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12 20 year plan for Edo State





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Today, as the resounding calls against the political status quo echo from across the 192 wards and 18 local government areas in Edo State, the African Democratic Congress (ADC) emerges as a beacon of hope. We are dedicated to liberating our state from the grip of political elites, financial powerbrokers, and "godfathers" who have long impeded our progress.

-Derek Izedonmwen

AFRICAN DEMOCRATIC CONGRESS



At ADC, we champion Intense and Intentional Leadership, addressing challenges head-on and developing adaptive solutions for all Nigerians. Our **Eclectic Pragmatism** rejects dogma, adopting practical approaches to drive economic growth, entrepreneurship, social justice, and individual dignity.

As Edo State echoes with calls for change, ADC emerges as a beacon of hope, dedicated to liberating our state from political elites and godfatherism. Our campaign focuses on **fairness**, **equity, and grassroots empowerment**, offering a fresh alternative rooted in the welfare and aspirations of every citizen.

MISSION & VISION





Vision

My vision for Edo State is a future where innovation pulses through every sector, where opportunities flourish in every corner, and where economic empowerment is not a privilege but a fundamental right for all. I envision an Edo State propelled by industrialization.



Mission

My mission is to catalyze Edo State into a vibrant center of economic growth and innovation. Together with our people, we will harness our agricultural, mineral, and human resources to their fullest potential. I pledge to cultivate a culture of efficiency, responsiveness, and entrepreneurial vigor within our governance, ensuring the well-being and prosperity of every citizen.



RAIISE AGENDA – OUR PLAN



The **RAIISE** agenda focuses on these main categories for growth and prosperity of **EDO STATE**. At its core is agriculture, industrialization, infrastructure and security.

























THE ECONOMY

Our vision for Edo State is to evolve it from a primarily agrarian economy into a middle-income industrial hub within the next two decades. This transformation will be driven by strategic state-led interventions and policies that encourage agricultural diversification, bolster industrialization, drive market creation - locally and internationally, and advance infrastructural development.

We will offer robust subsidies and incentives to vital sectors like farming and light manufacturing, lowering financial barriers that impede growth and job creation.

Our bold goal is to double Edo State's GDP per capita within eight years. We will achieve this through targeted investments in infrastructure, affordable credit for emerging sectors, and empowering all eighteen local governments to lead development initiatives. Together, we will forge a prosperous future for Edo State.

Recognizing that the economy's foundation is its people, we are prioritizing Human Capital Development (HCD). Our commitment goes beyond economic restructuring to creating an environment where every citizen can thrive. Our vision is a state where prosperity and opportunity are not just accessible to all, but where every citizen is empowered to achieve their fullest potential.







RURAL REVITALIZATION

Our goal is to transform rural areas, bridging the gap between rural and urban living standards. We will develop infrastructure and services in rural communities to stimulate inclusive growth and prosperity. By improving the quality of life in these regions, we will curb the developmental bias driving migration to cities and ensure balanced development across Edo State.

BRIDGING THE **RURAL-URBAN GAP**

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READY TO SERVE

Without equitable economic and infrastructural development across both urban and rural areas, Edo State will lag behind its contemporaries and miss out on balanced and inclusive economic development.

Recognizing the current gaps, our administration aims to employ the five point strategy below to: enhance the rural economy, balance economic growth and increase per capita income in rural areas.

Commission **Rural Development** Plans (RDPs):

These RDP's will attract capital and technological and social modernization. The plans will seek to establish rural hubs for technology and innovation as well as facilities to improve quality of life.

Develop rural infrastructure:

We will prioritize quick wins,

management strategies.

developing infrastructure to support efficient farming and cottage industries. We will link rural areas to urban centers and factories via improved roads, data highways, and other critical infrastructure.

Edo Guidance Funds Initiative:

We will collaborate with newly autonomous LGAs to direct investments to non-metropolitan parts of the state. In so doing, we will tap into the comparative advantages of each rural area for rapid economic growth.

Encourage Cooperatives:

We will support the formation of supply, marketing, and production cooperatives and will complement these cooperatives with the services provided by the Edo Farm Services Bureau and Hub.

