and overhauling to be able to interpret and defend our democracy. As the third arm of government, it will be proactive if administered by our traditional institutions arm of government at the regional levels. Our party is proposing a new order in governance to the proposed constitutional review amendment to checkmate the government excesses caused by tenure and constant foreign infiltration of our democratic structure. The two arms of our regional governments which are traditional and democratic institutions will be tasked with monitoring the activities and dealings of the judiciary to bring about efficiency and speedy dispensation of justice in a manner that is fair, transparent, and without interference.

Our reforms of the judiciary will ensure that every region is governed and ruled by their traditional beliefs and the local content will be incorporated into our judiciary system. **We will also push for the financial autonomy of the judiciary to ensure the integrity of the judicial process is not undermined by politicians and corrupt citizens.**

As part of our efforts to ensure our court proceedings do not take forever to reach a judgement, we will implement a robust digital framework to automate certain legal procedures while training our judges and justices at all levels to be tech savvy and update with international best practices.

We will also appoint competent judges and justices to all the courts in the land based on merit and recommendations of the National Judicial Council and ensure that every state is adequately represented to create a balance and foster national integration.

12. ECONOMY/ BANKING

BANKING: our party reforms will seek to decentralize the banking sector to the regions where we operate **TREASURY** at both the regional and national level. We intend to reposition our financial institutions to respond to the local and diverse banking needs of our people by providing **REGIONAL BANKING** systems where every region can control and regulate the activities of the banks in their region in order to ensure the banks offer services based on the peculiarity of the region and aspirations of the people, thereby encouraging healthy competition among our regions. With this in place, the federal government can borrow from buoyant regions instead of relying heavily on China, the World Bank or any international lender.

Reforming our banking and financial institutions to operate at regional levels will reduce money laundering and stop capital flight which is rampant in the country. The central bank will only serve as a treasury exchange facilitator to our six geopolitical or regional banks.

13. COMMUNICATION

Because we strongly believe in the unity of Nigeria as a country, our party will seek to allow the federal government control and regulate communications and media sector, with censoring applied when necessary, for the good and safety of our nation. Television, radio, print, social media and the likes will be placed within the jurisdiction of the federal government in our party's reforms agenda.

We will make adequate investment in upgrading our National Broadcasting Station by deploying the necessary technological equipment and expertise to enhance efficiency and professionalism. We will also ensure we add more national broadcasting stations to the Nigerian communication space through a Public-Private-Partnership (PPP) arrangement with a strong emphasis on local content, a wider scope of reporting and investigative journalism not just in Nigeria but all over the world.

The ARP recognises that the world is rapidly becoming a global community driven by knowledge and internet and with the youths making up almost 70% of the population, we plan to harness and channel their creativity and ingenuity by increasing internet accessibility as well as making data free as seen in some parts of world.

14. LAND/ WATER RESOURCES

LAND

The adjudication and dispensation of Nigerian land is confined on the federal government of Nigeria as stipulated by the constitution and will be administered by the traditional institutions in the regions on behalf of the federal government. Nigeria's land mass belongs to the federal government and all approval on land shall be obtained from the federal government.

WATER AND MINERAL RESOURCES

As a party, we believe that the control of mineral resources should belong to the states of the federation and every state should be responsible for exploring and refining the mineral resources in their states so as to generate internal revenue which will be used to develop their state. Resource control of our local content reforms will only prescribe a certain percentage of the revenue generated to the other organs of government in the state and to the federal government. Consequently, every region will be given the constitutional mandate to promulgate laws that will govern their natural resources.

15. HUMAN RIGHTS

The right of every Nigerian citizen is enshrined in the constitution and will be guaranteed by the federal government of Nigeria irrespective of the region or location. We will forge a strong partnership with Non-governmental organisations and civil society to ensure awareness campaigns on rights of people are carried out in schools, markets, parks, religious organisations while also using both the traditional and non-traditional methods to educate Nigerians.

We will also improve the capacity of Ombudsmen (offices of the public defender) as well as that of the National Human Right Commission. We will enact laws that will profoundly deal with perpetrators of human rights abuse, to serve as deterrence to possible offenders. The rights of every Nigerian citizen is fundamental to our democracy and is the constitutional duty of the government at all levels to ensure that it is upheld.

16. RURAL SETTLEMENT

17. CIVIL SERVICE

18. TOURISM

All the above sectors will come under regional reforms. The provision for rural development, civil service and tourism will be under the purview of the regional government. Private partnership initiatives at the federal level will be carried out to reposition the boost the morale of the civil service administration in the nation. The federal government will work out a Private Service Initiative (PSI) in agreement with the regional governments to enable them carry out oversight functions at the regional level as stated by the constitutional provisions for the three commissions tasked with the responsibility. All the provisions and policy implementation will give a broader scope to governance and create huge employment in all regions, bridge the infrastructure gap lacking in the rural communities as well as providing basic social amenities.

