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Party Manifesto

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## Overview.

African Renaissance Party or ARP is a movement born of the unprecedented swell of frustrations, hopelessness and understandable anger among all Nigerians towards the current system and rulers in the country. Like all Nigerians we believe that the country needed a total overhaul. Unlike all the other parties we do not believe in reforms but political revolution because the former only tweaks old policies while the later changes the mindset of a nation.

Here you will find radically different and yet practical mission plans that give you an insight into the party's purpose.

## What we are about.

To create an ecosystem for innovation and entrepreneurship by investing in a comprehensive National Action Plan that aggressively develops integrated transportation systems, incentivizes investments in steady power generation and broadband communication technologies, funds education system that emphasizes self-employment, promotes rule of law, free press, security and respects property ownership. These, we believe, are the recipes for socioeconomic growth that creates real freedom.

We affirm that every Nigerian is endowed with the ability and creativity to better their lives if only the opportunities are provided by responsible governance.

## Issues of Concern

There is no denying the correlations between a responsible democracy, good governance and economic growth. The basic responsibility of the government is to provide its citizens with the tools they need to realize their potentials and also make social services available for those who are vulnerable.

The internet is heavy with white papers written by government agencies about Nigerian problems and studied solutions. We noticed a replicating patterns of overtly technical, complicated and often old ideas designed to fail.

ARP will be talking about proven, simple, actionable plans that work!

- I. Integrated **transportation** system overhaul to include Roads and Rail networks that allow for future traffic growth. Hyacinth free safe waterways are important for the movement of goods and services in our riverine areas. This will be a direct government investment that will pay for itself as the economy grows.
- II. **Steady power generation.** Privatization of the sector with reasonable regulations and removal of all importation barriers and tariffs to clean power generating technologies.
- III. The world became more prosperous with new emerging economies because of the internet and accessible telephone technologies. We will retool our education system to produce more world class **IT** engineers that can not only compete for jobs from all corners of the world but also innovate in this field. Economies have been built on this.
- IV. **Education.** Like all other sectors, our once vibrant public school system is dead. ARP will no more talk but do something about it. The current system encourages further widening of our insanely huge wealth distribution gap in the country. There is a breaking point. Education is a fundamental right and a unique national investment that guarantees returns. Free education to **ALL** Nigerians at **ALL** levels is a must. We can afford it and it's been done before. It must be 21st century or we will never be able to benefit from the promises of an increasingly prosperous world.
- V. **Healthcare.** NHIS has failed because we put the cart before the ox. Infrastructures, equipments and supporting healthcare services were neglected and yet we sell insurance to our citizens. Accessible, affordable and high quality healthcare is a must because of its causal effect on the overall economy. A healthy society is a productive one. Government officials can not go overseas to access healthcare on the tax payers' money.
- VI. No **free press**, No democracy. No branch of the government has the power to ban books or shutter any media houses for any reason. The press serves the people just like a responsible government must. Our administration will have a press secretary that briefs press members every working day.

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- VII. We affirm the constitutional proclamations that emphasizes equality of power among the three **branches of government** working independently and solely focussed on steadily moving the government forward.
- VIII. ARP identifies lack of will to enforce our **constitution** as the main reason for the nation's state of lawlessness. The constitution will be reformed to align with the affirmation of the tenets that; **ALL** are equal before the law and **ALL** are entitled to justice.
- IX. ARP believes in free and fair **elections** and Nigerians should be free to elect those who rule them and not be restricted by some rotational arrangements.
- X. **Property rights** will be respected and protected in the constitution. This is a proven essential to economic development.
- XI. **Niger-Delta** issues will for once be treated with all the seriousness it deserves. Through direct executive orders, infrastructural developments a la Abuja will be embarked on. Rebuilding this areas and providing opportunities for the locals will open up another economic and tourist region in the nation. Empower NOSDRA (National Oil Spill Detection and Reporting Agency) and start holding oil spillers accountable.
- XII. **Innovation**. ARP will enact policies that make patent filings easy, take piracy of intellectual properties seriously and help institutions and individuals commercialize their inventions.
- XIII. We affirm that the constitution of the nation grants equal rights to both sexes. This is absolute and without exceptions.
- XIV. **EFCC** will be reformed and granted complete independence by allowing them to partner with relevant NGO watchdogs both within and outside the nation. Corruption and official self enrichment policies are enemies of a nation's development.
- XV. Our **Agriculture** sector needs overhaul. We will encourage Farmers Unions which creates a leverage for price negotiations on farming equipments, chemicals, animal feeds, loans and sales of produce and livestock. Agriculture outreach and information dissemination arms of our research institutions will be strengthened. Partnering with Farmers Unions and other private sectors interests to introduce drip irrigation and hydroponic technology.

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**XVI. Finance and Banking.** Recent economic events have demonstrated how important our economy depends on this sector. We disagree with stifling regulations that prevents growth but will support any measure that ensures that a bank has enough capital to bear the risks on their investments. Their lost can not be nationalized.

**XVII.**The National Youth Service Corps program has no doubt gone a long way to fulfill it's social integration objective but we are yet to recognize it's economic potentials. The nation graduates between 200,000-300,000 corps members every year. The other parties treat this as statistics but we see a great economic opportunity, we see a great crowd of educated, young and energetic potential entrepreneurs that just needed a fair shake.

The Directorate will work with the private sector in every locality to review business ideas and proposals from corps members in their areas to identify those that will qualify for a venture capital that will be funded by the Federal Government and the nation's investment banks. The Government will opt out after few years by offering its stakes to the other two parties.



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