

10-YEAR SOUTH EAST DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2020 - 2030



01. INTRODUCTION

INTRODUCTION | GOOD GOVERNANCE | REGIONAL ECONOMIC OUTLOOK



INTRO

The evolution of governance in Nigeria since 1999 amid a young but troubled democracy remains an interesting journey. The challenge presented by corruption/bad leadership and fueled by tribalism, nepotism, and religious intolerance calls for a new direction that will be driven by citizens as they hold their leaders accountable. The days of vote buying, and political party driven policy making needs to come to an end and be replaced by a social contract between political parties and the people, with clear terms on who serves, who is served, and how this service of governance is rendered.

This document attempts to capture the very basic expectations of governance in the SE region of Nigeria comprising Enugu, Anambra, Ebonyi, Imo, and Abia states over the next 10 years. It is tailored towards the demands of the citizens of the region and their ever-growing ambitious spirit. This plan represents a bare minimum, the basics, upon which we intend to build a future with technology and innovation, a revamped and direct educational system, and an economic engine that will sustain and reward the diligence of the Igbo man.

Details of goals and actions of key sectors are discussed in this document and this is done in general terms with little specifics on what each state should do specifically. It is hoped that every state already sees how it contributes to the growth of the region and hence can adapt this document to match their annual plans/budgets. This document will be supported by an engagement plan with all stakeholders including the citizenry and the government. An online tracking platform will also be created to provide a monitoring medium for all parties involved. The goal is simple – improve the quality of governance in the region via voter education and government accountability.

WHY IS GOOD GOVERNANCE IMPORTANT IN THE SE?

“Good governance can only be achieved by voting in leaders whose vision align with the aspirations of the people. Such leaders must be held accountable by a set of standards, designed by the people, and agreed on by the people and the leaders who are indeed but servants to the people. This is the new face of democracy in an ever-changing world where corruption and bad governance has brewed the grounds for tyranny and suppression of the citizenry”

ADAI TEAM

- **Improve education and talent development**

“Over 600K kids out of school, school curriculum, environment and management need urgent attention, no visible emphasis on talent development, no clear future for products”

- **Improve economic growth**

“Current economy needs to be diversified away from service type jobs to other sectors like natural resources, energy, agriculture, data and AI, manufacturing, and construction to build resilience in a changing world”

- **Improve quality of life**

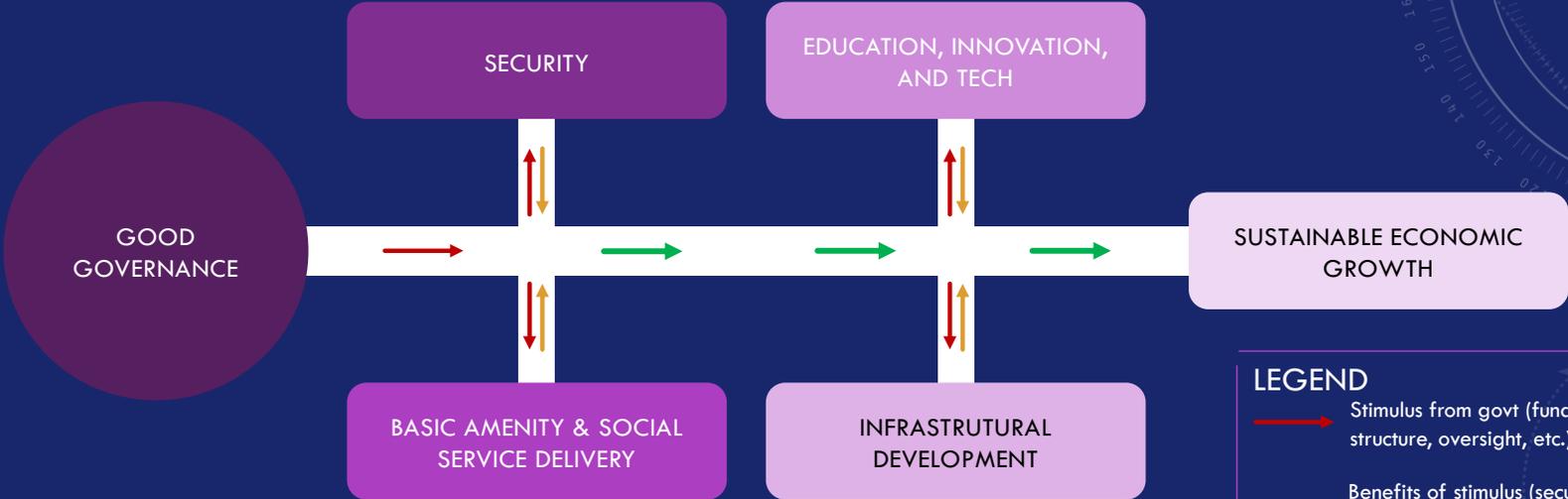
“Health standards are sub-par, the environment is very dirty and under threat from gullying and deforestation, food production is not sufficient, and security needs to be significantly improved”

