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ROADMAP TO REPOSITIONING YAGBA WEST LGA AND KOGI STATE THROUGH PURPOSEFUL LEGISLATIONS

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Abstract

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VISION

As young people, we deserve a world where we are empowered to enjoy a happy, inclusive, and healthy life free from any forms of discriminations and violence; where our rights, our choices and our bodies are respected and where we can realize our full potential to transform our communities, so we could create sustainable change in our immediate environments. Also as youths we strive hard each day to live in contrary to the norms and beliefs of how the society expects us to adjust not only to situations around us, but to life itself.

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A full-fledged program for 'Rural Rejuvenation' will be made and implemented; which will comprise of integrated strategies for personal, economic and social wellbeing of our people across board. Gratitude to God, for the emergence of the All Progressives Congress in Kogi State in 2016; which has helped changed the narratives and nomenclature attached to our dear state. Most of these pillars stated above has already being adequately/moderately addressed. Hence, I have come to add flair and consolidate on the good job already in place.



THEMATIC AREAS

1. PILLAR ONE: EDUCATION (THE TOOL THAT DRIVES GROWTH)

I believe that education is the most powerful tool for the advancement of a nation, and the most potent weapon to fighting poverty. Education in Kogi State and Yagba West Local Government Area will be further strengthened to make our future generations proud of their culture, heritage and history, and also for creating confidence in the vitality of our dear country, Nigeria. Kogi State, right from the inception of Alhaji Yahaya Bello as Executive Governor has held education dearly, by ensuring smooth running of the academic calendar in our various higher institutions without the usual interruptions by industrial actions as it affects other states of the country. This and other milestones recorded so far, were achieved through His Excellency's capability to recognize and engage capable hands to handle this sensitive sector. Also prompt attentions has been given to formerly neglected Technical Schools, and even the creation of a state owned University of Science and Technology. Nevertheless, I have identified a substantial need for schools in core rural areas to be revisited and revamped, to meet up with the standard already in place across the state. The following educational reforms are to be considered:

- ICT centers for Joint Admission and Matriculation Board (JAMB) Students.
- Universalization of secondary school education and skills development through functional schools, shall be seriously pursued with particular focus on rural communities.
- Enact a policy to establish physical library in schools, to empower students, and teachers, and also revive the almost lost reading culture of the society.
- Initiate inter-constituency student exchange programs such as; quiz competition and debates, where children learn the act of leadership, confidence, and expertise from an early stage, to broadening their horizon and prepare them ahead to take over the leadership baton from us later in the nearest future.



2. PILLAR TWO: PURPOSEFUL LEADERSHIP

My administrative structure will be people-centric, responsive and result-oriented.

With this in mind, I am committed to bringing the following reforms:

- * The administration and its members will be made truly accountable to their tasks as well as the people through detail evaluation process.**
- * Good performance will be clearly noticed.**
- * Open up leadership style, to draw expertise from; industries, academia and the society.**
- * Services of youth and women in particular will be tapped, for them to contribute in governance.**

The following are to be set in motion:

(a) Overlapping legislation, as well as removal of contradictory and redundant laws

(b) Make legal information open and freely accessible. Run legal awareness programs and introduce it in school curriculum - making the common man aware of his/her rights and duties



3. PILLAR THREE: SECURITY (RESILIENCE AGAINST POTENTIAL HARM AND CRIME)

Security outfits in the state as entrusted with the crucial responsibility of maintaining law and public order, which forms one of the central pillars of our democracy, will be further strengthen to continue with the business of securing every lives and livelihoods of Kogiets. Consolidating and sustaining the clean sheet record of Governor Yahaya Bello in the aspect of securing the state through every legislative power at my disposal, will be a priority:

- (i) Engineering the birth of State Police in Kogi State to combat criminal acts in remote localities and the entire state.
- (ii) Bill seeking the modernization of the Vigilante, and equipping them appropriately to carry out their duties, will be sponsored. This would help revive the local farmers' confidence of farming without fears of being attacked on their farms.
- (iii) Redefining the concept of community policing in modern times.
- (iv) Give special emphasis for improving the working conditions and welfare of security personnel.



4. PILLAR FOUR: YOUTH/WOMEN/CHILDREN

YOUTH - MAKING OUR ECONOMIC PROGRESS A REALITY AND SUSTAINABLE:

The future of our country lies with the youth of our society, as youths remains the most productive asset of the nation who can make it possible for our economy to achieve the intended double digit growth. All sectors dominated by youth are doing exceptionally well. Policies must be put in place to harnesses the judicious mix of experience of energy between the older and young generation, for our country to be 'Youth inclusive', so that youth can serve as an integral part of our developmental process.