19. CREATIVE INDUSTRY

This is an initiative of the ARP to involve professionals in government to come up with a comprehensive blueprint in partnership with the private institutions with a view to creating a strong structure and funds needed to produce quality content that will showcase our creativity and create employment for the people. The Creative Commission (CI) as proposed by our party will be controlled by the federal government to regulate the entertainment industry, curb piracy and copyrights theft as well as initiate projects that will create job opportunities. Based on statistics from the World Bank, the Creative Industry his the highest employer of labour in the informal sector and is a huge contributor to a nation's GDP. With the right policies, it will become a source of national wealth and a path to a diversified economy.

20. INFRASTRUCTURE

The word infrastructure cuts across all government provisions, which is the cardinal investiture of governance in any democracy. Therefore, our government will re-enact infrastructural reforms in all sectors of the economy to facilitate economic growth and development in the nation.

21. SOCIAL SECURITY

The backbone of sustained development in every society is the investment the government makes in the social security of its citizens. Consequently, the African Reformation Party (ARP) acknowledges the vital need to introduce social implementation programs to the country, anchored by the national government. This program will give birth to a robust data gathering scheme which will be done to capture the living, dead and newly born throughout the country. It will be an encompassing package aimed at improving welfare of the citizens. Our proposed reforms on social security will strengthen the bonds of unity and reduce agitations and unnecessary tension in the land.

22. CORRUPTION

The ARP prescribes capital punishment for corruption involving embezzling of public funds with reforms to be carried out throughout the country. A corrupt official who acts as a conduit to foreign nation's development at our expense will cause great damage to our country and therefore attract capital punishment, which indeed will be non-negotiable.

23. PRIVATIZATION

Most of our proposed government program reforms will be hinged on private partnerships. All previous government sales will be reversed to public-private partnerships, and there will be more focus on indigenization policies on infrastructure. We will set up a responsive government that will focus on delivering the dividends of democracy to the people at the lowest rung of the economic ladder. Nigeria as a country is not bigger in terms of land mass than Texas in the United States, so our government will not allow external actors or foreign multinationals run our national companies in a manner that exploits Nigerians and profits their countries.

24. POWER SECTOR

The AFRICAN REFORMATION PARTY reforms on power will be to quickly unbundle the present arrangement made in the distribution and transmission channels, then overhaul the power sector and implement a private partnerships initiative which will be transparent and realistic. In our new arrangement, the government will regulate the activities of the actors in the power sector to ensure efficiency and more importantly attaining constant power to serve both the industrial and domestic needs of the populace. This private partnership initiative will enhance competition and accountability and also create massive employment.

25. FIRE SERVICE

Our party which shall be known for reformation, will explore every avenue to empower Nigerians through our reformation agenda. Parts of the fire service infrastructure will be privatized to bring more hands on board to deliver quick and effective response to fire outbreaks. **The incessant outbreak of fire incidents is a challenge**

the current government is grappling with. We plan to invest in acquiring modern equipment to combat any fire outbreak in any part of the country as well as train staff to be swift, competent and professional in discharging their duties.

26. DIRECT LABOR

Our party once in government shall give pride of place to direct labour and will create industries to create over 10 million jobs for the youths in over the country. Virtually every area of infrastructural development needs direct services and labour and if properly annexed will solve the issue of unemployment. Direct labour initiative is the best model to engage the teaming energy of those without any prior educational qualifications, thus, it will address the issue of unemployment and gradually eliminate poverty.

27. MEDICAL/HEALTH SECTOR

The Nigerian health sector is in comatose under the present administration due to utter neglect and insensitivity to the plight of the citizens. Our party in government shall employ private partnership initiative to provide quality health care for all our citizens. ARP will provide free medical services to the aged above 60 years, children below 10 years and physically challenged.

There will be National Health Insurance Scheme for government workers across all levels of the government. There will be provisions for well equipped primary health centres at community and local government levels while also promoting initiatives in traditional and local health practices which will be integrated into orthodox medicinal practice in Nigeria.

28. EDUCATION

The development of any nation is dependent on the knowledge and creativity of its citizens. Therefore to foster healthy competition, the educational sector will be vested on regional government where every region will develop curriculum suited to their culture and traditions. The present unitary system of education passed down by the colonial masters is the bane of Nigeria's educational sector. The budgetary allocations in education shall not be less than 20% and our government when elected, will introduce school feeding program and transportation system for government run secondary schools throughout the country.