- **Set region up for a bright future**

“Current state of education, the economy, and quality of life in the region sets the stage for a dark future. If the trend is not reversed soon enough, that future will be at risk”



GOOD GOVERNANCE – THE NEEDED STIMULUS



With the right amount of stimulus from government into key sectors, a robust economic growth can be achieved. Such growth will arm the government with more resources to continually stimulate the economy, creating a sustainable economy through global economic cycles.

LEGEND

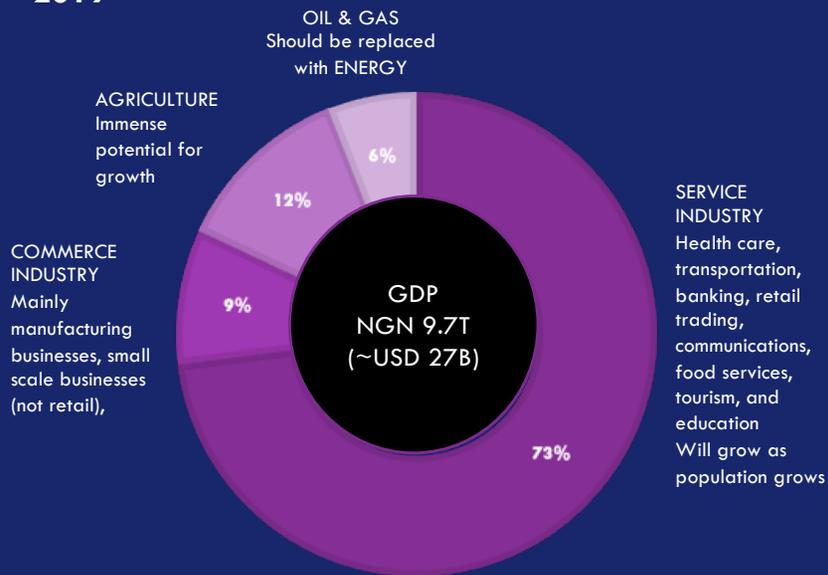
- Stimulus from govt (funding, structure, oversight, etc.)
- Benefits of stimulus (secure environment, required infrastructure, bright and nurtured minds, etc)
- Combined benefits driving towards economic growth



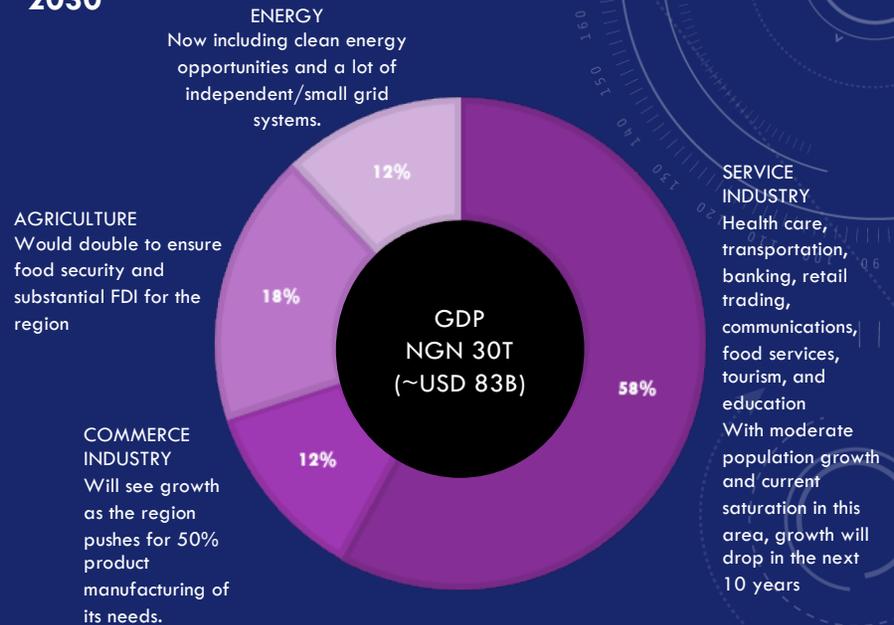
SE REGIONAL ECONOMIC OUTLOOK (2020 – 2030)



