



## Rail

Enhanced use of our railways is a cost-effective and safe way to reduce the strain on our roads and expressways resulting from the haulage of commercial goods by heavy vehicles travelling long distances.

Better use of rail will also decongest traffic in urban areas and reduce the number of road incidents and accidents. In addition to making our roads safer and less congested, railways are also a less expensive way to ship large quantities of goods from one location to another part of the country.

State Governments will be encouraged to build metro systems in their capital cities. These metros will link up with existing national rail lines and revolutionise urban transport in Nigeria. This will boost commerce and contribute significantly to national GDP growth.

To achieve our objectives, we shall work with the National Assembly to review the organisation, structure and operations of the Nigerian Railway Corporation.

Our objective shall be to promote greater private sector inclusion and also foster greater efficiency through specialisation and the effective delineation of core duties between units.

We shall also prioritise the completion of critical ongoing national railway projects such as:

- o Lagos – Kano;
- o Benin – Abakaliki;
- o Port Harcourt – Maiduguri;
- o Lagos – Calabar; and
- o Kano – Maradi

In addition, we shall deploy technology and security assets to safeguard travellers and ensure the safety and integrity of our railway infrastructure.





## Maritime / Inland Waterways

Given the size of the nation and its economy, Nigeria should be a significant maritime player. Additionally, our inland rivers, lakes, and waterways are underutilised, both in terms of cargo shipment and passenger transportation.

We intend to take the following steps to help achieve our objectives of making better use of our waterways:

- (i) Decongest the Apapa Port and encourage greater use of other major seaports in the country such as Onne, Warri and Calabar. Our policies will include tax relief, credits, relaxed duties and tariffs and other financial incentives.
- (ii) Modernise our ports by deepening the harbour and shipping lanes as well as enlarging berths and docking facilities to allow for the largest cargo vessels to use all Nigerian seaports.
- (iii) Embark on a dredging campaign for our most strategically important inland waterways to make and keep them navigable for the passage of goods and people.
- (iv) Devise a comprehensive plan for the improved use and access to waterways for the transportation of passengers and cargo.
- (v) Create better inter-agency co-operation and coordination between the Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency, the Nigerian Ports Authority and the Nigerian Inland Waterways Authority.



## Aviation

To guarantee the growth, development and safety of the Nigerian aviation sector, a Tinubu government will focus on the following objectives:

- (i) We will establish and enforce a policy for the timely and adequate maintenance and improvement of airport runways and other critical aviation infrastructure.
- (ii) The modernisation and expansion of existing airport facilities will also be prioritised.
- (iii) We shall improve aircraft maintenance, safety measures and incident reporting requirements regarding domestic airlines and ensure fairness and transparency in ticket pricing for both international and domestic airlines. This includes providing compensation to passengers for significant flight delays or cancellations attributable to the conduct of the airline or its staff. We will also enhance runway and airport security through the use of modern surveillance technology.
- (iv) We will continue with the current administration's plans to establish a new national carrier.
- (v) We will strengthen the Nigerian Civil Aviation Authority and other aviation regulatory agencies to maintain standards in the industry.



# EDUCATION

## ENLIGHTENED MINDS, AN ESSENTIAL PILLAR OF DEVELOPMENT

Globalisation ensures that national economies are in competition with one another. In this highly competitive environment, nations with educated, skilled populations advance while their less skilled counterparts lag behind.

The education and skills training of a country's population is a major factor determining how that country's economy performs. A nation's education level also contributes to, or undermines, the quality of its democratic governance. In short, an outstanding educational system and an educated populace are the best long-term guarantors of a healthy economy and democratic system. As a matter of pragmatism as well as principle, our progressive government will treat education as a natural and constitutional right for all Nigerians.

A Tinubu administration will reform the education sector by focusing on the following indices: quality, access, funding, management, effectiveness, and competitiveness.

The reforms we institute will be based on three objectives:

- (i) ensuring an abundance of qualified and capable educators,
- (ii) creating safe and conducive learning environments, and
- (iii) improving educational outcomes in Nigeria.

The specific policies and reforms we intend to introduce are set forth below.



### Quality Education For All

#### o *Educational Infrastructure*

We will invest in the infrastructure of our educational institutions and provide adequate resources that improve the educational environment in which our children are taught.

Our policies will alleviate classroom overcrowding and ensure that new schools have adequate space. We will make sure federally funded primary and secondary schools are safe, comfortable, and sufficiently equipped as facilities for teaching and learning.

We will prioritise the use of computers/ internet services and other technology-based learning resources in schools.



### ○ **Accreditation Standards and Curriculum**

New accreditation standards will be developed for all institutions, from the primary to the tertiary level. All institutions of learning in Nigeria will eventually be required to comply with the new standards after a reasonable period of adjustment.

A permanent Committee composed of representatives of the private sector and leaders in the educational sector will be created. The Committee will be tasked with establishing a curriculum that more closely matches educational instruction with the actual and projected needs of the private sector. In this way, more students will be equipped with the skill sets that will shape the economy for years and decades to come.

A modern standard curriculum will be developed and implemented in all primary and secondary schools throughout the country.



This will ensure that all students have comparable experiences no matter their geographical location and that national educational objectives are being met in all government schools. Adherence to the curriculum will be an important factor in the accreditation of learning institutions.

The curriculum shall promote national unity and pride. Nigerian history will be reintroduced to our classrooms. Indigenous language courses will be compulsory for all children through the completion of secondary school.

### ○ **Teacher Training**

We will introduce new accreditation requirements for teachers in federally funded primary and secondary schools. Standardised teacher training courses and examinations will be introduced, with minimum standards strictly enforced. To prepare teachers for success in their essential profession, government will support comprehensive professional development programs.



Teacher welfare will be paramount. Under a Tinubu administration, teaching will be a rewarding career option for capable young graduates around the country.

### ○ **School Management**

We will introduce a new management system for federally funded primary and secondary schools in Nigeria.

Such schools will be managed by Boards of Education. These Boards will reserve membership spaces and decision-making power for members of the local communities. The boards will oversee management of all government schools within a given locality and the maintenance of the new minimum standards set by the government.



### **Technical and Vocational Education**

We will reform technical and vocational learning institutions to stimulate Nigeria's natural entrepreneurial spirit and empower more individuals toward self-reliance. Centres of excellence will focus on training students in 21st Century growth industries such as information technology, software development, artificial intelligence, and robotics.





## Tertiary Education

### ○ **Restructuring Tertiary Institutions**

A Tinubu administration will rationalise the governance structures, funding, and compensation structures of tertiary institutions.

### ○ **Student Loans**

We will institute a pilot student loan regime like the program established by the Lagos and Kaduna State Governments. This will expand access to education to all Nigerians regardless of their backgrounds. At the same time, this will give institutions the ability to charge more cost reflective tuition fees. Because of the current employment rates and other conditions, the loan program will have a maximum limit any student may borrow and must have flexible repayment provisions.

### ○ **Special Education Fund**

For the near and medium term, the government must provide the bulk of funding for our tertiary institutions. Through new legislation, government will establish a special education fund consisting of zero coupon federal bonds. Through various mechanisms, bonds will be sold in tranches to private investors or purchased in market clearing exercises by the CBN. This will help fund the universities while reducing the per capita tuition cost increase felt by the average student.

