## The **Bago** Manifesto 2023





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# BIOGRAPHY

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## BAGO 2023 MANIFESTO

This manifesto lays the foundation of a new social contract with Nigerlites. We shall not be doing this alone. We invite and require the support and engagement of the people. We are outlining our commitment to a sustainable Niger State that provides all its citizens with quality life and good living in a safe and secure environment. Through a sincere agreement with the people, we want to accomplish all of these.





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# Vision

To be a leading economy in Nigeria that is hinged on sustainable financing for development to improve the livelihoods of its people

# Mission

To provide good governance to the people of Niger State through accountability, equity, innovation, provision of state-of-the-art infrastructure and an enabling environment for businesses and investment to thrive.







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# **MY CHARTER**

My charter with the people of **Niger State** is to build around four (4) cardinal programmes:

A State where its citizens have access to basic social amenities and infrastructure to make life meaningful, including quality healthcare, access to quality inclusive education, security of life and property, food security, potable water, affordable housing, recreational facilities and sporting pastime.

A State with a sustainable economy driven by massive agricultural development, investment in tourism, renewable energy, solid minerals, innovation, technology and services, free trade zones, industrial parks, and creation of economic cities to serve as hubs for development and employment.

A State with a state-of-the-art infrastructure achieved through a deliberate urban renewal plan, which include but not limited to provision of quality road network and rail infrastructure, urban transportation, and city surveillance systems. Additionally, we will develop modern trailer/lorry park, bus and car parks, commercial sport centres and recreational parks.

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A state established on the principles of good governance characterised by equity, accountability, an efficient civil service, maintenance of law and order, an enabled business environment, good financial governance, optimised internally generated revenue, technology for governance, and inclusive governance and policymaking.



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### Our Focus









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#### Improved Livelihoods









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# B Improved Livelihoods

Our people are our priority. Our administration, under this progressive agenda shall be investing in key areas that would promote improved livelihoods in our dear State.



#### Access to Quality Health

We Shall establish a network of neighbourhood clinics and dispensaries to strengthen our primary healthcare system.

- Enhance the State's healthcare infrastructure in the 3 Senatorial Zones
- Provision of metro Ambulance/Paramedic Services
- Increase the share of the yearly budget set aside for healthcare
- Recruitment and retainment of health workers to meet the human resource needs in the public health sector.
- Improve the hospital referral system across the state





Our administration shall collaborate with all the education sector stakeholders, including students, parents, the academic community, relevant unions, and the government to produce an inclusive and educational system that promotes life-long learning through a strategic educational plan for the State.

- School renovation project across the State
- Students educational exchange
   Programmes
- Scholarships opportunities and grants
- Compulsory and free basic education for all.
- Leverage technology to establish accurate database for all schools
- Develop an inclusive IT-based and online educational system.
- Capacity building for teachers and managers of our educational institutions
- Enrolment strategies for outof-school children, including the Almajiris.





#### Security of Lives and Property

Our administration shall ensure that protecting our people's lives and property is of top most priority.

- Collaborate with security agencies
- Create community-led
   crime prevention program
- Design a best-fit security infrastructure
- Use of technology, drone systems, intelligence & surveillance systems
- Establishment of security bases in strategic locations across the State



#### Food Security

We shall harness the vast opportunities in agriculture to ensure that residents of Niger State have access to adequate, safe, and nutritious food that is required to meet their dietary needs for healthy living.

- Enhance the capacity of farmers across the agricultural value chain.
- Establish the Niger State Strategic Food Reserve
- Upscale irrigation/dry season farming
- Improved access to fertilisers



#### Access to Portable Water

As part of promoting good living, we shall focus on improving access to sufficient safe drinking water

- Reticulation of existing water channels
- Resuscitation of water works and dams in all LGAs in the state.
- Investment in the digitalization and metering of services
- Procurement of modern mega machines
- Establish an extensive WASH policy
- Increase awareness on water hygiene by leveraging community governance and partnerships.



#### Human Capital Development

The capacity of our people is fundamental to our development. Thus, it is imperative to mention that my administration shall invest significantly in enhancing the capacity of our people with special attention to women across different spheres.

- Entrepreneurship (Boot Camp) and skills training
- Exchange programs
- Scholarship programs
- Social investment programs

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#### **Gender Equity**

We shall embed gender main streaming in our development agenda to ensure that we attain gender equity.

