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The SDGs PlayBook

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PROLOGUE

I am excited to write about the Youth SDGs Playbook, a resource material created by youth champions of Nigeria Youth SDGs Network. The idea for the playbook came about in 2019 during a regional dialogue hosted across 21 states in Nigeria. The plan was to develop resources for youth SDGs enthusiasts and non-state actors as we headed into the decade of delivery of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Nigeria Youth SDGs Network is a coalition of youth lead and youth serving civil society organizations localizing the United Nations SDGs in Nigeria. There are more than 350 youth organizations within the network, with 72 youth champions who work with 3,700 volunteers across the 36 states of Nigeria and the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja. Our mission is to amplify the voices of young Nigerians and enhance their participation in the developmental agenda of their country.

NGYouthSDGs focuses on civic participation, livelihoods and employments, capacity development and education. We believe that the right support for youth will enable them to hold their government accountable towards ensuring we end poverty, attain decent work and education as well as good health and winning the battle against climate change.

Special appreciation to the United Nations Information Centre, Lagos for support when this idea was conceived. The centre has supported NGYouthSDGs over the last four years especially with regards to funding and recommendation for our work.

The Youth SDGs Playbook will provide the know-how for young to act towards ensuring the sustainable development of their community through their own personal and collective efforts. At NGYouthSDGs, we are excited about activating the power of Naija Youth for sustainable development. We hope this resource will be useful to you.

In Power and for YOUth,

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INTRODUCTION

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) is the successor to the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and is widely known as Agenda 2030, with reference to the end year by which the SDGs should have been attained globally. The MDGs, while it lasted, was a focal point of the world's developmental agenda and brought about novel and innovative partnerships and considerable development to both developing and developed countries.

The SDGs represents a more comprehensive agenda than the MDGs with 17 goals, 169 targets and well over 200 indicators. The SDGs involve a five “Ps” agenda: people, prosperity, planet, peace and partnership and these five “Ps” are for all countries and peoples of the world.

According to the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, the failures of the Millennium Development Goals, which was the previous global strategy, have been hinged on poor awareness and knowledge of critical stakeholders among other reasons for poor performance in most developing countries.

In an attempt to address this challenge, the Nigerian Youth SDGs Network is taking initiative in developing a home grown advocacy tool that will resonate with all Nigerians across the board on how they can achieve the SDGs in their day to day living.

We believe that taking ownership of the goals is a critical step in its actualization which we believe this play book will provide valuable insights for partner organizations, government and other critical stakeholders driving advocacy for the SDGs.

The global agenda is hinged on mass involvement as opposed to the MDGs which was hinged on government funding. This strategy can only be effective if citizens are aware that the activities that make up their daily lives can either help in achieving the goals or undermine that effort. This is what the SDGs play book will be helping to achieve ultimately; by awakening a sense of consciousness and responsibility in citizens on the need to achieve a better and safer world by 2030 on act/deed at a time.



OBJECTIVES OF THE SDGS PLAY BOOK.

The SDGs might have been signed by 193 Heads of State but making them a reality is everyone's responsibility hence the need to develop this document.

- Create a practical tool guide for advocacy purposes in the SDGs drive
- Help the citizens better understand the SDGs and how they can own the goals and help in achieving them.
- Develop a play book that finds application in both formal and informal sectors targeted towards the actualization of the SDGs.

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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



The proceeding pages speak in clarity how we can all play our part in actualizing the global agenda. The document is true to its title; a play book so we advise you read it at



End poverty in all its forms everywhere.

The 2030 Agenda acknowledges that eradicating poverty in all its forms and dimensions, including extreme poverty, is the greatest global challenge and an indispensable requirement for sustainable development.

The first Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) aims to “End poverty in all its forms everywhere”. Its seven associated targets aims, among others, to eradicate extreme poverty for all people everywhere, reduce at least by half the proportion of men, women, and children of all ages living in love art, and implement nationally appropriate social protection systems and measures for all, including floors, and by 2030 achieve substantial coverage of the poor and the vulnerable.

Relatable and practical ways all stakeholders; government, private sector, and individuals alike can help achieve SDG 1 are captured below.

Learn in-demand skills which can serve as full or part-time employment especially if you are a young person.

Since the government cannot in realistic terms cater for the job needs of the masses, we must be getting involved in the process of earning decent wages beyond the conventional job market or corporate spaces by learning relevant skills like data analysis, graphics, web design, artwork and the likes. By also leveraging social media, you can put your work and skills out to a global audience.

Encourage entrepreneurship either as an active participant or an investor.

Based on the research on decent work done by the Nigerian Youth SDGs Network in partnership with the Ministry of Youths and Sports, the most recurring challenge outlined was lack of access to funding by the youths to start up a business. If an avenue could be created where the people with the ideas can meet the people with the funding it will go a long way in encouraging entrepreneurship. This further emphasizes the need for partnerships.

Provide training and capacity building sessions for women and youths.

When the capacity of a community is enlarged through training and other capacity-building programs like access to grants or low-profit loans, people think and take action towards job creation more than depending on the government to provide jobs. This leads to the overall improvement in the socio-economic status of the society.