Investment Attraction:

industries and facilitate access







Agricultural productivity is vital to securing a robust food supply and providing essential feedstock to agro-allied industries. Our agenda includes initiatives to support farmers with affordable credit, advanced tools, technologies, and improved farming practices. By enhancing agricultural efficiency and increasing per capita output, we will ensure food security, create employment opportunities, and ultimately boost the state's economy.



REVOLUTIONIZING AGRICULTURE



In recent years, oil has eclipsed agriculture as Nigeria's primary revenue source, with monthly federal allocations shifting focus to urban prosperity. This migration from rural farming has reduced agricultural productivity, despite its significant economic potential. Revitalizing agriculture is pivotal for Edo State's sustainable future–contributing 30% of GDP and supporting the majority of the population.

With strategic management, agriculture has the power to swiftly lift our people from poverty to prosperity.

To unlock this potential, my government will prioritize agricultural diversification and technological innovation, fostering entrepreneurship and market creation. We aim to revolutionize agriculture through clear goals, stakeholder consultation, and comprehensive farmer support, overseen by executive leadership across government departments.

Boosting agricultural productivity: We will increase per capita agricultural productivity through substantial state investments and policy initiatives such as:



Extension services: Enhancing existing services to ensure they are future-ready and aligned with our goals of teaching farmers best practice.



Quality seeds: Prioritizing provision of high-quality hybrid seedlings aimed at boosting yields, reducing crop maturity time and ensuring faster returns.



Easy credit: Facilitating easy access to affordable loans for farmers by establishing a system that includes credit insurance, designed to mitigate risks for both banks and farmers.



Guaranteed markets: We will Implement a robust system to ensure guaranteed markets for farmers including stepping in as a buyer of last resort when necessary and, establishing fair pricing agreements with farmers cooperatives.

STRATEGIES FOR AGROSUCCESS



Land resource mapping: We will map all of Edo State's arable land to understand its potential, assessing vegetation, current uses, and future applications. Rigorous soil testing will optimize farming practices. Data will drive our plan, detailing farms, locations, and soil conditions, empowering farmers with targeted support like advanced technology and credit facilities for sustainable growth.

Land access and tenure:

We will modernize farming practices across extensive arable lands to enhance productivity and promote agriculture as a viable commercial enterprise. Farmers will receive long-term land rights, ensuring stability, and we will guarantee agricultural loans to facilitate easier access to funds for farm improvements.

STRATEGIES FOR SUCCESS AGRICULTURAL INFRASTRUCTURE



At the core of our vision for agriculture in Edo State is a commitment to modernize and expand crucial infrastructure.







Agro-Industrial parks: We will establish Agro-Industrial Parks across all three senatorial districts to process indigenous food and cash crops, aiming for export processing zone status with federal support.

Edo State Farm Service Bureau and Hub: We will build dynamic centers for modern farming near major clusters and equip farmers with machinery, inputs, and direct market access. Stabilize supply chains, boost incomes, and elevate global agricultural prominence.

Investing in critical water infrastructure: Revitalizing the neglected Ojirami dam in Etsako is central to ADC's agricultural strategy, to ultimately enhance water management for year-round farming and to reduce reliance on seasonal rains.





Investing in industrial learning and manufacturing for export is a critical component of our vision. By fostering an environment conducive to industrial growth, we will transform Edo State into a hub for manufacturing and exports. This will involve establishing industrial parks and providing comprehensive training programs in vocational institutions, with a focus on STEM subjects (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics).

INDUSTRIAL GROWTH

Industrial parks and export processing zones (EPZ):

Establishing zones in each senatorial district, we will aim for export processing status with federal collaboration. Linked to international markets, these hubs will boost exports, drive growth, and attract investments, positioning Edo State as a global economic player.

Review and compliance:

We will introduce the Edo State **Biennial Plan**, reviewed quarterly, focused on industrialization, agricultural revolution, and infrastructure upgrades. This strategic roadmap shall guide our efforts, ensuring swiftness and effectiveness in achieving our goals.