### ○ **STEM Incentives**

Students who choose and then excel in STEM courses will be given priority for scholarships, internships, graduate school admissions, and employment.





# HEALTHCARE

## A MATTER OF RIGHT AND URGENCY

The productivity and wealth of a nation depends on the vitality of its people. Basic healthcare must be considered a fundamental human right and a matter of long-term national security. Our Government shall invest greatly in the health of its people.

Our healthcare reforms and policy agenda shall be defined by the concept of Universal Health Coverage (UHC). By making universal coverage our primary objective, we shall create new jobs and bring greater economic and social development to the Nigerian people.

Thanks to the proactive stance of the Buhari government, COVID-19 did not affect us to the extent that it did other nations. However, the pandemic and the lives it cost underscore the need to build a stronger and more resilient healthcare system. It placed us on notice that infectious diseases can spread rapidly across the globe in just a few months, or even weeks and we must be even more prepared to defend ourselves against the next such public health emergency. Our survival shall depend on our resources and on our capacity.

We will, therefore, frontally address our

nation's healthcare challenges, including: inadequate health infrastructure, fragmentation, an overburdened workforce, poor insurance coverage, high maternal and infant mortality, inadequate preventative care and dependence on imported medicines and vaccines.

To rise to the challenge of improving the healthcare fortunes of our people, our healthcare policy shall entail:



### Health Sector Governance and Leadership

Political and institutional foundations for the achievement of the Universal Health Coverage agenda must be implemented. Effective coordination between Federal, state and Local Government, common policy standards and accountability with community and Local Government council ownership are critical. Standardised policy, plan and evaluation criteria, with localised implementation strategies, allowing for accountability, elimination of fragmentation in the health system and ownership at the community level will be ensured.





### Equity and Quality

Our healthcare delivery strategy will target poor and marginalised communities, leaving nobody behind. We will expand service delivery to marginalised groups through the use of demand-side incentives and the establishment of a regulated community-based health insurance scheme within the broader National Health Insurance Scheme.

We will implement policies to ensure that all services in federal government hospitals are high-quality, people-centred and delivered in accordance with best industry practice. The rapid scale-up of COVID-19 diagnostic services demonstrate that it is possible to rapidly improve service delivery with sufficient effort and resources.



### Primary and Secondary Healthcare

Primary healthcare will remain the bedrock of our system. Deploying adequate infrastructure and human resources to address maternal and childcare, immunisation, managing preventable diseases and treatment of malaria, typhoid and other water borne diseases will cater to the majority of our most pressing primary healthcare challenges.

The most effective avenue to achieving this is to strengthen our national primary healthcare network. Through the use of incentive schemes and counterpart funding programs, we will work with State Governments to build a network of static

as well as mobile local clinics to ensure that no person lives more than 3km or a 30-minute walk from a primary facility.

Additionally, in conjunction with State and Local Government authorities, a Tinubu administration will facilitate the upgrading, equipping and staffing of a general hospital in every Local Government Area, a tertiary facility in each State and a world-class specialist hospital in each geo-political zone. Such a network will not only render basic care to a greater number of people, but shall also attract medical tourists to Nigeria. It will also help us gather more information on the incidence of diseases in Nigeria, which shall help provide an early warning against the advance of dangerous infectious diseases in the country.



### Preventative Care

Working with State and Local Governments, we will encourage preventative measures such as vaccinations, eye tests and cancer screening, blood pressure monitoring and diabetes testing for early detection of illnesses. Such preventative care services will be grassroot based, gender sensitive, and affordable.





## Health Financing and National Health Insurance

Increased and more effective health spending are our primary objectives. We shall achieve this by improving the allocation of healthcare in the national budget. Our government will scale-up the National Health Insurance Authority Act, with the objective of implementing a mandatory health insurance scheme to cover at least 40% of the population within two years. We will also expand public-sector driven mandatory health insurance coverage while augmenting the financial mechanism such as the Basic Health Care Provision Fund and Vulnerable Group Fund to cover vulnerable populations.

A progressive, decentralised social health insurance scheme will be pursued in order to provide universal basic healthcare to all. In addition to other sources, funds saved by the removal of the fuel subsidy shall be earmarked for use in helping to provide health coverage for pregnant women and children under-five.

Consumption taxes on alcohol and tobacco products will be dedicated to fund healthcare services. Such taxes shall also work to deter behaviour that undermines individual and community health.



## Caring for Healthcare Workers and Job Creation

We will embark on a focused manpower plan to increase the number, and enhance the skill sets, of our healthcare workers, particularly those working in primary healthcare facilities.



We shall also update the curricula of our medical schools, nursing schools and other teaching institutions to include leadership, finance, management and current healthcare trends. We will implement a deliberate policy to retain skilled manpower. Incentives will include performance-based salary increases, health insurance to cover family members, favourable mortgage or home-ownership plans for health workers, and tertiary education scholarships for their children.

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In addition, our administration will ensure the creation of new healthcare jobs in urban areas as well as in rural communities by training and employing teams of health workers and support staff to work and visit rural and urban communities, engaging households on sanitary best practices and prevention of other diseases. While listening to the healthcare concerns of local residents.





### The Next Public Health Emergency

Lessons learned from our national and global experience of Ebola and the COVID-19 pandemic have shown that it is imperative for us to improve our public health response preparedness and infrastructure including:

- (i) disease surveillance and detection,
- (ii) emergency response,
- (iii) surge capacity,
- (iv) a patient management system for routine and endemic diseases,
- (v) access and distribution mechanisms for medical countermeasures and
- (vi) systems to cater to inevitable mass fatalities, when they occur.

We shall also prioritise improving data collection and analysis to ensure that critical public health decisions are evidence-based and grounded in science.



### Domestic Research

Working with the private sector, we shall encourage and fund local research for

new drugs, vaccines and disease epidemiology, determining best approaches to disease management within our local context.

Our government will support the allocation of about 1% of pooled health insurance funds to health research, through research grants and support for institutions involved in health research. We will also encourage domestic manufacturing of essential medicines and vaccines in Nigeria.



### Mental Health and Drug Abuse

Mental health issues and the consequences of drug abuse are growing concerns throughout Nigeria, particularly in our crowded urban areas. A Tinubu government will place great emphasis on mental health promotion and orientation programs for at-risk populations to reduce the incidence of abuse and illness.

We shall also train primary healthcare workers on the early detection and treatment of mental illness and drug abuse to reduce the number of people who suffer alone while their illnesses go undetected and untreated.



Digital technologies and innovation are the new frontiers of economic development, becoming important vehicles of economic growth around the world. This is said to be the Fourth Industrial Revolution. Nigeria and Africa were either victims or belated entrants into the previous industrial revolutions. Let us take full advantage of this new historic opening.

