



THE TINUBU DOCTRINE

ON FOREIGN DIPLOMACY

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In a shifting and widening multilateral environment where alliances and partnerships are constantly being redefined, the foreign policy environment is more dynamic than ever. More so, when we consider Nigeria's unique position as Africa's most populous nation, its economic capacity and ever-growing potential, its historical importance as well as its Pan-African worldview, it becomes clear that a new and bold vision for foreign policy is required.

The Tinubu Doctrine, what we interpret as 4-D Diplomacy — Democracy, Development, Diaspora, and Demography — is the answer to this need. It provides a new perspective on how we engage with the world, and more importantly, how we want the world to engage with us. It centres Nigerian leadership on the African continent, with an understanding that the African worldview is collective but so, also, are our destinies. It promotes the idea that development for Nigeria and Africa is Darwinist, if we do not develop, we cannot expect to prosper or grow, especially on our terms. 4-D Diplomacy also understands that Nigeria is as much a geographical concept as it is a social concept, and expands the vista of our foreign policymaking to the diaspora, people of Nigerian extraction, and anyone who shares an affinity for our culture, our values, and our worldview.

Our new foreign policy vision is a huge undertaking, but necessary for breathing new life into our foreign relations. It will require a coordinated effort across all arms of the government, as global responses to global problems require multiple inputs and synchronisation. It is equally as important to coordinate with counterparts in foreign governments as with regional or multilateral organisations. Foreign affairs can no longer be understood as the activities of embassies, supranational international organisations, or Ministries of Foreign Affairs. Instead, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs retains a central and coordinating role for our foreign affairs, a role the Ministry is well-equipped and eager to play, and a role I have the privilege to lead.

As we forge new partnerships and a new vision for our foreign relations, we invite you to explore our worldview and gain insight into how we have operationalised 4-D Diplomacy.





NIGERIA'S

FOREIGN POLICY OBJECTIVES

The 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, under Chapter (2) Section 19 (a-e) stipulates the following Foreign Policy Objectives:

- (a) Promotion and protection of the national interest
- (b) Promotion of African integration and support for African unity
- (c) Promotion of international cooperation for the consolidation of universal peace and mutual respect among all nations and elimination of discrimination in all manifestations
- (d) Respect for international law and treaty obligations as well as the seeking of settlement of international disputes by negotiation, mediation, conciliation, arbitration and adjudication
- (e) Promotion of a just world economic order



A NEW FOREIGN POLICY THRUST

4D DIPLOMACY

The Tinubu 4D Foreign Policy agenda is a new foreign policy thrust. The 4Ds which encapsulates; Demography, Development, Diaspora and Democracy provides a deeper look at projecting Nigeria's national interest in the comity of nations. Regional, Continental and Global challenges are dynamic, requiring strategic rethinking in terms of our foreign policy pursuits to position Nigeria as one of the global leaders in key decision making fora. The 4Ds foreign policy agenda by Mr President underscores Nigeria's unwavering commitment to playing her pivotal role in addressing key issues that hinge on the country's national interests—development and security, and its strategic engagements with both state and non-state actors in the global community.



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THE 4D'S

- Demography
- Development
- Diaspora
- Democracy



HARNESSING THE POPULATION

DEMOGRAPHY

Demography within the Tinubu 4D Doctrine alludes to Nigeria's population as an advantage in the realm of international relations. Nigeria's population as of the 2006 Census was 140,341,790 but presently estimated to be at **213 million**, the highest in Africa, and is projected to reach 377 million by the year 2050, making it the third most populous nation on the planet (World Bank). **Over 60% of the population is under 30 years old**, providing the country with a potentially immense active workforce, as well as a significant regional market hub and consumption base (United Nations Population Fund - UNFPA). Nigeria will take advantage of her vast and youthful human resources to drive economic growth, accelerate industrialisation, align with other major demographic powers, as well as capitalise on manpower export as an advantage and not a hindrance. Nigeria will prioritise her populace as the ultimate beneficiaries of her foreign policy given her intercourse with the rest of the world.