2019



2030



 Govt budget: ~NGN 870B (2018 budget), 9% of GDP

 Population: ~ 22M (40.8% Youth)
TFR: 4.8 (high)
GDP: NGN 404K

 Govt budget: ~NGN 3T (by 2030), 10% of GDP

 Population: ~ 30M
TFR: 2.5 (optimal)
GDP: NGN 1M

SE ECONOMIC OUTLOOK (2020 – 2030): GROWTH PROJECTIONS EXPLAINED

SERVICE INDUSTRY

73% - 58%. ↓21%

This sector is currently over saturated and the next growth it will experience will be optimizations using data analysis, e-commerce platforms, streamlining of banking services to more online services and less physical, etc. Some growth will be seen in the health sector as the region drives towards reaching ambitious but necessary health care – patient ratios. Overall, this sector will create more revenue but will see a drop in human capital it employs. This disruption has already happened in other parts of the world and would be currently entering into the Nigerian business space.

ENERGY

6% - 12%. ↑100%

Currently dominated by oil and gas, this sector will grow exponentially with the provision of cleaner sources of energy. Couple this with a push for an increase in mini-grid capacities, this sector will provide a lot of job opportunities for the private sector and will create significant value when merged with tech and AI. Successfully achieving this growth will drive down costs for all other sectors as the provision of reliable and affordable power will give them a significant boost.

AGRICULTURE

12% - 18%. ↑50%

The drive for total food security will see exponential growth in this sector. Current farming techniques will be replaced over time with hydroponics, greenhouses, ranches and industrial sized farming. Also, growing demand will see the manufacturing sector delve into the manufacturing of agricultural machinery. Food processing will also create a ton of jobs for youths and when matched with a formidable regulatory body, food exports will come into play earning much needed foreign exchange for the region.

COMMERCE INDUSTRY

9% - 12%. ↑33%

A call to produce a minimum of 50% of items used in the region as well as a push towards natural resource development will see growth in this sector. A lot of private businesses will grow from this and will create opportunities. The success of this sector will remain uncertain in a globalized world where cheaper and easily accessed products are available. Certain unpopular policies might be needed to drive growth in this sector. However, increased resource development might be enough to spur its growth.



02. SECTOR DETAILS

EDUCATION & TALENT DEVELOPMENT | ENERGY | HEALTH | AGRICULTURE |
ENVIRONMENT | TRANSPORTATION | COMMERCE & TRADE | CULTURE & SPORTS
| MANUFACTURING & NATURAL RESOURCES | SECURITY | GOOD GOVERNANCE



EDUCATION AND TALENT DEVELOPMENT



GOALS

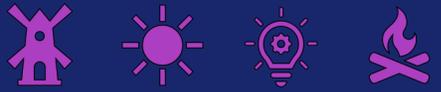
1. IMPROVE EXISTING EDUCATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE REGION AND MAKE FREE AND QUALITY EDUCATION ACCESSIBLE TO ALL KIDS UP TO THE SECONDARY LEVEL
2. REVISE AND IMPROVE THE ACADEMIC CURRICULUM FOR ALL LEVELS IN THE REGION TO INCLUDE SHIFT IN WORLD DIRECTION AND FOCUS
3. DEVELOP A ROBUST VOCATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAM FOR ALL TRADES.
4. DRIVE A RESEARCH MINDSET IN THE REGION THROUGH THE ACADEMIA, USING THEM AS A SOURCE FOR SOLUTIONS TO MOST (IF NOT ALL) CHALLENGES IN THE REGION
5. IMPROVE THE WELFARE OF TEACHERS AND LECTURERS VIA SALARY, BONUSES, AND TRAINING.