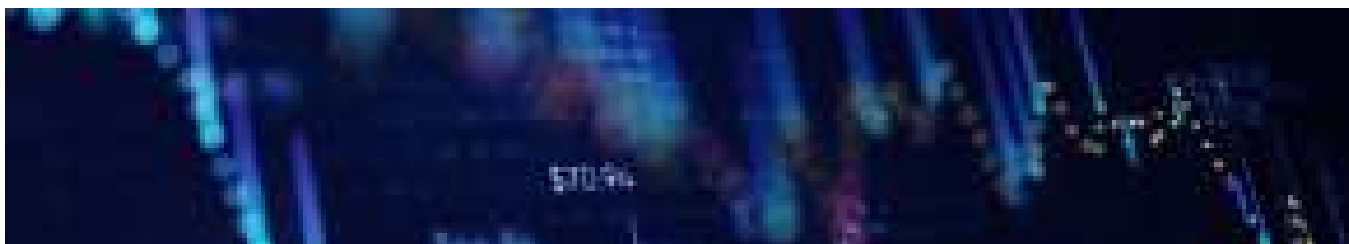
Evidence from the largest global economies such as the United States, China, Japan, Germany and South Korea, shows that mastery of the Information and Communications Technology (ICT) sector is non-negotiable in today's ever-changing world. Such mastery is critical to the future and economic resilience of our country.

Due to their own ingenuity and determination, numerous young Nigerians are among the leading pioneers exploring this exciting, fertile new economic frontier.

In addition to encouraging such bold and creative young game changers, a Tinubu administration will strive to create one million new jobs in the ICT sector within its first 24 months in office. Our plan includes interventions in the ICT Industry and other critical sectors of the Nigerian economy where deployment of new technologies can fast-track business growth and diversification.

Investing in the ICT sector and in the digital economy will stimulate local industries, enhance competitiveness, increase productivity, and provide millions of Nigerians with new skills as well as long-term job and wealth creation opportunities.





We will also explore how Nigeria can take greater advantage of relatively recent innovations such as blockchain technology. Blockchain, because of its security and accountability features, has the inherent potential to make daily interactions easier, faster and more convenient, as well as to create more opportunities to add exciting new jobs and support greater financial inclusion.

The following important digital products and services have been identified as having the greatest potential to bring new jobs and greater diversification to our economy:



### ICT Enabled Outsourcing

ICT enabled outsourcing offers the broadest opportunity to bring new jobs to Nigeria and productively engage young Nigerians in the evolving digital global economy. In 2021, India earned US\$6 billion from provision of ICT-enabled outsourcing services, employing millions of its citizens in the process.

We shall implement policies that will train and build capacity among Nigeria's large and youthful population to take greater advantage of the opportunities presented by this industry.

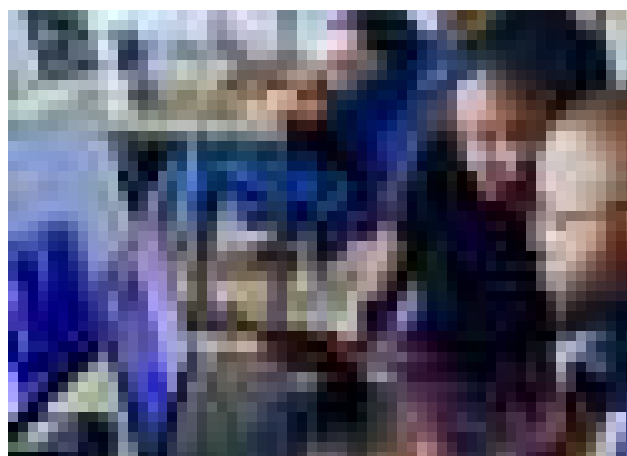


### Innovation and Entrepreneurship

The start-up ecosystem provides the platforms and infrastructure to enable the take-off of Innovation Driven Enterprises which utilise ICT for the development of a diverse array of products and services for all sectors of the economy. Already in Nigeria, fintech start-ups, emerging from this category, have become attractive targets for significant domestic and international investment.

We will develop and implement innovative policies to support local funding opportunities and access to capital for start ups and encourage foreign investors to continue investing in Nigeria.

Other drivers of value within the start-up ecosystem such as technology hubs and parks, accelerators and angel investors will be incentivised to continue the development of a healthy ecosystem.





### E- Commerce

Nigeria's E-commerce industry has already demonstrated significant resilience in the face of daunting infrastructural and societal challenges. The E-Commerce space has witnessed unprecedented growth, with some platforms reporting 500% growth in merchants in the last 5 years.

However, the lack of an adequate national transportation backbone and haulage systems have restricted the ability of e-commerce platforms to provide services nationwide and to meet the needs of customers around the country.

Our government's focus on infrastructure and transportation will benefit the growth and development of the e-commerce industry.



### Tech Manufacturing

Tech manufacturing presents another important opportunity for job creation in Nigeria. Available statistics indicate that Nigeria imports over US\$750 million worth of smartphones annually over the last three years. This is indicative of the huge opportunity for import substitution and local assembly presented by the tech manufacturing sector.



### Government Digital Services

With the launch of the Nigeria E-Government Master Plan in 2019, the government is set to drive quality service delivery and improvement in workflow management with the adoption and utilisation of IT tools and platforms.

We will prioritise implementation of government digital services not only to improve the efficiency and functioning of government, but to also encourage private sector job creation through the provision of development and support services to government agencies.



### Broadband by 2025

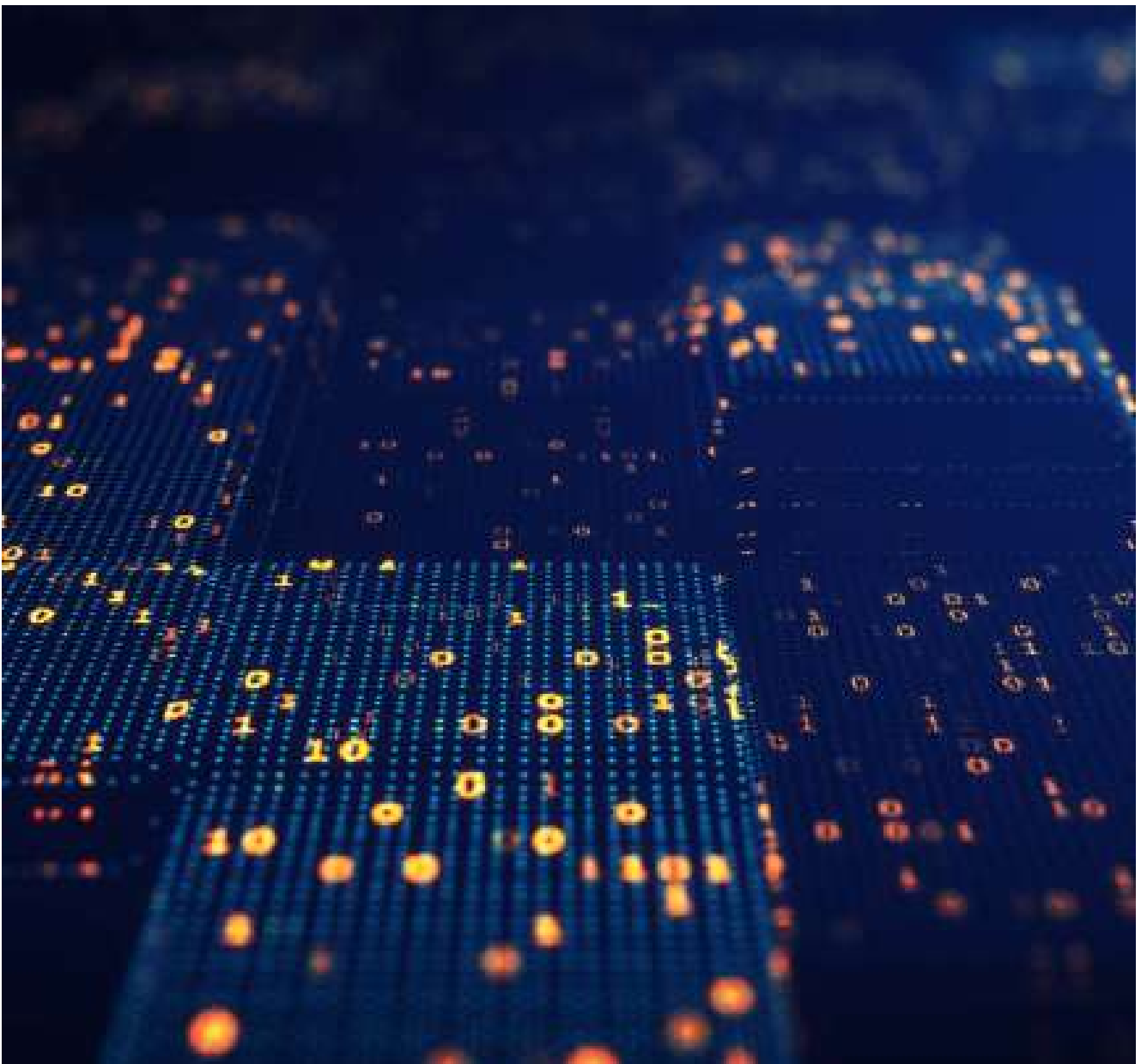
We will ensure that the National Broadband Plan to deliver broadband services to 90 percent of the population is achieved by 2025.