Encourage and support local businesses to thrive by patronizing their services.

The age-long myth that homemade goods are nonstandard is just that; a myth, for instance, Nigerian made electrical cables are more durable compared to imported cables. This is one example out of many. Let's believe in ourselves and our products, no company starts great they all grow into greatness and perfection so let's help our own get better. Let's buy local to grow the local economy.

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Advocate for increased minimum wages for the public and private workforce.

With the increased standard of living especially in urban areas, there is a need to increase the minimum wages of workers to reflect economic realities. National, subnational and private sectors should explore practical ways of meeting the financial needs of workers to ensure maximum productivity.

Explore employment and job opportunities in emerging sectors.

With the emergence of the digital economy, quite a several virtual employments are on the rise but this has been met with challenges of skill gaps and mismatches especially across Africa. Training and enlightenment concerning these employment opportunities and the relevant skills to effectively fill these roles will encourage the youths to spend more time in gainful ventures online thereby improving the GDP of the economy.

The government should develop sustainable poverty alleviation models beyond charity donations and reactive responses to preventable situations.

This can be done by developing community financial models to support families and local businesses. This can be

achieved by creating long term plan loans and other social safety nets to keep the businesses afloat and keep spending in check. This recommendation also applies to private organizations and donor agencies.

Ensure to get a decent job that meets your physical and economic needs.

Job searchers should be driven by passion and the need to add value. This goes a long way in ensuring employees get jobs that fit their skill sets and personas. Employment terms should be well-read and understood to avoid conflicts in remunerations after commencing.

Engage in financial literacy sessions for teenagers and women

The economic prowess of women is not in question. 70% of the agricultural workforce is supplied by women. Access to financial literacy sessions will go a long way in enlightening them on the basic principle of money and wealth management for the overall prosperity of homes and communities. This will also disabuse the mindset that relegates women away from making financial decisions.



Government and other development partners should focus on creating sustainable livelihoods, entrepreneurial opportunities, and productive resources for everyone.

The need for economic partnerships should be encouraged more. Innovative ideas like community cluster farming, off-takers arrangements, mechanization, value-based agriculture and the likes. The most sustainable approach to poverty alleviation is one that follows a “bottom-top” approach. of meeting the financial needs of workers to ensure maximum productivity.

The government should ensure improved access to basic social services; progressively developing social protection systems to support those who cannot support themselves.

Aggressive urban renewal plans and increased access to rural areas through the construction of feeder roads, primary health centres, schools, light, water and other basic amenities will guarantee to a large extent the unhealthy trend of rural-urban migration. This will further improve the focus on the development of communities by residents.



End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition, and promote sustainable agriculture.

According to FAO, an estimated 1.3 billion tons of food is wasted globally on an annual basis which is enough to feed the over 800million hungry people globally.

While there is food available to feed everyone, so many people, including children, still do not have enough food to eat.

The vast majority of the world’s hungry people live in developing countries and Agriculture is the single largest employer in the world.

The battle against hunger is everyone’s business and we are offering ways of helping achieve the ambitious goal of ending hunger.





Grow your vegetables/crops in your garden or backyard.

Every family can cultivate the habit of setting up a garden in their backyards and where this is not possible, plant pots or polythene bags can be used to plant crops like tomatoes, pepper, onions, bananas etc. for home use. This will not only save cost but also ensure food consumed is healthy and organic.

Shop smart.

Buy only what you can consume per time. Where practical, refrigerate your food or sun dry it to extend its shelf life. An easy way to achieve this is by writing down a list of needs before entering the marketplace to avoid impulsive buying.

Encourage innovation especially around food preservation.

While this requires a level of investments especially around creating the equipment and infrastructure, there are still very cheap ways to preserve food to avoid spoilage like sun drying. Innovators have developed better alternatives that leverage solar power however there is a need to ensure such innovations are affordable for the masses to get access to it.

Become an off-taker of agricultural produce.

Two-third of agricultural produce ends up wasting. Post-harvest loss is a global challenge, especially for rural dwellers. Off-taker agreements between farmers, middlemen, industries and the likes will go a long way in curtailing the impact of wastages and also increase the economic gains of farmers.

Invest in others if you don't have the time to be actively involved in agriculture.

Everyone cannot be involved in farming directly but there is room to empower others which afterwards profits or earnings can be shared appropriately. With a lot of agricultural funding platforms emerging, there is room for those passionate about agriculture to also get involved by sponsoring others to produce.

Form cooperatives to attract government initiatives to boost agricultural production.

Cooperatives not only ensure efficiency for members but also provide a lot of structure and accountability. Most development agencies and governments prefer to work with cooperatives in providing incentives rather than individuals. So to access support, it is best to form or join an existing cooperative

Rear your food animals and encourage organic agriculture.

Rearing animals at subsistent levels not only assures the supply of animal protein but also financial support as same can be sold to access funds. Rearing poultry for instance will provide meat, eggs, and income for the family.

The government should create safety nets for farmers in rural communities for the purchase of their produce.

With the difficulty rural farmers face in accessing funding, greater attention should be paid to ensuring their products are not wasted. With production models that ensure the availability of the market for farmers; more confidence will be instilled and production levels will grow.

