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**POINT AGENDA
OF THE
PLATEAU STATE
GOVERNMENT**

VISION STATEMENT

WE ENVISION A NEW PLATEAU STATE in the hands of God and a people working patiently towards responding to the development challenges of building a new era of progress which requires turning away from old policies, values and practices that have failed us and confidently embracing the responsibility to try better ways of doing things thus laying a solid foundation for sustainable poverty reduction, wealth creation, value orientation and stable democratic governance.



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PLATEAU STATE 10 POINT AGENDA



Sustainable Peace And Security



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Sustainable Peace and Security

THE MAIN task and constitutional duty of any government is to guarantee the security of life and property. This State cannot afford another crisis

■ A serene environment over the Plateau



AGENDA 2

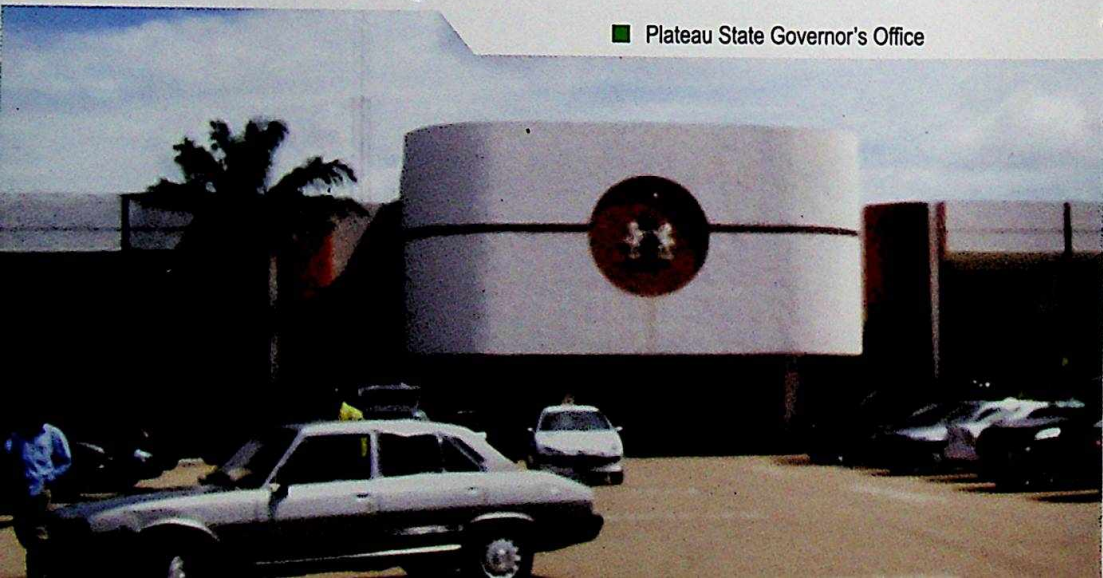


Governance and Administrative Reforms

THE BASIC responsibility of government lies in the efficient harnessing of both human and material resources for the betterment of the generality of its people. For this lofty objective to be realized, the requisite and enabling environment needs to be in place. In this regard, the Civil Service is the engine house of government activity and should be reorganized and reoriented so that it can cope with the aims and objectives of good governance.

Ours is a peoples' government in which all ranks must see themselves as tool for social transformation and the redemption of Plateau State. Service to the people must be re rendered faithfully, loyally and efficiently. All public officials must see themselves as servants rather than masters of the people. The idea of regarding public office as a private property to be used at will; must stop.