KEY ACTIONS – EDUCATION & TALENT DEVELOPMENT

- Upgrade 100% of all schools (primary, secondary, and tertiary) in the region and build more to ensure access to quality education for all kids in every corner of the region.
- Complete a total revamp of academic curriculum across all levels to include include history, culture, basic life principles, basic business understanding, data analysis, AI, coding and ML, and environmental sustainability.
- Train all existing teaching personnel in the region with emphasis on technical know how, empathy, and influencing skills.
- Revamp compensation structure for teaching personnel to match economic realities in the region.
- Hire more teaching personnel with a target ratio of 25:1 for students to teaching personnel.
- Setup 15 talent development hubs across the region (3 for each state) targeting kids below 16 years.
- Revamp and incorporate a robust vocational training programming for various trades in all tertiary institutions in the region. This will provide young people with alternative career paths and standardize the quality of work/service delivered by trades people.
- Implement free education across primary and secondary education levels and eliminate all out of school kid occurrences in the region.
- Complete 5 core research centers across the region (one in every state). Research centers will be tied to talent hub centers and provide progression for innovative kids.
- Upgrade all libraries in the region and build 10 more new libraries with online access for every citizen in the region
- Ensure 100% access to UBEC funds for each state by providing counterpart funding required

ENERGY



GOALS

1. DRIVE POLICIES TO EXPAND THE ELECTRICITY LIMITS FOR MINI GRIDS. THIS WILL MAKE MINI GRID DEVELOPMENT MORE ATTRACTIVE FOR THE PRIVATE SECTOR.
2. SET BOLD EMISSION TARGETS FOR THE REGION TO DRIVE THE CHANGE FROM FOSSIL FUELS TO GREENER ENERGY OPTIONS.
3. PROVIDE LOANS TO PRIVATE SECTOR INTERESTED IN SETTING UP MINI GRIDS POWERED BY GREENER ENERGY SOURCES
4. ENSURE THE ENTIRE SE REGION HAS ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY
5. ESTABLISH ENERGY SECURITY FOR THE REGION



KEY ACTIONS – ENERGY

- Obtain an increase in mini-grid limit from 1000KW to 10,000KW. This will make private funded mini grids more lucrative economically and provide needed competition to existing discos.
- Set a cap on total emissions from each state .
- Provide loans to individuals and businesses engaging in the setup of mini-grids to encourage rapid growth and coverage across the region.
- Develop solar, hydro and wind powered mini grids for rural areas. This will be government funded. Private sector driven energy infrastructure growth will work best for urbanized areas with a population that can afford to pay for clean energy currently.
- Build waste to electricity plants in each state to provide a central point for dealing with generated waste while also providing electricity for heavy use industries.
- Empower research centers and talent hubs to explore other sources of reliable energy for the region. This is key for a long term energy security plan. Research will also target battery storage.



HEALTH



GOALS

1. ENSURE ALL CITIZENS IN THE REGION HAVE ACCESS TO FREE AND QUALITY HEALTH CARE.
2. UPGRADE EXISTING HEALTH CARE INFRASTRUCTURE AND BUILD MORE TO COVER THE ENTIRE REGION.
3. IMPROVE WELFARE OF HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS (COMPENSATION, TRAINING, ETC.)
4. EMPOWER REGULATORY BODIES TO ENFORCE STANDARDS AND BEST PRACTICES.
5. EMBARK ON FIGHT AGAINST FAKE DRUGS IN THE REGION.
6. USING RESEARCH, EXPLORE THE PRODUCTION OF DRUGS AND OTHER MEDICAL SOLUTIONS FROM WITHIN THE REGION.



