

MANIFESTO

OF THE

DLA

DEMOCRATIC LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE

"Securing Our Future"

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1. INTRODUCTION

The Democratic Leadership Alliance (DLA) stands as Nigeria's first ideologically driven political party rooted in Pan-Africanist philosophy, with a transformative vision to renew Nigeria through principled leadership, justice, innovation, and inclusive prosperity.

At a time when Nigeria faces unprecedented economic hardship, social fragmentation, and institutional decay, DLA emerges as a movement of hope, purpose, and action.

We believe in a Nigeria that embodies self-determination, unity, dignity and values central to the Pan-African struggle for liberation, development, and global relevance. At its core, DLA is committed to shaping a society where power serves the people and governance is built on responsibility, justice, and visionary stewardship.

2. OUR VALUES

- A. Ethical and accountable leadership as the foundation of public service.
- B. Justice and fairness as non-negotiable principles of governance.
- C. National unity built on respect for diversity, equity, and inclusion.
- D. Innovation and science as engines of economic transformation.
- E. Pan-African solidarity and dignity for all Africans.
- F. People-centered policies that promote prosperity for all, not a privileged few.
- G. Environmental responsibility and sustainable development.

3. OUR VISION

To build a socially developed, economically just, technologically advanced, and ethically led Nigeria united in its diversity and respected across the African continent and the world

4. OUR MISSION

To transform Nigeria by raising a new generation of leaders who are principled, trained, and people-focused, to reform public institutions for justice and equity, to drive national

development through Pan-Africanist values, science, and inclusive economic policy, and to ensure that every Nigerian has the opportunity to live with dignity, freedom, and prosperity.

5. OUR IDEOLOGY

Our party is founded on four key ideological pillars:

a. LEADERSHIP ADVOCACY AND EMANCIPATION

We uphold leadership as a sacred duty. DLA is committed to building a new generation of competent, ethical, and people-oriented leaders through compulsory leadership development, accountability structures, and the political emancipation of all Nigerians.

We believe leadership must not only represent the people but liberate them from historical systems of marginalization and misrule.

b. JUSTICE ADVOCACY AND INSTITUTIONAL REFORM

Justice is non-negotiable. We advocate for the decolonization and transformation of Nigeria's justice system to guarantee human rights, fairness, rule of law, and social equity.

Through legislative reform, judicial independence, and public accountability. DLA seeks to create a system that works for the most vulnerable and strengthens democratic institutions.

c. ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT FOR ALL NIGERIANS

Nigeria must belong to all Nigerians. DLA is committed to equitable wealth distribution, national productivity, job creation, and the advancement of cooperative economics.

Our policies will focus on local industry, agribusiness, youth employment, energy independence, and infrastructural expansion to unlock the nation's full economic potential for all.

d. SCIENCE-BASED ECONOMY AND INNOVATION-DRIVEN REFORM

The future of Nigeria lies in innovation. DLA shall transition the Nigerian economy from resource dependence to knowledge-based production. By investing in research, education, digital technology, green energy, and artificial intelligence, we aim to build a 21st-century nation rooted in African intelligence, science, and technological independence.

6. THE STATE OF OUR NATION

Nigeria is a nation of immense potential trapped by leadership failure, economic injustice, and social inequality, corruption, weak institutions, rising insecurity, and economic stagnation continue to undermine our national progress. Our youth face unemployment, our industries remain underdeveloped, and our justice system often serves the privileged few.

DLA is determined to break this cycle through bold reforms, principled leadership, and people-centered policies.

7. THE THRUST OF OUR MANIFESTO

Our manifesto is a strategic blueprint for the liberation and renewal of Nigeria. It is anchored on:

- A. Building competent and ethical leadership.
- B. Reforming institutions for justice and accountability.
- C. Driving inclusive economic growth and scientific innovation.
- D. Promoting Pan-African solidarity and national unity.
- E. Securing our future through responsible governance, environmental sustainability, and social equity.

8. STRENGTHENING THE CORPORATE UNITY OF NIGERIA

DLA shall foster **national cohesion** through:

- A. Justice for all ethnic, religious, and regional groups.
- B. Equitable distribution of resources and opportunities.
- C. Respect for federal character, minority rights, and inclusive development.
- D. Promoting inter-ethnic dialogue, national identity, and Pan-African consciousness.
- E. Protecting the sovereignty and dignity of the Nigerian state as an indivisible entity.

9. OUR PLEDGE AND COMMITMENT

- A. We pledge to serve with integrity, courage, and compassion.
- B. We will prepare every DLA candidate through compulsory leadership training covering ethics, governance, Pan-African principles, and social justice before they contest elections.
- C. DLA shall protect the mandate of the people as a sacred trust and will require all elected officials to sign a loyalty and mandate protection agreement prohibiting defection during their tenure.
- D. DLA shall build a political culture where leadership is earned through service, not purchased through power.
- E. DLA shall remain accountable to the Nigerian people and the African community.

10. ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT PILLARS OF DLA

Our economic and social development strategy is built on Leadership and Human Capital Development which includes:

- A. Institutional Reform and Justice.
- B. Inclusive Economic growth driven by Science and Innovation.
- C. Environmental sustainability and climate resilience.
- D. National unity and Pan-African integration.

11. OUR SOCIAL CONTRACT WITH NIGERIANS

In this social contract, DLA commits to:

- A. Govern with the people’s welfare as our first priority.
- B. Lead by example through discipline, transparency, and accountability.
- C. Uphold justice, dignity, and economic opportunity for all.
- D. Foster an environment where innovation, entrepreneurship, and industry can thrive.
- E. Ensure no Nigerian is left behind in the pursuit of national greatness.

ECONOMIC SERVICES

12. MINERALS, METALS AND STEEL

Nigeria’s vast mineral wealth remains grossly underutilized and poorly managed. The DLA will reform and revitalize the solid minerals, metals, and steel sectors as a major engine of industrialization, job creation, and economic diversification.

OUR COMMITMENTS:

- A. Conduct a comprehensive national mineral audit to map resources and prevent illegal mining.
- B. Establish transparent licensing and regulatory frameworks to attract responsible investment.
- C. Reopen and modernize Ajaokuta Steel Complex and Delta Steel Plant through public-private partnerships.
- D. Promote local beneficiation and value addition to stop raw mineral exports.
- E. Introduce environmental guidelines to reduce mining-related degradation and protect host communities.
- F. Create community development funds in mining zones for host community infrastructure.

13. AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SECURITY

DLA recognizes agriculture as the backbone of Nigeria’s economy and the most viable tool for eradicating poverty and hunger. Our goal is to build an agriculture-led food system that is modern, mechanized, and climate-resilient.

OUR COMMITMENTS:

- A. Expand access to agricultural credit, mechanization services, and insurance schemes for smallholder farmers.
- B. Develop agriculture clusters, agro-processing zones, and farm-to-market infrastructure.
- C. Promote research-driven farming techniques through enhanced funding for agricultural institutes.
- D. Support youth and women agric-preneurs through grants, training, and land access programs.
- E. Encourage organic and regenerative farming to preserve soil health and biodiversity.
- F. Strengthen food storage and distribution systems to reduce post-harvest losses.

14.FARMING AND FOOD PRODUCTION

To feed the nation and reduce import dependence, DLA will invest in strategic value chains and create smart, scalable farming systems that empower rural communities.

OUR COMMITMENTS:

- A. Launch a National Food Production Expansion Plan to scale local production of rice, maize, cassava, tomatoes, wheat, and livestock.
- B. Expand irrigation schemes to reduce dependence on seasonal rainfall.
- C. Promote cooperative farming systems and provide tax incentives to agribusinesses.
- D. Establish food processing hubs in each geo-political zone.
- E. Use technology and extension services to link farmers with real-time market data.

15.ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

A clean, green, and resilient Nigeria is central to our development vision. DLA will lead an environmental justice agenda that integrates economic growth with ecological protection.

OUR COMMITMENTS:

- A. Enforce environmental impact assessments for all industrial and mining activities.
- B. Launch national afforestation and reforestation programs with community participation.
- C. Strengthen regulatory agencies and decentralize enforcement.
- D. Combat desertification, deforestation, and pollution through community-based monitoring systems.
- E. Establish green economy hubs to create jobs in waste management, eco-tourism, and conservation.

16.ADAPTABLE CLIMATE CHANGE PROGRAMS

Climate change threatens our food systems, economy, and coastal communities. DLA's approach will be both mitigative and adaptive, guided by science and local realities.

OUR COMMITMENTS:

- A. Implement the National Climate Change Policy and operationalize the Climate Change Act.
- B. Provide climate adaptation funding for vulnerable communities, especially in the Sahel and Niger Delta.
- C. Promote climate-smart agriculture and water conservation technologies.
- D. Incentivize renewable energy adoption in homes, schools, and health centers.
- E. Partner with states, local governments, and international agencies for community climate resilience projects.

17.WASTE TO WEALTH

DLA sees waste as an economic opportunity. We will develop a circular economy that reduces pollution and creates green jobs.

OUR COMMITMENTS:

- A. Introduce waste separation at source and city-level recycling programs.
- B. Establish waste-to-energy plants across urban centers.
- C. Create a national policy on plastic waste management and producer responsibility.
- D. Formalize and support waste workers and scavenger cooperatives.
- E. Incentivize entrepreneurship in recycling, upcycling, and composting.

18.WATER SECURITY AS ECONOMIC STIMULUS FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Water is life and a strategic economic asset. DLA will ensure equitable, sustainable, and productive use of water resources for domestic, agricultural, and industrial needs.

