

African Renaissance Party

Truth.Love.Justice.

“A man can't ride on your back unless it's bent”- Martin Luther King, Jr.

O Nigerian youth we've been taken for a ride for far too long because we fail to recognize our strength.

Let's take our frustrations to the polls.
Street protests and riots failed.

Students Union activism failed.
Activist Journalism failed.

International criticisms failed.

It's our country. It's our future, our children's future.



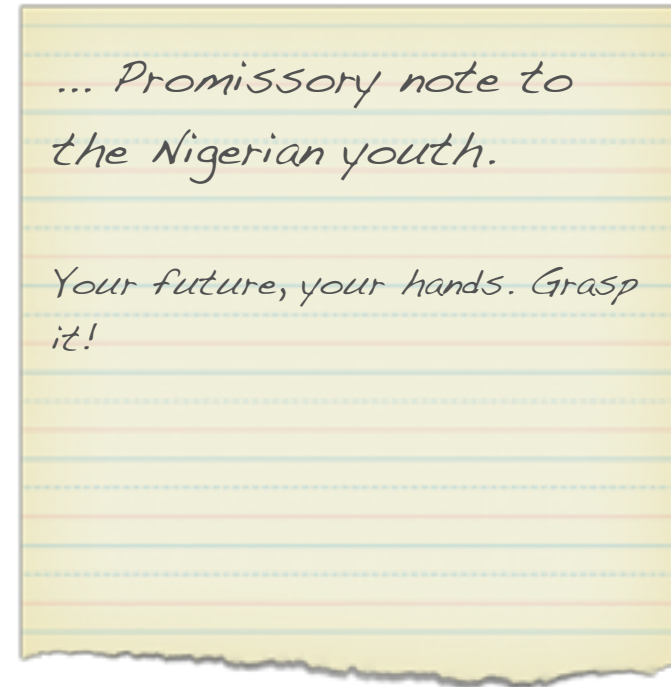
What are you going to do?

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... Promissory note to the Nigerian youth.

Your future, your hands. Grasp it!

African Renaissance Party is a party of Human Development. A party with a firm believe that only empowered citizenry can force good governance. Empowerment bestowed by cutting edge education, innovation and economic independence.



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- A completed patent form is annotated by a barrister and can then be submitted by mail to the patent agency to receive a certificate that includes a patent number.
- The local Business Review Panel will meet quarterly to select viable plans to be forwarded directly to the NYSC national headquarters for nationwide compilation and submission to the Innovation Fund headquarters.
- The Innovation Fund will be an independent foundation operated by a board whose members are from the private sector.
- Submissions approved and selected by this body will get a seed fund that is specifically tailored for the particular project.
- This board helps with management, technical and marketing support and also will seek venture capital from overseas.
- After 5 years the Federal Government will voluntarily offer the other 2 partners (corps members 5 years ago!) and the participating Investment Banks, the option to buy out its equity stake plus annual interest if the company succeeds.
- The selection process must be completed in 12 months; Corpsers to Entrepreneur agenda.
- This process will accommodate submissions from ex-corps members, students and every Nigerian with sellable ideas.
- A online clearing house will weekly publish and archive ALL patented submissions and status to ensure transparency and, unsuccessful submissions may benefit from being picked by investors and venture capitals from within and outside the country for funding.

Got an idea? Here is your shot.

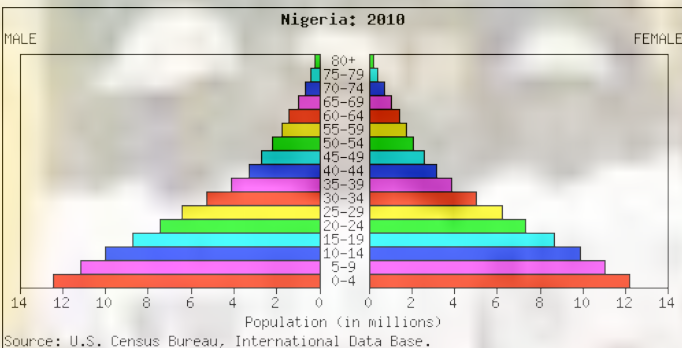
Join us today! Join the party of Human Development!

An Army of Entrepreneurs

Do you know that Nigeria is a youthful nation with a median age of 19 years? Such a resourceful country with young energetic population surely can do better than present but, only if we are courageous enough to stand up to the greying cowards who are bent on stealing the nation blind.

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Are you sick and tired of street protests that fail to change anything over the past decades?

Are you fed up with activist journalism that attempts to shame a conscience that does not exist?

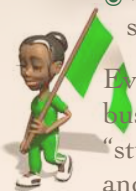
Are you going to keep talking about it or do something?

So, what are you going to do?

Well here is the alternative, African Renaissance Party, and here is a glimpse into what your potentials are as a young person in this rich country. Power is never surrendered, we are ready to lead in this battle. Are you?

It's time to take the struggle to the polls brothers and sisters!

We owe it to our children.



Yearly, Nigerian tertiary institutions produce 200-300,000 graduates that are largely treated as unemployed statistics. There has been a huge backlog over the past decade alone.

ARP sees this as an army of potential entrepreneurs. In ARP you will have a government that understands the aspirations and ideas of the 21st century mind.

Our proposal

Birthing a nation of innovation and entrepreneurs is conceived in the classrooms. Our education ministry has a industrial age mission statement, an education system that *develop citizens for work*. This is reflected in our current archaic curriculum.

There must be an overhaul and replacement with a system that;

- will increase funding from the current pathetic 1-2% of the GDP to 7-10%.
- will place emphasis on innovation and business ownership.
- produces graduates who can generate business plans and know how and where to access funding for projects both from within and outside our borders .
- will reward innovation and encourage research. Schools, lecturers and students must be able to commercialize and benefit from their ideas and inventions.
- will make teaching attractive to the best through rewards and respect tied to accountability.
- will encourage research collaborations between the schools and the private sector.

Every graduating student's finals project must be a business plan. In this century it's no more enough to "study" computer but also how to innovate, collaborate and commercialize.

Yes the economy records yearly growth but nothing changes on the ground simply because it lacks diversification. The growth comes from only the 2 or 3 sectors that attract Foreign Direct Investments. Nigerians in these sectors amount to a single digit percentage of the population.

Not discounting the importance of a strong primary and secondary education system, tertiary institutions provide far more opportunities to individuals who can directly impart the economy.

Our Plan

- Exploring and making use of technical and financial support potentials between NYSC and it's traditional partners like USAID, WHO, John Hopkins University etc.
- Provision of Innovation Fund in partnership with willing Development Banks and other private investors.
- Innovation and Business Development offices in every NYSC Zonal HQs.
- A Business Review Panel comprising of volunteer successful local business leaders in each zone that examines business plans submitted by corps members in the zone.
- Corper(s) with novel business plans/ideas or innovations will patent such using patent application forms from their local post office or from the official website of the Nigeria Patent Agency. This agency will be under the Ministry of Justice.

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