- Women empowerment programs
- Affirmative Action
- Women inclusion in policy making
- Gender budgeting
- Gender sensitive taxation

#### **Affordable Housing**

My administration's goal of affordable housing for all Nigerlites shall be to work vigorously towards bridging the housing gap in the State

- Mass housing scheme
- Access to mortgage finance
- Public-private partnership



#### **Youth Development**

The youths constitute a higher percentage of our population and they represent the future of our dear State – we will develop programs and put in place a system that is geared towards their development.

- Youth mentorship and fellowships
- Neighborhood Sport Centers
- Sports competition
- Improved access to Jobs
- Skills acquisition programs



#### **Elderly Care**

we shall take care of our elderly ones by putting in place sustainable framework to cater to their needs

- Geriatric Care
- Welfare programs
- Revamp and establish more elderly people's homes

#### **Special Needs People**

My administration shall take into consideration the challenges faced by special needs people and those living with disabilities.

- Educational programmes for special need
- Inclusion in healthcare
- Social protection
- Inclusion in policymaking

#### Sustainable Economy









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Tourism

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Climate Change & Renewable Energy

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Solid Minerals



Innovation, Technology & Services



Industrial Parks & Economic Cities

Free Trade Zone

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# Sustainable Economy



The cornerstone of my sustainable economic strategy is centred on maximizing the opportunities across key drivers of the economy of our State from end-toend. We shall grow the economy of Niger State by harnessing its vast potentials, leading it to become one of the top 10 economies in the country.



#### Agricultural Development

Our top most priority is to focus on stimulating agricultural development with a renewed priority on food security and production.

- Development of Agroprocessing industries in the three senatorial zones.
- Access to improved seedlings, fertilizers, and extension services
- Leverage technology to digitize and map all agricultural land
- Register and maintain database of all farmers across the state.
- Irrigation and mechanised farming
- Promote agricultural products such as shea butter, rice and other cash crops

Tourism

#### My administration shall harness the vast potential resources in our State to create a first-class tourism industry

- Enabling business environment for tourism investment
- Harness the potential of Gurara
   Waterfalls/Shagunu Resort
- Exploration of Kainji Lake/National Park
- Provide opportunities for private sector to invest in Amusement parks, Water and Aquatic Parks
- Reposition Tswata Mukun (Bida Brass) to become a world tourist centre
- Harness tourism opportunities in historical sites in Zungeru and the Nagwamatse Well.





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#### Climate Change and Renewable Energy

As part of my administration, climate change action shall be pivotal for the future of our State. Hence, we shall focus on renewable energy and healthy practices that will sustain the environment.

- Tagwai Dam hydroelectric project
- Investing in mini-grid systems to power rural areas
  - Tree Planting across the State
  - Healthy waste management
  - Exploring the potentials of bio-energy





#### **Solid Minerals**

My administration in support of inclusive and sustainable economic programmes shall harness the vast opportunities in mining in the State.

- Public-Private-Partnerships in Exploration
- Coordination and regulation of artisanal mining
- Niger State-owned mining licensing



#### Innovation, Technology & Services

I shall leverage technology both as a new driver of economic growth to our State as well as driver to other drivers of the economy. Similarly, we shall make concerted efforts towards improving the services sector in the State

- Make the designated Suleja Smart City a reality
- Support tech-hubs across the State
- Create an enabling environment for the service economy



#### Industrial Parks & Economic Cities

We shall invest in creating industrial parks and economic cities to scale the economy of the state.

- Creation of education cities for private tertiary institutions
- Mobile phones and accessories parks in major cities
- Suleja-Abuja Economic City
- Suleja-Abuja Technology City



#### ے Free Trade Zone

 We shall partner with the Federal
 Government to establish free trade
 zones in Niger State to boost economic
 activities and attract investment.

- The Baro Free Trade Zone
- Badeggi Staple Corps Processing Zones
- Suleja Abuja Free Trade Zone
- Babana Animal
   International Market



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#### Urban Renewal















Improving the infrastructure framework of our State is a top priority. We shall strive to develop key infrastructure in line with global best practices for the development of our State



#### Investment in Road Infrastructure

We shall build sustainable roads that will provide easy access across the State, which will unlock the economic potentials that the State is blessed with.

- Explore the Road Infrastructure Tax Credit Scheme to fund state roads
- Concrete roads
- Rural access roads





#### Efficient Transportation

We shall create an enabling environment where public transportation is prosperous such that residents of Niger State can travel fast, safe and in an affordable manner.