BLUEPRINT FOR INDUSTRIAL GROWTH



Data-driven strategy

At the heart of our industrialization plan lies a commitment to robust data-driven decision-making. Recognizing the transformative power of data, our immediate focus will be on establishing a comprehensive data-gathering infrastructure.



Manufacturing and productivity

We will shift from consumption to production by fostering a thriving manufacturing sector. Our plan includes launching the Edo Industrial and Agricultural Policies within our first 100 days, promoting STEM education, and ensuring rapid industrial growth.



Fostering strategic partnerships for investment

We will actively engage foreign and local investors with supportive policies to attract capital, technology, and expertise, driving industrial growth and creating sustainable economic opportunities in Edo State



Sector specific clusters & incubators

We will create specialized hubs for startups in various sectors, providing resources, mentorship, and networking to encourage innovation and economic diversity in Edo State.

BLUEPRINT FOR INDUSTRIAL GROWTH

Export-Led growth:

Our industrial strategy focuses on enhancing value-added agro-allied processing and promoting natural resource exports. We will support processing firms with financing, technology acquisition, market development, and industry coordination. Strict quality standards will ensure global competitiveness for Edo State's exports.

Local economic development:

All 18 LGAs in Edo State will undergo comprehensive development to achieve economic viability and financial independence. Through our **Rural Revitalization Initiative**, we will decentralize development and governance, promoting local economic growth and reducing dependency on federal allocations.

This comprehensive plan lays the groundwork for a transformative industrial era in Edo State, where government initiatives catalyze private sector growth, nurturing a prosperous, independent, and sustainable economic environment.







INFRASTRUCTURE

Building world-class infrastructure is essential to support the state's agricultural and industrial activities in line with our 20-year developmental plan. This includes developing roads especially from farming clusters to factories, bridges, energy supply, and water systems, dams, and irrigation projects. Improved infrastructure will enhance the efficiency of farming and manufacturing, making Edo State more attractive to investors and creating a more vibrant economy.

DEVELOPING EDO STATE'S INFRASTRUCTURE







Water Management

Water management systems:

We will revitalize the Ojerami Dam and establish new river basin authorities. Collaborating with the federal government and neighboring states, we aim to enhance water management for industrialization and modern farming.



Power

Developing robust power infrastructure:

We will harness Edo State's natural gas reserves in Edo South and build new power plants connecting them to industrial parks in Abudu, Uzea, Sabon-Gida Ora, and Benin-City.

Stabilising the electric grid:

We commit to expanding and stabilizing Edo State's electric grid, ensuring consistent and reliable power supply critical for well lit cities and towns. Building a pathway to uninterrupted industrial operations and advanced agriculture.



Transport and connectivity

Upgrading and constructing roads and transport networks.

We will upgrade and construct roads linking farming clusters to new industrial parks and the cities to the rural areas.

Inter-state connectivity:

We will strengthen ties with neighboring states like Delta, Bayelsa positioning Edo State as a regional economic hub.

Airport and railway development:

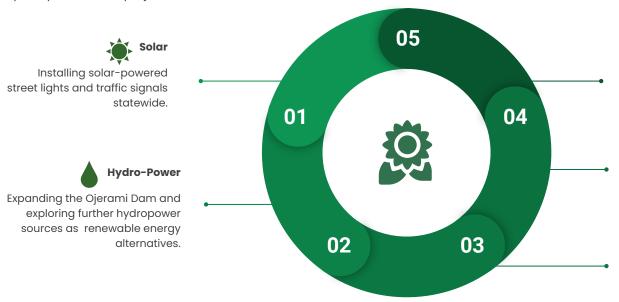
We will construct a new international airport at Ekenwan. We will construct connecting roads to a proposed cargo airport in Igueben and a spur rail line to link the airport to the Warri-Itakpe railway.

Benin River Port and transport connectivity:

We will advance the development of the Benin River Port, ensuring its gradual connectivity by rail to dry ports in the hinterland at Ugoneki and later Irrua.