OUR COMMITMENTS:

- A. Construct multi-purpose dams and irrigation networks for agriculture and flood control.
- B. Rehabilitate water supply systems in rural and urban communities.
- C. Regulate and protect groundwater resources to prevent over-extraction.
- D. Expand rainwater harvesting and small-scale water retention technologies.
- E. Integrate water resource planning into national development priorities.

19.REAL SECTOR AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

True national prosperity must reach the grassroots. DLA will retool the real sector (manufacturing, construction, services) and stimulate inclusive rural development.

OUR COMMITMENTS:

- A. Offer low-interest financing to SMEs and cooperatives in agro-processing and cottage industries.
- B. Invest in rural roads, electrification, and ICT infrastructure.
- C. Create rural enterprise hubs with common production and marketing facilities.
- D. Encourage cluster-based industrial parks in regions based on comparative advantage.
- E. Decentralize technical training and entrepreneurship centers across LGAs.

20.JOB CREATION

Employment is not a privilege; it is a right. DLA's job strategy will be rooted in productive sectors and youth inclusion.

OUR COMMITMENTS:

- A. Launch a National Jobs Creation Mission (NJCM) targeting 5 million new jobs in 5 years.
- B. Develop public works programs focused on infrastructure, sanitation, reforestation, and community safety.
- C. Expand support for tech startups, digital freelancing, and creative industries.
- D. Make job data and matching platforms accessible nationwide.
- E. Support state governments to create employment guarantees for the youth and vulnerable.

21.INTERNATIONAL TRADE

To reposition Nigeria as a trade hub in Africa and the global market, DLA will pursue an inclusive, fair, and export-driven trade policy framework.

OUR COMMITMENTS:

- A. Maximize Nigeria’s gains from the African Continental Free Trade Area (AFCFTA).
- B. Improve port infrastructure, customs efficiency, and cross-border logistics.
- C. Expand export financing and insurance schemes to support local manufacturers.
- D. Support non-oil exports such as agricultural produce, textiles, digital services, and creative content.
- E. Establish export processing zones and build partnerships with regional trade blocs.
- F. Tackle trade barriers by strengthening trade diplomacy and bilateral agreements.

22.DEVELOPING THE CREATIVE INDUSTRY

DLA recognizes the creative industry as a powerhouse of culture, youth employment, and global influence. We will protect intellectual property and grow the sector into a global brand.

OUR COMMITMENTS:

- A. Establish Creative Enterprise Hubs for film, music, fashion, art, and gaming in all geopolitical zones.
- B. Support grants, loans, and tax breaks for creative start-ups and cultural businesses.
- C. Strengthen IP laws and enforcement to protect Nigerian content creators.
- D. Expand creative arts education in secondary and tertiary institutions.
- E. Facilitate access to global markets and platforms for creative entrepreneurs.

23.WORKERS' WELFARE

Every worker deserves dignity, safety, and fair reward. DLA’s vision is to restore the social contract between Labour and government.

OUR COMMITMENTS:

Ensure timely payment of wages across all public institutions.
 Strengthen Labour unions and collective bargaining rights.
 Enforce workplace standards through empowered Labour inspections.

Introduce a Worker Wellbeing Fund to support job-related injuries and training.
Review and expand Labour protection for informal workers and digital gig economy actors.

24.WAGE SUPPORT PROGRAM

To reduce poverty and wage inequality, DLA will implement targeted interventions for low-income earners and the working poor.

OUR COMMITMENTS:

- A. Introduce a Wage Support Scheme for young graduates and first-time workers.
- B. Provide income top-ups for workers in agriculture, education, and health in underserved areas.
- C. Collaborate with private sector on employment incentives tied to decent wages.
- D. Support skills upgrading and job transition training for underpaid sectors.

25.SUPPORT FOR THE VULNERABLE

Social protection is a human right. DLA will invest in safety nets to lift millions out of extreme poverty and hardship.

OUR COMMITMENTS:

- A. Expand the National Social Investment Program (NSIP) with better transparency and coverage.
- B. Implement conditional cash transfers for low-income families and children in school.
- C. Support programs for orphans, displaced persons, and persons with disabilities.
- D. Develop a National Vulnerability Registry for efficient targeting and impact tracking.
- E. Guarantee access to essential public services for all Nigerians, regardless of economic status.

26.RETIREMENT SUPPORT

Our senior citizens deserve respect and financial security. DLA will strengthen pension systems to serve retirees with dignity.

OUR COMMITMENTS:

- A. Fully fund and expand the Contributory Pension Scheme.
- B. Clear backlog of pension arrears across all MDAs.
- C. Create a Pensioners Welfare Fund for indigent and vulnerable elderly persons.
- D. Digitize pension access to ensure fast, transparent processing.
- E. Support cooperative housing and health schemes for retired workers.

27.INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

Infrastructure is the backbone of development. DLA will close Nigeria's infrastructure gap through strategic investment, innovation, and partnership.

