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WITH UYO FEDERAL CONSTITUENCY BORDERING

JOBS, SKILLS, ENTERPRISE & RESULTS:

A HUMAN CAPITAL TRANSFORMATION AGENDA

PREAMBLE:

The future of Uyo Federal Constituency must be built by the people of Uyo — and government must create conditions for them to succeed.

Uyo Federal Constituency does not lack talented people, we lack sufficient opportunities to convert talent into **income, businesses, industries and sustainable livelihoods**. Our young people should not have to leave Uyo before they can find opportunities. Our graduates should not merely search for jobs; they should possess skills that make them employable anywhere in Nigeria and competitive anywhere in the world. Our artisans should not remain small operators; they should become professionally trained, certified and operate commercially competitive enterprises.

Our entrepreneurs should not be trapped by lack of access to capital, markets, infrastructure and business knowledge. And government must not only make promises. Government must produce results that citizens can see, measure and experience.

My legislative agenda for Uyo Federal Constituency will therefore be built around four pillars:

1. JOBS

Creating pathways from unemployment to productive work

I will use the legislative platform of the House of Representatives to advocate policies that expand employment opportunities, strengthen local industries and connect young Nigerians to emerging sectors of the economy.

My priorities will include:

- ***Employment and Apprenticeship Framework***

I will advocate legislation and federal programs that encourage structured apprenticeship, internship and work-placement opportunities for young Nigerians. The objective is simple; no young person should be left with only a certificate and no pathway into the world of work. We will pursue partnerships involving government agencies, private companies, professional bodies and industries to create structured pathways, thus:

School → Skill → Internship → Employment → Enterprise.

- ***High-value Employment Sectors***

Special attention will be given to train people and certify them in emerging and high-income sectors, including:

- Artificial Intelligence
- Data Science and Analytics
- Software Development
- Product Management
- UX/UI Design



- Cybersecurity
- Cloud Computing
- Digital Marketing
- Renewable Energy
- Oil & Gas services
- Construction and engineering
- Furniture and interior manufacturing
- Fashion and creative industries
- Agriculture and agro-processing
- Logistics and supply-chain management

The goal is not simply to train people. The goal is to train people for markets that pay.

2. SKILLS

From Certificates to Competence

Nigeria's education challenge cannot be solved by academic qualifications alone. The future economy requires people who can do things exceptionally well. The National Digital Literacy Framework already identifies core competencies including device and software operation, information and data literacy, digital content creation, communication and collaboration, safety and problem-solving. I will therefore champion a ***Uyo Skills Revolution*** built around three levels:

LEVEL ONE — DIGITAL LITERACY FOR ALL

I will promote access to foundational computer and digital skills for:

- Students
- Graduates
- Artisans
- Traders
- Women
- People with disabilities
- Out-of-school young people
- Small-business owners



Skills will include:

- Computer operation
- Microsoft Office
- Internet research
- Digital communication
- Digital payments
- Online business
- Cybersecurity awareness
- Basic data management
- Artificial intelligence literacy

LEVEL TWO — PROFESSIONAL DIGITAL SKILLS

For young people with stronger aptitude and ambition, we will facilitate professional training pathways in:

- Data Science & Analytics
- Artificial Intelligence
- Software Engineering
- Product Management
- UX/UI Design
- Cybersecurity
- Cloud Computing
- Digital Marketing
- Business Intelligence

The objective will be to move young people from basic computer literacy into globally marketable professional skills.

LEVEL THREE — ADVANCED TECHNICAL & VOCATIONAL SKILLS

Technical skills must receive the same respect as academic qualifications. I will promote high-quality rated training and certification in:

- Furniture manufacturing
- Welding and fabrication
- Electrical installation
- Plumbing Technology



- Solar Technology
- Automobile diagnostics
- Building construction
- Industrial maintenance
- Fashion manufacturing
- Catering and hospitality
- Printing and packaging

THE FIVE-STAR ARTISAN PROGRAMME

One of my flagship ideas will be a *Five-Star Artisan Development Programs.* The objective is to move an artisan from *informal craftsmanship* to *professional craftsmanship; certified enterprise; manufacturing; and export competitiveness.*

For example, a furniture maker should not remain simply a carpenter. He or she should become a 3-star, 4-star, and 5-star furniture manufacturer. Training will cover:

- Advanced production techniques
- Furniture design
- Upholstery
- Finishing

This same model will be adapted for other trades. We will not merely create artisans. We will build professionals.