Organize capacity-building sessions for farmers to help them improve on the trade.

With production patterns changing, routine capacity building sessions will be valuable in helping farmers keep up with modern farming techniques. Government, NGOs and individuals well skilled in these areas can take up the responsibility of helping upskill farmers.

Cook only what you can consume at a time and serve only what you can eat at a time.

As a matter of personal responsibility, there is every need to ensure you properly measure what you intend to cook to avoid wastages that end up in trash cans. You can also practice and encourage the habit of sharing your food with neighbours, friends, and the less privileged in society.

Practice irrigation farming to ensure a constant supply of fresh food in the market.

With the negative impact of climate change, irrigation farming is what guarantees food security and we can all get involved at personal and commercial levels to ensure there is food to eat all year round.

The government should fix road especially in rural areas to help open up marketing opportunities for rural dwellers.

Difficulty in accessing farms and moving production to the markets accounts for huge wastages farmers incur. With the Government's investment in building roads that open up rural areas, there will be value addition across the board.



Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all age.

Good health is essential to the growth and development of individuals in society. Health is wealth. According to the world health organization, Health is the state of complete physical, mental and social well being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity. Maintaining good health and wellbeing is pertinent to the actualization of the SDGs as a whole.



This goal can be achieved in the following ways:

Take responsibility for your health.

Avoid harmful habits like smoking, excessive drinking and eating junks. Exercise regularly, carry out routine checks in the hospital to ensure your vital organs are in an optimal state.

Vaccinate and immunize yourself and your family against vaccine-preventable diseases.

Vaccination is the cheapest way of disease prevention. When available ensure to get vaccinations for you and your family to prevent killer diseases.

Avoid dirty surroundings which serve as breeding grounds for disease-causing agents like mosquitoes and rodents.

Malaria and Lassa fever which are transmitted by mosquitoes and rats respectively leads to enormous loss of lives annually. Ensuring tidy environments is a cheap and effective way of preventing the disease.

Visit the doctor when you are sick and avoid self-medication.

Avoid the temptation of self-medication when you feel unwell. Visit a doctor for proper examination and appropriate recommendations as the impacts of drug abuse and misuse are disastrous.





Advocate for better funding of the health sector at the national and subnational levels.

Governments across the board must do better in providing funding for the health sector including the provision of basic and advanced infrastructure, training and welfare of personnel and provision of health insurance for citizens. Citizens can also drive an advocate for affordable health care for the masses..

Help communities locate primary health care centres by creating awareness about them offline and online.

You can help in driving community efforts in increasing visibility and access of primary care health centres through the erection of signposts, announcements in community meetings, sharing and geotagging where possible for easy access.

Increase awareness for mental health especially among young people and the working class.

With increasing cases of depression and suicide, there is a need to increase awareness of mental health. This can be done by leveraging social media, blogging and offline forums and social groups are geared towards encouraging you people to open up

and share their challenges. With safe spaces like these, more people will feel loved and accepted.

Eat more fruits and vegetables, take in less sugar and exercise more.

Like the saying goes “one apple a day, keeps the doctor away”; including fruits in your daily diet is very useful in keeping your body in tune and shape. This is a habit we must all be deliberate about cultivating. are disastrous.

Regular hand washing to prevent disease.

With hand washing gaining more prominence as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, it goes further to emphasize the relevance of hand washing as a strategy in disease control. We, therefore, need to embrace this healthy habit as a way of life.

Massive health education of the populace about common health problems and how to prevent them.

Awareness is key in every form of medical strategy. This is most important in hard to reach areas and NGOs and individuals alongside the government should invest more in driving health advocacies for healthy living as information is power.





An effort is needed to eradicate a wide range of diseases.

Africa is still largely impacted by infectious diseases like malaria, HIV, Ebola, Lassa fever and now COVID-19. More investments should be made in areas targeting eradication like vaccine development and other preventive initiatives. Government and research institutes should devote more resources to research to provide permanent solutions to preventable diseases with high mortality rates among women and children

Protect and enlighten adolescents that are facing a higher risk of complications and death from unwanted pregnancies, early marriages and family planning.

Again, advocacy is key. Earlier exposure should be the target in enlightening teenagers about reproduction which will avail them the knowledge to make informed choices. Families should also take family planning seriously to avoid unplanned pregnancies which will ultimately ensure resources are available to cater to the needs of the family effectively.

The welfare of health workers should be prioritized to ensure high work efficiency

Health is wealth. Organizations and governments should give attention to ensuring workers have access to health coverage and assurance that caters for the needs of their health and those of their dependents. The government should routinely review upward; remunerations of health workers to also ensure commitment on their part.

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Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all.

According to VVOB: "A good quality education provides all learners with capabilities they require to become economically productive, develop sustainable livelihoods, contribute to peaceful and democratic societies and enhance individual well-being."

How best can the goal of providing quality education be achieved?

The government should expand educational coverage to reflect local realities.

The school curriculum is centred on creating stereotyped individuals; memorizing manual and outdated solutions to problems that are advanced and digitized tending towards hybrids. This trend needs to change if we hope to help our wards match up with their contemporaries in other climes. To do this, curriculums have to be reviewed while also upskilling tutors to measure up to standard to deliver value.

