

MANIFESTO

OF

PEOPLES PARTY OF NIGERIA (PPN)
(GOOD AND RESPONSIVE GOVERNMENT)

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

INTRODUCTION

The PEOPLES PARTY OF NIGERIA (PPN) believes that the country now stands on the precipice of socio-economic collapse and anarchy brought

about by the insensibility of successive government to their responsibilities to the citizenry particularly in basic areas of human needs and upliftment. The party perceives a situation which calls for an immediate redress, possible only through the united forces of the vibrant present generation regardless of stations in life.

1. The PPN is a revolutionary vanguard party of the peasants, workers, youths, intelligentsia and the masses of the country devoted to rendering patriotic service for the un-impeded progress and advancement of the country. Change is our critical watchword; radical and constructive change in the organization and establishment of the required systems conducive to proper national utilization of resources to ensure that Nigeria's national destiny is steered in a positive direction. This will enable the country to fully participate in the vast forward-leap of the technological expectation of the future, and at a respectable level of status commensurate to the achievable international standards in the course of the coming centuries.

2. THE POLITICAL SYSTEM AND NATIONAL INSTITUTIONS:

After long history of experiments and pitfalls at national building the PPN believes that a viable framework embodying the national consensus is yet to be solidly evolved for the ordering of appropriate institution structures and administrative arrangement to govern the wellbeing of the country as a stable nation. The sanctity of the constitution of any nation-state is the immediate enduring safe-guard of peace, stability and order. It is the essential basis of political legitimacy and authority. Extra-constitutional illegality can only spell chaos and breed doom. Good government is not achieved by a process of ingenious crisis management of other manipulated contrivances. However, the extant provisions of a country's subsisting constitutional document at a given point in the nation's history cannot be frozen in their validity and kept in

force for all time. As the fundamental law, the Constitution should be progressively developed along with the growth of the political, economic and social imperatives as well as the evolution of national political values and ethos imbued by the patriotic vision of strengthening the stability the stability of the state system.

a) The PPN believes that the 1999 Constitution for the country's return to civil rule is replete with fundamental short-coming which should be jettisoned. That constitutional document is not, in the Party's considered judgement, capable of providing the framework required to meet the needs of nation waging a struggle against corruption, imperialism and capitulation exploitation; a nation desperate in search of the most suitable ways and means of developing its vast resources as fast as possible. The underlying conceptual framework of the Constitution is essentially committed to a specific ideological option and approach, namely, a classical free-enterprises bourgeois system of national development. The PPN does not believe that a laissez-faire ordering of our public affairs at this stage will either be in the interest of national development or desirable in present circumstances. Such conformist approach is outdated and unviable for the challenges and imperatives of reconstruction toward the centuries ahead. For the task of nation-building, it is of crucial importance that constitutional provisions should not hamper, impede or complicate the choice and adoption of appropriate policies to attain the objectives of rapid modernization, progress and the happiness of the people. Indeed the PPN affirms that for Nigeria 's objectives towards the future society, the Constitution should be specific and explicit in the declaration of an original, relevant and effective ideology committed to the socialist constructive of the existing backward neo-colonial system of the political and socio-economic and relationship.

three principal branches of government. The men and women to occupy this sacred institution must have to be persons of the highest integrity, sobriety and moral discipline. The role of the should not mainly be that of an elite imperial guard, for whom loyalty or administrative expediency becomes more virtuous than justice rather our judge in the performance of their duties of upholding the rule of law should always be guided by the social quality of the law.

4. PUBLIC SERVICE

The PPN will demand of the public service the highest degree of discipline, loyalty to duty, combined with objectivity and integrity in their professional performance. The public services will be encouraged to be innovative and creative to cultivate the virtue of diligent and devoted performance enhanced by due pride in their role of dedicated public service. Under the PPN administration, bureaucracy will not be forested for its own sake Merit and indolence and inertia will not be condoned, nor bigotry or sectionalism tolerated. Security of tenure is assured to all public servants for as long as they justify their positions and executive performance and results on the basis of objective criteria of management. The Armed Forces as special elements of the public service will be maintained at an appropriate level of strength and organization and will be adequately equipped. They will be accorded their legislative position for the title performance of the constitutional duties for the defense of the nation against external aggression and internal subversion for which duties proportionate allocation of resources will be accorded within an internally consistent balance of commitments and priorities on public funds. The Public service, as a whole will not be converted into instrument of political competition or rivalries under the PPN government. The public services personnel will also be required not to assume the role of political agents under any guise or subtleties. The PPN government will require of the public service the consciousness and

cultivation of the ethics of work and conscious commitment to the central issue of nation building along the defined parameters and objectives of socialist constructive.