MAKE EDO STATE GREEN 🎉

Green infrastructure is key to our development plan. We will prioritize sustainable practices to ensure the long-term viability of Edo State's natural environment and ecosystems. Edo State, like much of Nigeria, has a rich yet vulnerable ecosystem. We will integrate eco-friendly principles into our projects, such as:



Recycling



Establishing community recycling centers and waste-to-energy plants.

Green spaces



Developing new parks and community gardens as urban green spaces.

Natural gas



Upgrading our public transport network with Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) powered buses and electric vehicles for intra-city commuting.

BUILDING TOMORROW'S FOUNDATIONS

Urban Development: Recognizing the potential of our extensive diaspora market, the government will create real estate investment opportunities aimed at both diaspora and local investors along Ogba and Ekenwan roads in Benin City and one each in the Ekpoma and Auchi axis respectively. These modern housing estates will be constructed to high standards, incorporating integrated power and sewage systems. The objective is to attract diaspora remittances and investments while enhancing the state's urban landscape, serving as a magnet for skilled workers and expatriates to settle in Edo State.

This comprehensive infrastructure plan is multifaceted and tailored to unlock the full potential of Edo State, making it a hub of economic activity and innovation. By enhancing connectivity, stabilizing power supply, and investing in significant water management and transport infrastructure, we are setting the stage for a transformative era in Edo State that promises prosperity and sustainability for all its citizens.







Securing farmlands, rural areas, and cities is paramount to protecting lives, encouraging farming, and attracting investments to Edo State. Our agenda includes measures to strengthen law enforcement, enhance community policing, utilize advanced technologies and modern security assets for intelligence gathering. Ensuring the safety of citizens and their properties will create a stable environment for economic activities and, by extension, increase our state's Internally Generated Revenue.

SECURING EDO STATE 🔗

Our goal is to ensure safety and security for all citizens, farms, and businesses in Edo State by:

- Enhancing community policing
- Utilizing modern surveillance technology
- Implementing crime prevention programmes focusing on youth engagement

Edo Security Network (ESN): Our security strategy in Edo State emphasizes **the 4 Rs: reorganize**, **reequip**, **retrain**, **and reform the Edo Security Network (ESN)**. Focused on enhancing collaboration with the police and other security agencies, we will prioritize intra-city road safety and leverage technology for swift intelligence gathering and relay to authorities.

The Police Force and Security Services: We pledge close collaboration with the Nigeria Police Force (NPF) and other security services to meet critical equipment needs, including Armoured Personnel Carriers (APCs) and ballistic protective gear. This partnership will strengthen our fight against kidnappers, armed robbers, cultists, and petty criminals, ensuring safety across all communities.

Leveraging technology: Technology enhanced strategies will be pivotal in our security framework. Utilizing wide spread use of Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV) cameras, tactical drones, and advanced communication systems, we will build a preventive and responsive security architecture.





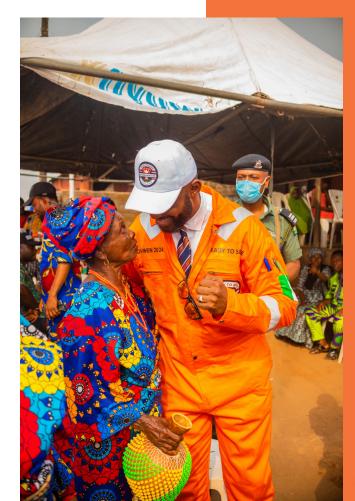
To ensure an effective, efficient, and productive workforce, we must cultivate a well-educated, healthy, and trained citizenry. Therefore, we will prioritize key areas such as education and affordable healthcare to improve our Human Capacity Development (HCD) indices.

ENHANCING WELLBEING & LIVELIHOODS



In Edo State, we acknowledge the pivotal role of a healthy population in fostering a functional and productive workforce. Today, healthcare faces daunting challenges such as limited access, financial barriers, and escalating medication costs. Our government will be resolute in transforming healthcare to make it affordable, accessible, and efficient for every citizen. We envision a healthcare system where every resident, regardless of location or income, can access high-quality medical services without financial strain. This transformation will include strategic investments in healthcare infrastructure, the expansion of primary care facilities across our communities, and the implementation of innovative solutions to enhance service delivery.

