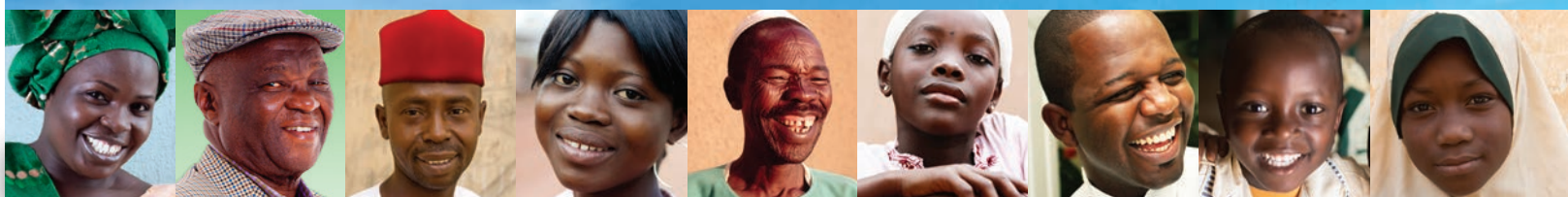




A NEW PARTY FOR A NEW NIGERIA

ROADMAP TO A NEW NIGERIA



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A New Party For

Nigeria is changing. We are a young and dynamic nation, where individual citizens strive hard to improve their lives and those of their families. Yet a culture of greed and corruption is holding us back, with trust in the government's ability to create jobs and address basic needs at an all-time low.

The disappointment of people in their national government is understandable, as more than 100 million Nigerians are forced to live on less than 160 Naira per day.

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A New Nigeria

The All Progressive Congress “APC” is A New Party for A New Nigeria.

The APC’s philosophy is the welfare of the common man, the assurance of a great future for the youth, and a decent quality of life of all. The APC is determined to give a voice to the youth, mekunu, the umu obenye, and the talakawa.

The test we have adopted for all our policies is: “Will this policy create jobs and benefit the youth and ordinary Nigerians?”

We are committed to nation where every citizen has the opportunity to work and earn a decent wage, and where the disadvantaged elderly, the disadvantaged disabled and the unemployed are assisted by the state.

A nation where the curse of corruption is no longer tolerated in our political, social and civic affairs. A nation that is economically and socially vibrant.

A nation that recognises our diversity as a source of strength.

A Nation we can all be proud of.



Create Jobs

Roughly one in four Nigerians, and half of young job seekers are unable to find work. The number of people whose jobs do not cover the cost of food and housing is even greater. In addition, major industries that pay higher wages account for just over five percent of the economy.

The lack of jobs is the most critical challenge facing Nigeria today, hurting every community and preventing us from being the truly vibrant and prosperous nation we deserve. Building a diverse economy that allows every Nigerian to earn a living and better care for his or her family is our number one priority.

APC's Roadmap for Jobs Includes:

- Create 20,000 jobs per state immediately for those with a minimum qualification of secondary school leaving certificate and who participate in technology and vocational training.
- Encourage State Governments to focus on employment creation by matching every one job created by the State Government through funding with two jobs created by the Federal Government in the same state.
- Direct conditional monthly cash transfers of NGN5,000 to the 25 million poorest and most vulnerable citizens upon demonstration of children's enrolment in school and immunization, to help promote job empowerment
- Establish Technology/Industrial Estates fully equipped with ICT, power and other support across the country to attract and encourage small-scale technology businesses and other entrepreneurs.
- Provide allowances to discharged but unemployed Youth Corps members for 12 months while they seek jobs or acquire training and skills for job placement or entrepreneurship.
- Establish plants for the assembly and ultimately the manufacture of phones, tablets, computers and other devices.
- Pay a guaranteed indexed-linked price to farmers to ensure that there is always a ready market for their produce, which will create more jobs, agricultural related employment and sustain existing jobs.
- Provide One Meal A Day for all primary school students that will create jobs in agriculture, including poultry, catering and delivery services.
- Create a scheme that provides matching funds for businesses that have already been validated and secured funding elsewhere, including by borrowing, if such business will create a minimum number of skilled jobs.