OUR COMMITMENTS:

- A. Invest in roads, bridges, water supply, ICT backbone, and social infrastructure.
- B. Establish an Infrastructure Sovereign Investment Fund for national projects.
- C. Build resilient, climate-adaptive infrastructure in flood-prone and vulnerable areas.
- D. Encourage Build-Operate-Transfer (BOT) and Public-Private Partnerships (PPP) in key sectors.
- E. Prioritize local content and job creation in all construction contracts.

28.TRANSPORT

Mobility unlocks productivity and opportunity. DLA will modernize Nigeria's transportation ecosystem for affordability, efficiency, and safety.

OUR COMMITMENTS:

- A. Rehabilitate and expand the rail network for freight and passenger movement.
- B. Upgrade national highways, rural roads, and inland waterways.
- C. Build intermodal transport hubs connecting rail, road, and ports.
- D. Introduce smart transport systems for urban traffic control.
- E. Regulate commercial transport for safety and professional standards.

29.IMPROVING LOCAL PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Our cities deserve modern, affordable transit options. DLA will empower subnational governments to develop efficient transport networks.

OUR COMMITMENTS:

- A. Launch the Urban Mass Transit Revamp Initiative with electric buses and light rail pilots.
- B. Provide federal grants to states and cities for clean and safe public transport.
- C. Formalize the informal sector (keke, okada, danfo) through cooperatives and financing.
- D. Promote non-motorized transport (cycling and walking infrastructure) in urban planning.

30.INDUSTRIALIZATION

Nigeria must move from consumption to production. DLA will drive a new wave of manufacturing-led growth to diversify the economy and reduce imports.

OUR COMMITMENTS:

- A. Develop Special Economic Zones (SEZs) with tax and regulatory incentives.
- B. Invest in industrial parks across regions based on local raw materials and skills.

- C. Promote value addition in mining, agriculture, and petrochemicals.
- D. Support technology transfer, R&D, and industrial apprenticeships.
- E. Review tariff policies to protect and promote Nigerian industries.

31.SMALL-SCALE INDUSTRIALIZATION

DLA will grow Nigeria’s economy from the ground up by empowering artisans, traders, and micro-enterprises.

OUR COMMITMENTS:

- A. Create Cluster Industrial Villages in each LGA, equipped with energy and digital access.
- B. Provide micro-credit and equipment leasing schemes for startups.
- C. Offer tax holidays and regulatory waivers to small-scale producers.
- D. Link informal sector actors to formal markets, digital platforms, and supply chains.
- E. Promote female-led MSMEs with targeted incentives and mentorship.

32.POWER AND ENERGY SUFFICIENCY

Without stable power, there can be no industrial takeoff. DLA will pursue energy sufficiency through reform, investment, and renewable diversification.

OUR COMMITMENTS:

- A. Improve national grid reliability and reduce transmission losses.
- B. Review and enforce cost-reflective, pro-poor tariffs with lifeline subsidies.
- C. Support off-grid and mini-grid solutions for rural electrification.
- D. Partner with private investors to unlock independent power production.
- E. End estimated billing and promote smart metering nationwide.

33.POWER AND DIVERSIFIED LOCAL Nigeria must decentralize energy governance to improve access and innovation.

OUR COMMITMENTS:

- A. Support state and local governments to generate and distribute power legally.
- B. Expand solar, wind, biomass, and hydroelectric investments through fiscal incentives.
- C. Build a national energy data platform to guide policy and monitor use.
- D. Prioritize energy access for public schools, hospitals, and production clusters.
- E. Localize energy equipment manufacturing to create jobs and reduce costs.

34.ENERGY: GENERATION & DISTRIBUTION

Nigeria’s energy challenge extends beyond production, it is about efficient transmission, equitable distribution, and sustainable access for all citizens. To drive inclusive growth and

industrial expansion, the nation must modernize its grid infrastructure, embrace renewable solutions, and promote transparent partnerships between the public and private sectors.

OUR COMMITMENTS:

- A. Modernize and expand the national grid to reduce power losses and ensure reliable distribution across regions.
- B. Promote community-based mini-grids and off-grid systems for rural electrification.
- C. Encourage private sector participation in transmission and distribution through transparent regulatory reforms.
- D. Integrate renewable energy sources into the grid to diversify supply and stabilize pricing.
- E. Ensure local governments and industrial clusters have equitable access to generated power to boost productivity.

35. TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT

Innovation drives growth. DLA will position Nigeria as a regional tech powerhouse by investing in digital infrastructure and talent.

OUR COMMITMENTS:

- A. Establish Technology and Innovation Parks in all zones.
- B. Support startups with seed funding, tax holidays, and patent protection.
- C. Integrate coding, robotics, and AI into school curricula and vocational training.
- D. Expand broadband penetration and reduce internet access costs nationwide.

SOCIAL SERVICES

36. EDUCATION

Education is the bedrock of any progressive society. DLA believes in universal, inclusive, and quality education as a right, not a privilege. We will transform the educational system to produce globally competitive, morally upright, and economically productive citizens.