You can hold a home lesson group in your neighbourhood for kids that can't afford a home lesson teacher or volunteer to teach in a school near you for free

Volunteer teaching can go a long way to help reduce the level of poor quality of education when individuals that are passionate about the SDGs can give themselves selflessly to volunteer teaching in understaffed public schools or nonstandard private ones.

Commit to creating safe learning spaces for children to get a quality education.

A safe space includes the school environment but is not limited to it. A safe environment encompasses both the physical environment and also the emotional, psychological, social and economic environment. Where the student's self-esteem is built up by the teachers, where they want to be in school not scared of coming to school, where they feel comfortable and confident enough to share any issues or challenges without fear of being laughed at or stigmatized.



Advocate for quality education in rural communities.

Education is one of the basic needs of a child apart from other needs such as food, clothes. e.t.c. Because of this, schools should be accessible anywhere regardless of whether it's in the urban areas or the rural areas.

Provide an informal learning school system to those who cannot afford a formal educational system.

Informal learning is learning outside the four walls of a classroom. The community should be so involved with quality education to the level where it is at home, market place, hospital, etc, it should fit the standard where students can learn.

The government should review and encourage technical education among youths.

In a technology-driven world, there is every need to drive investments and participation in technical education. Women should be encouraged to get more involved as technology doesn't discriminate against gender.

Encourage and advocate for more enrollment of the girl child to gain access to quality education.

Despite the recent gains in increasing girl child enrolment in western education, more needs to be done to ensure we build a competent female force that is ready to take on the world's daunting challenges. This will be achieved through more investments in education, sensitization and removal of the societal, religious and ethnic stigma that affects enrollment of the girl child.

Provide mentorship opportunities at early stages in the lives of teenagers and school students.

An internship is a vital part of the learning process and should be incorporated into the school curriculum whereby students are required to take up internship positions during holidays, to maximize the teenage age, making them sure of what path to take when choosing a course of study and they don't just get in unaware of what is required of them to study their chosen course.

Periodic review of the school curriculum to reflect global realities should be a priority.

Updating the school curriculum will go a long way to help students understand how to apply what has been learnt in school in their everyday life. Instead of seeing it as something abstract that they read to pass their exams but forget it after that.

The government should increase funding in infrastructure, staff welfare, and comfort of students in educational facilities.

Most government facilities go unattended to and soon are in shambles because of lack of funds to keep them in good shape or lack of enough hands to ensure the work being paid for has been done and the money not syphoned.

The incorporation of digital skills is an integral part of the curriculum at basic education levels.

The curriculum of students at basic levels should effectively reflect the basic knowledge required to navigate the digital world. With almost every information a click away, our educational system should ensure to build the capacity of students on how to effectively utilize the information for the advancement of society.

With the emergence of digital technology, learning to massive open online courses (MOOCs) should be encouraged.

The emergence of MOOCs has democratized access to information for those who are passionate about self-development. MOOCs offer

excellent opportunities for up-skilling infilling up skill gaps and learning or advancing in our career paths.

When a skill is noticed in a child, he should be taught that same skill in school alongside other relevant courses.

Students shouldn't be stereotyped as thinking some professions are better than others, each profession is unique and so they should be groomed in their passion.

Organize seminars and conferences to improve teacher's skills.

Continuous education seminars should be organized routinely to bring teachers up to par with current global trends in education to ensure they deliver value to the students under them. Partnerships should be encouraged to close the gap between educational institutions and employers of labour so that graduates will be tailored fit to meet the job needs.





Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls.

Marriage before the age of 18 is a human rights violation, mostly affecting girls, and can lead to a lifetime of disadvantage and deprivation. One in five women (20.2 per cent) between the ages of 20 and 24 was married before the age of 18 around 2019, compared with about one in four (23.8 per cent) 10 years earlier.

Increased government and partner organization's funding and commitment to closing the skill gap between men and women.

The skill gap between men and women should be closed to ensure equitable access to life-changing opportunities. Women should be given the needed support and opportunities to get involved in STEM subjects thereby increasing their involvements in science and research.

Advocate for increased school enrollment for young girls.

Like the popular saying goes, "train a boy you train an individual but train a girl and you train a nation of responsible individuals", girls have a future other than being housewives, with enlightenment the world needs to

know that since the mothers spend more time with children at a tender age they need education more, for sound citizens to be raised. So school enrollment of the girl child needs to be a collective and community effort to achieve equity in education.

Add your voice against wage disparities and inequalities against women.

Advocate for women to gain equal rights and access to resources. Encourage and support organizations and businesses that give priority to women rights. Unfair policies like work probation and casual staff that leads to lesser wages should be discouraged and spoken against.

We must all be heroes and guardian angels for the women where we stand for them against all acts of injustice and neglect. Protecting the girl child and fighting to see she gets justice doesn't reduce us instead it makes us stronger and with the level of discrimination they face in society, standing up for them is a noble thing to do.

Encourage the entrepreneurial spirit in women along with empowerment opportunities.