- Support training centers created for skills acquisition or vocational training by providing infrastructure for such institutions and matching grants where necessary, and organize job fair and recruitment exercises at such institutions.
- Embark on vocational retraining and skills acquisition for unemployed graduates, school leavers and drop-outs emphasizing technology and construction such as plumbers, electricians and tilers, which will feed the public works and social housing schemes among others.
- Invest in large-scale public works projects, beginning in the first quarter of the administration, including a modern national railway system and interstate roads, to energize our economy and create new businesses and jobs throughout Nigeria.
- Implement a social housing policy of one million low-cost housing units in the first four years, which will create housing and increase skilled and unskilled employment.
- Promote technology transfer, including investing in new and less expensive technologies (as in the building of affordable homes) to create more jobs.
- Make Nigeria a global hub for Internet and telecommunications services, including outsourcing and cloud computing, to create millions of new jobs.
- Dramatically increase the number of small and medium-sized enterprises that produce new jobs, with industrial hubs focused on their creation and growth in all regions of the country.
- Increase investments in research and development, particularly in the areas of science and technology, to create jobs in high-demand fields.
- Improve the entrepreneurial, vocational and technical skills of youth in areas such as technology, agriculture, manufacturing and other important fields, to prepare them for the jobs of the future.
- Ensure women receive fair treatment in employment, education and housing, and encourage affirmative action for women based on merit.





Fight Corruption

Corruption is crippling Nigeria. Bribes and shady deals come at the expense of real productivity by businesses and government, and prevent us from investing properly into education, roads and health care – the services people need to live better lives. A leading international organization cites Nigeria as having one of the highest levels of corruption in the world, a true badge of shame.



APC's Roadmap for Fighting Corruption Includes:

- Show zero tolerance for official and/or private sector corruption.
- Place the burden of proving innocence in corruption cases on persons with inexplicable wealth.
- Pursue legislation expanding forfeiture and seizure of assets laws and procedure with respect to inexplicable wealth, regardless of whether there is a conviction for criminal conduct or not.
- Strengthen legal provisions to prevent stay of proceedings and other delays in corruption trials.
- Guarantee the independence of anti-corruption and financial crimes agencies by legislation, charging their budgets directly to the Consolidated Revenue Fund.
- Stop corruption in our elections, in part by making the Independent National and State Electoral Commissions (INEC) truly independent and free from political interference.
- Improve the ability of citizens to keep an eye on their government, with more open access to government data, greater disclosure of government contracts prior to awards and during implementation, and ensuring the people's business is done in an open and transparent way.

To create a vibrant economy where jobs and opportunities are more readily available, every individual, civil servant, business and government leader must play by the same rules, obey the law and reject the temptation of bribery and corruption.



Free Relevant

Quality education is essential to prepare our youth for the jobs of tomorrow. Unfortunately, our system is failing them: half of our children who complete primary six cannot read, and more than 10 million children of primary school age do not attend school.



Quality Education

We must invest in quality teachers, schools and colleges to equip current and future generations with the knowledge and skills they need to gain employment, live productive lives and contribute to the welfare of their communities. Our future depends on it.

APC's Roadmap for Free Relevant Quality Education Includes:

- Make the right of every Nigerian child to receive a free, relevant and quality education a reality, based on free and comprehensive primary and secondary education.
- Provide free tertiary education to students pursuing Science and Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM).
- Provide free tertiary education to education majors and stipends prior to their employment as teachers.
- Create incentives and dedicate special attention to the education of girls.
- Ensure every child attending primary school is properly nourished and ready to learn by providing a Free Meal a Day.
- Invest in better equipping and staffing Teacher Training Colleges and provide financial and progression incentives to attract and retain good teachers.
- Revamp and restructure education curricula from primary to tertiary levels with a view to ensuring students acquire the right skills for employment, entrepreneurship and innovation.
- Prepare young adults for the jobs of the future by expanding the focus on science and technology at our colleges and universities.
- Improve the ability of people to gain employment in a variety of fields through greater access to technical and vocational training.