OUR COMMITMENTS:

- A. Guarantee free and compulsory basic education up to SS3 nationwide.
- B. Rehabilitate dilapidated schools and classrooms across the federation.
- C. Provide school feeding programs, particularly in underserved areas.
- D. Employ and train more qualified teachers to reduce teacher-student ratios.
- E. Supply digital learning resources and internet access in public schools.

37. EDUCATION CURRICULUM AND TEACHER QUALIFICATIONS

The current curriculum is outdated and disconnected from real-world challenges. DLA will overhaul it to focus on critical thinking, civic responsibility, technology, and entrepreneurship.

OUR COMMITMENTS:

- A. Revise the curriculum to include digital skills, climate education, civic ethics, and creative thinking.
- B. Establish National Teacher Development Colleges for continuous professional development.
- C. Raise minimum qualification standards for teachers across all levels.
- D. Introduce performance-based incentives and teacher mentoring systems.
- E. Make pedagogical certification mandatory for both public and private school teachers.

38.CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Every child matters. DLA will create an inclusive educational environment for children with physical, developmental, and learning disabilities.

OUR COMMITMENTS:

- A. Expand special needs schools and integrate inclusive classrooms nationwide.
- B. Train special education teachers and provide assistive technology and tools.
- C. Offer transport and health support services for children with disabilities.
- D. Enforce policies that eliminate discrimination in public and private schools.
- E. Create Individual Education Plans (IEPs) tailored to every special need learner.

39.SKILL-BASED SECONDARY EDUCATION

DLA will make vocational and technical education central to secondary school learning, preparing students for both academic and career success.

OUR COMMITMENTS:

- A. Introduce mandatory skill acquisition programs from JSS2 upwards.
- B. Partner with the private sector to deliver apprenticeship and internship pathways.
- C. Equip schools with workshops, labs, and tools for technical training.
- D. Certify graduates with nationally recognized vocational qualifications.
- E. Promote STEM and innovation competitions at national and community levels.

40.TERTIARY EDUCATION

Our universities and colleges must become centers of innovation, national development, and global competitiveness.

OUR COMMITMENTS:

- A. Increase funding to public tertiary institutions through education bonds and performance grants.
- B. Reform university governance for greater transparency, autonomy, and innovation.

- C. Support research and development in science, medicine, and social policy.
- D. Expand student loan schemes and conditional grants for indigent students.
- E. Build digital libraries, smart classrooms, and virtual learning platforms.

41. HEALTH CARE

A healthy nation is a wealthy nation. DLA's health agenda will ensure that every Nigerian has access to affordable, quality health care, regardless of location or income.

OUR COMMITMENTS:

- A. Rehabilitate and equip Primary Health Care (PHC) centers in every ward.
- B. Employ more health workers with competitive remuneration and rural incentives.
- C. Expand maternal and child health programs to reduce mortality rates.
- D. Implement community health insurance and mobile clinics for hard-to-reach areas.
- E. Integrate traditional medicine research and regulate its practice responsibly.

42. STRENGTHENING THE NHIS

The National Health Insurance Scheme must be reformed for coverage, credibility, and affordability.

OUR COMMITMENTS:

- A. Mandate NHIS enrollment for all public and formal private sector workers.
- B. Introduce community-based health insurance options for informal workers.
- C. Digitize the NHIS system for real-time verification and fraud control.
- D. Ensure all PHCs and general hospitals are NHIS-compliant service providers.
- E. Expand coverage to include mental health, dental, and chronic illness care.

43. MENTAL HEALTH CARE

Mental health is as important as physical health. DLA will mainstream mental health care across all levels of public health delivery.

OUR COMMITMENTS:

- A. Implement the National Mental Health Act with full funding and state adoption.
- B. Integrate mental health professionals into PHCs and schools.
- C. Launch national mental health awareness campaigns to fight stigma.
- D. Provide free or subsidized therapy and medication for vulnerable groups.
- E. Establish rehabilitation centers and suicide prevention hotlines nationwide.

44. HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

DLA will promote access to safe, affordable, and decent housing as a human right and a tool for urban and economic development.

OUR COMMITMENTS:

- A. Develop low-income housing schemes through cooperative financing and PPPs.
- B. Provide serviced plots and subsidies for first-time homebuyers.
- C. Upgrade urban slums with sanitation, electricity, and transport access.
- D. Establish a National Housing Fund for Youth and Informal Workers.
- E. Build climate-resilient homes in flood and disaster-prone communities.

45. PROTECTING PRIVATE TENANTS AND LEASEHOLDERS

Rent injustice is a daily crisis in Nigerian cities. DLA will reform tenancy laws to protect tenants and encourage responsible landlordism.