Through comprehensive healthcare reforms, we aim to empower individuals with the knowledge and tools for preventive care, promoting community health initiatives and awareness programmes. By addressing these challenges head-on, we aspire to establish Edo State as a beacon of healthcare excellence in the region, ensuring the well-being and prosperity of all our citizens



IMPROVING HEALTH OUTCOMES



Our planned strategy for improved health services will focus on these greas

Expanding Health Insurance Coverage:

In Edo State, we recognize that financial barriers make healthcare unaffordable for many. To address this, we will expand the EDO Health Insurance Commission's efforts, enlarging the insurance pool to include more of the healthy, middle-aged population.

Improving geographic accessibility:

We will build on current progress to ensure every ward in Edo State has accessible primary healthcare services. In densely populated urban wards, we will increase the number of centers to meet higher demands effectively.

Integrating technology in healthcare delivery:

We will empower Community Health Extension Workers (CHEWs) with advanced training and technology, including mobile apps, telemedicine, and drones.

Strengthening Maternal and Child Health (MNCH) Services:

We are committed to instituting specialized programs within our primary healthcare centers. These initiatives are designed to prioritize prenatal, postnatal, and pediatric care, ensuring optimal health support for mothers and children from infancy through early childhood.

We will implement a multifaceted approach that harnesses both public and private sector capabilities, forging strong partnerships with the private sector, we will initiate the local

manufacturing of essential generic

Addressing the cost of medicines:

Focus on preventive medicine:

drugs.

We will empower Community Health Extension Workers (CHEWs) to lead community sensitisation campaigns. These efforts will educate and empower citizens to adopt proactive health management practices, emphasizing lifestyle modifications and early detection of health risk.

EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE

Our goal is to cultivate a highly skilled workforce capable of driving sustainable growth and fostering innovation across all sectors.

To empower every resident of Edo State, our comprehensive educational reforms will begin with baseline research to help us identify the gaps and guide our investments in the sector.

It is not enough to learn, we will go beyond that and will encourage public-private partnerships in educational programs.



Empowering minds Transforming futures

Recognising the pivotal role STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) plays in shaping future-focused and globally competitive students, we will prioritize core and foundational STEM education.

Our administration will ensure that education leads to employment by strengthening the capacity of higher education institutions to align with industry needs.

Success isn't limited to university education alone. We will enhance vocational education by establishing new vocational institutes and upgrading existing ones across the state. These institutes will work closely with local industries to ensure training programs meet industry needs, providing a steady supply of skilled workers for our growing economy.



GOOD GOVERNANCE

We must establish an efficient, transparent, and responsive civil service that effectively meets the needs of the public and enhances governance to drive sustainable development in Edo State.

Our strategy to achieve this is simple, we will:

- Implement comprehensive capacity-building programs tailored to the needs of civil servants, enhancing their skills and expertise in key areas.
- Introduce advanced technology solutions to streamline government processes, improving efficiency and service delivery.
- Foster a culture of meritocracy and accountability through clear performance standards and rewards for excellence.
- Develop robust performance metrics and regular evaluation systems to monitor civil service effectiveness and identify areas for improvement.
- Reduce and ultimately wean off the excessive use of consultants to perform civil service roles. This will foster knowledge retention within the service and reduce cost.

AN AGILE AND ACTIVE CIVIL SERVICE

Underpinning all our ambitious policies is the need for an **agile** and **active** civil service. We will overhaul our current bureaucracy, establishing more efficient inter-ministerial agencies and nurturing additional areas of specialized knowledge and skills. We will achieve this by employing the following initiatives:

Rational bureaucracy: Establishing clear norms of conduct and consistently adhering to well-defined rules are essential steps in ensuring policy coherence within the civil service.

Development councils: These specialized state consultative bodies will be comprised of industry leaders and union representatives, serving as pivotal platforms for government engagement with the market. These councils are pivotal in integrating our government into the industrial sector, coordinating investments, and facilitating the distribution of public goods.