■ Plateau State Governor's Office



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Education and Human Resource Development

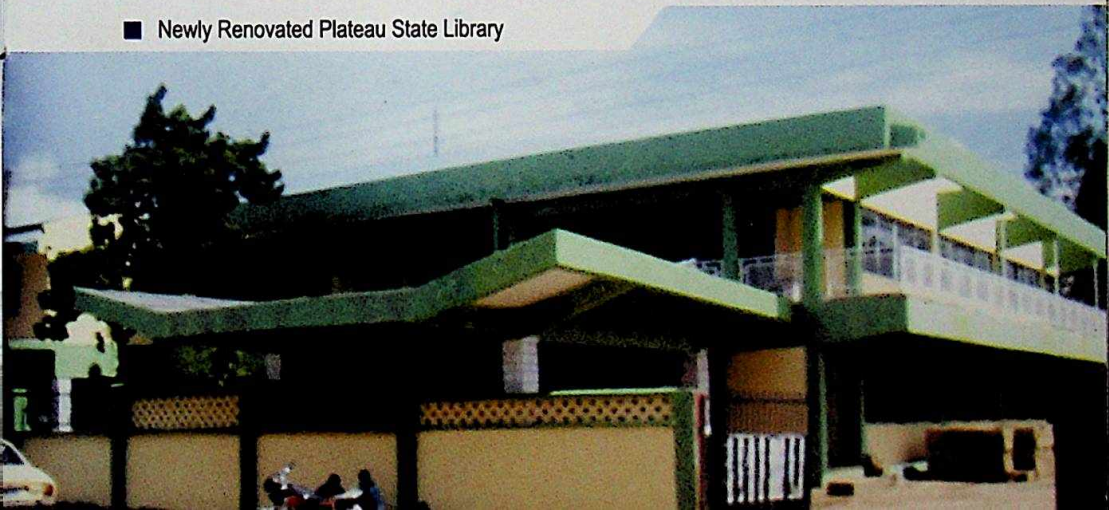


IT IS widely believed and generally accepted that, as a human resource development industry, education is the bedrock of development in every society. This being the case, it deserves every attention by any serious and purposeful government.

It is a matter of grave concern that ours is not only one of the educationally backward States of this country but has in the immediate past generated in standards by becoming Second-to-the-last nationwide in the SSCE! The rot in the sector is discernible at all levels and types of education. These range from poor infrastructural facilities, inadequate number of trained teachers to poor conditions of service for teachers etc.

It is our determination to give every attention to education.

■ Newly Renovated Plateau State Library



AGENDA 4



Taxes and Finance

OUR STRUGGLE for social justice, the redemption of the common man and elimination of corrupt practices is total and irrevocable. For the avoidance of doubt, this government is poised to reexamine the administration of taxes in the state with a view to having efficient machinery for revenue collection. A situation where taxes are collected from the impoverished masses, with no tangible social infrastructure for the people, while a greater part of it is swindled by government officials can no longer be tolerated.



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Agriculture, Water Resources and Rural Development



THE GENERAL policy of agricultural development in Plateau State is to create a self-sustaining agricultural growth to provide food for the population, raw and value-added materials for agro-based industries and to exploit the local/domestic market as well as export opportunities.

With about 70% of Plateau State's population of 3.2 million as rural dwellers engaged in agriculture-related activities, this government is determined to explore areas in which the State has a comparative advantage in view of its near-temperate weather.

■ Plateau State: An Agrarian haven



AGENDA 6



Health

HEALTH CARE Delivery services in Plateau State is inadequate to meet the needs of the ever growing population. The infrastructures are in a deplorable condition, the equipments are obsolete and the number of the personnel is low. All levels of health care will be revamped by this administration including the completion and equipping of existing health facilities.

A State of Emergency on Sanitation in Plateau State has become imperative in the light of the total neglect of waste management and sanitary conditions especially in our major cities and enforce a culture of maintaining a clean and healthy environment.

■ The Plateau State Specialist Hospital renovated to boost Health care delivery



AGENDA 7

Women, Youth, Sports and Social Development



OUR WOMEN and youth continue to suffer in terms of access and opportunities to resources, responsibilities and privileges. This is characterized by unemployment, low education and economic base which make them susceptible to manipulation. We remain committed to the inclusion of women, youths and disadvantaged to leadership positions, provision of resources and privileges. Women will be sufficiently represented in appointive and elective positions in the State.