OUR COMMITMENTS:

- A. Enact Tenants Rights Acts at state level, guided by a federal framework.
- B. Promote affordable rent-to-own housing schemes.
- C. Ban arbitrary and excessive advance rent demands for low-income earners.
- D. Support legal aid services for landlord-tenant disputes.
- E. Introduce digital rent records and tenancy verification systems.

46. YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Nigeria's greatest asset is its youth. DLA will invest in young people as drivers of innovation, democracy, and economic transformation.

OUR COMMITMENTS:

- A. Create a National Youth Investment Fund for enterprise and innovation.
- B. Expand access to leadership training, civic education, and internship programs.
- C. Build Youth Development Centers in all LGAs for sports, training, and expression.
- D. Promote youth representation in government and political leadership.
- E. Launch a National Youth Exchange Program across states and regions.

47. SPORT DEVELOPMENT

Sports is a vehicle for unity, health, and job creation. DLA will revamp grassroots sports development and national competitiveness.

OUR COMMITMENTS:

- A. Invest in sports infrastructure and community fields nationwide.
- B. Introduce sports scholarships in secondary and tertiary institutions.

- C. Revive the National School Sports Festival and zonal competitions.
- D. Partner with the private sector for athlete sponsorship and talent development.
- E. Integrate sports medicine and injury support into public health policy.

48. DEVELOPING THE CREATIVE INDUSTRY

As earlier noted under economic services, the creative industry is both a social asset and economic engine. In addition to industry financing, DLA will support its integration into youth and cultural development.

OUR COMMITMENTS:

- A. Incorporate creative arts into school curriculums and extracurricular programs.
- B. Establish Creative Talent Development Centers in all states.
- C. Support film, fashion, music, and digital art through national talent platforms.
- D. Promote Nigeria's cultural heritage through global exchanges and showcases.

49. SPORTS AND WELL-BEING

Beyond competition, sports must serve health, wellness, and community cohesion.

OUR COMMITMENTS:

- A. Promote school-based fitness programs and inter-school leagues.
- B. Integrate sports into health promotion and drug abuse prevention.
- C. Build inclusive recreational facilities for the elderly and persons with disabilities
- D. Develop policies for sports tourism and event hosting

GOOD GOVERNANCE

50. INCLUSIVE GOVERNANCE

DLA envisions a Nigeria where every citizen, regardless of region, faith, gender, or age, is fully represented and actively involved in nation-building.

OUR COMMITMENTS:

- A. Ensure federal character compliance in public appointments and service delivery.
- B. Guarantee 30% minimum youth representation in executive and legislative roles.
- C. Enforce 35% affirmative action for women in political appointments and party structures.
- D. Create platforms for citizen participation in governance, budgeting, and monitoring.
- E. Strengthen the autonomy and financing of local governments for grassroots development.

51. FOREIGN POLICY

Nigeria's foreign policy must reflect its global stature and Pan-African leadership. DLA will pursue a people-centered, economic, and diplomatic agenda that protects national interests.

OUR COMMITMENTS:

- A. Restore Nigeria's leadership role in ECOWAS, AU, and the UN through active diplomacy.
- B. Expand economic diplomacy to attract FDI, open markets, and protect Nigerian businesses abroad.
- C. Establish a Diaspora Affairs Commission to coordinate diaspora engagement and investment.
- D. Advocate for African peace, climate justice, and fair trade at multilateral platforms.
- E. Reform foreign missions to deliver better services to citizens abroad.

52. EQUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL

We are committed to building a Nigeria where access to opportunity is not determined by background or social status.

OUR COMMITMENTS:

- A. Pass and implement the Equal Opportunity Bill and Anti-Discrimination laws.
- B. Promote the inclusion of persons with disabilities, ensuring accessibility and representation.
- C. Launch gender equality programs in education, enterprise, and governance.
- D. Ensure public institutions comply with the National Gender and Disability Policy.
- E. Remove barriers to access in employment, justice, education, and finance.

53. CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

DLA will reform the criminal justice system to ensure fairness, speed, and protection of rights.

OUR COMMITMENTS:

- A. Digitize court procedures and case management to reduce delays.
- B. Decongest prisons by promoting non-custodial sentencing and bail reforms.
- C. Increase funding for the Judiciary, Legal Aid Council, and police prosecution units.
- D. Review and harmonize laws to ensure justice equity across states.
- E. Establish Independent Oversight Commissions for judicial ethics and accountability.

54. ACCESS TO JUSTICE

True democracy guarantees every citizen access to redress and legal protection. DLA will democratize justice.

OUR COMMITMENTS:

- A. Expand Legal Aid Services to rural and vulnerable communities.
- B. Establish Community Dispute Resolution Centers across LGAs.
- C. Provide free legal representation for indigent citizens in critical cases.
- D. Integrate mobile courts and digital legal portals to improve reach.
- E. Promote public legal education to empower citizens on their rights.

55. CORRUPTION

Corruption is the greatest obstacle to Nigeria's progress. DLA will tackle it with political will, system reform, and strong enforcement.