KEY ACTIONS – HEALTH

- Implement a free health insurance scheme that covers all basic health concerns and emergency services and treatment for all citizens in the region.
- Revamp compensation packages of medical personnel in the region to drive retention of quality medical personnel in the region. Then go on a recruitment drive to ensure 1 doctor to every 500 people and (~40k doctors for the entire region at a total population of 20M), 1 nurse to every 10 people (~2M nurses for the entire region), and 1 standard medical laboratory to 500 patients.
- Provide loans to doctors, pharmacists, and medical lab scientists who intend to open up private practices. This will go a long way to support the goal of 1 standard hospital/clinic for every 1000 people.
- Partner with NGOs to train over 100k volunteer emergency response personnel in every state to ensure to support the delivery of emergency medical treatment to people.
- Ensure the presence of a standard hospital/clinic for every 1000 human population and build 2 world class teaching hospitals in every state
- Have a regional body that will drive and enforce world class medical standards in the region for the entire health sector including hospitals, pharmacies, and medical laboratories.
- Revamp the pharmaceutical industry in the region, eliminating fake drugs and regulating the production and importation of drugs. A mandatory life sentence should be imposed on all who engage in the production or importation of fake drugs.
- Build 2 medical research centers in every state to identify and standardize medicinal benefits from traditional sources, improve existing medicinal procedures, and use data from health data within the region to drive smart policies for the future.

AGRICULTURE



GOALS

1. SECURE AGRICULTURAL ASSETS ACROSS THE REGION
2. PROVIDE FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO RAPIDLY INCREASE GROWTH IN THE AGRICULTURAL SECTOR
3. ACHIEVE FOOD SECURITY IN THE REGION BY 2030
4. EMPOWER LOCAL MANUFACTURERS TO DRIVE DEVELOPMENT OF MACHINERY IN THE REGION
5. USING TECHNOLOGY AND AI, DRIVE AN AGRICULTURAL REVOLUTION FIT FOR A GREEN FUTURE IN THE SE



KEY ACTIONS – AGRICULTURE

- Ban all forms of grazing in the SE. Cattle, goats, and other grazed animals must be raised in pens and ranches. Heavy fines and penalties must be in place for breaking this law.
- Provide funding to cushion loan interests from banks to farmers to encourage more young people to go into farming.
- Build a government agency that will support the processing of goods from farmers and minimize losses to waste, as well as provide oversight on the entire value chain of food production: farmers to middle men/aggregators to processors. This will create secure jobs and boost the economy of the region.
- Build silos across the region to ensure storage of key staple foods and drive food security by 2030.
- Provide special funding for AI driven technology and green houses, for the production of foods that typically do not grow in the region as another key step towards food security by 2030.
- Ensure key infrastructure like roads, reliable and affordable energy, and irrigation systems are developed to reduce production cost and increase profit for farmers.
- Partner local manufacturers in the region to drive a regional development of farming machinery custom made for the farmers in the region. This will include machinery for cultivation, harvest, processing and packaging.
- Provide financial support and regulatory oversight for export crops in the region.



ENVIRONMENT



GOALS

1. USING RESEARCH, FIND CHEAP AND PRACTICAL SOLUTIONS TO THE GULLY MENACE IN THE REGION
2. DRIVE A REGION WIDE DRAINAGE EFFORT USING SMART URBANIZATION POLICIES
3. PURSUE A CLEAN SE BY 2030
4. ENSURE ACCESS TO CLEAN AND PORTABLE WATER THROUGHOUT THE REGION BY 2030
5. RECLAIM 80% OF ALL DAMAGED LAND IN THE REGION BY 2030



KEY ACTIONS – ENVIRONMENT

- Partner with research groups across the region to develop risk matrix for gulying. This information will drive preventive efforts such as proper drainage plans, artificial lakes to contain run off water and reduce their impact, etc.
- Turn already damaged sites into parks and carbon sinks (lots of trees and vegetation with lakes). This will create some positive value from damaged sites, create recreational locations, and improve air quality
- Develop and implement a smart urbanization policy with an integrated drainage system across major cities, small towns, and villages. Heavy fines to be levied for any development that does adhere to this policy.
- Develop and implement a robust waste management plan with policies in place to discourage open dumping and empower the waste management boards with funds, personnel, and equipment to effectively collect waste from homes, businesses, and public spaces.
- Build waste power plants to convert waste to electricity and biodiesel in all major cities across the region. This will put a premium on waste and help drive behavior towards collection and proper disposal.
- Roll out a watershed protection policy that controls designs of sewage collection from homes and effluents from businesses. Create a monitoring program for all surface and subsurface water resources to track contamination from homes and businesses.
- Plant over 500 million trees over the next 10 years across the region to help reduce the impacts of CO2 pollution from the use of fossil fuels in the region.
- Over the next 10 years, drive a beautification program for each state in the region

