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Development Action Plan (DAP) for Niger State

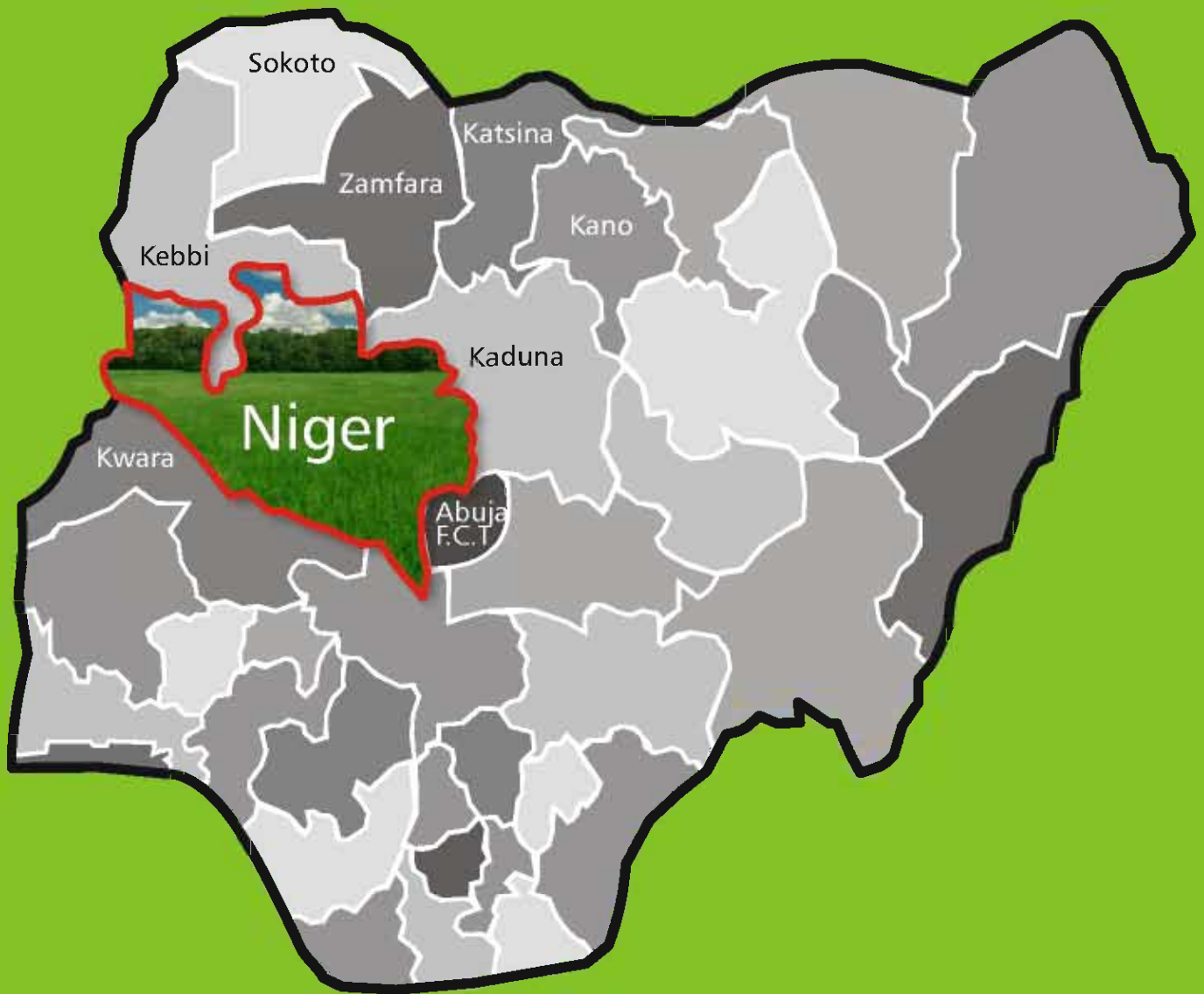


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It is my pleasure to present to you this document - The Action Plan for the development of Niger State. The document is being presented in the early life of this government as a veritable framework for the effective management of the state economy. It provides a platform for the implementation of programmes and projects that will facilitate the attainment of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). We are resolute in making Niger State a prosperous place for our people to live in happiness and security and we shall leave no one in doubt about our determination to succeed. We shall be guided constantly by our manifesto, and our credo, which stipulates:

