

**Maiden Broadcast By His Excellency  
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My fellow Compatriots,

Nigeria as a nation has made giant leaps in entrenching democracy in its body polity. Citizens have been afforded the inalienable rights to exercise their franchise without let or hindrance. The democratic process which is progressing gradually has taken shape. Leaders have been produced through the peoples mandate with patriotism, zeal and determination to serve their father land.

During the eight years of His Excellency Dr. Ahmed Mohammed Makarfi as the Executive Governor of Kaduna State, the state has witnessed tremendous infrastructural as well as economic development of immeasurable quantum, such that economic activities have more than quadrupled.

The onerous task of governing Kaduna State bestowed on me by you has attendant challenges of the continued peace and even development witnessed during the period of the outgoing administration. The Peoples Democratic Parties programme and manifestos is very explicit as to the benefits accruable to the citizenry as democratic dividends. Our duty as citizens is to consolidate on the gains of the democratic process and governance bequeathed to us by our predecessors.

The general outline of our action plan includes but not limited to the following:

- i. Security for peace and development*
- ii. Free and Compulsory Primary Education and General Development of the education sector*
- iii. Intensive Agricultural Development*
- iv. Poverty Alleviation*
- v. Youths and Women Empowerment*
- vi. Infrastructural Development*
- vii. Improved Health Care Delivery*
- viii. Industrial Regeneration (cottage and urban industries)*

- ix. Provision of Housing for all, particularly the low income Earners and the Civil Servants*
- x. Transformation of our Rural Areas to modern standards*
- xi. Improved welfare package for all worker and pensioners.*

I have during the course of our electioneering campaigns expatiated on those areas of immediate priority, such that when effectively addressed will lead to employment generation, poverty reduction and wealth creation within the socio – economic landscape of our dear state. The attendant consequences will be accessibility to enormous wealth by the citizenry through concerted efforts by them.

Let me stress here that specifically I have always emphasized on the followings:

#### ***Maintenance of Peace & Security***

The relative peace and security currently being enjoyed across the state will be intensified so as to give room for the continuous cordial and harmonious co-existence that is currently being enjoyed by the citizenry. Let no one be in doubt as to our determination to pursue this line with vigour and valour through the use of palliatives that will encourage our youths to embark on self help initiatives.

Government instruments both coercive and peaceful are constantly on the alert to attend to any incidence of breach of the peace. The legacies bequeathed to us in this regard will not be relaxed. Rather it will be strengthened and enhanced for the overall joy, peace and comfort of our citizens in the state and those with the intent of setting up investments that will add value to our people.

#### ***Free and Compulsory Primary Education***

The concept of free and compulsory primary education is not predicated on either the payment or non payment of school fees. It goes further in the area of child care, removal of some parental responsibilities with regards to acquisition of pupil materials and other wares and the provision of adequate infrastructure and teachers' requirements, thereby assisting to provide the conducive atmosphere and the enabling environment for learning.

The effect of this action is expected to translate to solid foundation of our education and improved result in our secondary and tertiary institutions of learning. Parents are

therefore enjoined to appreciate that these tasks are not limited to government. It is a tripartite responsibility that will involve government, the school and the home. The level of co-operation of parents in this regard will make or mar the success of this laudable initiative. This action will also assist Government fulfill its obligations towards entrenching the Universal Basic Education (UBE) Programme into our School system.

It must be stressed, however, that this concept is not without prejudice to developing other educational sectors especially the secondary education. The existing scholarship awards to our students will be looked into with a view to improving it for maximum effect, the existing Science Secondary Schools and Vocational training institutes will be strengthened while more will be established for skill acquisition and training of our youths to attain greater heights.

### ***Provision of State-Wide Irrigation Infrastructure***

We are aware that the immediate means of improving the economic standard of our farmers, will require an all year round farming season. This cannot be achieved without the provision of all the necessary agricultural facilities.

Towards this end we have resolved to provide several irrigation schemes to be spread all over the State among which there shall be three selected major dams, one in each senatorial zone, whose sitting will be determined by suitability, and other amenable infrastructure, which will benefit a larger spectre of the neighbouring local government areas and communities. These shall be multi-purposes Dams as they will also be a source of Hydro-electricity power supply. It shall be part of our deliberate efforts in improving electricity power supply in the state. In addition to these dams other agricultural extension services will be provided to our farmers to acquaint them with the latest technology in farming techniques. This will go along way in improving the average yield of the farmer, thereby improving his socio-economic status.