For youths, the following are intended:

1. Reviewing and revising policies to seek participation of youth in decision- making and nation building process.
2. I, Oluyemisi Oshaloto will initiate 'constituency level incubation and accelerator program' for encouraging, entrepreneurship, skill acquisition, and empowerment.
3. Piloting the procedure of setting up rehabilitation centers across the state, to checkmate and ultimately reform youths whom are adversely affected by the use of harmful drugs and substances in our society.
4. Carry along recognized youth bodies such as; Kogi Youth Commission, Kogi Youth Parliament, National Youth Council of Nigeria, and all recognized students' bodies within Yagba West Local Government Area.



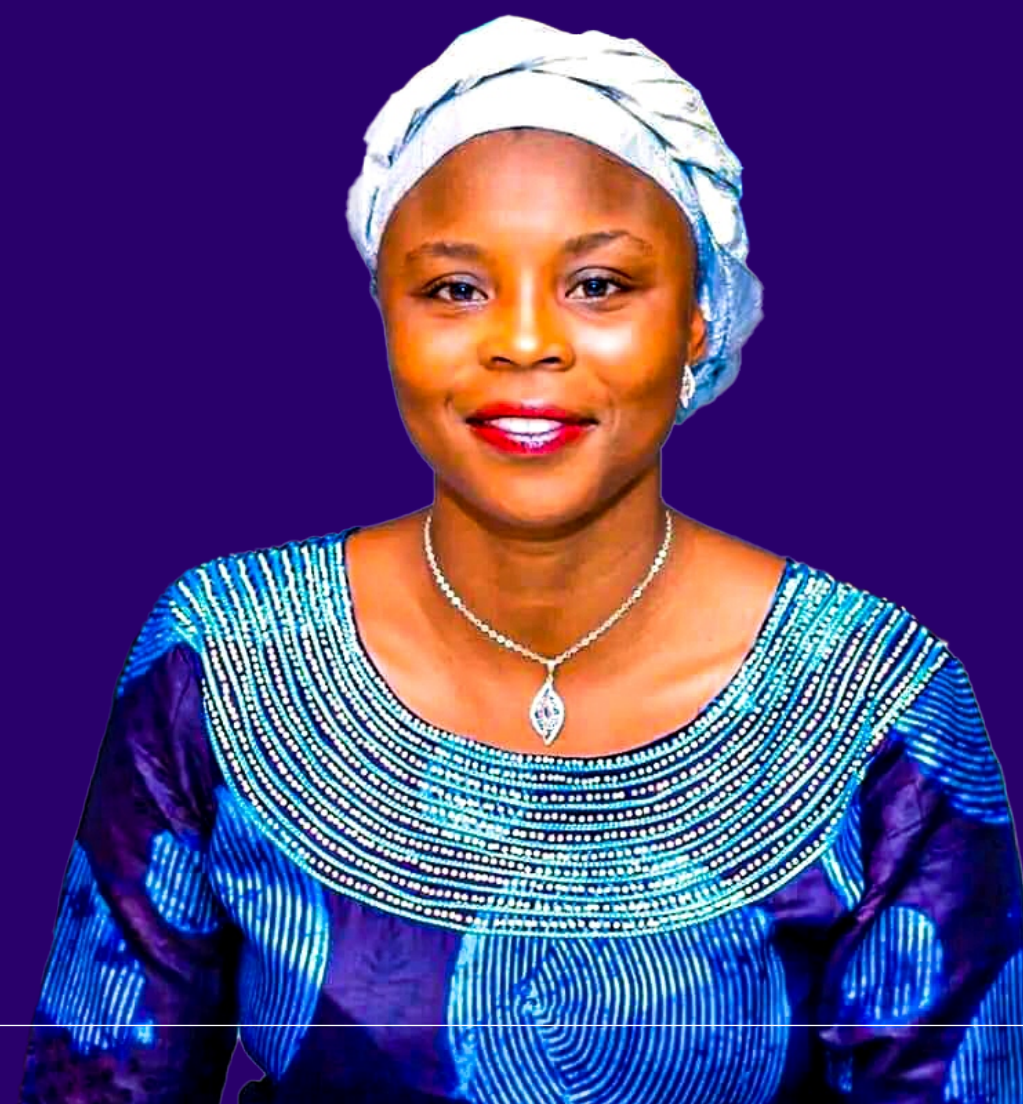
WOMEN, BUILDERS OF OUR NATION:

The important role of women in the development of our society and growth of the nation cannot be overemphasized. I am resolute to remain committed by giving high priority to Women's Empowerment and welfare, not because I am a woman but because it is the right thing to do. Women's need for security as a precondition to women's empowerment will be looked into through effective and implementable policies.