Edo State Economic & Industrial Planning Board (EIPB): We will establish a new central agency dedicated to overseeing inter-ministerial coordination. This agency will play a crucial role in ensuring the transparent sharing of information across departments. The EIPB will foster collaboration and break down silos, to facilitate effective decision-making and streamline the implementation.

LEADERSHIP *** DEVELOPMENT

We will strive to cultivate high-quality leadership across sectors. Establishing the **Edo Leadership Institute** is a core initiative to propel our ambitions of cultivating high-quality leadership. **It will:**

- Be a state-run leadership institute dedicated to nurturing leadership skills and fostering strategic thinking.
- Offer specialized training programs focused on public administration, governance, and policymaking to equip leaders with necessary competencies.
- Partner with reputable local and international institutions to provide advanced leadership courses and exchange programs.
- Create peer learning and networking platforms and forums where leaders can share insights, collaborate on innovative solutions, and build strong professional relationships.



CULTURAL EXCELLENCE TO BOOST TOURISM



We are a people of culture, with a rich cultural heritage going back millenia. Our administration will present this proud cultural legacy to the world, leveraging the links between tourism and culture to drive our state's economic growth.

We will lean on our cultural pride as a key contributor to our state's revenue pool through a robust tourist economy. **To achieve this, we intend to:**

Commission an international festival of arts and culture to celebrate Edo culture and the Benin Empire, targeting up to 1 million Edo people from across Nigeria and the diaspora. By tapping into the extensive reach of Edo roots; we aim to create a sense of connection and belonging, encouraging Edoid people to return and celebrate their roots and proud history.

Establish an **Art, Culture, and Technology Institute** to integrate age-old artistic prowess with modern technology. The institute will preserve and teach indigenous artisanal skills from the various traditional guilds, such as woodwork, metalwork, sculpting, and bronzemaking, ensuring these historic crafts are maintained and curated for future generations.

Acknowledge the unique and invaluable role our traditional institutions play in our society exemplified by the Benin Traditional Council and the esteemed Oba of Benin (His Royal Majesty, Omo N'Oba N'Edo, Uku Akpolokpolo Oba Ewuare II). The sophistication of our ancient monarchical systems across Edo state embodies the rich heritage and cultural legacy that define us as a people. We commit therefore to respect and honor these institutions, recognizing that our cultural and historical roots are integral to our progress.







20 YEAR PLAN FOR EDO STATE

Transforming Edo State into a hub of sustainable development and prosperity through strategic investments in agriculture, industrialization, technology, and infrastructure. This comprehensive plan is designed to uplift our communities, create jobs, and ensure a brighter future for all citizens. Join us as we embark on this ambitious journey to make Edo State a beacon of progress and innovation.

20 YEAR PLAN FOR EDO STATE



Key Goals: Expand agro-processing, develop manufacturing Key Actions: Provide incentives, establish parks, improve logistics.

Agricultural and Industrial Diversification

Key Goals: Promote sustainability,

enhance services

Key Actions: Implement policies, invest in green industries, strengthen health/education.

Sustainable Development and Global Competitiveness

Laying The Foundation

Key Goals: Develop plan, improve infrastructure, modernize agriculture Key Actions: Form commission, launch projects, partner with security.

Industrial Growth and Technological Advancements

Key Goals: Develop heavy industries, enhance tech. Key Actions: Invest in heavy industries - steel, petro-Chemicals, machinery with focus on building energy, enhance security.

High-Tech Economy and Global Integration

Key Goals: Transition to high-tech, global integration

Key Actions: Promote IT, encourage innovation, strengthen trade.



CALL TO ACTION

Join us in making Edo State a model of sustainable and inclusive growth.

Vote ADC for a prosperous future. Together, let's make history!

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DEREK promises leadership that transforms vision into reality. With your support, we will implement concrete changes that positively impact every life in Edo State. Together, we will create a future where our collective aspirations are not just imagined but realised, fostering a community where everyone thrives. **VOTE DIZED!**

"Together, we can RAIISE the standard of life in Edo State"









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