TRANSPORTATION



GOALS

1. BUILD A REGIONAL HIGHWAY NETWORK THAT CONNECTS ALL MAJOR CITIES ACROSS THE REGION
2. BUILD A REGIONAL TRAIN NETWORK THAT CONNECTS ALL COMMERCE, BUSINESS, AND GOVERNMENT CENTERS AS WELL AS RURAL ECONOMIC HUBS (FARMS)
3. DEVELOP INLAND WATERWAYS IN THE REGION AND DRIVE MARITIME TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM
4. INCORPORATE A 2-YEAR MAINTENANCE CULTURE FOR ALL TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE AND A MODEL STANDARD INTO GOVERNMENT POLICY
5. UPGRADE ALL EXISTING TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE TO THE MODEL STANDARD ACROSS THE REGION.



KEY ACTIONS – TRANSPORTATION

- Develop a blueprint for transport infrastructure in the region and adopt policies to ingrain this blueprint into future governments. This blueprint will include standard quality of roads, drainage systems around roads, markings, traffic lights and signs.
- Upgrade all existing transport infrastructure in the next 10 years to meet the standard of the blueprint. This will include upgrading close to 4000km of road every year.
- Design and build a regional highway and a regional railway network that links all major cities across the region. These will target commercial hubs, farming areas, government centers, etc. When complete, this will improve commerce and trade across the region.
- As part of a new government policy will be a 2-year maintenance culture where all transport infrastructure in the region will be reassessed and any damages found, fixed. This will improve the operating life of these infrastructure will be improved.
- Maintain all existing airports across the region. No new ones are required over the next 10 years.
- Develop maritime transportation facilities across the region to regulate and optimize transportation via boats. Focus will be on safety and increasing capacity.



COMMERCE AND TRADE



GOALS

1. UPGRADE ALL MARKETPLACES ACROSS THE REGION
2. PROVIDE FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO BUSINESS PLATFORMS AIMED AT IMPROVING B2B AND B2C COMMERCE
3. BUILD NEEDED INFRASTRUCTURE TO IMPROVE BUSINESS INTERACTIONS WITHIN THE REGION
4. SETUP A BODY TO STANDARDIZE AND REGULATE BUSINESS INTERACTIONS IN THE REGION
5. IMPROVE OVERALL BUSINESS ACUMEN AND SKILLSET IN THE REGION



KEY ACTIONS – COMMERCE AND TRADE

- Upgrade market spaces across the region into a modern prototype to provide security, storage facilities, ease movement and protection from natural phenomenon (e.g. rain).
- Ear mark significant funds for new business ideas to leverage for the development of tech based B2B and B2C platforms for commerce and trade.
- Develop dry ports in key locations across the region including Onitsha, Aba, Nnewi, Abakaliki, and Enugu. These dry ports will drive growth in commerce and trade in key business and agricultural hubs across the region leveraging developed rail networks.
- Partner with federal government to get Akwa Ibom seaport functional and push for the establishment of the Orashi River seaport
- Improve educational curriculum related to commerce and trade in universities across the region to provide the skillset necessary for a 5% incremental growth in the amount of jobs related to commerce and trade.
- Develop a business management program for current traders in the region to introduce them to modern day business processes, applications, and ideas that will improve their business performance, reduce their risk, and grow their overall profitability.
- Ensure all businesses in the SE meet a minimum standard including business insurance, financial transparency & resilience, as well as tax remittance. This will be achieved through a business regulatory body aimed at ensuring a robust and beneficial business relationship between the region and business owners.