Our party in government will reform tertiary institutions, making provision for a federal university to be located in every region and also build new universities in the Southern and Northern parts of the country. Other tertiary institutions will be reformed to provide technical training to the populace.

29. TRANSPORTATION

An efficient transport system is vital for the rapid development of a country. To this end, the African Reformation Party reforms will address the lapses in our transportation sector to facilitate development. We shall focused on building railways, roads, and water channels to meet the transportation needs of Nigerians. The transportation sector will be vested on the regional governments and as such will be responsible for oversight functions of the developmental projects initiated in their region, this move will foster competition among the regions as every region seeks to exceed the other in terms of transportation infrastructure.

Air transportation will be in the purview of the federal government with partnership initiatives with any regions which may require to build airports.

30. HOUSING

This is another key element in any national development, and since land administration belongs to the national government, our party will enact law reforms on housing to regulate private property development by individuals and enact the mortgage initiative through financial sectors for housing and property developments. Land approval shall be sought through traditional government on behalf of the federal government. There will be an overhaul in property provisions to meet the population demands and requirements of every region.

31. ROADS/WORKS

On the aspect of roads and works, we will proscribe foreign contractors in building our roads. Road contracts will be given to local firms roads while adopting private partnership initiatives where necessary to tackle Chinese incursion on our roads. Our reforms will be based on division and direct labour to engage local artisans in earning a living while also offering them the opportunity of learning the rudiments of road building.

32. EMPLOYMENT

Provision of gainful employment is a sole responsibility of any government and therefore, the ARP government will revolutionize industrial agriculture in every part of the country thereby providing employment and food security. Regional governments will be supported in creating job programs and grants will be given to enable them executive their projects in order to create wealth in their regions. Wages of the citizens will be regulated an earned on an hourly and weekly basis with the minimum wage reviewed to reflect the current economic realities. There will be uniform salary structure for the political class through our employment reforms.

33. AGRICULTURE

Our party will revolutionize agriculture as a vital tool to achieve economic development and job creation. Every state within the region will specialize in diverse agricultural production based on what they are known

for, and there shall be a national commission which will be tasked with supporting farmers by buying off their produce and repackaging them for process sales and export. Agriculture will be vested in the traditional rulers as they shall appoint official for oversight functions. Every agricultural institution at the regional level will report to the traditional office section for agriculture affairs.

34. ENVIRONMENT

The environment is our natural habitat and must be protected at all cost and for the generation unborn. In ensure the safety of our habitat, our party will ensure that the environmental law is sacrosanct and derived from the federal government, having a uniform order of regulation. Our party will set up a national commission on environment and engage the youths' participation in creating polices to address the challenges affecting our environment. The safety of our environment shall be of utmost priority to the federal government. Desertification of the northern region is a huge concern to our party and therefore we will immediately initiate private partnership on tree planting and deforestation of the region. Our party once government will run water pipeline from south to the north in order to boost industrial agriculture and also protect our environment. Laying a water pipe line to the chad basin will be our focus to greatly reduce insecurity associated with drought which can lead to famine if not controlled.

As part of the global efforts to combat environmental pollution, we shall abide by internationally agreed conventions to reduce carbon pollution and embrace renewable energy in driving the energy needs of the country. We will also come up with a robust framework in partnership with the private sector to address the issue of waste dumping and open defecation, while also ensuring we partner with regional governments to dredge canals and gutters to avoid floods. Laws shall be enacted at both regional and federal levels to prosecute those found abusing our environment and causing any form of pollution which can negatively impact our environment, be it noise, land, air, water etc., no one will be spared if found wanting.

Upon assuming office, we shall set up a committee which shall be responsible for cleaning up the Niger Delta as well as tackle the issues of pipeline vandalism, and the damages caused by oil spillages.

35. ENERGY/INDUSTRY

The recent energy privatization will be reviewed to meet the energy needs of our people, thus, we will come up with private partnership initiatives in provision of energy in the country. In line with the global trend, the ARP once in government will exploit clean energy and nuclear energy to meet our energy demands as well as reduce the pollution associated with the crude oil process. Our industrial development will be boosted by provision of competitive energy to run the nation.

36. YOUTH/ SPORTS

In any nation, this is a field that requires massive development. Our party reforms on youth agenda will integrate sports and cultural activities into a system of national mobilization through out our schools and colleges. As a basic element of the general objectives, the mental, physical and moral development of our

youths will be given priority and attention. Our party will establish a youth commission where national implementation on youths' programs would be prioritised.