5. CHIEFTAINCY INSTITUTION:

The PPN recognize and respect the pre-eminent traditional position in our society of our Emirs, Obas, Ohis Obongs and other chieftaincy titles of the appropriate hierarchy. Due recognition and adequate regard and consideration will be extended to the dignity of the institution of nature in keeping with the ethics of indigenous culture and customs. The influence and prestige of the special institution will be judiciously brought to bear on the counsel of government.

6. ECONOMIC OBJECTIVES:

The PPN believes that there are pressing and urgent problems of economics objectives the attainment of which requires the highest priority. These problems press forward for solutions in several facets- the structure and management of the economy, agriculture, industrialization, transport, telecommunications and either infrastructure, energy etc. These essentials of providing a good quality of life for the people are all the majority of Nigerians. Improvement of this situation can only be made possible through a socialist construction of the national economy. It is PPN's convictions that because the country has only primarily attained nominal "flag" independence, which still keep the nation in a position of an economic semi-colony or at best dependency, its next stage in the process of nation building is to move forward to achieve the "essential freedom-economic independence. The attainment of economic independence is the absolute objective yardstick for judging a nation's meaningful development and growth through which basic satisfaction can be equitably provided to the citizens. The enduring vocation of the PPN as a revolutionary democratic party enjoins on it the

fulfillment of its role and commitment to these fundamental objectives. The PPN is unequivocal about its revolutionary convictions because it's the party foremost objective to reject a corruption driving exploitative economy.

7. IN THE ECONOMIC FIELD, THE PPN BELIEVES THAT

A democratic state sector of the economy should be established which will be gradually transformed into a leading and directive structure of economic activities and goals of growth.

8. These economics objectives are firmly rooted in PPN clear recognition that Nigeria is still predominantly populated by peasant, the poor and the common wage earner. It is the party's conviction that the totality of this broad spectrum of our population must be fully mobilized in nationalistic sense to the extent they participate in the political and economic strengthening of the nation and foster the attendant benefits of increased standards of living for all Nigerians. This task involved the overthrow prevalent phenomenon of a sprawling congeries of the ruling and exploitative elite, who manipulate the administrative, political and education systems by operating neo-colonialist alignment of the domestic economy to international capitalism. In place of this oppressive and socially unjust and dangerous situation, a truly original Nigerians socialist vanguard of the proletariat (symbolized by the PPN) will be enthroned in the seat of political power. On the basis of the nascent power structure that will emerge, the exploiter class will be suppressed, the capitalist commission agent and non-productivity middle men, while not being brutally eliminated, will be persuaded to accept the desirability of even distribution of the national wealth so as to guarantee peace and harmony and to ensure technological and sociological development of the country. The wealth of the nation will no longer be sustained by impoverishment of the masses of the people.

9. The basis fact is inescapable that the existing development nations of the world for not have the interest or even concede the right of the development countries to rise to the stabilizing levels of development status similar to their own attainment. The development industrialized nations do not owe us the right to better standard of life. It is begin illusion to expert them to rise to such heights of altruism. On the contrary, they do recognize the falling prospects which await their fortunes in the loss of markets and access of raw materials resources should the underdevelopment countries achieved independent industrial status. The industrialized nation willfully refuse to advance more rapidly into building advanced knowledge intensive industries, which could thereby create expanding opportunities for industrials growth in the category of third- world countries. This perspective of national interest, on the part of the developed countries is what really lies at the bottom of international conflicts and division. In the existing situation there can be no alternative to development than through socialist national self-reliance, it is the avowed determination of PPN to mobiles the instruments to self-reliance - the socialist reconstruction and utilization of national human and natural resources- to achieve a breakthrough in economic and social emancipation of the country. This objective will call for the resolute and organized utilized of available local resource clustered away in the ivory towers of our universities, amongst the fact growing population of our scientist, engineer, technicians: the reversal of the "brain drain" o Nigerian productive man-power abroad and even the mustering of the throughout all the zones for greater revenue earning which will in turn strengthen the naira.

ii. Business climate will be made conducive for external capital flow into our economy. International financial institutions like I.M.F, World Bank, Paris club etc, will be convinced and satisfied with our economic planning to the extent that their policies will benefit

Nigeria in no small measure when the gains of deregulation and accountability are clearly manifested

- iii. By way of demonstration of our confidence to generate many times more export earning than the present monolithic crude oil earnings, we cite the 'so-called' arid North as an example. We assert that the Northern part of Nigeria, like the Southern part is indeed, very rich in natural, agricultural and mineral resources.