CULTURE, SPORTS, AND TOURISM



GOALS

1. CELEBRATE AND PRESERVE IGBO CULTURE & HISTORY
2. INCREASE THE USE OF IGBO LANGUAGE IN THE REGION VIA EDUCATION AND COMMERCE
3. INVEST HEAVILY IN SPORTS AND USE IT AS A MEDIUM TO ENGAGE THE YOUTH
4. DEVELOP AT LEAST 20 TOURIST LOCATIONS ACROSS THE REGION
5. PROVIDE EDUCATION, FUNDING, AND REGULATORY STRUCTURE TO SUPPORT THE HOSPITALITY BUSINESS IN THE REGION



KEY ACTIONS – CULTURE, SPORTS, AND TOURISM

- Make Igbo language mandatory in secondary institutions and encourage its use in tertiary institutions.
- Invest in the documentation and dissemination of Igbo culture and heritage through university research, funding for libraries, and partnerships with diaspora organizations working towards the growth of Igbo culture.
- Create a regional Igbo Day Festival/Carnival where Igbo heritage would be showcased and celebrated. This will provide a huge opportunity for generating wealth and jobs for the region.
- Erect Igbo heritage parks across the 5 states in the region. These parks would be green themed parks with monuments remembering our past and celebrating our heroes.
- Upgrade all existing stadiums in the region and build play parks for youths of all ages to use for sporting activities.
- Create regional professional competitions in key sports across the region at all levels to drive growth in sports and create opportunities for businesses and jobs in the region. Drive this through private sector partnerships.
- Develop current tourist locations across the region to world class standards. This will kick start tourist activities in the region and create immense business and job opportunities.
- Setup a regulatory body for the hospitality business in the region to provide oversight on hotels, restaurants/eateries, and taxis. Their primary role will be to standardize these services and improve user experience across the region.
- Include hospitality training into the curriculum of institutions offering trade education. This will improve and standardize the quality of service delivered in the hospitality business across the region.

MANUFACTURING & NATURAL RESOURCES



GOALS

1. REVAMP NATURAL RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT IN THE SE
2. FUND AN EXPLORATORY PROGRAM ACROSS THE REGION TO UPDATE RESERVES ON NATURAL RESOURCES
3. DRIVE THE MANUFACTURING OF 50% OF ALL ITEMS USED IN THE SE WITHIN THE REGION
4. DEVELOP A MANUFACTURING DISTRICT WITH THE PROVISION OF ELECTRICITY, ROADS, AND MACHINERY
5. REGULATE ALL FORMS OF MINING IN THE REGION WITH EMPHASIS ON SAFETY, ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT, AND PROFITABILITY
6. DRIVE THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SKILLSET REQUIRED FOR MANUFACTURING & DEVELOPMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES THROUGH EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS



KEY ACTIONS – MANUFACTURING & NATURAL RESOURCES

- Partner with the academia to relaunch a region wide natural resource exploration program. This work will focus on updating known extents and reserves of various natural resources, and ways to utilize them.
- Create natural resource production and processing hubs in the region equipped with good transportation networks, power, and other required amenities to support growth
- Provide funding/loans to businesses willing to go into natural resource extraction and processing
- Setup a regulatory body that will oversee the responsible extraction of natural resources. They would focus on environmental impacts to be done before extraction permits are given, education on safety for staff, and regular monitoring to ensure adherence
- Improve existing manufacturing hubs and provide them with power, transportation networks, and other key amenities.
- Create a regulatory body to standardize manufacturing in the region. This body will set minimum standards for every item to ensure quality products are produced in the region.
- Provide small scale loans to businesses engaged in manufacturing goods in the SE. This will hopefully encourage more production.
- Improve GDP of the region through natural resources and manufacturing by 35%. This can be achieved by setting a target of producing 50% of all items used in the region by 2030. Also, improving the use of natural resources like coal, limestone, glass sands, and oil and gas, will go a long way to achieve this goal.