- Efficient traffic management systems
- Equipped road traffic officials
- Improved water transportation
- Bus Rapid Transit system in major cities
- Sustainable public parking
- Enabling environment for car hailing services



#### **Rail infrastructure**

In partnership with relevant partners, we shall invest in railway infrastructure to open economic corridors across the state.

- Abuja-Minna Rail Project
- Minna Light-Rail Project
- Baro rail project



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#### Geo-mapping – Modern Land Administration

We shall ensure that Niger State has a total view of all its land resources and properties. The system will put in place a framework to help the State plan land ownership, property taxes and more.

- Revamping Niger State Information System (NIGIS)
- Geo-mapping of residents and businesses
  - Geo-mapping of lands within the state
  - Automated land administration system
  - Automated land billing system



#### **Recreational Parks**

We will develop recreational parks in our major cities to promote sporting activities, community wellness, promote conservation and provide an environment that encourages outdoor activities.

- Sports training pitches
- Sports development Centers.
- Green areas development
- Playgrounds



#### Modern Trailer, Bus, and Car Parks

We will create an ecosystem that will ensure the safety of our roads, provide ease and safety for driving within or through the State.

- Develop parks with modern facilities including banks, waiting areas, shops, clinics, fire station and many more.
- Automated ticketing system
- Reliable and efficient cargo systems
- Effective collection of Internal Generated Revenue from economic activities within the parks (IGR)



#### Safety and Emergency Services

We shall put in place a reliable safety and emergency system to protect and save lives and property.

- Efficient and responsive Fire Service
- Rapid Response teams
- Medical emergency and efficient referral system



#### Good Governance











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# Good Governance



My administration shall focus on improving governance at all levels. In doing so, we shall focus on these key areas:



#### Civil Service Reforms

Our civil service is at the core of our work, and we shall ensure we have a civil service that represents the aspirations of the people of Niger – one that will take us into the future in a sustainable manner.

- Efficient and equitable performance management system for the civil service
- Address corruption and mismanagement
- Proper manpower planning
- Reform of the procurement system to make it more objective and equitable
- Address the issues related to ghost workers





#### Law and Order

For Niger State to function properly, we must enshrine discipline through law and order that is built on foundations of equity and justice.

- Strengthen the judiciary
- Revamp correctional facilities/system
- Review existing State laws to ensure they are equitable
- Deploy an efficient reward and sanction system.



#### Enabling Business Environment

We shall provide an enabling environment that will encourage investment and businesses to thrive.

- Establish a One Stop
   Investment Promotion Office
- Ease of paying taxes
- Business incentives
- Rule of law to protect businesses and investment





#### Good Fiscal Governance

Harmonisation and

optimisation of taxes

Zero-based budgeting

Fiscal Transparency

Gender sensitive budgeting

We shall operate a sound fiscal framework that ensures that Niger State's fiscal resources are used efficiently and effectively with integrity to accelerate development.

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#### Inclusive Governance and Policymaking

We shall operate an inclusive system that promotes equitable participation in governance and policymaking.

- Women participation in governance and policymaking
- Youth participation in governance and policymaking
- Civil Society participation in policymaking
- Inclusion of Special Needs and People Living with Disabilities (PLWD)



#### Leveraging Technology for Governance

We shall invest in technology to make governance more efficient and effective.

- Automated public finance
- Electronic document management
- Automated tax administration
- Use of relevant ICT tools and applications for day-to-day work



#### **Effective Economic** Planning

We shall establish an effective framework for economic planning and spearheading a 30 years development plan for Niger State.

- Niger State 30-year development plan
- Integrated State Financing
   Framework
- Medium Term planning
- Governance and Coordination Framework
- Effective Inter-Agency Collaboration





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#### Sustainable Financing

A sustainable financing framework is necessary to fund development, therefore our administration shall focus on identifying and harnessing sustainable opportunities for funding governance.

- Optimising Internally Generated Revenue (IGR) for increased revenue collection
- Deployment of technology to block
   revenue leakages and harmonise revenue
   collection
  - Public private partnerships
     in funding projects
  - Donor funding
  - Islamic Financing
    - Foreign Direct Investment
    - Venture Capital
       Investment
    - Diaspora investment
    - Corporate Social Responsibility



#### Monitoring and Evaluation

To ensure the sustainability of our initiatives, we shall put in place a monitoring and evaluation framework to review progress based on set Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) and a governance framework.

- Monitoring and Evaluation Framework (M & E)
- Performance Management
- Project Management
- Medium term reviews



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