The deposit under the ground of Northern Nigeria can, if mined with sound entrepreneurial international standards and ethos; generate foreign earning that could match the earning from crude oil export. Besides, the North could be the Food basket of Nigeria. Its animal husbandry and dairy products remain less than 5% tapped, whereas Nigeria imports 90% of its dairy needs. The region's potential to be a vineyard for wine exports is yet untapped. Under our devolution of (power program, the north will be transformed simultaneously overnight into a major agro-industrial zone.

- iv. And coming down South, Nigeria, on the whole, is very rich, and with bilateral relations with other nations of the world, there will be excess of funds to provide modern social service throughout the nation in a trickle down economy.

11. TAXATION

PPN Taxation Policy will be corrupt-free and efficient. This, in itself, will also increase the wealth available to Government for improved quality of life to our citizens under the PPN administration.

12. AGRICULTURE

The country now lives with problems of agricultural decline of the most dramatic proportions. Enormous national endowment in land and resources in manpower remain under-utilized and harnessed to optimum capacity and productivity. Basic and natural food crops and produce like

groundnuts, cotton, cocoa, palm oil, rubber, vegetables etc. which have been the major items of farm culture and livelihood in the country are now on the point of neglect if not virtual extinction. The PPN is of the ardent conviction that the situation is totally intolerable and call for immediate and drastic re-organisation. The prime PPN strategy will be to reactivate, stimulate and restore agriculture to its proper place and status as primarily the most productive basic sector of the national economy. This will be achieved, not through partial and incoherently measures, but by a massive and comprehensive re-organization and revolutionalization of the agricultural industry, The constant objective will be sustain agriculture as the strategic engine and prime mover of national economic development for socialist construction- to feed the nation, to supply the raw material for industrial processing and manufacturing; and to earn stable, remunerative prices in the international commodity trade to the extent judicious to finance the external payments of imports of required essential "conditioned" industrial capital goods as well as the procurement on fair terms of applicable and appropriate "core" technologies for national development. To this end, PPN government will within twenty- four months of its administration;

- a. Embark on the abolition of the free capitalist form of land among farmers and land less peasants
- b. Allow, as an exceptional measure to the overall policy of state ownership of all land, for the existing owners of medium size private and communal agricultural holdings to continue their holdings on the strict condition and provision that they will justify government's confidence and public trust that such holding must be developed on a co-operative basis for greater and better productivity;
- c. Implement measures for appropriate and applicable mechanization of agriculture as well as to provide incentives of improved seedlings, fertilizers, herbicides and extension advisory services and appropriate

management methods to the agricultural industry both in state farms and private holdings to promote the flowering and development of the farm as the fundamental essential of the nation's agricultural objectives;

- d. Pursue policies to ensure the agricultural community of fair stable and adequate remunerative returns for its enterprises;
- e. Introduce a scheme for the leasing, at public expense of farm machinery, tractors and other agricultural modern equipment, to private and communal farmer;
- f. Establish large state farms to be run and maintained efficiently by the government throughout the country on a self-sustaining commercial basis as a practical demonstration of the socialization of agriculture;
- g. Embark on a full scale harnessing of the country's vast water resources such as to enhance agricultural production through schemes of irrigation of water- starved regions of the country as well as for other utilization of water resources for human consumption, animal husbandry and other uses.

To conceptualize, to formulate, to design, to invent, to patent and to produce for constructive economic liberation. The PPN does not subscribe to the false complacency that the quality of national life should be assessed in term of indices of high-rise sky-scraper, concrete flyovers or statistics of macadamized highways, while the country in general lacks basic amenities such as the free flow of pipe-borne water, health and sanitation facilities and secure shelters for the people which should mainly, if not exclusively, be provided through indigenous creativity and talents of local production factor.

10. ECONOMIC POLICY DEVOLUTION OF POWER

PPN Political and Economic Policies are firmly rooted in our programme of Development of Power to the six geo-political zones in Nigeria. This is because our manifesto is "development-centered". We want each and

every Nigerian, right from antenatal stage through birth to the end of a long life to be rapidly and thoroughly developed and enjoy living.

FISCAL POLICIES- Although each zone will regain substantial autonomy over its natural and mineral resources and deposits, the PPN Federal Government will have responsibility for monetary regulation, among other duties.

- i. PPN in government will bring down inflation through an urgent revaluation of the Naira within six months. The weak Naira is a cure to our people, as well as to industrial growth but this will be addressed immediately by PPN. By our devolutions of power, there will be spontaneous agro-industrial activities in food production, export produce and manufacturing throughout all the zones for greater revenue earning which will in turn strengthen the naira.