## Blockchain

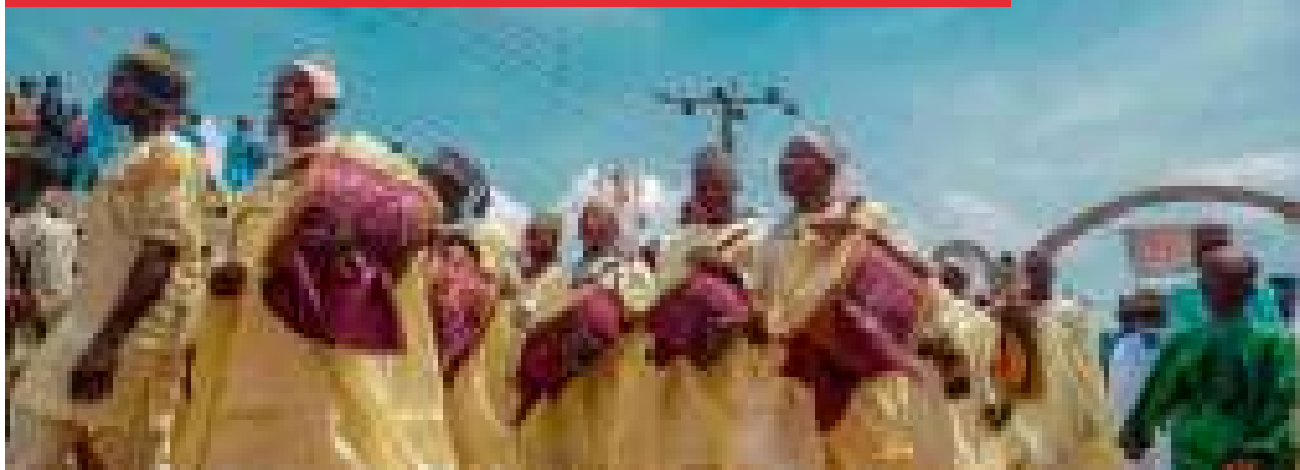
We will reform government policy to encourage the prudent use of blockchain technology in finance and banking, identity management, revenue collection and the use of crypto assets.

As part of our reforms, we will establish an advisory committee to review the existing regulatory environment governing blockchain technology and virtual asset services and, where necessary, suggest changes to create a more efficient and business-friendly regulatory framework. We will also encourage the CBN to expand the use of our digital currency, the E-naira.



# SPORT, ENTERTAINMENT AND CULTURE

CREATING PROSPERITY, CELEBRATING CULTURE



Creative and cultural industries rank among the global economy's fastest growing sectors. Our nation abounds in creative talent and artistry. Our film (Nollywood and Kannywood) and music (Afrobeat) industries, the two biggest entertainment products on the African continent, have produced global superstars and some of the highest grossing African movies of recent times.

The film industry is one of the leading sources of jobs in the country. Members of our entertainment sector serve as our nation's goodwill ambassadors. There are few remaining countries in the world where Nigerian music is not played, and Nigerian movies are not watched.

Total revenue from the music industry alone is estimated to reach nearly US\$100 million in 2022.

The creative and cultural sector has indisputably contributed to our economic growth, earned vital foreign exchange, and improved our global reputation, projecting our proud culture to an international audience.

Our collective love of sport and sporting success has always been a great unifier of the Nigerian people and a driver of economic development and social cohesion. Across the world, inspiring sporting outcomes have demonstrably proven to contribute to revitalising local economies, promoting unity, generating employment and stimulating growth.

In Nigeria, the meteoric rise of our creative industries and the wonderful recent successes of our athletes and sporting stars has occurred largely without the benefit of institutional investment.

This only makes their achievements all the more remarkable, and a testament to the talent, drive and determination of the Nigerian people. We all want these Nigerian superstars to attain greater acclaim and mark even more momentous achievements.

The time has come, therefore, to give our sporting, creative and cultural industries the support needed to turn Nigeria into one of the world's entertainment powerhouses and the home of sporting achievement. This is the moment for government to nurture the blossoming of these important symbols of Nigerian greatness.

A Tinubu government will support Nigerian sport and culture so that they can do even more to generate employment, export Nigerian creativity worldwide and enrich the lives of people everywhere with our unique musical style, our captivating films and our rich culture.

We will nurture the creative and athletic impulses of our nation's proud talents through the following measures:



### **Governance and Leadership in Creative Industries**

A Presidential Creative Industry Advisory Team will be established to steer government efforts in providing a more conducive environment within which our creative industry can flourish. The Team will thoroughly review the existing legislative and regulatory framework, suggesting areas in which governance and regulation of the creative sector can be improved to create a better business environment. Active members of the creative industry will play a major role in this Advisory Team.

We will also review the legislative and enforcement framework for copyright and intellectual property protection in Nigeria.



### **Financial Incentives**

We will establish the Media City as a Special Economic Zone to attract foreign investment and incentivise both local and international participation in the initiative. We will also establish special investment funds to inject grants and affordable loans to young entrepreneurs and businesses in the creative industries.

The tax regime applicable to the creative sector will be revised to better incentivise local production and attract foreign producers to Nigeria. Rebates, tax credits, grants and subsidies will form part of the arsenal by which we will attract talent, creating more jobs and, ultimately, bringing extra revenue and positive attention to our country.