History is full of women who are trailblazers in the business and financial sector. Nigeria for instance has been led for the past 2 dispensations by women. A lot of women are also leading financial institutions both nationally and globally. Projecting these examples as a way to encourage the girl child in pursuing her dreams of self-realization and empowerment is the way to go.

Call the government's attention to harmful practices against women like female genital mutilation, sex trafficking, forceful marriages and child labour.

With acts of modern slavery on the rise, we must make it a sense of responsibility to stand against such acts, report perpetrators and demand

justice. Victims should also be provided psychological support to ensure the trauma is effectively managed. Examples as a way to encourage the girl child in pursuing her dreams of self-realization and empowerment is the way to go.

Lobby government to enact gender-friendly policies that give women more room for expression.

The policies enacted by the government should be inclusive such that both genders have a levelled playground. The government should give priority to equitable opportunities to both genders in politics, business and governance. Furthermore, the government and society should be seen to encourage women participation in politics, economic and public life.

Encourage unbiased access to ownership and control of land inheritance and all forms of property.

The unspoken rule that women can't inherit or own possessions should be disabused and laws put in place to stop them.

Sensitize parents on the need to remove the unhealthy bias towards the girl child.

Again advocacy is key. With society filled with unending examples of women who are shining examples of success stories at national and international levels, parents' needs to be sensitized more on the need to avail the girl child with more opportunities to succeed. This can be further done by providing vocational skills training to women and girls as is now seen with women filling up roles that were taught to be exclusive preserves of men.

Awareness creation on gender issues in schools, churches, markets, town hall meetings, media.

Religious leaders should be called upon to take part in creating awareness concerning the rights of the girl child.

Take action.

Do not wait for the government to bring to the public's attention to any acts that undermine the welfare of women. As individuals, employees, tutors, parents, government and so on, we have a responsibility to match words with action in closing the disparity gap between male and female gender.



Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all.

Water is essential not only to health but also for poverty reduction, food security, peace and human rights, preserving ecosystems and education. However, countries face growing challenges linked to water scarcity, water pollution, degraded water-related ecosystems and cooperation over transboundary water basins. Also, funding gaps and weak government systems hold many countries back from making needed advancements. Current rates of progress must increase substantially so the goal is met by 2030. We drive the following actions collectively to ensure we achieve clean water and sanitation.

Practice and also advocate against dumping refuse, garbage, and sewage in waterways to prevent disease outbreaks.

This entails being socially responsible. Beyond ensuring you prevent indiscriminate dumping, you can also take action through social media by sharing relatable impacts of how destructive pollution of water bodies is.

Over 4 billion people lack access to basic sanitation Lend your voice to demand toilets especially in rural and peri-urban areas.

Awareness and advocacy campaigns to communities should be done to enlighten them concerning the need for toilets. Ending open defecation especially in rural communities and slums will go a long way in curtailing the impact of waterborne disease outbreaks.

Practice and promote good sanitary habits in your everyday life.

Ensure hands are washed and foods are prepared and consumed in clean environments. Create awareness of sanitary habits among young people on and off social media. If unsure of water sources, learn to boil or use water sanitisers before drinking. This needs to be done to avoid water-borne diseases

Form a volunteer community that focuses on sanitation and work a strategy on turning it into a social enterprise.

Express innovation and entrepreneurial skills by thinking of ways to give back to the community to keep the community clean. Partner and learn from organizations working in the same space to gain perspective

Acquire water purifiers (alum) and share them with rural communities near you.

Advocacy also involves sharing your resources with the community. It's a form of giving back to the community for what you have benefited from it. Carry-out rural advocacy against dumping of refuse and defecating in water bodies and encouraging people with open wells to get covers to help reduce pollution as direct exposure to pollutants does great harm to the body system. male and female gender.

Actively participate in the monthly sanitation exercises in your neighbourhood.

Taking out time to clean the environment will help reduce the menace of waste washing up into water bodies. Beyond social media, join local and community efforts to clean up your environment. Also, encourage others to adhere to the

government policies on sanitation by teaching, training and tasking individuals in the community on being responsible for the cleanliness of their environment.

Organize community funding for the sinking of boreholes in rural areas.

With the power of social media, starting campaigns that draw the attention of individuals to the underserved communities can help ensure funds are donated to provide potable water for communities while still calling the government's attention to their plight.

The government should increase funding to provide clean water for communities.

There should be policies put in place to ensure that clean water is provided to every community as this is part of the basic social amenities that the government is to provide for the people.



7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY



Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable, and modern energy for all.

Sustainable Development Goal 7 (SDG7) calls for “affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all” by 2030. Its three core targets are;

Ensure universal access to affordable, reliable, and modern energy services. With over 3 billion people still relying on wood, coal, charcoal or animal waste for cooking and heating, the objective is to provide healthy and sustainable energy to billions across the globe and these actions can help us achieve that objective. And while a shift to renewables has begun, it still contributes around 18% of the world's total energy consumption, with only about 10% coming from modern renewables.

Government and the private sector should make a more drastic commitment to increase substantially the share of renewable energy in the global energy mix.

To access affordable, reliable, sustainable, clean energy in Nigeria, the government, communities, and all stakeholders must invest in the following area of energy sources.