13. POLICY ON INDUSTRIALIZATION

This sector of the economy is at present characterized by a lopsided emphasis on import substitution and semi-processing. Major manufacturing activities in the country are at present concentrated on light industries such as turning out textiles and small handicraft household goods and products. Nigeria remains basically a trading nation twenty years after independence. While raw materials constitute a major portion of our export, most of our import bill is for finished goods. It is hard to come up with a reason for this other than the fact the nation has not been fortunate in the past to have here economy entrusted to people with vision. While, the erstwhile managers of our economy might have been well-meaning and indeed few of them have good intentions- their economic philosophy is just not the right one for a society like ours that craves for economic and social development. For too long they pursued an economic policy that is based on the misconception that development (both economic and social) can and should be brought. Though they paid lip service to the ideas of having

most of the finished goods consumed in Nigeria manufactured locally, they either lacked the capacity to recognize what it takes to affect this ideal or have personal vested interest in maintaining the status quo in which the country's economy is unduly controlled by actions or inactions of foreign interests. Ironically, it is these same people that publicly raises hues and cries whenever the country's foreign reserve dips below an undesirable level and then resort to the diversionary tactic of using certain sectors of the economy as scapegoats on which the malady is conveniently blamed.

14. To reverse this situation and put this nation on the path to development, the PPN had committed itself to a detailed and carefully worked out program to industrialize Nigeria. The PPN strongly believes that Nigeria should be self-sufficient and self-reliant in matters that affect our destiny. To achieve this, a full scale but well planned industrialization program is a sine qua non.

By industrialization, we do not mean simply building foreign-managed assembly plants or inviting foreigners to set up shops in Nigeria because past experience shows that this merely replacing one type of economic dependence with another. Without isolating ourselves economically and technologically from the rest of the world the party's programme of industrialization will be based on the principle that we can produce whatever we need ourselves if we work hard enough at it. This principle is engendered by the realization that no nation ever becomes 'developed' by being spoon-fed technologically and no nation is benevolent enough to help another country develop without attaching string to its aid or getting more from the arrangement in return.

15. The PPN government will be primarily committed to establishing the forward planned base for heavy and large scale industrialization of the country. At the same time, the PPN governments will facilitate the consolidation, expansion and improvement of the productivity,

competitiveness and efficiency of the existing small and medium size industries. This pivotal policy objective calls for the adaptation and utilization of the most sophisticated world-wide- applicable industrial technology. The PPN policy on industrialization also recognizes the basic necessity of an extensive agricultural base. It is further cognizant of the obligation to provide full and adequate employment of labour. The industrialization programme of the party inevitably must employ socialist doctrines and approach for its successful execution. We have heard it said that Nigerians are by nature "capitalistic" or capitalist- oriented. The PPN dismisses such artificial claim for its hollowness and fallacy. The pocket of petty traders, artisans, commission- agents, street-hawkers, and even importers and exporters that one finds all over the country are one of the consequences of abysmal failure of successive governments in an area of fundamental relevance of government for the citizenry. When government did not or does not understand it must ensure full employment for all in the country, a greater bulk of our people, in complete and total social and economic neglect have no alternative, but to resort to individual and often inarticulate and crude means of king out a livelihood which is majority of instances, is even subsistence. The farther figure of government, to enlightened and responsible members thereof must be seen among other things, in the context of care for all citizenry, and broadly in a position of the "bread winner" for the children of the nation. In developing nations, such as ours at the moment, our social system must be related therefore to the economic well- being of each and every individual citizen. This is not a utopian idealism, it is the attainable minimum any decent Nigerian government can ensure for the citizenry, particularly having to our vast natural resources and human talents. It had not been possible before now because the political leadership and culture had invariably been uniformed and very corrupt. Both nature endowments and human talents belong to the people and

for the collective benefits of the people. This fundamental philosophy shall be scrupulously concretized by the PPN in government