DIGITAL AND CREATIVE ENTERPRISES PROGRAM (I-DICE) FINANCING AGREEMENT



£100m I-DICE Agreement

HMFA facilitated £100 million Digital and Creative Enterprises Program (I-DICE) Financing Agreement



Training & Job Creation

Funding acquired from France's Agence Francaise de Development, African Development Bank, Islamic Development Bank, Nigeria's Bank of Industry & the private sector support to provide: training for 2m people (40% women), 65,000 start-ups, 150,000 direct & 1.3m indirect jobs in tech and creative industry sectors



MOUs worth \$600m

Several MOUs signed between Nigeria and France, aimed at promoting entrepreneurship and innovation in digital technology and creative industries



DRIVING SUSTAINABLE, ECONOMIC GROWTH

DEVELOPMENT

Nigeria has the ambition to move away from long-term dependency and strengthen its place in the global market. This is why Nigeria is deeply committed to trade within West Africa and **African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA)**. Regional markets are developed by growing larger and more integrated markets, which will be the backbone of trade and investment, yielding increased Foreign Direct Investment (FDI), competition, and increased production capacities thereby delivering sustainable economic growth and development for Nigeria and Africa. Beyond attracting FDI, competition, and increased production, the thrust of this new foreign policy will also **target acquisition and transfer of modern technology** for provision of infrastructure, industrialisation for development and job creation in all sectors.





BILLIONS IN INVESTMENT

DEVELOPMENT

High Level Dialogues

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has played a pivotal role in facilitating critical conversations necessary for removing barriers to development, including conferences and working sessions with diplomatic partners across Nigeria focused on operationalizing development

\$30bn

worth of MOUS and agreements signed with partner countries and companies to facilitate economic development in the country across various sectors -- technology, energy, infrastructure, skills development, education, agriculture, youth, and sports

51 bilateral & multilateral meetings

to establish and deepen relationships with potential investors



DEEPENED RELATIONSHIP & INCREASED INVESTMENTS

G20 SUMMIT 2023



\$14bn of investments

at G20 (Sep 2023) across various sectors: agriculture, ICT, power, steel/manufacturing, defence, telecommunications, space communications, digital solutions, insurance, processed foods, real estate, hospitality



7 MOUs signed

at follow up visit by the India delegation in Abuja, FCT, Nigeria (Jan 2024) across various sectors: finance, customs, energy, arts & culture, tourism, SMEs, and communications



G20 membership

AU became a permanent member of the G20 (Sep 2023). Nigeria invited to the G20 1st Foreign Ministers Meeting in Brazil (Feb 2024)



DEEPENED RELATIONSHIP & INCREASED INVESTMENTS

GERMAN-NIGERIAN BUSINESS CONFERENCE, G20 COMPACT, UNFCCC COP 28



G20 Compact

Secured \$2bn investment with Germany, Nigeria-Siemens Power Project back on track



German-Nigerian Business Conference

Nigeria-Germany Trade Agreement - Bilateral agreement to manage immigration, gas supply, and climate challenges. Formalised the \$500m MOU to export LNG to Germany. Formalised an MOU on renewable energy



COP 28

Nigeria was a designated guest the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and ratified a performance agreement with Siemens on the implementation of the Presidential Power Initiative (PPI) to improve Nigeria's electricity supply



DEEPENED RELATIONSHIP & INCREASED INVESTMENTS

THIRD BELT AND ROAD INITIATIVE FORUM



3 MOUs & 3 private sector agreements

MOUs were signed between Nigeria and Chinese private sector companies - turnkey delivery of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV) assembly line projects, transfer of technology on lithium batteries, electric vehicles and allied technologies



\$3bn infrastructure investments

China will finance two major railway projects in Nigeria – the Abuja-Kano and Port-Harcourt-Maiduguri railways



\$1bn power agreements

A facility agreement for financing the construction of a 25MW photovoltaic solar power plant in Burkina Faso; Lekki Deep Blue Seaport contract with Ministry of Work; establish a new energy automobile facility for the production of new energy electric vehicles



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QATAR-NIGERIA BUSINESS FORUM



Delivered a Lecture at the Diplomatic Institute

Honourable Minister of Foreign Affairs, Amb. Yusuf M. Tuggar, addressed a number of important topics related to energy diplomacy, climate change, and the future of Middle East-Nigeria relations, noting the importance of strengthening cooperation in the field of gas and energy transition.



