









"THE BIG FISH"

FOR GOVERNOR ONDO STATE

INTRODUCTION:

My name is Honorable Akinnodi Emmanuel Ayodeji (Ejanla) a candidate for the Ondo State Gubernatorial election coming up on the **16**th **of November 2024**. I present this manifesto outlining my vision and plans for the development and progress of our beloved state. With a focus on education, security, infrastructure, electricity, agriculture, youth and women empowerment, tourism and job creation, I am committed to ensuring a brighter future for all residents of Ondo State.

EDUCATION:

I believe that education is the key to unlocking the potential of our youth and building a prosperous future for Ondo State. As governor, I will prioritize investment in education, ensuring that all schools are adequately equipped and staffed. I will also implement programs to improve access to quality education for all residents, including scholarships and vocational training opportunities.

I will improve the educational sector with great infrastructure. Many of our schools lack proper infrastructure such as classrooms, libraries, laboratories, and sanitary facilities. This hinders effective teaching and learning as students and teachers do not have adequate resources and facilities to enhance their educational experience.

Another area to improve on is teacher training and professional development. I will invest in continuous training and professional development programs for teachers to update their skills and knowledge in line with modern educational practices. This will enable them to deliver quality education and effectively engage students in the learning process.

I will provide access to quality education in rural areas. Many children in rural areas face challenges in accessing education due to long distances to schools, lack of transportation, and limited school facilities. Efforts will be made for provision of quality schools in rural areas and ensure that every child has equal access to quality education.

The curriculum will be reviewed and updated to align with current trends and needs. This will ensure that students are equipped with relevant knowledge and skills that will prepare them for the workforce and enable them to contribute effectively to society.

I will prioritize the use of technology in education. Under my tenor as ondo State governor, i will invest in providing schools with necessary technology tools and resources such as computers, internet access, and educational software. This will enhance teaching and learning by allowing students to access a wide range of educational materials and resources, as well as develop digital skills that are essential in the modern world.

SECURITY:

The safety and security of all residents of Ondo State is of utmost importance. I will work closely with law enforcement agencies and the indigenous Architectures to ensure that our communities are safe and free from crime. I will also invest in technology and infrastructure to enhance security measures and improve emergency response. I can categorically tell you that this can be achieved in less than 3 months.

INFRASTRUCTURE:

I recognize the importance of infrastructure in driving economic growth and development. As governor, I will prioritize the construction and maintenance of roads, bridges, and other essential infrastructure projects. I will also work to improve access to clean water and sanitation facilities for all residents of Ondo State. When will have good infrastructure, business will thrive and it will attract more people to come to our beloved Ondo state to either live or come to transact business.

ELECTRICITY

Access to reliable electricity is essential for economic development and improving the quality of life for residents. I will work to expand access to electricity in rural areas and invest in renewable energy sources to ensure a sustainable and reliable power supply for all residents of Ondo State. This has always been one of my priorities since the very first day I decided to run for the office of the governor of ondo state. I WILL FIX THE ONDO STATE ELECTRICITY PROBLEM IN LESS THAN 2 YEARS.

GOOD ROAD CONSTRUCTION

Another major priority of my government will be good road nework. With good road networl we can achieve the following:

- Economic development: A good road network in Ondo State is essential for economic development. It allows for the efficient movement of goods and services, which in turn boosts trade and commerce in the region.
- Connectivity: A well-connected road network ensures that people can easily travel between different areas within the state. This is important for social interactions, access to services, and overall quality of life.
- Tourism: Ondo State is known for its natural attractions and cultural heritage sites. A good road network is necessary to facilitate tourism and attract visitors to the region.
- Emergency services: A well-maintained road network is crucial for the timely response of emergency services such as ambulances and fire trucks. Lives can be saved if emergency vehicles can reach their destinations quickly and efficiently.
- Agriculture: Ondo State is an agrarian society, and a good road network is essential for farmers to transport their produce to markets. It also allows for the timely delivery of inputs such as fertilizers and seeds.

- Education and healthcare: A good road network is important for accessing educational institutions and healthcare facilities. It ensures that students can attend school and patients can receive medical treatment without facing transportation challenges.

Good road network in Ondo State is vital for the overall development and well-being of its residents. It enhances connectivity, promotes economic growth, and facilitates access to essential services.

HEALTH CARE.... A must of my administration

AGRICULTURE:

Agriculture is the backbone of our economy, and I am committed to supporting our farmers and promoting sustainable agricultural practices. I will invest in modern farming techniques, provide access to credit and market opportunities for farmers, and support agro businesses to create jobs and boost the economy.