16. On these premises and within the framework so explicitly defined, the PPN government will within eighteen months of its office;

a) Exert primacy of attention ensure the earliest timely implementation of the on-going and as well as allied metallurgical development as the core of strategy to usher in and industrial revolution in the country. The PPN views with dismay the manner in which the iron and steel project is being implemented by the administration. It needs very little political Clair-voyance to see the agreement signed with the various foreign interest working or will work on the project will no doubt make the country an easy target of political blackmail in future. It is also a matter for regret that the present administration is more interested in scoring a political point with its time-table of completion of the most vital phase of the project than it is ensuring that the nation gets maximum and lasting benefits form this important project. We of the PPN only hope it will still be possible to salvage the more important aspect of the project by the time the present administration leaves office. The PPN will on assumption of office setup a high level research body of metallurgists and research scientists. This body will be charged with the task of evaluation local raw materials usable in iron and steel making with a view to recommending modification to the Ajaokuta and Aladija plants so that these plants can be operated solely on local raw materials. This will undoubtedly reduce our vulnerability to political blackmail. Foundries and heat treatment plant will be established all over the country around which related industries will be established.

i) Concentrate on the local production of industrial capital plants and machine tools necessary for the manufacture, particularly, of industrial machinery and equipment of agricultural and engineering products including, in the contingent

circumstances, the optimum local production of vehicle components and automotive units

- ii) Undertake the local manufacture, rather than the assembly and packaging, of motor vehicles, electrical and electronic equipment, rail locomotives and wagon and other industrial product in utilizing to the utmost extent domestic materials and inputs;
- iii) Initiate the development of an air craft and space vehicle industry
- iv) Emphasize the expansion of agro-based and allied industries by maximizing the linkages of such industrial outputs with the effective organization of the national resources of the agricultural sector;
- v) Accord urgency to the active development and activation of the pro- chemical and related industries

17. TRANSPORT, TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND OTHER INFRASTRUCTURES;

A sound and efficient infrastructure of highways, water, ports, airfields, telecommunications and energy supply etc. is of capital and urgent necessity to support a self- sustaining dynamic socio-economic system, I practically all these sectors the present situation in the country is characterized by the fact that the existing national system are so fragile almost to the level of collapse. The PPN is committed to the regeneration, expansion, maintenance and improvement of these infrastructural systems. In this respect the PPN government will within its first twenty- four months in office;

- a) Replace the present antiquated one-track railway system with multi track to ensure fast rail traffic and the accelerated movement of persons and goods;
- b) Provide the pragmatic solution of installing a new national carrier for international route while the internal are travels will be operational by private airlines.

18. ENERGY

There are abundant energy resources in the country to meet the planned expansion of the requirement of the economy. The existing capacity for the generation of electric power is substantially adequate for the current and the as yet projected needs of the economy in accordance with the official period denominated planned targets of the medium term growth of the economy. However, the problem of the evident in-efficiently of electric power supply, now being acutely experience, particularly for industrial and productive utility purposes, arises mainly from identifiable incompetent and management resulting in the technical constraints of the installed systems of transmission and distribution network which do not ensure the efficient use and consumption of required electric power energy. In the circumstance, the PPN government will, as a matter of pressing priority and urgency, within its first ninety days in office, tackle the paralyzing lapses with which the PHCN organization and management are plagued at present and urgent steps shall be undertaken to put existing services on a level of sound productivity and efficiency.

The PPN is also committed to introduce the obviously required measures to affect a comprehensive energy of hydro-electric power generation from the country's vibrant complexes of river basins which will be fully harnessed and developed as one basic primary source of energy supply.

19. It is also remarkable that within the energy field the country now remains content with an unplanned dependence on a monoculture of petroleum resources. This situation appears to be officially accepted as a convenient dominant characteristic of the national economy in terms of the foreign exchange earnings it yields. PPN policy with regard to the exploration, exploitation and utilization of the national asset of oil resources, will be to employ the oil commodity as a major instrument for securing and safeguarding the basic necessity of national economic liberation and independence. Thus, the PPN government policy will be

geared to ensure independence from the established policy position of calculation or speculating on the foreign currency returns from the sheet exploration or crude petroleum to the progressive neglect of the development of other agricultural and mineral resources. The policy will plan for achieving independence from the importation of refined petroleum products in a situation in which domestic requirements can be more than adequately met by the planned expansion of the local refinery and industrial production, capacities and distribution channels. The policy will ensure that the petroleum industry benefits from increased locally available value-added activities, effective utilization of the potentials of downstream petroleum-based manufacturers rather than depending on the export of pure commodity however sulphur-free or sweet'.