### Entertainment Infrastructure

The absence of adequate infrastructure for the production and distribution of entertainment goods in Nigeria is a significant challenge. Working with private sector partners, we will direct resources towards bridging this gap in order to:

(i) Build a modern Media City modelled on the Dubai Media City. The project will include an international grade conference centre, office park, film studios and sound stages, a university of the arts, auditoriums and performance spaces, exhibition spaces, hotels, and residences.

(ii) Upgrade existing entertainment venues and stadia across the country to world-class standards. These venues will be rehabilitated and modernised, while new venues will be constructed in each of the six geo-political zones using a public private partnership model. In addition to such major venues, private sector partners will be encouraged to commit to the construction of mixed use, community, and youth centres.



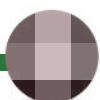
### Education and Capacity Building

We will equip select universities in each of the six geo-political zones to function as centres of excellence for students of humanities, fine arts, film, and culture.

Working in concert with State and Local Governments, secondary schools for the arts will be encouraged in all major cities in each State of the Federation.

A hospitality training program will be established to give young Nigerians the knowledge and skills required to create a high-quality workforce for the tourism and hospitality industry.

With the right incentives and governmental support, Nigeria can become an attractive location for global animation studios looking to outsource aspects of their work. We will partner with investors and industry experts to create an animation hub to help young talent take advantage of such opportunities and, indeed, to build their own brands. Such a space will allow animators to share costs, create synergies and collaborate on ambitious projects.





## Sports Development

We will unleash the potential and talent of our youth in different sports through a dynamic training and funding approach that will upgrade the standard of our sports development. The return of school sports and grassroots sports will be made the cornerstone of our sports development policy.

The power of sports as a tool for unity and promotion of peace will be fully explored. A large percentage of our young people are involved in Sporting activities and we must continue to develop and engage them in this sector.

Towards achieving a coordinated sports development program, we will create an enabling environment for sports to thrive as a business. The New National Sports Industry Policy, (NISIP) will be fully implemented. Incentives will be provided to attract private sector investments and participation in sports infrastructural development.

Athletes are the very heart and soul of sporting success. A Tinubu Government will establish and seed fund an Athletes' Welfare Fund.

Sports development in all its facets will be made a priority item under a Tinubu government with an increase in funding.

The power of sports diplomacy in international relations is predicated on the success and podium performance of a country's athletes. We will develop a template for training that will return Nigerian teams and individual athletes to winning ways. A Sports Code of Governance will also be developed to ensure compliance with set goals and objectives. Modern sporting infrastructure will be developed in each of the six geo-political zone of the country to elevate our sporting standards.



# YOUTH EMPOWERMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

BUILDING THE FUTURE, TODAY

There are approximately 130 million Nigerians between the ages of 15-35.

This is a vast army of able, energetic and willing people capable of putting this nation on the path to its finest destiny.

From our first day in office, our administration will partner with them to make this happen.

Youth will not be exploited to do the bidding of government. Instead, our administration will work with and for the youth, providing them with a platform that they may fulfil their greatest aspirations.

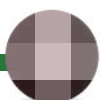
We shall do this by embarking on a coherent, structured policy of social economic and political empowerment of young people.

Properly enabled and encouraged, young people are the engine of growth and prosperity. But our vast array of young talent is not monolithic. Some may seek to become entrepreneurs. Others are adept at farming or commerce. Some seek to be professionals such as doctors and lawyers. Others are destined to be teachers, giving guidance and education to those following them. Some will volunteer to protect the nation and its people by enlisting in the military and law enforcement. Many will see their future in public service. Among them are future presidents.



Our youth under-employment and unemployment rates are too high. The unemployment rate of 33 per cent causes frustration for too many young people and their loved ones.

Our administration shall aim to cut the youth unemployment rate in half within four years. In addition to measures stated in the sections on the general economy and the digital economy, what follows are other important steps that will give youth a fair chance to live in, and contribute to, a better, more just and prosperous Nigeria.

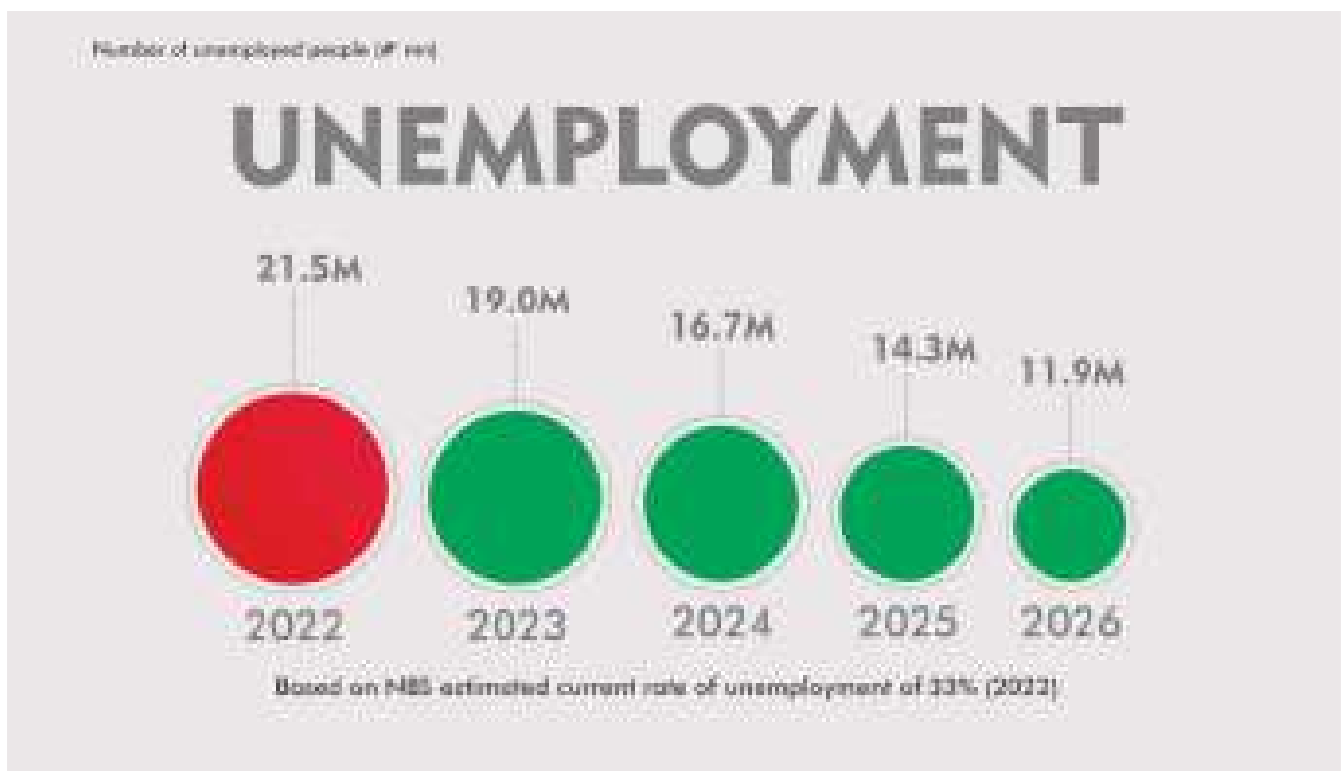


We shall:



### Youth Entrepreneurship and Job Creation

- **Easy access to credit:** Work with the CBN to develop suitable incentives to encourage commercial banks to target low-cost loans towards a given quota of youth-led enterprises. Commercial banks will also be encouraged to ensure their loan application processes are simplified and give greater priority to young people with marketable ideas. Federally owned and affiliated banking institutions will immediately be mandated to develop similar schemes for young entrepreneurs.
- **Business mentorship for youth:** Increase intergenerational, business mentoring and cooperation with 2 million volunteer Entrepreneurs and professionals across the nation committed to working with youth to find employment, hone job skills and create businesses.
- **Youth Advisory Council:** Inaugurate a Youth Advisory Council to the Employment Action Plan which we will develop.
- **NYSC Reform:** Strengthen a job matching programme for graduates by reforming the NYSC program to enable more participants to enter the private sector during their service years and incentivising employers to retain corps members at the end of their service.
- **Business Incubation Centres:** Expand incubation centres to support youth innovators to acquire and protect, through patent and trademark registration, intellectual property and other proprietary rights over inventions and innovations.