Joint Business Council

...was established between the Qatar Chamber of Commerce and Industry and the Nigerian Association of Chambers of Commerce, Industry, Mines, and Agriculture (NACCIMA)



7 MOUs

...were signed over the following sectors: cooperation in education, regulation of employment of workers with the Qatar; establishment of a joint business council (JBC), cooperation agreement in youths and sports



LEVERAGE OUR GLOBAL COMMUNITY

DIASPORA

Nigeria will focus on taking advantage of her wide diaspora community through well-integrated diaspora engagement towards its process of attracting knowledge transfer, capital investment, and Foreign Direct Investment (FDI). The delivery of our **consular services** abroad will be enhanced, ultimately promoting a positive narrative about Nigeria. **Our strong presence abroad will project the readiness of Nigerians through our diaspora communities** and achieve a positive influence on foreign governments and their decision-making. Equally, the Diaspora community is a veritable asset for the promotion of national development. In light of this, programmes will be developed to facilitate remittances, implementation of the Presidential directives in **ease of doing business**, human capital gain, transfer of skills, and other services for the benefit of Nigerians around the world.





UNLOCKING THE GLOBAL POTENTIAL

DIASPORA

NIDCOM

Nigerians in Diaspora Commission (NIDCOM) constantly engages with the diaspora throughout the year by hosting annual Nigeria Diaspora Investment Summits, launching Diaspora Housing Schemes for diaspora access to mortgage loans at low interest rates, and participating in virtual forums to educate the diaspora on core functions of the Nigerian government and deepen global connections

Diaspora Registry

NIDCOM is actively building out the online diaspora registry to be able to reach diasporans for emergencies as well as facilitate investment opportunities; currently reaches 40,000 Nigerians around the world

Digitizing Consular Services

Consular services affect Nigerians across the globe. By digitizing core functions of the consular like notarial services, document authentication and legalization, economic insights, legal assistance. Launching the Citizens Global Help Desk is critical to ease of access

Year of the Return

The 2024 Year of the Return encourages Africans of the diaspora to come back to the continent and to Nigeria, to reconnect with the motherland. It is also an opportunity to bolster the Nigerian economy and promote local business owners



COMMITTED TO THRIVING

DEMOCRACY

Democracy provides a pathway to enhanced peace and stability in Africa and around the world. It is, therefore, in Nigeria's interest to be surrounded by democracies in the West African sub-region and the continent at large. Proactive diplomacy is required to end conflict in sub-Saharan Africa, especially the West African sub-region where democratically elected governments have been toppled by military juntas, and the threat of a domino effect that could topple even more looms.





ECOWAS & the UN

As President of ECOWAS, President Bola Tinubu has navigated the recent affront on democracy across the region. As Chair of the ECOWAS Peace & Security Council, Honourable Minister of Foreign Affairs, Amb. Yusuf M. Tuggar, has led the Region's mandate in securing our borders so that peace can enable for sustainable democracy, catalyze AfCFTA, and lead to economic prosperity and cooperation. He has also advocated for representation at the UN Security Council.

Policy Retreats

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has conducted several design thinking workshops to bring together thought leaders and major stakeholders through hands-on, activity-based sessions built around shaping the future of Nigeria's foreign policy.

Africa Peace Summit

Aimed at bringing together heads of state, security leaders, foreign diplomats, and thought leaders across Africa to brainstorm solutions to insecurity and insurgency plaguing the continent.

Lecture Series at National Defence College

Delivered a series of lectures to the next generation of leaders at the National Defence College, stressing the vital role national security plays in securing democracy at home, as well as democracy and diplomacy around the region.



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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs' aim is to reinforce Nigeria's position as a leader in Africa, enhance its influence globally, maximise opportunities through strategic autonomy, drive major multilateral reforms, and foster improved national security, trade, and investment.



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