20. In this respect, the PPN does not subscribe to any tempting sense of illusion that Nigeria's international trading position in petroleum commodities transaction can better be pursued, sustained or maximized through an isolationist posture of the exercise of unilateral efforts and negotiations. The fact must be squarely recognized that the prospect and fortune for Nigeria at her present stage of development, vis-à-vis the developed industrialized nations, in her overall economic relations with those countries, particularly in raw materials commodities trade, can yet be better attained through collective bargaining with countries in Nigeria's similar stage of development. Until the deserved restructured equitable international order of economic relations is achieved, it will be suicidal folly for economically handicapped partners in the existing system and pattern of world trade like Nigeria to pretend that they do not really belong to the league of "Trade Union of the Poor"- a group which must rely on their concerted and collective negotiating power to gain an equitable recognition. For the petroleum trade and industry in present world circumstances, the credible and effective counterpoise to the exploitative dominance of the giant monopolies of the major

industrial importing consumer nations lies for now in the collective force of the producer exporting countries collaborating together in the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries. For the PPN government therefore, the inherent logic of protecting Nigeria's best interests in trading her petroleum products will be at present to loyally adhere to the country's membership of the OPEC.

21. The petroleum policy of the PPN government will consciously promote a programme of proper conservation and optimum use of oil resources. In essence, PPN petroleum policy will be coordinated to dethrone "oil power" in the system of the Nigeria economy and re-establish the reality of the correct perspective of a resilient national economy based on the bountiful endowment of diversified resources of national wealth.

22. Further in the energy field, the PPN government will exert close attention for the geological exploration and development of suitable graded local resources of coal to augment the total energy stock and potentials of the country. The PPN government will also immediately embark on a national programme to initiate and develop projects to introduce the use of nuclear for peace developmental purpose. Similarly, the abundant ecological advantage of solar energy will be vigorously explored for practical utilization. From pertinent research which the PPN has undertaken the viable resources for these purposes are readily located in the country.

23. SOCIAL OBJECTIVES

The basic guiding strategy of the PPN in socialization of the public policy is the drawing of the broadest section of the working people into the running of state and public affairs; developing the creative initiative of the masses and ensuring the Nigeria citizen's rights and freedoms. The basis of the individual's freedom from exploitation, the opportunity to

work for one's nation and the right at all times to employment, without which all another rights and freedoms lose their intrinsic value. The hitherto bourgeois system which burdened the broadest sections of our people under the yoke of hardship and mass unemployment is the first framework the PPN government will overthrow. In its place the PPN will install a strict socialist philosophy and system to stimulate in all the citizens, active concern for the good of each and of each for the good of all in contra-distinction to the bourgeois' selfish and greedy practice of brutal exploitation.

24. To this end, PPN will forge a tripartite alliance between the working class, the peasants and the intelligentsia class of the country to constitute the harmoniously- integrated instrument of socialist reconstruction of the economy. The intelligentsia class will be attuned and made loyal to the urgent need for technological break-through of nation so as to accelerate socialist industrialization entailing key large scale industries for machine production for greater productivity.

25. The national alliance will be a coordinated formation, not of opportunistic elements seeking respectability and personal profit to the detriment of the national interest and the future of the nation. It will not be an improvised or inorganic alliance, but will be founded on a precise modern revolutionary structure and organizational basis, with a firm and conscious direction and also a clear ideology embracing a perspective of social justice with a humanist and nationalist dimension. It will be fashioned to imbibe and cultivate a disciple style and work ethic to creativity and production.

26. **EDUCATION**

A positive and purposeful national policy on education has eluded the country for far too long. The normative concerns and content of Nigeria education should serve properly to prepare the Nigeria individual to fit

into the development towards personal fulfillment within the context of social morality, political and economic philosophy of the Nigeria situation and the national cultural environment. There is the need for high level technical amid professional manpower with the appropriate skills amid the breath of outlook and understanding both in scale and intensity for the sound and viable management of the socio-economic system. The PPN education policy is to accentuate greater emphasis on science, mathematics and technical subjects in their practical application and to inculcate in school children the greater national need for their mastery of these subjects.

27. Basic to all education objectives is the primacy of literacy and numeracy. Education should eliminate the malaise of the conflict obedience to and symptoms of alienation from the aggregate norms and integrating imperatives of national policy. It should be the positive and inspiring instrument of social engineering to foster the socialization, without coercion, of the public order. The PPN programme for education is aimed to develop the language, symbols, resources and instruments of healthy national building. To this end, the party intends to:

- a. Eliminate illiteracy in the country by 2020
- b. Provide universal, free and compulsory primary, secondary, post-secondary, technical, vocational and university education throughout the federation.
- c. Expand and strengthen post-secondary education to meet the skilled manpower needs of a growing modern industrial and socialist economy;
- d. Actively emphasis technical education so as to provide the medium cadre for machines and tools manufacturing and ensure their successful subsequent maintenance and upkeep;

28. The problem of teacher training and staffing of the vast number of educational institutions bound to spring up throughout the country as a result of PPN's bold and revolutionary educational policy will be tackled

first, through crash programmes of producing the necessary skilled staff and later by a well-coordinated programme.