### Social and Political Empowerment

Reserve at least three cabinet positions for persons under the age of 40 and 6 more positions for members under the age of 50. We shall also pass a presidential directive requiring that at least 20 percent of political appointments to MDAs be reserved for qualified people under the age of forty.

We shall make permanent a biannual “State of the Youth” survey to create a platform for young Nigerians to give feedback to government regarding their opinions on the performance of government, paying special attention to youth empowerment programs and policies.

Building on the successes of the one-day Governor Program, we will establish a Presidential Fellowship Scheme to give talented and determined young Nigerians new opportunities to experience and participate in governance and politics from an early age.





# WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

BUILDING THE NATION, TEARING DOWN BARRIERS

If Nigeria is to reach its fullest potential, we must give every person and segment of the population a fair chance to make their best contribution to the well-being and betterment of our nation.

The growth of our economy and the achievement of our national destiny rests on equity and the safeguarding of fundamental rights and decency in our society.

This means ending all forms of invidious bias including, most especially, gender discrimination.

Equity and fairness to women will be a top priority of a Tinubu government. Greater equality and the economic empowerment of women shall be at the heart of our national agenda.

We shall not stop until women have an equal chance to enter and excel in all relevant aspects of our nation's social, economic and political life.

We shall establish the following programs and policies to promote more female inclusion in politics, governance and the economy:



## Social Inclusion and Political Empowerment

Working with the National Assembly, we will aim to pass legislation promoting female employment in all government offices, ministries, and agencies. The goal will be to increase women's participation in government to at least 35 percent of all governmental positions. This legislation shall also mandate the federal executive (particularly the cabinet and core senior advisers) to reserve a minimum number of senior positions for women. Private institutions shall be strongly encouraged to do likewise.



## Economic Empowerment

Commercial banks will be encouraged to support women owned businesses nationwide through the use of concessionary loans and incentive schemes.



### Fighting Domestic Violence and Abuse

Our government will expand the use of specialist police units to investigate and handle cases of domestic violence. We shall strengthen social services and support to victims of domestic violence and abuse by encouraging whistleblowing, counselling for victims and sanctuary homes. We shall prioritise the prosecution of domestic abuse cases and will seek more serious criminal penalties for abusers.



### Educational Parity

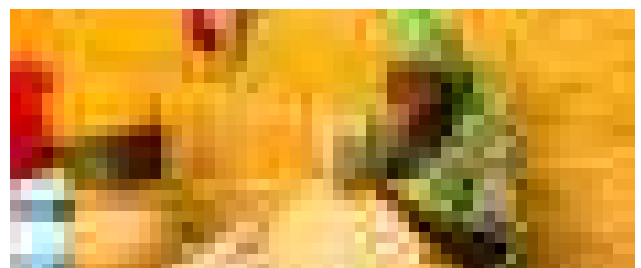
Our government will initiate programs to ensure that school aged girls get a fair chance at an education. We will work with the states, to better ensure that girl children stay in school longer.

Additionally, we will encourage, through the use of scholarships and other incentives, the entry of more female students into the Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) fields.



### Helping The Most Disadvantaged

The section on Social Programs lists a comprehensive set of policies and programs that we will employ to help the disadvantaged. We will make sure that these programs place a special emphasis on empowering as many women as possible to lift themselves and their families out of poverty.



# SOCIAL PROGRAMS

THE MAKING OF A MORE  
COMPASSIONATE SOCIETY



Social programs initiated by the Buhari administration like cash transfers to the poorest, school feeding, and economic empowerment programs illustrate the spirit of progressive governance. The regressive elite and powerful entrenched interests argued that such programs could not or should not be established.

Thankfully, the administration did not adhere to the narrow view of these vested interests.

As a result, millions of people have been pulled from abject poverty. Apart from the material assistance, they have been given hope for a better life.

A Tinubu government will expand existing programs and introduce new social investment policies to create jobs and business opportunities, particularly for youth and women.

We shall:



## Social Welfare Programs

Expand the Buhari administration's National Social Investment Program (N-SIP) under which the Federal Government's job creation, social welfare and poverty alleviation programs: the Conditional Cash Transfer (CCT); Government Enterprise and Empowerment (GEEP); Homegrown School Feeding (HGSF); and N-Power; are delivered to millions of Nigerians across the country.

Through such programs, we are able to incentivise poorer families to make the fateful and correct decision to send their children to school. This will provide these children a chance at formal education previously closed to them. By helping them, we make society better, not only more educated but more compassionate as well.

We shall also:

- (i) Provide conditional income support to very poor households. In exchange, recipients will be required to meet key human capital development goals like school attendance, healthcare and nutrition.
- (ii) provide unconditional income support to elderly, extremely poor and disabled persons.
- (iii) Create new job opportunities for young Nigerians from poor and underprivileged backgrounds



### Social Investment Programs

Introduce new social investment programs supporting the development of micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) particularly among the poor.



These investment programs will improve business productivity, widen access to affordable finance and capital markets and expand businesses such that beneficiaries can offer employment to others. Recipients shall receive high-quality, low-cost business development support services. These programs and initiatives will give priority access to persons with disabilities, women and young people.

We will partner with existing industry players, many of whom, through their use of cutting edge fintech products, have already created phenomenal success with little to no government support to expand access to capital for MSMEs across the country.



### Out-of-School Children

Raise to the highest priority the growing problem of out of school children throughout the country. Ending this problem will give tens of thousands of children a chance at an education they otherwise would have foregone. This will also reduce the numbers of disaffected youth who might fall prey to recruitment by terrorist and other violent groups. A task force headed by a special czar will be created to address this problem. They will be tasked with reviewing and strengthening the scope of measures such as the school feeding programme established to keep at-risk children in school.



## Business Development

Recognise and stimulate entrepreneurship by introducing programs designed to help today's MSMEs grow in size to become tomorrow's major players.

We will establish a digital MSME Academy to provide continuous learning opportunities for young entrepreneurs, giving them access to experts and advice

on global best practices in order to improve their business development through increasing managerial know-how, financial management and organisational structure.

The academy will assist MSMEs acquire the necessary knowledge, advice, skills, and connections to run and grow a business and will provide educational courses on product development, operations management, accounting, taxation, finance and regulatory obligations, contracts, and marketing.