37. WOMEN AND YOUTHS

The ARP reforms will be gender sensitive with an allocation of 50% political appointment given to women and youths. We will sponsor a bill to empower women and youths in politics called 'NOT TOO POOR TO RULE' where government financial assistance can be sought to run for an office. Our party will allocate 30% elective position to women with free nominations at all levels. The youths shall be encouraged to run for office in our party. ARP will emphasize the importance of youths' involvement in politics with quota allocation to each chapter of our party.

38. POPULATION

Nigeria's population is fast growing and the government has to institute proper measures to check rapidly growing population which has not been given attention. The ARP intends to control the population through social regulation programs and birth control systems. Our party will create a national statistical commission to regulate birth and use this data for development. National headcount will be incorporated into the electoral review system of the country. Birth and death will be reviewed by the commission in relation to government implementation of its social security reforms.

39. FOREIGN POLICY

The world is now a global society due to information technology and Nigeria's foreign relations are based on parasitic tendencies therefore, we are always prone to external influence on our home front and this weakens our economic defence and relationship with foreign investors. Our government will use global report index to adjudicate our country foreign investment and relationship. Our sovereignty will be put first in doing business at all times.

40. SPONSORSHIP

The ARP when elected into power will sponsor a one million annual youths' empowerment foreign educational exposure program, which will enhance the National capacity of the citizenry towards global experience in development. The program will be tailored towards technological transfer and import of the best practices in global governance and development with automatic employment on their return to the country.

41. GRANTS AND AIDS

The foreign aids or grants given in the past is structured towards financial enslavement, this is because most of the funds indirectly find their way back to the lender nations as contained in the agreement signed by the parties involved. Our reforms will create an avenue to seek help when necessary to encourage transformation of the various sectors in Nigeria, thereby promoting national development. We will frown at conditional grants or aids which will put us at a disadvantage point from international lenders and foreign countries.

42. AFRICAN UNION AND INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION

Our membership of any union will be based on merit and mutual respect for African liberation and democratic structure. We shall not take part in any world organization decisions that might affect our country or the continent at large. Our party will collaborate with other African nations to achieve collective inclusion and involvement, thus, we will be strengthening ties with nations and international unions to improve trade and investment for the mutual benefit our countries.

43. PARTNERSHIP

Our party, when in government, will partner with international organizations on developing a comprehensive private partnership initiative which will seek to bring about internationally accepted practices in governance and development to Nigeria. This will be our promise to Nigerians when elected to lead the nation. And we will also make sure we strike a good relationship with countries who give mutual respect to Nigerians in their home country.

44. TRADE/COMMERCE

To encourage and fast track global participation in our national development, our government will institutionalize free trade zone initiatives in all of our coastal regions and also employ trade by barter to maximize the potential of our natural resources. Selling crudes and depositing the revenue in an external reserve in a country of infrastructural deficit is not logical and economically viable now. Our government will take inventory of our product importation and strike barter deal for such products. Methodology of the business deal in commercial exchange will be strictly monitored, as part of our reforms.

45. IMPORT AND EXPORT

The free trade corridors of our import and export will be in line with the basic needs of the Nigerian national government to stimulate trade surplus and bridge the corrupt practices in play by the Nigerian customs. Our importation and exportation will be based on trade and barter to abate loss or devaluation. Customs reforms will be mapped out such that the region will be charged with overseeing dutiable products, while the federal

government will oversee imports and exports so as to block leakages of government revenues through corrupt practices.

Goods and duty will be subjected to online payment and transactions, while the regulation agency duty is to validate the release of products.

46. SOVEREIGNTY/CITIZENSHIP

Our party reforms will promote partnership with Nigerians in diaspora, reviewing requirements for dual citizenship or external marriage of our nationals. **The federal government will give special treatment to patriots and service members of Nigerian descent who have excelled in their chosen fields or have contributed meaningfully to the enhancement of human lives. Such class of distinguished individuals will be nationally recognised and given national awards.** Our reforms will give the national government the power to preside over citizens' right of abode.

47. EXCHANGE PROGRAM

This is a major objective in our party's manifesto, towards the technological empowerment of citizens (to embark on an exchange programs for the country). At the national level, the government will sponsor exchange programs between our citizens and citizens of technologically advanced nations. (This is aimed at the technological development of Nigeria). Civil society groups, practitioners and organizations will also have the opportunity to build capacity under such programs (enabling them to adequately carry out their oversight duties to the nation).

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WE ARE THEREFORE HAPPY TO BRING ABOUT GENUINE CHANGE THROUGH TOTAL REFORMATION OF THE COUNTRY.

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9th November, 2020.