Restore Nigerian Agriculture

Nigeria was once a leading agricultural producer, helping feed other parts of the world. Today, our decline in productivity means we must import essential goods like wheat, rice, sugar and milk, costing us billions every year.

With 40 percent of our land able to support farming, Nigerian agriculture can and must be restored to move families from subsistence farming, create new jobs in agriculture and related fields, and provide the accessible and affordable supply of food necessary to feed a nation.



APC's Roadmap for Restoring Agriculture Includes:

- Provide a government-guaranteed market for agricultural produce at world index-linked prices.
- Revive agriculture as an engine for economic growth and new jobs, including the expansion of agricultural processing and manufacturing.
- Aid subsistence farmers in increasing food production and creating jobs by modernizing and commercializing farm production, and increase the availability of loans and capital investments for small and medium-scale cash crops.
- Make more land available and prepared for farming, and encourage young people to enter into farming through incentives such as incubator hubs and price guarantees.
- Make sure farmers have access to the resources they need, such as seeds and fertilizer, by enhancing agricultural extension services and food inspectorate divisions.
- Ensure Nigeria's food supply is affordable, reduces food-borne illnesses and improves nutrition through a nationwide food inspectorate division.

Housing Plan

Inadequate housing is one of the major challenges facing Nigeria. Poor and working-class families lack homes, as well as many hardworking Nigerians approaching the end of their careers. APC is committed to increasing the supply of quality housing through a policy of social housing for the poor and vulnerable and affordable housing for working-class Nigerians.

APC's Roadmap for Social Housing includes:

- Achieve the construction of one million low-cost houses within four years for the poor.

APC's Roadmap for Affordable Housing Includes:

- Minimize income as a barrier for people to live in a safe and affordable home, by increasing access to financing and promoting a working national residential mortgage market as a matter of urgency, so that Nigerians of varying income levels can access affordable mortgages at single-digit interest rates based on federal guarantees to the mortgage lenders.





Healthcare Plan for Children and Adults

The health of our nation depends on the health of our people. Today, the life expectancy of the average Nigerian is a mere 52 years.

Most families lack money for adequate health care, and too few communities have access to quality health facilities or medical professionals.