GOOD GOVERNANCE



GOALS

1. EFFECTIVE DELIVERY OF BASIC AMENITIES PROJECTS
2. EFFECTIVE DELIVERY OF SOCIAL SERVICES
3. UPHOLD DEMOCRATIC IDEALS, THE RULE OF LAW, AND OPEN GOVERNANCE
4. PRIORITIZE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BY CONTINUALLY STIMULATING KEY SECTORS FOR SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC GROWTH
5. COMMIT TO REGULAR AND EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION WITH CITIZEN



KEY ACTIONS – GOOD GOVERNANCE

- In the first 5 years, drive key projects in transport, energy, infrastructure, education, and agriculture. This will set the stage for economic growth.
- Develop and deliver a robust network for pipe-borne water across the region.
- Develop affordable housing projects and provide low interest home purchase loans support to citizens/families to enable them acquire affordable homes. This will drive growth in the construction sector and generate recurring revenue via loan interest for the states.
- Deliver an effective and integrated pipe-borne water system across all states by 2027 to eliminate diseases associated with no access to clean drinking water.
- Pursue state policing within the federation while upgrading police/security personnel training, equipment, and recruitment. Goal is to have 1 security personnel to every 500 citizens, enforce zero tolerance of police extortion, harassment, and extrajudicial killing while raising their overall capacity to protect the citizens of the state.
- Hold bi-annual town hall sessions across the region to discuss government performance, challenges, feedback from citizens, etc.
- Commit to and deliver on-time budget releases and year end reports on state performance in all sectors.
- Commit and adhere to total transparency by promptly responding to requests for information from the masses and institutions.
- Uphold the freedom of the citizens to free speech.
- Commit to and deliver free and fair elections
- Commit and adhere to a non-indulgence in practices that weaken democracy including (but not limited to) attacking the judiciary. Legislature, and other democratic institutions in the state using any instrument.

SECURITY



GOALS

1. PURSUE STATE/REGIONAL POLICING FOR THE REGION
2. TRAIN AND REVAMP POLICE AND OTHER SECURITY SETUP IN THE REGION
3. IMPROVE WELFARE FOR SECURITY PERSONNEL
4. CHARGE RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS IN THE REGION TO INCLUDE SECURITY AS ONE OF THEIR MANDATE AREAS
5. SET A TARGET OF ZERO POLICE BRUTALITY EVENTS ACROSS THE REGION
6. INAUGURATE A FOREST RANGER AND WATERWAY SECURITY TEAM TO PROTECT THE REGION AGAINST EXTERNAL FORCES



KEY ACTIONS – SECURITY

- Across the region, collaborate in making a strong case for regional/state policing to give autonomy to the states/region to have a security setup suited for their unique needs.
- Retrain all existing security personnel to embrace very high standards of performance with focus on zero tolerance for accepting bribes, extortion, brutality, extrajudicial killing, and the use of unnecessary force. Other areas of training will focus on preserving the rule of law, smart investigation, preservation and storage of evidence, compassion and empathy, and effective communication.
- Revamp benefits of security personnel by increasing their base pay and adding benefits that will provide adequate support to their loved ones. Once complete, hire more personnel to ensure adequate numbers for security across the state.
- Provide state of the art equipment and infrastructure for security personnel including cars, radios, laboratories for investigation, offices, living quarters, etc. Partner research institutions to continually update their equipment with new technology.
- Set a zero target for cases of police brutality and other acts that go against their core mandate
- Setup an external body to review and check actions of security personnel in the region
- Setup forest ranger and waterway security units to help protect the region against external threats
- Ban all forms of grazing and the carrying of arms in the region.

03. DEPLOYMENT PLAN

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DEPLOYMENT PLAN

CITIZEN CONSULTATIONS

This can be done via social media using polls to determine choices of what is more important to citizens in the region. Physical engagements across the 5 states of the region will also be a great way to get synergy on the proposed plan. In all these engagements, the need to be politically active and informed should be constantly reiterated. They should know all the tools within their power to demand accountability from government.

GOVERNMENT ENGAGEMENT

Sharing these plans with government (state and local) through sit-downs and townhall sessions will be a fantastic way to get buy-in from them. This is key even if the citizenry holds them accountable via polls and possible recalls. With the right engagement, governments can use key aspects of this plan to shape their policies and direction over the next 10 years which will be a big win for ADAI and the region.

YEARLY REVIEWS

After every budget cycle, a yearly review will be conducted, and scorecards given to each state government and local governments. Results will be readily available to the citizenry via a website created and maintained by ADAI. These results can be discussed with governments with the goal of finding ways to improve or adjust the plans in the rare case where they are unachievable or unrealistic.