- 1. Solar Energy:** This is energy derived from solar radiation. This is a very clean form of energy and can be used extensively due to its abundance.
- 2. Wind Power:** A clean, free, albeit intermittently available, form of energy, the kinetic energy possessed by moving winds can be captured to produce energy.
- 3. Geothermal Energy:** Heat that comes from the sub-surface of the Earth can be tapped to produce energy. Geothermal power stations and heat pumps are used to capture the heat released from hot springs.
- 4. Hydropower:** This is the energy derived by tapping the kinetic energy of flowing water. By setting up turbines in rivers we can produce energy in a clean and emission-free way. Hydropower produces the most energy annually of the modern renewables.

5. Tidal Power: Energy from tidal forces can be tapped to generate electricity. Although not so commonly used, this clean and readily available source of energy has a great capacity as an alternative to conventional sources of energy.

6. Biomass: Biomass can be burned and be used for energy production through direct firing, co-firing, pyrolysis, gasification, and anaerobic decomposition.

Replace your heat emitting light bulbs with energy-saving ones that last longer and do not emit heat.

To save energy and cost, there is every need to change heat emitting bulbs to energy saving ones that also lasts longer. To make this more sustainable, heat emitting bulbs should be phased out of the market.

Research facilities need to devote time to developing less expensive panels and batteries that can be accessible to the common man.

Cost of installing solar energy is very high and out of reach of the common man whom the impact of lack of electricity is most felt. Investments in local production of panels and batteries will help bring down the cost of accessing and installing solar power for homes and

businesses. As a short term measure, the government can also grant import waivers to also bring down the cost of acquisition

Turn off electric appliances when not in use to save energy.

This calls for self-discipline in use of appliances especially when they are not needed. Ensure to turn off appliances before leaving home and when going to bed to conserve energy. As a homeowner, if you have the option, install solar panels in your house to reduce electricity bills.

Read manuals of your appliances to ensure you buy those that are energy-friendly and safe for the environment.

Do not be carried away by the illusion of buying cheap appliances. Ensure to check the energy consumption to confirm it is energy friendly before buying. You can also routinely replace your old appliances with newer models which are more energy conserving.

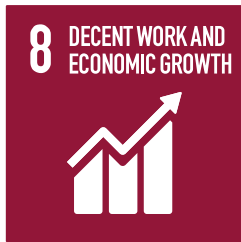
Over 2.8 billion people according to UNDP still use polluting and environmentally unsafe cooking means.

Solar cooking stoves are healthy alternatives and should be made available especially to rural dwellers. Government expenditure in this light should be monitored closely to ensure the intention is met.

Replacing fossil fuel cars with electric cars.

With the scary impacts of climate change, countries should roll out plans on switching to electric cars to help preserve the ozone layer. This also calls for more aggressive investment in power to ensure sustainability of the overall plan.





Promote sustained, inclusive, and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment, and decent work for all

Today, over 40% of the world's youth are either unemployed or underemployed. Over 66 million young women and men worldwide are looking for a job and more than one-third of those working in developing economies live on less than US\$2 a day. With global unemployment on the rise, we need to find innovative solutions to providing decent work for the growing population.

Practice and create awareness about the gig economy.

With the digital economy onboard, the ability to earn income from multiple sources is made possible through remote jobs or gigs where persons are paid for skills rendered rather than being on full time employment. This has made it possible for young people especially to earn from several gig and freelancing websites where they offer their in-demand skills for a fee. The key to benefiting from this is first by gaining relevant skills that are required by potential clients

Advocate for more investment in entrepreneurship development.

Entrepreneurship offers the surest approach in tackling poverty and unemployment hence the need to drive more investments by government and other development partners. This will help beneficiaries scale up activities. Startups

should also explore funding sources in venture capital funds, angel investments; but first exploring support from friends and family.

Government should devote attention to putting in place enabling environments to attract investors.

Investors will put their monies in areas that have stable policies and much needed security to guarantee their investments. To attract foreign direct investments, the government must pay attention to ease of doing business that covers these areas and more. More so, local businesses should also be granted waivers and leverage to ensure they remain sustainable in the presence of bigger competition.



Patronize local businesses in your vicinity to help them sustain business and also prevent job losses.

Buy from small shops in your area to support business growth. Curb the social pressure of going for big brands and make it a moral duty to support local businesses making quality products and goods. Such acts will help ensure cash flow and profitability.

Keep abreast on global work and labor practices to ensure state and national leaders are held accountable for better work conditions.

Make sure laws practiced in the country are the same and applicable anywhere. Labor unions should update the government and the private sector on global practices in order to ensure workers are not short changed. Periodic review of labor laws is also important to ensure workers are duly rewarded for work done as stand of living also keeps increasing.

Call out organizations exposing workers to inhuman conditions and demand that same be duly prosecuted by law.

Lawmakers must be stern on drafting laws that companies that abuse their employees and law enforcement agents must also be on alert and avoid colluding with employers. Employees working

under unfavorable work conditions must as a matter of urgency call out such organizations to bring the attention of the public and law enforcers to such crimes.

Employers should pay attention to the mental health and productivity levels of their employees.