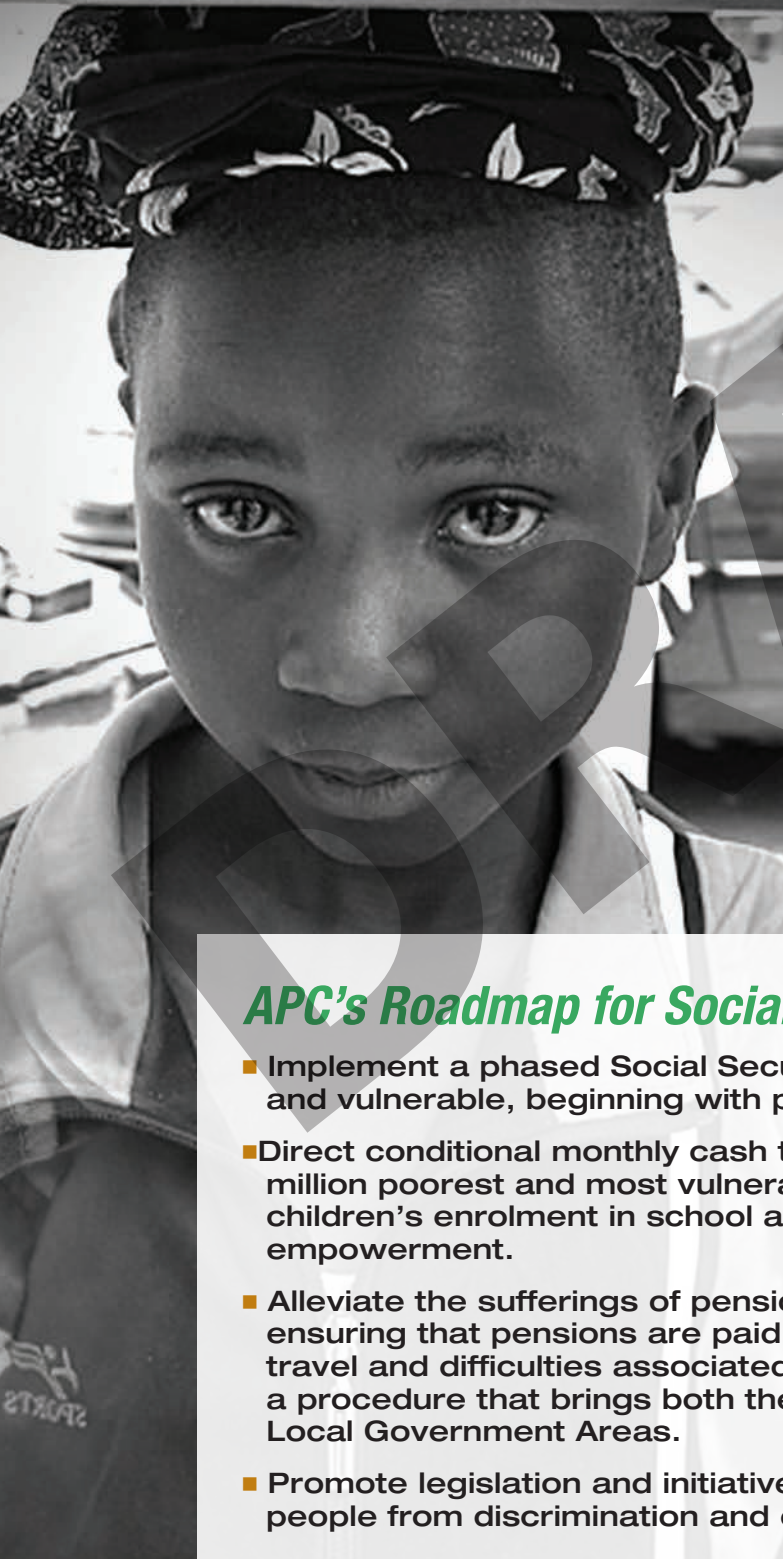


APC's Roadmap for Health Care Includes:

- Provide free quality comprehensive health care based on a national health insurance scheme.
- Stop all travel abroad at government expense for the purpose of medical treatment.
- Encourage medical professionals to establish practices and work in rural and medically underserved areas, by providing incentives including tuition and other training reimbursement for such professionals.
- Provide incentives for Nigerian doctors and health practitioners working abroad to return home, to strengthen the health care industry in Nigeria and provide quality care to those who need it.
- Double the number of practicing physicians and health care professionals in Nigeria and increase the quality of federal teaching hospitals to world-class standards.



Social Welfare Plan for the less advantaged



Approximately 110 million Nigerians live on less than NGN160 per day. This condition of extreme poverty contributes to illiteracy, poor health, the lack of or inadequate shelter, poor nutrition and early death.

In the absence of a safety net for the poorest and most vulnerable, the vast majority will die before medium to long-term help arrives. The peculiarity of Nigerian society also shows that a significant number of unskilled workers, and those in the informal sector will have nothing to sustain themselves in retirement.

APC's Roadmap for Social Welfare Includes:

- Implement a phased Social Security Benefits Scheme for the unemployed and vulnerable, beginning with poor disabled and poor elderly citizens.
- Direct conditional monthly cash transfers of NGN5,000 to the 25 million poorest and most vulnerable citizens upon demonstration of children's enrolment in school and immunization, to help promote job empowerment.
- Alleviate the sufferings of pensioners in receiving their pensions by ensuring that pensions are paid on time, and substituting long distance travel and difficulties associated with going to Abuja or state capitals with a procedure that brings both the verification and payment process to Local Government Areas.
- Promote legislation and initiatives that protect vulnerable and disabled people from discrimination and exploitation.