With God, my constituents, other Assembly Members, and the good people of Kogi State on my side, the underlisted are set as goals to be achieved:

(a) Sponsor a bill that would seek to create an economic access to loans with financial sectors in which commercial banks and microfinance institutions provide women effective access to a range of financial services and products tailored to their needs, including credit and savings.

(b) Revisitation of laws related to women, particularly those that has to do with gender based violence/domestic violence. Regulated cost of Caesarean section in hospitals across the state, to ease the financial burden of pregnant women. Addressing issue of mortality rate in pregnant women which is currently at 56.68 deaths/1,000 live births, strict measures would be put in place to ensure adequate, affordable, and accessible antenatal/postnatal care, to bring to the barest minimum high mortality rate in pregnant and nursing mothers.



CHILDREN, OUR FUTURE:

Section 29(4) of the 1999 constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria defines a child as any person under the age of 18. My administration will press to ensure that our dear state classify, and promptly harness the hidden potentials in this demography; as I am ready to be committed to addressing issues related to children, like; malnutrition and under-nutrition, problem of child labor, sexual abuse, drug abuse, school dropouts, and teenage pregnancies. All these will be achieved by taking the following steps to ensure survival, development, participation and protection of our children:

- Lay special emphasis on vulnerable children, especially street dwellers and those with disabilities.
- Children with disabilities will be identified. And also, programs to help Parents of these children to get over stigmatization would be set in place.
- Ensure effective implementation of the Right to Education, Right to Food Security as provided in our constitution.
- Encourage full enforcement of the Child's Right Act (2003)
- Bill seeking the establishment of school for the disabled.



5. PILLAR FIVE: HEALTH SERVICES (IMPROVE THE QUALITY AND LOWER THE COST)

A big applause to the administration of Governor Yahaya Bello for making available in Kogi State, a holistic healthcare system that is universally accessible, affordable and effective and thereby drastically reduced the out of pocket spending on health. Through legislations, I will accord high priority to health sector, which is crucial for securing the economy. I intend to work with relevant stakeholders to consolidate on the good works of the current administration, for more radical reforms in the healthcare system with regards to national healthcare programs and delivery, medical education and training, and financing of healthcare.

SENIOR CITIZENS:

Welfare of senior citizens, especially their security and health care should always be a priority.

My administration has also devise scheme to carry along these experienced individuals at all levels

Devise schemes and programs to engage the Senior citizens as volunteers/part time workers in various developmental programs of the government, both in towns and villages. This will not only help in utilizing their time, but also serves as an effective means of utilizing their experiences, and ultimately become an additional source of income for them.



HEALTH

CONSTITUENTS LIVING WITH DISABILITIES:

This has already being identified by the administration of Governor Yahaya Bello, being the first Kogi State governor to carry along people living with disabilities in governance. As Member, Kogi State House of Assembly, representing Yagba West Local Government Area, I strongly intend to consolidate on this singular effort, which has suffered a serious neglect before the intervention of His Excellency. The welfare and rehabilitation of disabled people is integral to our vision of a caring society and that of a responsive government.

Hence,

- (i) Bill to identify each and every special needs person across the state, by establishing a database disability registration system to issue universal ID, to access all applicable government benefits (healthcare, transportation, jobs, education etc.).
- (ii) Seek for foreign aids to address their pressing needs.



6. PILLAR SIX: POVERTY (PUSHING BACK THE FRONTIERS)

With firm belief in the concept of - uplifting the poorest of the poor, Extreme Poverty and malnutrition will be treated as a priority, and will be addressed collectively on serious note.

This would be achieved by:

(#) A Bill seeking the establishment and implementation of a Basic Income Grant model would be sponsored, with aim to gainfully employ rural poor individuals in agriculture and allied activities.

(#) Facilitating partnership across all levels of government, civil society, academic and financial institutions in this mission of poverty alleviation in Yagba West LGA.



PRAYERS

As youth, we are the future, but we are also the now. We are the sole owners of our bodies and our lives. We are building and shaping our communities to become more inclusive and nondiscriminatory. We want nothing for us, without us. This is why I am getting involved and seeking the opportunity to represent the good people of Yagba West State Constituency come 2023. I need your supports to actualize all the six pillars above, and even more; as I am willing and ready to commit myself to deep service of the people that would translate to the betterment of our constituency (Yagba West State Constituency), our state (Kogi State), and our dear country, Nigeria.

Join me in this journey of ensuring all-round wellness in Yagba West State Constituency.

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Yours in Service,

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Kogi State House of Assembly,
Yagba West State Constituency**