Government will ensure formation of farmers cooperatives and shall assist and encourage them to invest and acquire fertilizer blending plants that will allow the timely supply and application of fertilizers during the all year round farming season.

In our determination to boost agriculture, we shall encourage the establishment of agricultural based small-scale cottage industries. Our businessmen shall be provided

with adequate facilities to own medium and small-scale cottage industries and other businesses that will improve the socio-economic position of the State.

### ***Improved Health Care Delivery***

In order to improve the health care delivery system in the State, we shall add value to the good health care delivery services that has already been established. We shall ensure that there are more primary and secondary health care facilities spread all over the state for the benefit of our citizens. We shall also evolve a system of producing Doctors that will meet the level of at least one doctor to every one hundred persons as recommended by the United Nations. Major health care specialist diagnostic centres shall be established in each Senatorial District of the State with the provision of a major General Hospital facility in the State capital with a deliberate attempt to arrest the outflow of our patient to other countries seeking for good health facilities.

### ***Infrastructural Development***

In our quest to impact positively on the lives of the people of the State we shall continue with the provision of infrastructures that will increase the socio-economic position of the citizens of Kaduna State. This will consist of additional inter-town roads cutting across various villages, which will assist in the movement of our Agricultural products and other Economic transactions. We shall also continue with the provision of portable water supply to our teeming population. We will distribute electricity (Power) to all towns and villages in the State. As stated earlier, in order to arrest the continued problem of power outages we shall establish our own power generation plants. We strongly believe this will re-generate our industrial development and consequently improve and upgrade the socio-economic standard of the people of the State. Communication service providers shall be encouraged to extend their services to all nooks and corners of the State. To complement the efforts of the previous administration in the provision of road networks, we shall ensure the rehabilitation, maintenance and provision of new township roads to further beautify the state and make convenient vehicular movements in our towns.

### ***Youths, Sports and Tourism Development***

We shall encourage our youths to pursue their life long dreams either in their educational pursuit or sports advancement. We shall give sports the necessary

attention it deserves and shall restore the sports glory of Kaduna State as the talent hunt of the nation. We hope to provide the bulk of the nations athletes in all sporting endeavours and shall play hosts to competitions that will add value to the State Tourism potentials.

More Recreational and Tourism Centres shall be developed through collaborative efforts with stakeholders in the industry to bring succor to our youths in terms of relaxation and comfort.

### ***Public Service***

We are determined to continue to provide to our civil servants effective and efficient welfare packages that will motivate them to continue to bring out their best in their official responsibilities. I am using this opportunity to congratulate the Service on our recent favourable decision to increase their salary by 15% this is only but one of the many goodies that await them should they put in their best in their respective endeavours. We shall also provide houses for civil servants. Pensioners dues and entitlements shall be paid continually as at when due and further incentives shall be initiated to improve their Living standards.

### ***Township and Housing Development***

The existing Kaduna, Zaria and Kafanchan master plans which were developed since 1960 is obsolete. Accordingly we shall commission experts to develop new master plans for the three cities to complement our efforts towards beautifying the state and the provision of adequate infrastructure and housing to our populace. An enabling environment that will allow adequate opportunity to all the citizens to own their own houses and properties will be instituted. Low income earners will also continuously receive our attention in the provision of housing. We intend to establish a new town with all the necessary infrastructures carefully planned to cater for its inhabitants in Kaduna. Our rural areas shall receive our attention so as to bring them to the modern realities of our time.

### ***Good Governance***

We regard honesty, transparency and accessibility as vital elements of good governance. We shall therefore operate a transparent, honest and good government. For the attainment of these noble objectives, a Project Monitoring and Price Intelligence Unit shall be established in compliance to the recently enacted Federal and State laws on Public Procurement of goods and services which shall ensure adherence to Due Process Procedure in Government procurements.

We also shall operate an open door policy and shall maintain such policy at levels of governance within our immediate control. We shall work harmoniously with the other two tiers of government to ensure judicious use of our scarce resources, and shall ensure their independence and impartiality in the discharge of their statutory responsibilities.

We shall operate a dialogue driven government that will reach out to the people and shall welcome constructive criticisms that will move the State forward. We shall treat our opponents in the polls as our brothers and shall give them a sense of belonging.

Finally, I would like to state that all these activities cannot be achieved without the understanding and cooperation of the good people of Kaduna State. The continuity of the peaceful and stable situation that exists today in the State must therefore be collectively sustained.

Thank you and God bless.

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