3. ENTERPRISE

From Survival Businesses to Scalable Businesses:

Small businesses are the backbone of local economic activities. In America, small businesses constitute about 99.9% of businesses. There are about 36.2 million of them and employs about 62.3 million private-sector workforces. In Nigeria nay Akwa Ibom, many small businesses remain trapped at survival level because they lack:

- Capital
- Equipment
- Business knowledge



- Reliable electricity
- Market access
- Technology
- Management systems
- Appropriate regulation
- Professional accounting
- Access to larger supply chains

My enterprise advocacy agenda will therefore focus on helping businesses move from *Enterprise to Industry.*

UYO ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

I will advocate a structured enterprise-development program connecting entrepreneurs to *training; capital; equipment; mentorship; technology; and markets.*

Access to finance

I will advocate greater transparency and accessibility in federal development-finance programs through institutions such as:

- Bank of Industry
- Bank of Agriculture
- Development Bank of Nigeria
- SMEDAN
- NEXIM Bank
- Relevant youth and enterprise financing programs

Government-backed enterprise finance should be based on transparent criteria, business viability and accountability, not political connections.

Equipment Financing

For many businesses, the greatest obstacle is not knowledge, it is equipment. I will advocate for financing models that enable qualified businesses in Uyo Federal Constituency to acquire:

- Production equipment
- Digital equipment
- Agricultural machinery



- Processing machines
- Workshop equipment
- Solar power systems
- Logistics equipment

Business Incubation
I will work to establish partnerships for enterprise incubation, mentorship and professional business support of my people. Young entrepreneurs should have access to people who understand:

- Accounting
- Tax
- Marketing
- Operations
- Human resources
- Procurement
- Corporate governance
- Intellectual property
- Export
- Digital commerce

Local Procurement
Federal projects and large institutions should create opportunities for competent Nigerian businesses to supply goods and services. I will advocate policies that strengthen *local content and local supply chains*, while maintaining appropriate standards and value for money.

4. RESULTS

Representation must be measurable
Representation should not be measured by the number of political events attended. It should be measured by *what changed*. I will introduce a culture of *Results-Based Constituency Representation.*

THE UYO RESULTS SCORECARD
The people of Uyo Federal Constituency should be able to track:

- Legislative interventions
- Motions sponsored



- Bills sponsored
- Bills supported
- Federal projects attracted
- Jobs facilitated
- Trained people
- Businesses supported
- Scholarships and education interventions
- Healthcare interventions
- Infrastructure projects
- Social protection interventions
- Government agencies engaged
- Project status
- Expenditure and implementation status

An annual constituency report will communicate these results to the people. No hidden scorecard. No exaggerated numbers. No business as usual.

LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

A House of Representatives member, as a representative of the people, has two major constitutional responsibilities that are particularly important to this agenda; *lawmaking and oversight.* The constitution gives the *National Assembly* legislative powers and provides *investigative* and *oversight* powers over ministries, departments, agencies and the administration of appropriated public funds. I will therefore pursue an active legislative program:

1. EMPLOYMENT

I will support and sponsor legislation that:

- expand employment opportunities;
- promotes apprenticeships and internships;
- encourages private-sector job creation;
- strengthens technical and vocational education;
- supports emerging industries.



- improves employability of young Nigerians nay the people of Uyo Federal Constituency; and
- encourages local manufacturing.

2. SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

I will pursue policies that strengthen:

- vocational education;
- technical education;
- digital literacy;
- professional certification;
- industry-linked training;
- apprenticeship systems; and
- reskilling and upskilling.

The National Assembly has constitutional authority in areas including university, technological and professional education, making skills development an important legislative area.

3. ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT

I will advocate legislation and policies that improve:

- access to finance;
- MSME development;
- local manufacturing;
- business formalization;
- entrepreneurship education;
- access to government procurement;
- industrial development;
- export competitiveness.

4. POWER & CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Businesses cannot become industries without reliable infrastructure. I will use motions, legislative advocacy, committee work and oversight to push for:



- Improved electricity supply;
- Renewable energy solutions;
- Industrial power infrastructure;
- Better roads;
- Water infrastructure;
- Digital connectivity;
- Public infrastructure that supports economic activity.

The objective is to make infrastructure serve productivity. Power should not merely illuminate homes. It should power businesses, factories and jobs.

5. HEALTHCARE

A productive society requires a healthy population. I will advocate stronger federal investment and partnerships around:

- Primary healthcare;
- Maternal and child health;
- Affordable healthcare;
- Health infrastructure;
- Medical personnel;
- Preventive healthcare;
- Health insurance coverage;
- Emergency medical services.

Healthcare should not be treated merely as expenditure. Healthcare is human-capital investment.

6. EDUCATION & OUT-OF-SCHOOL CHILDREN

Nigeria faces a major education challenge, with UNICEF reporting millions of children outside school and significant deficiencies in foundational learning. My legislative pursuit in this regard will combine:

- Getting them into school;
- Keeping them in school;
- Making them learn; and



- Giving them skills.