# JUDICIAL REFORM

GROWTH AND INVESTMENT  
ENCOURAGED BY THE RULE OF LAW



Economic growth is neither sustainable nor equitable without the rule of law. A well-functioning judicial system enables the State to regulate the economy prudently and impartially.

When laws and legal institutions operate effectively and fairly, the end products are investment, jobs, and the creation of wealth.

Recognising this, a Tinubu administration will ensure that the legal sector functions transparently and with due process. Our policies will be based on four pillars:

## ○ **Judicial Independence and Integrity**

We will institute far-reaching reforms assuring the financial independence, impartiality, effectiveness and, most of all, the integrity of the judicial arm of government.

## ○ **Respect for the Rule of Law**

A Tinubu government will operate on the premise that the rule of law is paramount.

## ○ **Legal Framework**

We will ensure that our nation's legal framework is appropriate for the type of society we seek to build - a society that is fair and which provides enforceable rights to all Nigerians.

## ○ **Access to Justice.**

Without access to justice, all laws and legal institutions are rendered meaningless.

Our reforms will ensure that justice is not available to only a few but to all.

## ○ **Equality Before the Law**

All citizens are equal before the law and our administration will ensure that all Nigerians are afforded equal treatment under the law.





Below are the specific policy proposals we shall implement:



### Structural Review of the Judiciary

Working with the National Judicial Council, State Governments and stakeholders within the judiciary and the legal profession, a Tinubu administration will establish a committee to review and make recommendations on reforming the structure of our judicial system to better position our courts to function more efficiently and virtuously as the third co-equal arm of government.



### Legislative Review

A fundamental challenge of our current legal system is the continued existence of antiquated or ill-fitting laws and regulations.

A Tinubu administration will review and make recommendations to the legislature with a view to amend / repeal outdated laws to be replaced with new laws and regulations, more suitable for 21st century Nigeria.



### Judicial Autonomy and Independence

Taking the necessary steps to assure the Judiciary's financial and administrative independence will be a key plank of our reform program. The welfare and remuneration of federal judicial officers will be reviewed and improved.



### Judicial Discipline

We shall encourage the judiciary and legal sector to strengthen their disciplinary and integrity monitoring mechanisms such that corrupt and incompetent judicial officials and legal practitioners are identified and adequately disciplined.

The mandate and composition of the National Judicial Council (NJC) will be reviewed to make it tougher and more effective in dealing with corruption, malpractice and incompetence in the administration of justice. The scope of the NJC's mandate will be limited to Federal Courts.





### Decongest and Digitalise Trial Courts

We will decongest courts, improving access to speedy and effective justice by implementing the following changes:

(i) Increase the number of trial courts at the federal level and appoint enough judges to staff them. More courts mean faster resolution of disputes. We will also create administrative and financial incentives for States with congested courts to do the same.

(ii) Create specialised federal courts staffed with well-trained judges. These courts will be focused on niche areas of law and will encourage specialisation among judges.

(iii) Allocate funds for digitisation of court processes. This will ensure that cases are handled more efficiently by trial courts while also contributing to greater speed and efficiency of the process of appeal.



Jurists will be rewarded or disciplined based on their ability to hear and adjudicate matters fairly and effectively. Those judges with histories of excessive delays, improperly or carelessly granting ex parte injunctions and other questionable practices will not be promoted and will be liable for sanction. Lawyers who engage in such practices will face the professional disciplinary process and sanctions as well.

# FEDERALISM AND DECENTRALISATION OF POWER

IN PURSUIT OF A MORE BALANCED  
DEMOCRACY



Since our nation's inception, too much power and resources have been lodged at the federal level. This has come at the expense of state and local governance. This is problematic because state governments are closer to the people and must be more responsive to local needs and aspirations.

A Tinubu administration will rebalance the responsibilities and authorities of the different tiers of government. We will collaborate with the National Assembly and State Governments to amend our national governance architecture such that States are afforded the autonomy and resources needed to better serve the people.





To achieve the above objectives, our government will pursue the following objectives:



### **Constitutional Review**

Review the Constitutional legislative lists to ensure that States are given greater control over certain critical matters. Focus areas will include, crime prevention, prisons, stamp duties and certain forms of taxation.



### **Resource Allocation**

Embark on a review of the federation revenue allocation system to recalibrate the division of funds amongst the three tiers of Government: Federal, State and Local. More funds should be allocated to the States and Local Governments so that they can better address local concerns and fulfil their expanded constitutional obligations to the people.

This promotes stronger governance at the state and local level, thus reducing political congestion and competition for resources at the federal level. The performance of federal, state and local governments shall improve while the people will benefit by having more political democracy and economic development more closely at hand.



# FOREIGN POLICY

## ESTABLISHING NIGERIA'S PLACE IN THE WORLD



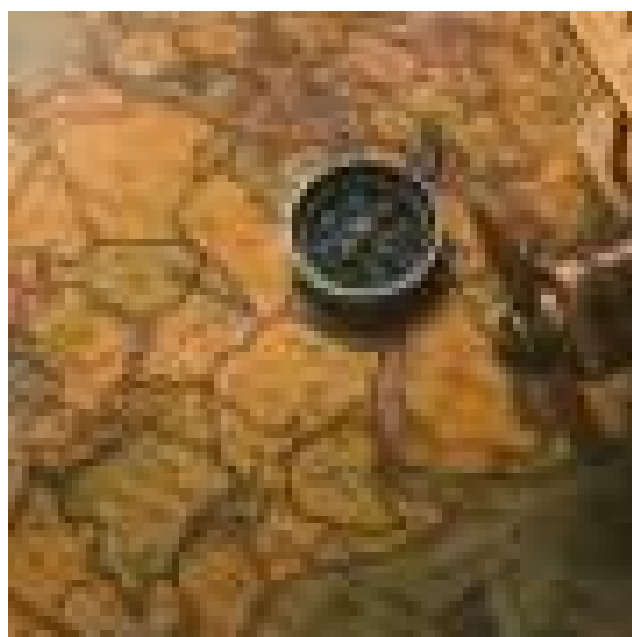
Foreign policy is the attempt to pursue core domestic policy objectives in the international arena. We believe that Nigeria's three fundamental foreign policy objectives should be: to (i) protect against all forms of external aggression; (ii) promote the best possible outcomes for Nigeria in all engagements with other nations; and (ii) improve Nigeria's standing and dignity among the comity of Nations.

Accordingly, our foreign policy shall be calibrated to support and promote the achievement of our domestic policy objectives.

Given that Nigeria is the most populous black nation and the largest black economy, it should be the leader of the black race and of African diplomacy. This should be a source of national pride as well as a call to an inescapable duty. If Nigeria is not the champion of Africa and of black people, then neither will have a sufficiently strong champion.

Whether this will be Africa's and Nigeria's century to take the global lead by becoming a continent and nation of immense annual growth will heavily depend on the quality of our foreign policy.