Mental health in work spaces is extremely important in order to guarantee productivity across the board. Employers should institutionalize routine psychotherapy sessions for employees to ensure the pressure of work is not impacting on them negatively.

Employees and HRs should prioritize competence over paper qualification.

The era of paper qualification is gone. In a skill based economy, priority should be given to the value employees bring rather than paper qualifications. Policies on Education must be in harmony with employers of labor in industries, Engineering, Art & Culture, Agriculture, and Health, etc; for job creation, problem-solving, and innovation. It should be beyond theories as this will go a long way in addressing skill gaps and mismatches.

Government must agree to play its part in the agreement signed with the UN to achieve this goal, particularly in the area of providing a conducive environment for business, entrepreneurship, innovation, and safe practice.

All global agreements that government is a signatory to should be duly honored to ensure the work space is at par with global standards. Labor unions and citizens should also play their part in ensuring accountability and implementation in this regard.

Government must acknowledge the available talents in the country and promote youth clusters programs.

Government should support creative talents and also promote youth programs that support innovation at community levels. The way to go could be through setting up an innovation hub across all local governments which will serve as safe spaces for young people to congregate, learn and build.

We must all stand against tribalism, sectionalism and promote competence and meritocracy.

An economy that thrives is one that accords regard to merit. It is important this is enforced across board both in private and public sectors there by ensuring that only those who qualify for positions end up in such places.

Capacity development and skills training should be given priority as an effective way in closing the unemployment gap.

With high levels of skill gaps and mismatches especially across Africa, continuous capacity building sessions organized by the government and other development partners will ensure employees are kept up to date with global trends

Encourage the creation of co-working systems and innovation hubs in communities.

Innovation hubs provide a lot of structure that supports innovation alongside bringing talents together. It increases productivity and the opportunity to connect with individuals. Young people can explore this path in helping enlighten communities and develop a skill force.

Advocate for the end of modern slavery and human trafficking and secure the prohibition and elimination of the worst forms of child labor.

Modern day slavery takes different forms even in the corporate space through underemployment, working for extended hours with compensation and the likes. Use of children for cheap labor should also be stopped. Awareness creation is a good place to start for everyone everywhere

Job security, financial support systems should be set up for employees and entrepreneurs alike.

Employees will put in more commitment to work if benefits like health care, retirement benefits and other work related privileges are guaranteed by their employees. This conversation has to be sustained at all times to ensure every worker is captured appropriately. Collaboration between private and public sectors to make this happen will guarantee more decent work there by promoting common interest.



Build resilient infrastructure by, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation.

According to Wikipedia, an estimate of just over 53.4% of the world's population are currently internet users. Estimates suggest that by the end of 2021, the world will have reached just 67% global internet use and 33% in least developed countries.

Goal 9 in simple terms states that for a society to grow, it should encourage industries that bring opportunities to everyone while protecting the environment.

This is achievable through several collaborative efforts by government, private sector and citizens.

Government and other development partners should invest more in building low and efficient cost housing for the middle and lower, class to combat urban migration.

By developing communities, the urge for urban migration will be largely curtailed. To make this a reality, housing cost must be affordable in practical terms with increase in industrial development in related communities.

Investments should be increased in power and electricity by leveraging renewable energy sources to power homes in rural communities.

Renewable energy sources offer a sure way of curtailing the impact of greenhouse gases. Industries and governments alike should roll out timelines in phasing out diesel plants and other power machines that pollute the environment. This is entrench accountability in the transition process.

Modernization of agricultural practices should be given priority along with capacity building of farmers and extension agents on modern production practices.

Government along with other development partners should devote time and resources in empowering farmers with adequate modern farm facilities to boost

agricultural produce. The era of “hoe and cutlass” agriculture is gone and sustainable and commercial agriculture can only be guaranteed through mechanization and modern farming techniques like use of green houses.

Advocate for creation of innovation hubs in communities to encourage idea sharing and development of solutions to local problems.

With agriculture being the highest global employer of labor, there is every need to pay more attention to setting up agri-tech hubs in order to foster innovation and idea sharing. By exploring agricultural value chains and leveraging technology, young people will help bring more value in the entire sector.

Organize ideation/critical thinking meetings.

Government and the private sector; by way of encouraging innovation, can organize ideation sessions which will allow room for practical assessment of challenges facing the sector along with possible ways of addressing the same.

Democratize ICT knowledge for people in the rural communities.

With increased internet penetration in rural communities, training sessions geared towards empowering youths and other dwellers on gainful use of the web will contribute immensely to social and economic improvements, such employment and productivity

Research institutions in agriculture should pay attention to helping farmers improve their yield.

With increase in the global population comes increased demand for food. To ensure sustainability, food security must be guaranteed through improvement on the quality of seeds available to farmers which will lead to overall increase in yield and productivity.

Waste management social innovations like up-cycling of used materials should be encouraged.

With young people creating wealth from waste, it offers practical ways in riding the environment of non-degradable materials which are often transformed to tiles, blocks, packing bags, furniture and the likes. Individuals can consider joining the trend while the government supports by way of funding and patronage.

Construction of more infrastructure like Hospitals, factories, industries.