“In the making is a State of brilliance that is progressive and modernised with vision and initiatives in developmental strategies. Niger State will prosper economically, socio-politically and culturally. We will as a family live in harmony and respect our differences by always putting our State's needs ahead of personal interests. We may be different in so many ways, but the secret to our success is buried in our diversity. We have enough knowledge, perspectives, answers and alternatives to always draw from”.

Wisdom comes from experience and flexibility in our thinking and in our actions on which the quality of our lives depend. We must harness our enormous human and natural potentials. Through our hard work and determination, we can collectively take Niger State into the league of the three most developed states in Nigeria and we shall be the pride of other states. Ours would be the Promised Land where love and

mutual respect for one another will be abundant. Corruption and looting of public treasury will be stamped out from our policy.

We will be exemplary in our leadership style and our standards of performance will be very high. Transparency and accountability will be our watchwords. We hope that each of our calculated steps will get us closer to our dream.

Let us together create an enduring culture of faith, devotion, contribution and support for “the power state” and make these our core values. As one people, we all must make worthwhile inputs into the Niger State re-invention project, both for the sake of our generation and future generations. Inevitably, we will consciously create a harmonious environment for the general wellbeing of all Nigerlites and as a token of our love for generations to come.

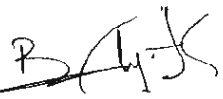
This will be our legacy to Nigerlites in particular and Nigerians in general. The Development African Plan (DAP) has taken a holistic approach to the development of Niger State. This careful planning exercise followed by committed sectoral implementation of the identified strategies should provide succor for rural and urban Nigerlites.

Finally, let me express my appreciation to the well meaning people of the State who at different times made representations and contributions, which form





the bulk content of this document; ministries, extra-ministerial departments and agencies, the civil societies and development partners for their contributions towards the preparation of this document. It is my conviction that the effective implementation of the Development Action Plan will lead us to achieve the MDGs and ensure that our State becomes one of the most developed states in Nigeria by 2020.

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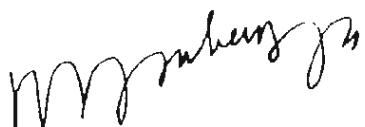
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This Plan is a product of hardworking Nigerlites who have kept the hope alive that Niger State is capable of living up to its promise of being the most endowed state in Nigeria. The Chief Servant and Government of Niger State is grateful to the inestimable contributions of various well meaning Nigerlites especially the Technical Committee under my coordination that worked tirelessly through this arduous and laborious endeavour of articulating the people's desires and wishes into actionable deliverables epitomized by this plan. The State acknowledges their sacrifices in the realization of this plan. We cannot quantify the man-hours and painstaking dedication with which they approached the job of realizing this plan. We thank the good people of Niger State for their enthusiastic contributions and belief in this administration.