Our administration will implement a strategic foreign policy based on the following principles:



- Active diplomacy to end conflict in sub-Saharan Africa, especially the West African sub-region.
- Within the subregion, strengthen the diplomatic and military cooperation in the fight against transnational terrorism. We shall do this by institutionalising more frequent meetings of foreign affairs and defence ministers in the sub-region. Our objective will be to deter cross-border movement of terrorists and to establish measures to keep non-African terrorist organisations out of the West African community.
- Within ECOWAS, work to increase internal sub-regional trade, promote joint industrialisation and joint infrastructural projects.
- Lead Africa in seeking reforms in the World Trade Organisation and international financial institutions and in our bilateral relationships with the leading economic nations that will promote and protect African industrialisation and obtain fairer deals for our current exports.
- Become a voice advocating for a more attentive international policy regarding climate change and how it affects Africa. We need to lend our weight to this important issue so that Africa and Nigeria are not asked to pay a heavy cost for the environmental damage caused by nations on other continents.
- Improve Nigeria's international image and improve the consular services provided to Nigerians by our Embassies abroad.



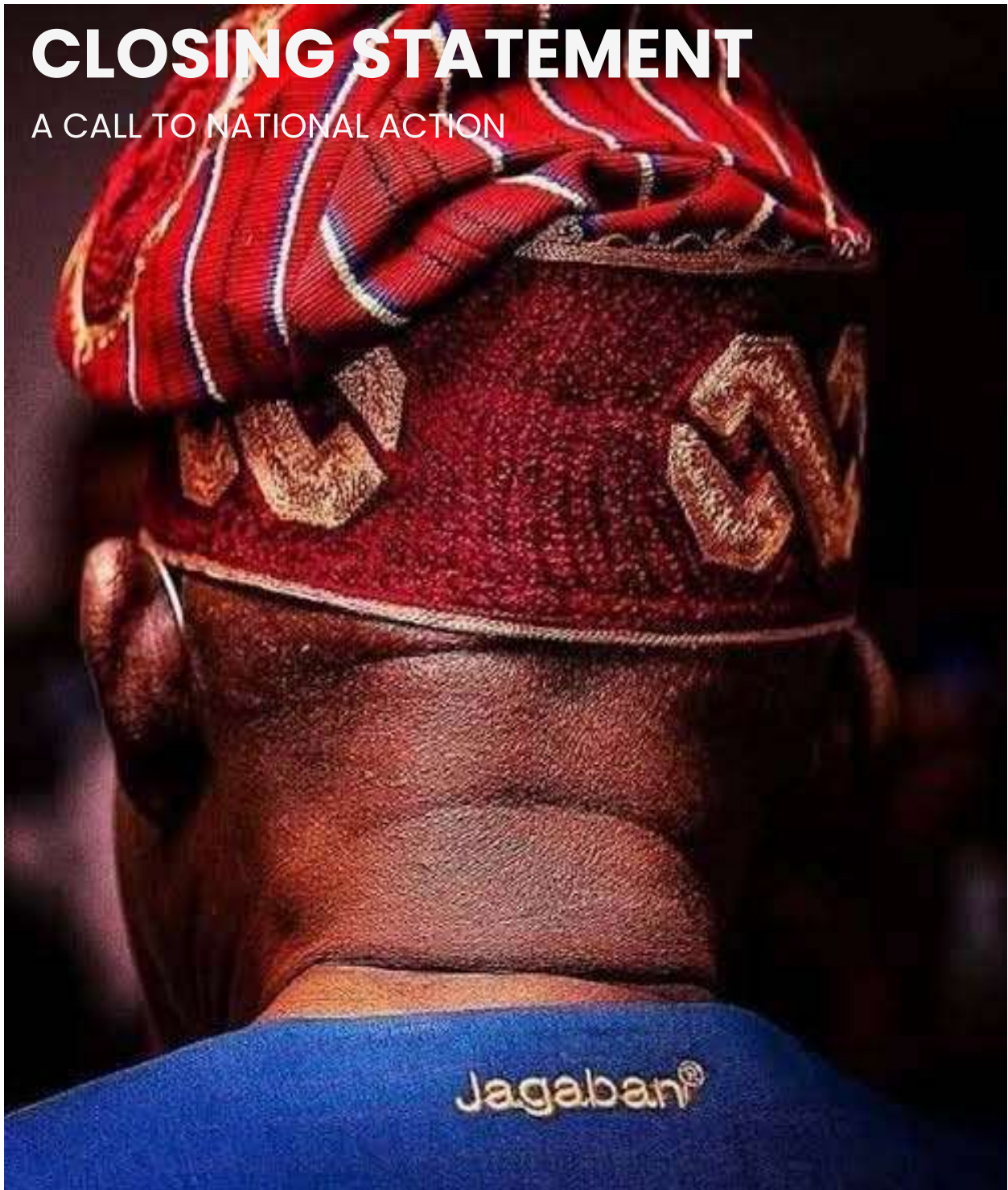
- Forge a continent-wide cooperative effort to rid Africa of malaria, that ever present scourge to health, economic development, and labour productivity. We will encourage much more collaboration on research into new ways to prevent and treat malaria as well as tackle other tropical and contagious diseases.
- Enhance Nigeria's political leadership on the continent by establishing a G-5 among major African nations in order to develop common positions on issues of continental and global importance.
- Promote better inter-agency coordination in foreign policy. A Department for Strategic Policy shall be established within the Foreign Ministry to improve the formulation, monitoring and implementation of foreign policy.
- Identify and address knowledge and data gaps as well as limitations to the registration of Nigerians abroad. We will improve the government's quantitative and qualitative knowledge of our Diaspora through more regular and vigorous public engagement with our diaspora communities supported by our diplomatic missions and international agencies.

We shall also work with the National Assembly to explore the amendment of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to allow greater Diaspora representation and participation in all aspects of the democratic process.



# CLOSING STATEMENT

## A CALL TO NATIONAL ACTION



The history of our national journey has been as colourful and diverse as our people. Admittedly, we cannot be blind to the distance we have yet to travel; but we must also keep in mind the distance we have already come. It is by this realisation that we gather the fortitude and confidence to face the future and overcome whatever challenges that future might bring.

There will always be those who find strange comfort in lamenting the fact that we are yet to fulfil our destiny as a great nation.

Thankfully, surrendering to despair or hardship does not commend itself to most Nigerians; nor does it sit well with me. We are a pragmatic yet resilient and hopeful people.



Show us a door, we shall open it. Show us a road, we shall travel it. Show us a problem, we shall find a way to fix it. Show us an injustice, we shall strive to correct it, no matter how long it takes or how hard it gets.

The plans and ideas we have presented underscore our confidence in our ability to meet the challenges of the day and pave the way to a better future. This confidence is not borne of arrogance or ignorance; it is grounded in our faith in our peoples' collective purpose and in the rightfulness of our national cause.

On the path ahead we shall encounter some rough spots. Yet, we must remain hopeful in the fact that the road we travel leads to a better, more prosperous future for all Nigerians.

With smart policy, we shall not lose our way. With hard work, the obstacles will diminish before us. With singular determination, we shall reach our destiny.

As long as we "think" wisely, "do" boldly and remain faithful to our noble objectives, no mortal power can stop us. Our appointment with our best destiny is preordained by the Hand that commits no fault. God is on our side.

The road to a better Nigeria lies before us. Together, let us walk it. Together, let us renew hope.

SIGNED

**Bola Ahmed Tinubu**

**Kashim Shettima**

APC Presidential and Vice-Presidential Candidates



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