29. HEALTH

The health of the people is well-being of the nation. Health care facilities and health care delivery strategies will be oriented to take care of the people rather than people going out to seek health care. Dedicated attention will be made for 36 internationally accepted diagnostic centre- IDC across the nation with supporting TRUMA CENTRES. The number of hospitals and health centres will be expanded. Similarly, adequate investments will be undertaken in training doctors, nurses and other paramedical personnel in order to achieve a proper balance of their numerical strength to the size of the population. Emphasis will be placed on preventive medicine and environmental sanitation rather than curative treatment. The PPN believes that fundamental to the problem of health is the massive control of pests and other disease-bearing parasites. The party has thus researched the possibility of eradicating pests completely from the country. To this end, PPN government pledges to eradicate mosquitoes and rats from the country within 18 months of its administration thereby contain and control the deleterious effect of malaria and other endemic diseases which at present account for the short life span and large scale premature mortality in the country and of the country as well (through the nefarious activities and of the blood-sucking and parasitic exploiter class).

30. LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

The PPN, consistent with its socialist philosophy upholds the dignity and the fore-front place of labour in the reorganization of factors and forces of production for the revolutionary construction of the nation. It therefore guarantees full and remunerative employment to all the people of Nigeria without exception. To this end, within 18 months of its being

in office, the PPN government will establish by a law a nationwide comprehensive Labour Registry for all you and adults by which every unemployed person in the country must identified registered and provided with gainful employment.

31. HOUSING AND ACCOMODATION

Housing and accommodation in the county today is in a lopsided and generally in an inhuman condition for the working people. While, the PPN does not believe in a policy of bringing one section of the community down, for its sake or for its savage retaliatory satisfaction of the unpossessing section, the PPN will redress this social imbalance in a positive way by;

- i) Undertaking a massive building programme not only in urban areas, but also in rural districts. To this end, the party's socialist principles of employing all hands will be brought to action in the gigantic labour-intensive building of several million units, thereby guaranteeing employment, and at the same time providing modern and decent houses for the working people.
- ii) Local materials from our forests, mine and similarly places will have to be used extensively for the quickest but safest building of accommodation. Here again, the resourcefulness of our under-utilized intelligentsia and technicians will be given maximum scope to their eternal credit for developing technology in this sector

32. CONTROL OF CRIME

The PPN is seriously concerned about the current unprecedented increase in crime wave in this country. This anti-social phenomenon of crime escalation will be drastically combated, if not completed eliminated within months of PPN's administration. To this effect, the Police Force will be reinforced with manpower and modern equipment for the detection and prevention of crime and in its general law enforcement duties. In addition, PPN promises to upgrade the present low level of the

social status of the Police to enjoy the respect and cooperation of the public. PPN's policy of full employment and adequate provision of relevant social infrastructures will equally contribute towards the eradication of crime in our nation.

33. INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS:

The PPN is committed to engage Nigeria in active and constructive role in international affairs. The PPN government policies in the conduct of internal relations will uphold and promote the national interests within the dynamic context of an international system based (in peace, stability and a just world order.

34. The PPN believes that Nigeria's foreign policy at this stage of the country's development deserves to be less evangelistic in its tone, objectives, pursuits and preoccupations and should become more definitive and accentuated in its conception, substance and content with a thoughtfully calculated clarity of purpose. The direction of foreign policy should be aimed at specific objectives and concerns of promoting the essentially favourable climate of broad international cooperation and understanding within which context, positive expression can be given, and correct action undertaken to protect the vital interests of the nation as well as enhance our own construction and philosophy of the most conducive world order. It is a quixotic expenditure of limited national resources, for Nigeria to engage her diplomacy and contributions issues and situations which are at best only of peripheral concern and marginal reward to the basic national interests.

35. In the present internal conjuncture, Africa and African affairs are the major areas of attention and concentration for the foreign policy of a PPN administration.

36. The PPN government will nurture and sustain the traditionally close and special ties and relationships with Nigeria's neighboring countries.

The party in office will maintain its faith in and commitment to the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) as a mutually beneficial organization for building a strong and respectable community of the people of the sub-region.