I will advocate:

- stronger basic education;
- technical education;
- digital learning;
- vocational pathways;
- support for vulnerable children;
- scholarships and educational assistance;
- adult and continuing education;
- partnerships to bring out-of-school children back into learning.

7. THE UYO DIGITAL FUTURE

Uyo must become a ***center for digital talent***. I will champion initiatives that position young people for the digital economy.

UYO DIGITAL TALENT PIPELINE

4,000 foundational digital learners, followed by advanced pathways in AI, Data, Software, Product Management, UX/UI, Cybersecurity, Cloud Computing etc. The program will be connected to rated certification, internships, freelancing, remote work and entrepreneurship opportunities. The aim is to turn Uyo Federal Constituency from a consumer of technology into a producer of *digital talent and digital businesses.*

8. OIL & GAS SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

Akwa Ibom is an oil-producing state. Our young people should be positioned to participate in the value chain. I will advocate stronger access to training and rated certification in areas such as:

- Occupational HSE
- Welding and Fabrication
- Instrumentation
- Electrical Systems



- Mechanical Maintenance
- Project Management
- Logistics
- Procurement
- Marine Services
- Environmental Services
- Quality Assurance
- Inspection
- Digital Oilfield Technologies

The objective is to move from merely asking; *"Where are the jobs?"* to preparing our people to say; *"We have the skills required for the jobs."*

9. SOCIAL SAFETY NET

Economic empowerment must be accompanied by protection for the most vulnerable. I will support effective social-protection policies targeting:

- Vulnerable households;
- People with disabilities;
- Elderly citizens;
- Unemployed young people;
- Vulnerable women;
- Children at risk;
- Households facing extreme economic hardship.

But social protection must not become permanent dependence. My philosophy is to:

- Protect the vulnerable;
- Empower the capable; and
- Create opportunities for everyone.

10. FROM JOB SEEKERS TO JOB CREATORS

The ultimate objective is not to create a constituency permanently dependent on government employment. It is to build a constituency where people can *learn; work; earn; save;*



invest; and employ others. This is how human capital becomes economic capital.

OUR FIRST 24-MONTH LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Within the first 24 months, I will pursue a focused legislative and constituency-development program around:

JOBS

Employment pathways, apprenticeships, industry partnerships and job-creation legislation.

SKILLS

Digital literacy, professional technology skills and advanced vocational training.

ENTERPRISE

Access to finance, equipment, mentorship, market access and business development.

INFRASTRUCTURE

Power, roads, water, security, and digital infrastructure.

EDUCATION

Out-of-school children, technical education, digital learning and scholarships.

HEALTH

Primary healthcare, preventive healthcare and access to essential services.

SOCIAL PROTECTION

Support for vulnerable households and pathways from welfare to economic participation.

ACCOUNTABILITY

A publicly communicated constituency results scorecard.



MY MEASUREMENT FRAMEWORK

Every major intervention will answer five questions:

- How many people benefited?
- What skill, service or opportunity did they receive?
- What economic value was created?
- What measurable outcome resulted?
- Can the people independently verify it?

Because:

- A program without measurement is only an announcement.
- A project without impact is only expenditure.
- A promise without delivery is only politics.

THE UYO ECONOMIC PHILOSOPHY

I believe that the greatest resource of Uyo Federal Constituency is not government money, it is *our people;* our young people, our entrepreneurs, our artisans, our professionals, our students, our farmers, our traders, our women, our workers, our innovators, our businesses.

Therefore, our development strategy must be centered on human capital. We must invest in people so that people can build businesses. We must build businesses so that businesses can create jobs. We must create jobs so that families can earn dignified incomes. And we must build infrastructure so that our local economy can grow. That is the economic chain: ***People*** → ***Skills*** → ***Enterprise*** → ***Industry*** → ***Jobs*** → ***Income*** → ***Prosperity.***

MY PROMISE:

I will not promise the people of Uyo Federal Constituency that one elected representative can solve every problem. That would not be honest. A member of the *Federal House of Representatives* cannot personally employ everybody, build every road, provide every transformer or run every hospital. But a representative



can *legislate, advocate, investigate, influence policies, attract federal attention, build partnerships, pursue projects, demand accountability and represent the interests of the people relentlessly. I promise that all monies and resources assigned for my constituency project will be invested in the people of Uyo Federal Constituency. I will always show up and will be present.*

This is the responsibility I accept. My commitment is therefore clear:
I will go to the *National Assembly* to represent Uyo with ideas, competence, courage and measurable results. Not business as usual. Not politics without purpose. Not promises without measurement. But a new model of representation built around:

- Jobs
- Skills
- Enterprise
- Results

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