Build Roads, Power and Infrastructure

A Nigerian economy that produces jobs requires a modern day infrastructure that includes affordable and reliable power, quality roads and improved transportation.

Corruption and mismanagement have cost Nigeria dearly. While 80 percent of the government's revenues are derived from oil and gas – a resource that belongs to all Nigerians – considerable money is lost every day to inefficiency and corruption.

Nigeria's lack of reliable electricity and poor transportation system have made business activity and the movement of people and goods more difficult, raised our cost of living and caused needless deaths and property loss.

APC's Roadmap for Roads, Power and Infrastructure Includes:

- Provide captive power to critical facilities.
- Build an integrated gas pipeline across Nigeria to increase the availability of clean energy at a lower cost.
- Construct an interstate rail and highway system that links major cities and centers of production.
- Increase Nigeria's broadband Internet capacity through a national fiber-optics network to spur economic growth and create thousands of new jobs.
- Develop an integrated inter-modal transport system that maximizes the transportation of goods, raw materials and people.



Better Manage Our Natural Resources

Nigeria is blessed with a wealth of natural resources, from its oil and gas to reserves to minerals such as iron ore, coal, tin, zinc and limestone.

These precious natural resources belong to the Nigerian people and must be managed in a way that improves lives and ensures their availability for future generations.



APC's Roadmap for Managing Our Natural Resources Includes:

- Make sure people at a local level benefit from mining and mineral wealth by vesting all mineral rights in land to states.
- Protect people from dangerous pollution by enforcing laws to end gas flaring. This will reduce air pollution and make sure that gas is not wasted and can be sold at a lower cost.
- Halt the pollution of rivers and waterways in the Niger Delta and other parts of the country and adopt a comprehensive approach to erosion and shoreline protection across the country.
- Reverse the effects of the expanding desert by creating shelterbelts in states bordering the Sahara Desert.



Strengthen Peace, Security and Foreign Policy

APC's Roadmap for Peace, Security and Foreign Policy Includes:

- Enable states to have their own local police forces that address the special needs of each community, including community policing initiatives that restore trust among local citizens.
- Establishing a serious crime squad with state-of-the-art training and equipment to combat terrorism, militancy and ethno-religious communal clashes.
- Provide a comprehensive compensation plan for victims of ethno-religious crisis, communal clashes and terrorism.
- Initiate a national reconciliation and healing plan, beginning with a truth and reconciliation commission on ethno-religious clashes, ensure the teaching in our schools of religious tolerance and public demonstrations of religious & ethnic tolerance by public officials

Peace and security are fundamental to Nigeria's social and economic wellbeing. Every Nigerian should be safe and free to work in any part of the country regardless of tribe, ethnicity, or religious beliefs.

Our law enforcement agencies face significant challenges on many fronts: terrorism, especially in the Northeast, unresolved high-profile homicides and the rise in new crimes such as kidnapping, abductions and cyber-crime. The result is an international perception of Nigeria as a failing state where violent crime, corruption and fraud are rife.



- Reform and strengthen the Justice System for faster, more efficient justice in cases of terrorism, corruption, kidnapping, drug trafficking and similar cases of national importance.
- Make regional integration a priority within ECOWAS, including free trade, to ensure that a common tariff and currency are achieved by 2020 under Nigeria's guidance and leadership.
- Maintain strong, close and frank relationships within the Gulf of Guinea, the Commonwealth, South Africa and the rest of the world in pursuit of foreign policy that promotes our national interest,
- Establish a new special relationship with leading emerging markets such as Brazil, Russia, India and China (BRIC) and also the new MINT countries of Mexico, Indonesia and Turkey, as well as other strategic partners around the world to create jobs and promote economic growth in Nigeria.



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