37. Outside Africa, priority will be accorded to distinguish and highlight relations with those countries with which Nigeria shares common historical experiences of foreign colonization and present disabilities of under development and economic dependency status. Apart from such particular relationships, the PPN government will not allow any group of bloc alignments, nor inherited arrangements, to unduly complicate Nigeria's freedom to pursue a policy of open cooperation with every other country of the world on the basis of mutual respect, understanding and friendships with third world countries. The action of any government which treats its Diaspora community of peoples of Africa descent with measure of discrimination of inequality shall be viewed with strong disfavour and stand condemned. It will not, however, be the policy of the PPN government to radically disturb, without provocation, such traditional external relations which continue to remain beneficial to Nigeria's interests.

38. The United Nations Organization as a central feature of the contemporary international system will enjoy the unalloyed support and cooperation of the PPN government. The party nevertheless considers that the UN institutions need to be democratized in conformity with the realities of the current membership of the organization. The UN itself requires to be strengthened for it to be more effective in its primary role for also the urgent need for a more committed UN recognition for the promotion of economic peace and social welfare, as well as the protection of human dignity and freedom, including the liquidation of oppression of people through brutal force or coercion, on specious assumptions and presumptions of race or materials superiority. These

also constitute dramatic global themes which forcefully demand equal concern as much as the conventional charter definitions of peace and security questions such as arise from armed conflicts.

39. The PPN government will accord primary to negotiations of international questions within the forum of the United Nations Organisation. Nigeria's efforts will be earnestly joined to major ongoing international negotiations under the auspices of the United Nations which are of importance to the interests of the country particularly those organized to evolve a New International Economic Order and to develop a more up-to-date Law of the Seas. It is urgent that with expanding economic inter-dependency, reforms should be introduced and implemented to affect more equitable rules and arrangements to govern the conduct of the world trade and the broad spectrum of international economic relations. The issues involved are of global dimensions affecting the well-being, if not the very survival, of the preponderant majority of the world population. The PPN government will project Nigeria's sense of urgency for the timely conclusion of such negotiations. Also in the interests of world security and international order the PPN administration will encourage and actively participate in negotiations to achieve an increasingly stable balance of lethal unclear and strategic arms and weapons, including their elimination, through enlightened disarmament and arms control measures. Continued failure to proceed with the cassation of the production of nuclear weapons and the progressive reduction and destruction of their nuclear arsenals by the particular nations concerned, will equally continue to breed disillusion and sense of insecurity on the part of the vast majority of non-nuclear-weapons states in the world like Nigeria. The PPN government will keep the situation under vigilant and constant review and pledges that, if the circumstances so necessitate, it will on this question re-examine Nigeria's opted status is a non-nuclear weapon State (NPT)

40. **CONCLUSION**

The PPN is acutely cognizant that the spiritual decay in the moral fibre of the nation has been largely due to godlessness and inability to apply religious tenets and injunctions to secular transactions in the country. This pervasive malaise has bred dishonestly, corruption and ruthless callousness into every facet of national life and has rendered the entire social system dangerously precarious. A PPN government will be more ruthless in its determination and commitment to bringing the nation back to a course of sanity, Godliness and religious rectitude in its.

41. The fundamental imperatives of a PPN administration for the healthy development of the nation's well-being shall emanate from an unflinching recognition and abiding celebration of the centrality of the Supreme Being to temporal life. The PPN will promote and encourage religion and morel rejuvenation to flourish. Preachers will have free access to all mass communication of sins and evils wherever found even amongst members of the government, legislatures, judiciary and in the public at large. All bona-fide religious sects will be encouraged and facilitated to organized and undertake pilgrimages to the Holy places of their desiring and prepared adherents and devotees.

42. The PPN believes that this programme of policies for action which it offers to the nation in this Manifesto bears testimony to its profound conviction that Nigeria now needs salvation and dynamic nation building on the basis of democratic socialism. This manifesto symbolizes the signposts to the future towards which the present generation is summoned to advance. Thus, PPN is not just another political party but a new revolutionary ideological force seeking to create a fundamental change in society, for the benefit of all the citizens of our country. In seeking change, we do not advocate disorder, anarchy, thuggery, armed banditry or lawlessness in any form. The society which we contemplate is one in which all freedoms will flourish with decency, restraint,

discipline, honesty, fair-play and humanity. We seek to articulate the abounding opportunities in the country in order to rebuild and recreate a new and totally de-colonised Nigeria policy in which ethnic loyalties and recourse to safety in the protection of the tribe or clan will be substantially de-emphasized.

Our main purpose is to foster a nation where all dividing, lines must disappear. To play down those which divided us in the past while accentuating those wonderful virtues which unite us. Join hands with PPN TO ACHIEVE THE challenges goals to which our sign posts in this Manifesto clearly point.s