OUR COMMITMENTS:

- A. Digitize all government procurement and spending platforms for full transparency.
- B. Strengthen the EFCC, ICPC, and Code of Conduct Bureau, ensuring independence and resourcing.
- C. Enforce asset declaration laws and lifestyle audits for public officials.
- D. Create special anti-corruption courts with fast-track mandates.
- E. Reward whistleblowers and protect them under a strengthened Whistleblower Protection Law.

56. TACKLING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS

DLA will confront all forms of gender-based violence (GBV) with legislation, education, and enforcement.

OUR COMMITMENTS:

- A. Implement the Violence Against Persons Prohibition (VAPP) Act nationwide.
- B. Establish Special GBV Response Units in police stations and PHCs.
- C. Support survivor shelters, trauma centers, and legal aid services in all states.
- D. Conduct public awareness campaigns against GBV in schools and communities.
- E. Train security and judicial personnel on gender-sensitive handling of GBV cases.

57. FREEDOM OF SPEECH AND PRESS FREEDOM

Democracy dies in silence. DLA will defend the right to speak, write, organize, and publish.

OUR COMMITMENTS:

- A. Repeal laws and policies that criminalize journalism, dissent, and protest.
- B. Enact a Media Freedom and Protection Law in line with international standards.
- C. End arbitrary arrests of journalists, activists, and online voices.
- D. Reform media regulatory agencies to guarantee editorial independence.
- E. Promote independent public broadcasting and plural media ownership.

58. IMPROVING STANDARDS IN PUBLIC SERVICES

DLA will build a professional, efficient, and accountable public service that delivers results.

OUR COMMITMENTS:

- A. Introduce Performance Contracts and Scorecards for all ministries and agencies.
- B. Digitize service delivery in health, education, and civil registration.
- C. Expand the Public Complaints Commission with enforcement powers.
- D. Strengthen the Civil Service Commission and training institutions.
- E. Institute a citizen feedback system to rate services and personnel.

59. IMPROVING THE BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT

To unleash private sector growth, DLA will remove bureaucratic bottlenecks and policy instability.

OUR COMMITMENTS:

- A. Streamline business registration, licensing, and taxation through one-stop digital platforms.
- B. Reduce regulatory duplication and harassment of SMEs.
- C. Implement predictable trade and fiscal policies to attract investors.
- D. Empower state and local governments to develop investment frameworks.
- E. Build a credible dispute resolution system for business and commercial matters.

60. TAXATION

Fair taxation is the lifeblood of national development. DLA will ensure that tax is progressive, simple, and justly administered.

OUR COMMITMENTS:

- A. Reform tax laws to reduce burden on MSMEs and low-income earners.
- B. Expand the tax net to include the informal and digital economy fairly.
- C. Stop multiple taxation through harmonized federal, state, and local frameworks.
- D. Digitize tax collection to reduce corruption and improve compliance.
- E. Invest tax revenue transparently in public services and infrastructure.

61. INCLUSIVE BUDGETING

DLA will use the national budget as a tool of justice, inclusion, and measurable progress.

OUR COMMITMENTS:

- A. Institutionalize citizen participation in budgeting from community to national levels.
- B. Publish budgets in simple, accessible formats with real-time monitoring tools.

- C. Allocate a minimum of 15% to health, 20% to education, and 10% to youth and women programs.
- D. Ensure capital projects reflect geographic and demographic equity.
- E. Empower civil society and legislatures to conduct budget oversight independently.

62. BANKING AND FINANCIAL REFORMS

A dynamic financial sector is key to national transformation. DLA will make banking inclusive, affordable, and innovation-driven.

OUR COMMITMENTS:

- A. Promote interest-free banking options for underserved communities.
- B. Increase access to credit for small businesses and cooperatives.
- C. Regulate lending rates and curb predatory financial practices.
- D. Strengthen the Central Bank's autonomy and mandate to promote economic stability.
- E. Expand the financial literacy and savings culture through civic education.

63. CONSUMER PROTECTION

The Nigerian consumer deserves fairness, safety, and value for money. DLA will enforce strong consumer protection laws.

OUR COMMITMENTS:

- A. Strengthen and reform the Federal Competition and Consumer Protection Commission (FCCPC).
- B. Enforce product standards, labeling, and consumer safety in all sectors.
- C. Protect consumers from fraudulent digital and financial services.
- D. Establish Small Claims Consumer Courts in major cities and towns.

INTERNAL SECURITY

64. CRIME PREVENTION

A secure nation is a prosperous nation. DLA will build a community-based, intelligence-driven, and technology-enabled approach to crime prevention.

OUR COMMITMENTS:

- A. Establish a National Crime Data and Intelligence Center for coordinated surveillance.
- B. Deploy community policing frameworks with training, oversight, and local accountability.
- C. Equip the Nigeria Police Force with modern forensic labs, vehicles, and communication tools.
- D. Implement crime mapping and predictive analytics to target high-risk zones.