We shall also encourage the Wife of the Governor to undertake programmes that are beneficial to the life of our teeming rural dwellers.

To increase the capacity of our youth for productivity and leadership, government shall lay emphasis on formal and non-formal education, skill acquisition and increase of their economic base. Liquor Licensing laws shall be enforced to effectively regulate the timing/indiscriminate sale and consumption of alcohol especially the illicit Gin popularly known as *Goskolo* which has ruined the lives of many of our youths.

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Tourism

TOURISM HAS been recognized as one of the world's leading industry that creates wealth and promotes socio economic development. The significant contribution of tourism to global and national incomes makes it a viable tool for promoting economic well-being.

Plateau State is richly endowed with huge tourism potentials, which if properly harnessed and managed holds great promise as a major revenue generator for the State and country. Many of the tourist attractions are in a poor state and need to be developed.

This administration is committed to turning things around through focusing our attention to tapping the full potentials of this sector which the State has comparative advantage.

■ Plateau State: The No. 1 Tourist Destination



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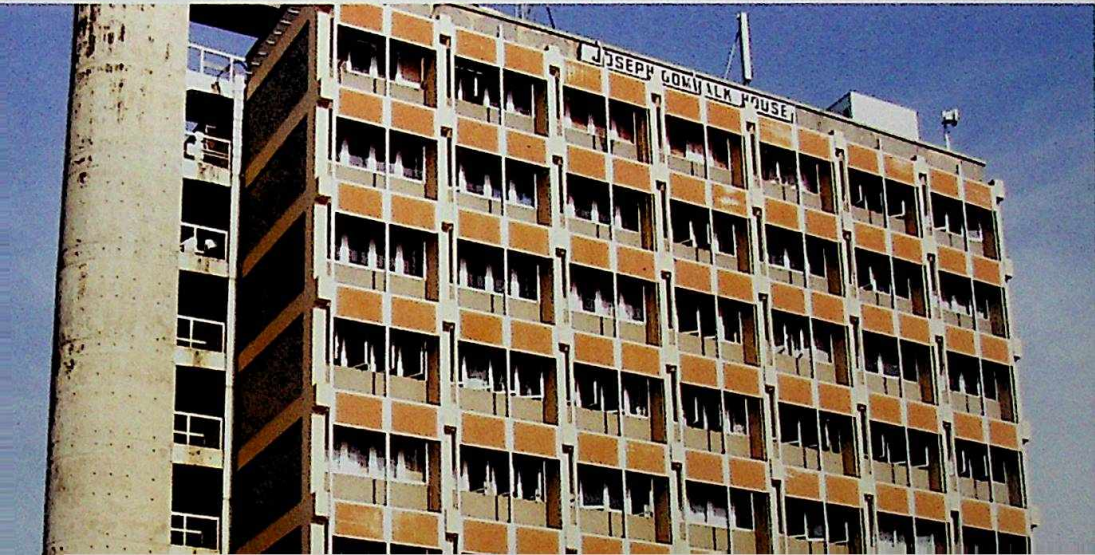
Urban Governance



WITH REGARDS to urban management, it can safely be said that the efforts of the various government agencies charged with this responsibility, especially JMDB have consistently waned. Development control, the most important aspect of urban management has at best been epileptic. Physical structures have been allowed to spring up without regard to planning and building regulations. Indeed the Jos-Bukuru Master Plan has been totally abandoned.

The multiplicity of Government Agencies performing similar functions without professional streamlining has created institutional conflicts that have militated against the effective control/management of the city environment.

Government intends to bring this unacceptable situation under control.



AGENDA 10



Ethical Reorientation

THE TASK ahead of us is enormous and it is a task for all of us. For us to actualise the aforementioned policies, we must collectively resolve to imbibe core values of hardwork, integrity, commitment to duty, respect for our traditions, loyalty to the State and the fear of God. Unless there is an attitudinal change, progress will be difficult.

■ Plateau State: Committed to Change

