

ABOUT THE NIGERIA GOVERNORS' FORUM

The Nigeria Governors' Forum (NGF) is a coalition of elected Governors of the 36 States in Nigeria, with the mission to provide a platform for collaboration among all the Governors, irrespective of party affiliations; to share experiences, promote co-operation among States, and serve as a mechanism for conflict resolution between the States, and between States and the Federal Government.

The Governors' Forum was founded after a multi-party conference of all elected State Governors held in Abuja between April 26 and April 29, 1999 and is fashioned after the American National Governors Association. It has become a major player in Nigeria's governance and socio-economic development process.

At home, we face enormous challenges. Insecurity, pervasive corruption, the hitherto unending and seemingly impossible fuel and power shortages are the immediate concerns. We are going to tackle them head on. Nigerians will not regret that they have entrusted national responsibility to us. We must not succumb to hopelessness and defeatism. We can fix our problems.

MUHAMMADU BUHARI
PRESIDENT FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
AND COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF THE ARMED FORCES

This second volume, like the promises the speeches in it hold, align with the perception of a new era in Nigeria. Despite all the challenges our nation faces, it is clear that we are growing as a people not only in terms of our politics, economy and structures, but also in terms of our values for knowledge and history. Books like this are becoming increasingly considered as important in our society and that is an exciting development.

ABDULAZIZ ABUBAKAR YARI,
GOVERNOR OF ZAMFARA STATE,
CHAIRMAN OF NIGERIA GOVERNORS' FORUM

There is now a national consensus that our chosen route to national development is democracy. To achieve our objectives we must consciously work the democratic system.

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This book contains the speeches from governors sworn in before and after the 2015 elections and also the inaugural address of the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Muhammadu Buhari, GCFR. The speeches capture the historical change in Nigeria's political climate during that time.

As Nigeria steps deeper into democracy, it is important that these words from her leaders are preserved for posterity. With the current economic and political climate, a common thread in all the speeches contained in this book is a desire to see Nigeria improve as a country and to transmit optimism to the citizens.