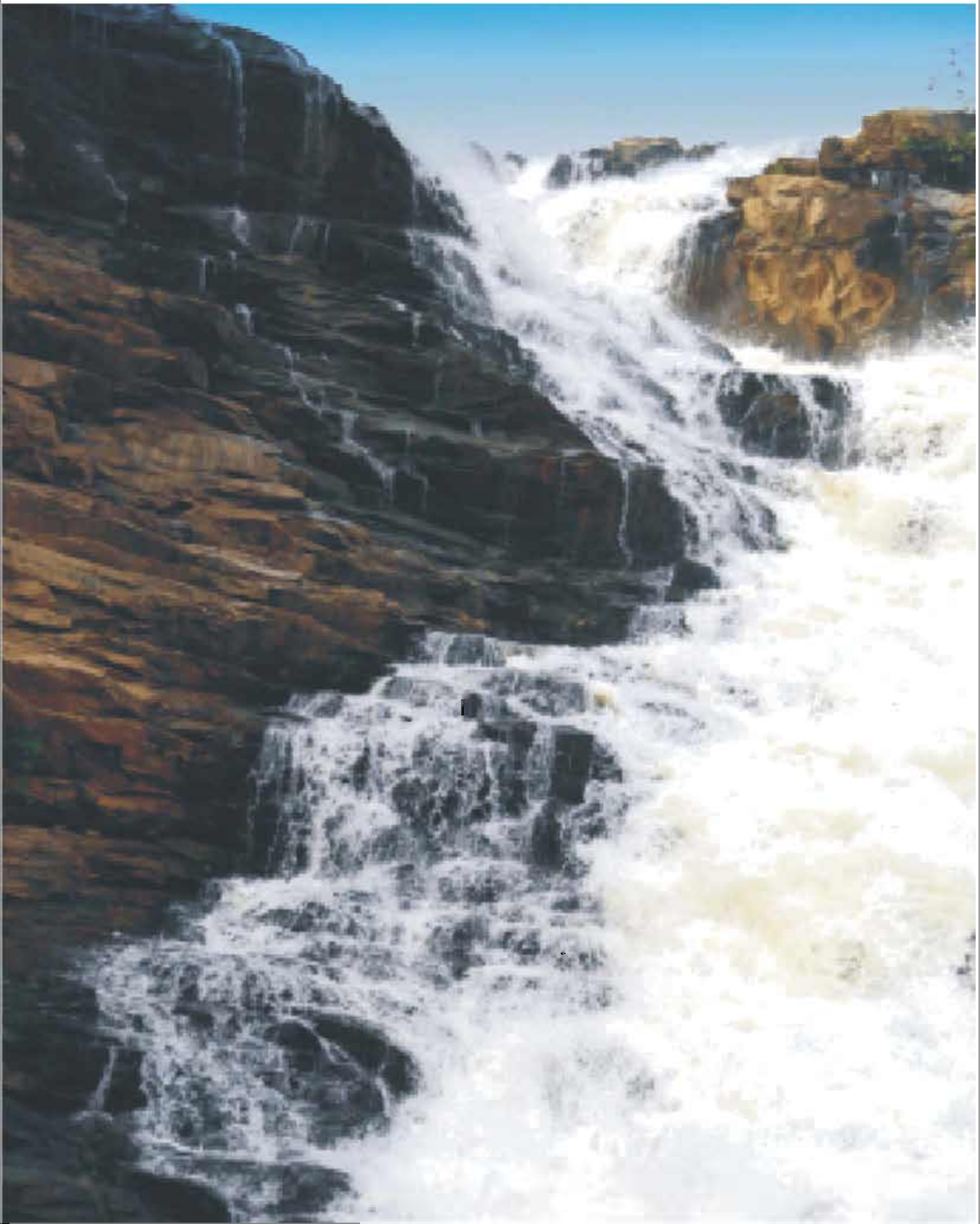
We acknowledge with gratitude, those Nigerlites from all walks of life who contributed in diverse ways to this document. It is on record that members of the Transition Committee, Policy and Programmes Committee, submissions by individuals and groups were harvested and integrated into this document.

It is with a deep sense of responsibility that we express the Government's appreciation to those whose names are too numerous to mention but who undoubtedly are of immense value to the State.



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Introduction

This Development Action Plan (DAP) provides the elaboration of the Programmes, Plans and Activities derived from submissions of Stakeholders for the development of Niger State. It forms the service pact between the Chief Servant, Dr Muazu Babangida Aliyu, OON, and the people of Niger State.



Development Challenges

Niger State is dominated by two visible activities - Agriculture and Government (public service). The standard of living of the people is low. Subsistence agriculture accounts for about 70% of total employment, while the civil service accounts for the bulk of paid employment. The absence of a virile private sector and low level of investment have made Niger State one of the least developed states in the country.



Vision

To transform Niger State into one of the top three state economies in Nigeria by the year 2020 by being a model and leader in agro-based industrialization where there is employment and wealth creation opportunities for all in an atmosphere of peace.



Mission

To empower Nigerlites by providing a conducive environment for living, through wealth and

employment creation opportunities in collaboration with development and public private partners.