- E. Promote youth rehabilitation programs to reduce gang violence, cybercrime, and drug abuse.

65. ARMED FORCES AND SECURITY AGENCIES

Nigeria's armed forces and security agencies are vital to national sovereignty. DLA will modernize them for professionalism, accountability, and civilian oversight.

OUR COMMITMENTS:

- A. Increase investment in modern equipment, training, and welfare for military and paramilitary personnel.
- B. Ensure civilian control and parliamentary oversight of military expenditures and deployments.
- C. Promote inter-agency collaboration through a National Security Coordination Council.
- D. Establish Veterans Support Services including housing, employment, and health care.
- E. Prioritize human rights compliance and prosecute security personnel who abuse power.

66. COMMUNAL CRISIS AND HERDSMEN CLASHES

Ethno-religious conflict and farmer-herder clashes have torn communities apart. DLA will address root causes through justice, resource management, and peaceful coexistence.

OUR COMMITMENTS:

- A. Set up Peace and Mediation Commissions in conflict-prone states.
- B. Create a national livestock development framework, including ranching, grazing reserves, and veterinary services.
- C. Enforce anti-open grazing laws and compensate affected farmers and victims.
- D. Promote interfaith and inter-ethnic dialogue platforms.
- E. Provide early warning and rapid response units to de-escalate violence.

67. TERRORISM AND VIOLENT EXTREMISM

Terrorism threatens the soul of Nigeria. DLA will use both military power and strategic prevention tools to end insurgency and rebuild affected communities.

OUR COMMITMENTS:

- A. Strengthen the military counterinsurgency doctrine with better equipment and local intelligence.
- B. Launch deradicalization and rehabilitation programs for repentant extremists.
- C. Partner with communities to prevent recruitment through education and opportunity.
- D. Work with international allies for training, intelligence sharing, and funding.
- E. Rebuild schools, hospitals, markets, and roads in formerly occupied areas.

SPECIAL AREAS OF INTEREST

68. NORTH EAST, IDPS, AND THE LAKE CHAD REGION

The North East must be restored with dignity. DLA will drive a comprehensive recovery agenda that prioritizes security, livelihoods, and reintegration.

OUR COMMITMENTS:

- A. Fully implement the Borno, Adamawa, and Yobe Recovery Plan.
- B. Provide safe, voluntary return and resettlement for Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs).
- C. Reconstruct schools, markets, and farmlands destroyed by conflict.
- D. Rebuild trust between security forces and communities.
- E. Launch a Lake Chad Ecological Restoration Plan to address desertification and livelihood loss.

69. DEVELOPING THE NIGER DELTA

The Niger Delta deserves justice, environmental remediation, and inclusive development. DLA will transition the region from protest to prosperity.

OUR COMMITMENTS:

- A. Fully implement the Ogoni Clean-up and Environmental Remediation Program.
- B. Audit and reform the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) for transparency.
- C. Improve access to education, health, and youth employment in oil-producing areas.
- D. Enforce environmental regulations and corporate social responsibility for oil companies.
- E. Support the creation of local enterprise clusters in agriculture, marine trade, and renewable energy.

70. CONCLUSION

The Democratic Leadership Alliance (DLA) emerges as a new force of hope, transformation, and purpose for Nigeria. Our manifesto, "*Securing Our Future*," is not a mere document it is a declaration of commitment to build a united, secure, inclusive, and prosperous Nigeria.

We believe leadership must be visionary, people-centered, and accountable. We offer Nigerians a clear alternative: one that places people over politics, justice over manipulation, and progress over stagnation.

The time for passive hope has passed. The time for courageous action is now.

The Democratic Leadership Alliance (DLA) stands not merely as a political platform but as a national awakening a call to every Nigerian to rise, rebuild, and reclaim our destiny from the grip of corruption, insecurity, injustice, and failed leadership.

This manifesto is not just a list of promises; it is a social contract, a moral compass, and a strategic blueprint for the rebirth of Nigeria. It is rooted in equity, service, patriotism, and transformation. We do not seek power for its own sake, but to place that power where it rightfully belongs: in the hands of the people.

We are not afraid of the future we are ready to shape it.

From the farms of Benue to the creeks of the Niger Delta, from the markets of Aba to the schools of Kano, from the deserts of the North to the coastlines of the South, the cry is the same: *"Let Nigeria work for all of us."*

DLA is the answer to that cry.

We offer a new covenant, one built on truth, courage, innovation, and shared prosperity. We invite every Nigerian young and old, men and women, across ethnic and religious lines to join this movement. This is your party. This is your time. This is your future.

Let the history books record that this was the moment when Nigerians refused to settle for less, when we dared to believe in something greater, and when we secured our future together.

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TOGETHER, WITH EVERY COMMUNITY, EVERY VOICE, AND EVERY VOTE, WE SHALL SECURE OUR FUTURE.