We will provide the following to enhance our agricultural products:

- **Infrastructure:** I will invest in rural infrastructure such as roads, electricity, and irrigation systems to facilitate easy transportation of agricultural inputs and outputs, as well as enhance productivity and efficiency.
- Access to finance: I will provide affordable financing options to farmers, especially small-scale farmers, to enable them to invest in modern farming techniques, equipment, and inputs. This can be done through low-interest loans, grants, or subsidies.
- Adoption of Technology: I will promote the adoption and use of modern agricultural technologies such as precision agriculture, mechanization, and advanced irrigation techniques. This will increase productivity, reduce post-harvest losses, and improve overall efficiency.
- Research and Development: We will collaborate with research institutions and agricultural experts to develop and disseminate improved crop varieties and techniques that are better suited to the specific agro-ecological conditions of Ondo State. This will help increase yields and enhance resilience to climate change.
- **Extension services:** I will also strengthen extension services by training and deploying more agricultural extension agents to provide farmers with technical assistance, advisory support, and regular training on best farming practices. This will help farmers make informed decisions and improve their productivity.
- Value addition and marketing: I will support farmers in value addition activities by providing processing and storage facilities. Additionally, marketing and sales support should be provided to farmers to enable them to access profitable markets both locally and internationally.
- Farmer education and training: I will focus on improving farmer education and training programs to enhance the skills and knowledge of farmers. This can be achieved through establishing agricultural

training centers, organizing workshops, and providing vocational training to equip farmers with the necessary skills for sustainable agriculture.

- **Climate change adaptation:** I will develop strategies to address the impacts of climate change on agriculture, including promoting climate-smart agriculture practices that are climate-resilient and sustainable. This can include promoting conservation agriculture, agroforestry, and other climate-smart practices.
- **Quality control and certification**: My team will establish robust quality control and certification mechanisms for agricultural produce to ensure that they meet national and international standards. This will enhance marketability, increase consumer confidence, and facilitate access to premium markets.
- Market linkages and value chain development: I will work towards developing strong market linkages between farmers, processors, and other actors in the agricultural value chain. This can be achieved through establishing agro-industrial parks, promoting public-private partnerships, and creating platforms for farmers to sell their produce directly to consumers and retailers.

YOUTH AND WOMEN EMPOWERMENT:

I believe in the power of our youth and women to drive progress and innovation in Ondo State. I will implement programs to empower youth and women through skills training, entrepreneurship opportunities, and access to education and healthcare services. I will also work to eliminate gender disparities and promote gender equality in all sectors of society.

In Ondo State, there are several areas to focus on for youth and women empowerment. Here are some key areas:

- Education and Skill Development: Providing quality education and skill development programs is
 crucial for empowering both youth and women. This includes improving access to education,
 promoting vocational training, and offering entrepreneurship development programs. By
 equipping them with knowledge and skills, they can become self-reliant and contribute to
 economic growth.
- **Employment Opportunities:** Creating job opportunities and promoting entrepreneurship is essential for youth and women empowerment. This can be done through initiatives like providing startup loans, establishing business incubation centers, and encouraging investment in sectors that have the potential to generate employment.
- Leadership and Political Participation: Encouraging youth and women to participate in leadership roles and decision-making processes is vital for their empowerment. This can be achieved through mentorship programs, leadership training, and initiatives to enhance their political representation at all levels of governance.

- Access to Finance and Resources: Facilitating access to finance and resources is crucial for youth and women to start and grow their businesses. This can be done by establishing microfinance institutions, providing grants or loans with favorable terms, and promoting financial literacy programs.
- **Health and Well-being:** Ensuring access to quality healthcare services, reproductive health education, and addressing gender-based violence are important for the empowerment of women and girls. Additionally, promoting mental health awareness and providing support services can contribute to the overall well-being of both youth and women.
- **Technology and Innovation**: Embracing technology and promoting innovation can open up new opportunities for youth and women. This includes providing access to digital skills training, supporting tech startups, and creating an enabling environment for innovation and entrepreneurship.
- Gender Equality and Social Norms: Addressing gender inequalities and promoting gendersensitive policies and programs are crucial for youth and women empowerment. This involves challenging harmful social norms, promoting gender equality in education and employment, and creating safe spaces for women and girls.

TOURISIM:

Ondo State is blessed with natural beauty and cultural heritage that can attract tourists from around the world. I will invest in promoting our tourist attractions, improving infrastructure and services for tourists, and creating new opportunities for tourism development. By harnessing the potential of our tourism sector, we can create jobs, boost the economy, and showcase the best of Ondo State to the world.

