

# 13 POINT AGENDA

*Policy Thrust of Governor Aliyu Akwe Doma Administration*

## 1 SECURITY

Protection of lives and property through the promotion of peaceful co-existence and inter-communal cooperation amongst the various communities of Nasarawa State. Inter-State cooperation will similarly be encouraged.

## 2 AGRICULTURE

Restoration of Agriculture as the main economic activity of the people of the state in order to ensure sustainable food security, create employment and enhance economic empowerment of the people.

## 3 EDUCATION

To provide qualitative and affordable educational opportunities to the youth at all levels – Primary to Tertiary – realising more than ever before, that modern economies are knowledge driven. Government will encourage the study and use of Information and Communications Technology (ICT) in the education system with a view to enhancing free flow of information and ideas.

## 4 HEALTH

Improvement of healthcare delivery services with emphasis on preventive healthcare in tune with the requirement of the Millennium Development Goals (MDG's). Special attention will be placed on pregnant women, children under the age of 5, the aged and prevention of HIV/AIDS infections.

## 5 TOURISM

To develop tourism as a major economic activity that will benefit the people of Nasarawa State. To develop a world acclaimed tourism calendar for Nasarawa State in partnership with the World Tourism Organisation, the Presidential Council on Tourism and private tourist agencies and investors.

## 6 URBAN DEVELOPMENT

To embark, in our urban centers, the construction and expansion of road networks, improvement and enhancement of energy and water supply, sustained environmental protection. To treat all our Local Government Headquarters as urban centers.

## 7 RURAL DEVELOPMENT

To uplift rural living standards through the upgrade of various infrastructures – all season roads, establishment of agro-allied cottage industries, primary and secondary healthcare facilities, power and water supply.

## 8 INDUSTRIALIZATION

Establishment of industrial enterprises to diversify economic base and reduce the near total dependence on the public sector. Government will ensure the growth of private industrial firms through liberal investment policies – easy access to land, tax free periods, etc.

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## **ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT 9**

Accessing the people of Nasarawa state to economic opportunities through skills acquisitions, micro-financing, cooperative ventures and business development activities. Women and youth will be especially encouraged to acquire various skills and take advantage of guaranteed low interest loans from the banking sector.

## **CIVIL SERVICE REORGANISATION 10**

Reorganise the civil service to enhance professionalism, capacity building and efficient service delivery. Training and upgrade of facilities will be given greater impetus. A State secretariat is envisaged.

## **SOLID MINERAL EXPLIOTATION 11**

Government will play a leading role in ensuring that Nasarawa state derives economic benefits from the utilization of the large solid mineral deposits in the State.

## **HOUSING 12**

Provision of qualitative and affordable houses for all segments of the society. Legislation will be enacted to encourage Private sector property developers to invest in housing estates, especially on the Greater Karu Area and Lafia, the state capital, for sale to indigenes of Nasarawa state on long term mortgage.

## **CULTURAL REORIENTATION 13**

Encourage cultural reorientation and respect for our cultural heritage. Curricula will be developed in our educational institutions to instil reverence for our traditional value systems and institutions.