Overall Development Strategy

The overall development strategy of the state is to use the agricultural endowments through private-public partnership to develop/industrialize/modernize the State's economy for the improvement of the welfare of the people.

Major Policy Thrust and Reform Agenda

The major thrust of policy is to revitalize the economy of the State and maximize the exploitation of the various potential of the State to create wealth, empower the private sector and improve the welfare of the populace.

Sectoral Strategies

Agriculture

To take advantage of the diverse agricultural resources of the State to develop an agricultural sector that will guarantee food security, reduce rural poverty and accelerate economic development of the State. The Sector shall be private sector driven, however with the Government creating an enabling environment through public private partnerships.



Education

The Sector shall focus on complete education: early child care and education, primary, junior secondary, senior secondary, adult and non-formal, science, technical & vocational and tertiary education.



Health

The policy thrust is to provide health services that are relevant, accessible and affordable to majority of the people, particularly the urban poor and the rural dwellers.



Housing and Environment

“Government shall respond to the needs of all citizens, including urban squatters), for personal safety, basic infrastructure and services, to eliminate health and social problems.”



Infrastructure

Infrastructure development and its provision are very crucial in achieving sustainable development in both the urban and rural settings. The most important of these include water supply, all-season roads, electricity supply (solar, hydro e.t.c), housing, health and educational facilities.





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ADP	African Development Bank
FCT	Federal Capital territory
LGAs	Local Government Areas
NTA	Nigerian Television Authority
NEEDS	National Economic Empowerment and Development Strategy
BPE	Bureau for Public Enterprise
PPP	Public Private Partnership
SMEs	Small and Medium Scale Enterprises
NACRDB	Nigerian Agricultural Cooperative and Rural Development Bank
MDAs	Ministries, Departments and Agencies
ICT	Information and Communication Technology
NCE	National Council on Education
SUBEB	State Universal Basic Education Board
VIP	Ventilated Improved Toilets
JSCE	Junior Secondary Certificate Examination
SSCE	Senior Secondary Schools Certificate Examination
SOME	State Ministry of Education
NGOs	Non Governmental Organizations
NBTE	National Board for Technical Education
NBTC	National Board for Technical Colleges
LGEA	Local Government Education Authority
PTAs	Parent Teachers Associations
CBOs	Community Based Organizations
UBE	Universal Basic Education
ETF	Education Trust Fund
UNICEF	United Nations Children Education Fund
UNESCO	United Nations Scientific and Cultural Organization
USAID	United State Department for International Development



SAME	State Agency for Mass Education
LGAES	Local Government Education Secretaries
NURTW	National Union of Road Transport Workers
NAPEP	National Poverty Eradication Programme
NDE	National Directorate of Employment
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
LGCs	Local Government Councils
GEP	Girl Education Project
ERC	Education Resource Centre
GTZ	German Technical Cooperation
FLHE	Family Life Health Education
PHC	Primary Health Care
SHC	State Health Council
IMR	Infant Mortality Rate
MMR	Maternal Mortality Rate
PHCCs	Primary Health Care Centres
MCH	Maternal and Child Health
MDGs	Millennium Development Goals
VHDC	Village Health Development Committee
NAFDAC	National Agency for Drugs and Food Administration and Control
CHO	Community Health Officer
YES	Youth Empowerment Scheme
PLWHAs	People Living with HIV and Aids
OVCs	Orphaned and Vulnerable Children
SEEDS	State Economic Empowerment and Development Strategy
SACA	State Action Committee on AIDS
LACA	Local Government Action Committee on AIDS
FBOs	Faith Based Organization
ANC	Ante Natal Clinic
NPI	National Programme on Immunization



MOH	Ministry of Health
M&E	Monitoring and Evaluation
HSDPII	Health Systems Development Project II
HMB	Hospital Management Board
MOW	Ministry of Works
NISEPA	Niger State Environmental Protection Agency
NUDB	Niger State Urban Development Board
SEMA	State Emergency Management Agency
GEF	Global Environment Fund
LEEMP	Local Empowerment and Environmental Management Projects
MOJ	Ministry of Justice