- **Infrastructure:** Developing and maintaining proper infrastructure, such as roads, transportation systems, and accommodation facilities, can attract more tourists and make their stay more comfortable.
- **Promotion and Marketing**: Effectively promoting the unique attractions and experiences of Ondo State through various channels, such as social media, travel websites, and tourism campaigns, can increase awareness and attract more tourists.
- **Cultural Experiences:** Showcasing the rich cultural heritage of Ondo State through cultural festivals, traditional dances, arts and crafts exhibitions, and culinary experiences can attract tourists interested in cultural tourism.
- **Eco-tourism:** Capitalizing on Ondo State's natural beauty and diverse ecosystems, such as the Idanre Hills, Owena River, and wildlife reserves, by promoting eco-tourism activities like hiking, bird-watching, and nature tours can attract nature enthusiasts.

- **Adventure Tourism:** Developing adventure tourism activities such as water sports, mountain biking, ziplining, and rock climbing can attract adventure seekers and adrenaline junkies.
- **Hospitality and Tourism Training:** Providing training and capacity building programs for locals involved in the tourism industry can enhance the quality of services offered to tourists, ensuring a positive experience.
- **Preservation of Historical Sites:** Preserving and maintaining historical sites and landmarks, such as the Ancient Owo Kingdom, Oke Idanre Hill Settlement, and Ondo City Walls, can attract history and heritage tourists.
- **Tourist Information Centers:** Establishing well-equipped tourist information centers with knowledgeable staff who can provide accurate and up-to-date information about tourist attractions, activities, and services can enhance the overall tourist experience.
 - **Idanre Hills:** Idanre Hills is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and a cluster of steep-sided hills located in Idanre town. It offers breathtaking views, ancient architectural structures, and historical artifacts.
 - Owo Ancient Kingdom: Owo is an ancient town known for its rich cultural heritage and historical significance. It is home to the Olowo's Palace, a magnificent structure with intricate carvings and artworks, representing the town's royal history.
 - **Ebomi Lake:** Ebomi Lake is a natural lake located in Ilara-Mokin. It is known for its serene environment and serves as a popular spot for fishing, boating, and picnicking.
 - **Igbo Olodumare:** Igbo Olodumare is a sacred grove located in Oke-Igbo town. It is an important religious and cultural site for the Yoruba people and is believed to be the residence of the gods.
 - **Ondo City Walls:** Ondo City Walls is a historical site that dates back to the 15th century. The walls served as a defense mechanism for the ancient Ondo Kingdom and are a testament to the town's rich history.
 - Owena River: Owena River is a scenic river located in Ondo State. It offers opportunities for canoeing, fishing, and other water-based activities.
 - Ebomi Lake Tourist Complex: Ebomi Lake Tourist Complex is a recreational center located in Ilara-Mokin. It features facilities for swimming, water sports, and camping, making it a popular destination for outdoor enthusiasts.
 - **Igbo Owa Waterfall:** Igbo Owa Waterfall is a beautiful waterfall located in Ekiti Local Government Area of Ondo State. It is surrounded by lush greenery and provides a tranquil setting for relaxation and nature appreciation.

JOBS CREATION:

Creating jobs and economic opportunities for all residents of Ondo State is a top priority. I will work to attract investment, support small businesses, and promote entrepreneurship to create new job opportunities and drive economic growth. I will also prioritize job training programs to ensure that all residents have the skills they need to succeed in the workforce.

Job creation is a vital component of a thriving state for several reasons. Firstly, jobs provide individuals with a source of income, allowing them to support themselves and their families. This financial stability is crucial for ensuring basic needs are met, such as food, housing, and healthcare.

Job creation helps to reduce poverty and inequality within a community. By offering employment opportunities to individuals from diverse backgrounds, job creation can help to bridge socioeconomic gaps and promote social mobility. This, in turn, can lead to a more cohesive and inclusive community.

Job creation contributes to the overall economic growth of a community or state. When individuals are employed, they have more disposable income to spend on goods and services, stimulating local businesses and driving economic development. As businesses grow and expand, they may also create more job opportunities, creating a positive cycle of job creation and economic prosperity.

Job creation also has broader societal benefits, such as reducing crime rates and improving mental health outcomes. When individuals are employed and have a sense of purpose, they are less likely to engage in criminal activities or suffer from mental health issues related to unemployment and financial stress.

Job creation is essential for building a strong and resilient community. By providing individuals with employment opportunities, communities can improve the overall quality of life of residents, promote economic growth, and foster a sense of unity and social cohesion. Investing in job creation will be my priority from the first day in office.

My father, my mother, my sister and my brothers of ondo state

I, Ayodeji Emmanuel Akinnodi (Ejanla), am committed to building a brighter future for Ondo State by prioritizing all the aforementioned area for the love of our beloved state.

With your support, I am confident that together we can create a more prosperous and inclusive Ondo State for all residents. Vote for new message, vote for Ayodeji Emmanuel Akinnodi (Ejanla) for Governor of Ondo State.