Good infrastructure serves as potent economic drivers and the government at Federal and State levels must pay urgent attention to improving the overall infrastructural outlook for social good.



10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES



Reduce inequality within and among countries.

For real progress in communities to happen, everyone regardless of economic standing needs to have access to opportunities that will help them grow as individuals and as a community. There are sadly high levels of social disparities spread across societies where people face different forms of discriminations against race, ethnicity, health status, gender and sometimes background.

The intention of goal 10 is to work out ways where everyone has a chance not only to thrive but succeed regardless of where they come from. This is achievable and we will show you how.

Attention should be paid to human resource development and funding of critical infrastructure as opposed to charity donations by government and donor agencies.

Charities are a quick fix to economic problems but they are not sustainable as effort is channeled to solving symptomatic problems like hunger, shelter, basic care rather than addressing core causes of either poverty or insecurity. The need to focus on addressing problems at the core should be given priority rather than reactive efforts that only provide temporary reprieve.

Trade agreements between developed and developing economies should reflect mutual benefits.

Instead of taking raw materials like agricultural products and other minerals from African countries, developed economies should consider relocating industries to sites where raw materials are abundant. This will go a long way in creating employment for the local dwellers and improving infrastructure and standard of living of the benefiting communities

Speak up against any form of discrimination in your country, state or community to aid justice.

Racial discrimination though greatly reduced is still witnessed in other places. We have a responsibility to speak up and call such acts out in order to get justice for the victims.

There should be increased opportunities for exchange programs for countries to enable transfer to relevant skills.

Part of efforts in closing up skills and technological gaps in developed and developing economies is through exchange programs. Increasing availability and transparency in accessing the same will go a long way in addressing the existing disparities that already exist.

Help in amplifying and creating awareness about educational and developmental opportunities available for citizens of developing countries.

Scholarships, grants, fellowships, exchange programs and other development programs that accord citizens of developing countries to gain access to quality education have been highly resourceful over the years. More access and awareness to these opportunities create excellent grounds for knowledge transfer and networking.

Advocate and promote policies that favor social and economic inclusion especially for vulnerable groups.

Women, youths and people living with disabilities/special abilities deserve equitable opportunities for self-expression. To build a truly fair society, development plans must effectively factor in their needs to ensure they benefit and grow.

Speak up when there is any form of marginalization against your communities and hold leaders accountable. Avoid nepotism and favoritism in all agreements.

There are recurring accusations of project kickbacks and unclear agreements which the elite tend to benefit when signing agreements with multinationals. Citizens have a responsibility to demand transparency and accountability in such agreements in order to ensure they are not short changed

Advocate for beauty in diversity.

There can be no progress where chaos thrives. In your community, be inclusive and demonstrate respect for others from different tribes and ethnicities.

11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES



Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable.

Over 3.5 billion people live in cities today globally. While the world's cities occupy just 3% of the earth's land, it accounts for over 60-80% of the energy consumption and 75% of carbon emissions. Rapid urbanization is exerting enormous pressure on social amenities which is gradually becoming a public health concern. To build sustainable cities and communities, access to clean water, electricity, affordable housing, feeder roads and security must be available for everyone and we believe this is achievable

When constructing your home, ensure only quality materials are used to avoid collapse of the structure.

One of the increasing threats of urbanization is the incidences of building collapse that happens across cities due to use of substandard materials and neglect to approve building plans. For safety of lives and properties, it is important to use only quality materials while building residences. Monitoring agencies should avoid the temptation of colluding with defaulters in order to avoid such sad occurrences.

Do not build on water ways.

With a lot of pressure on access and cost of acquisition of land for building purposes, there is a growing trend of sitting structures on waterways and other unapproved locations. This not only goes against the law but also puts lives at risk of flooding hence the need to avoid such. Regulatory agencies also have a duty to ensure such incidences are promptly addressed. To take this further, there should be consistent awareness in your community on the need to stick to approved building plans and sites.

Government should invest in low cost mass housing schemes for the middle class living and working in cities.

Such interventions will go a long way in helping workers/employees living in urban areas to be more productive in their workplaces. Housing is a fundamental human right and everyone deserves a decent home to wake up from and go back to after the day's work.

Employers of labor should invest in mass transit buses to convey workers to work daily.

This intervention will help reduce the number of cars on the road which will reduce carbon emissions. Furthermore, drive time to work can also provide opportunities for employees to chat and bond amongst themselves.

Use a bicycle or walk to work or school if you live within considerable distance.

Use a bicycle or walk to work or school if you live within considerable distance. This offers multiple benefits from getting to exercise to paying closer attention to your environment and also contributing to combating climate change. Using a bicycle by no means puts you down as poor and it is an exercise that should be

encouraged especially among young people. The flip side of this will be the need for the government to ensure roads have pedestrian lanes to avoid road traffic accidents.

Plant a tree in your residence and workplace.

Tree planting is a great way of combating climate change. Besides creating more green areas, it serves to provide resting places for pedestrians and other living creatures. Town planning agencies should give attention to creating more green areas and parks. Tree planting should be a mandatory requirement for homes and public places.

Companies should be encouraged to improve in their Corporate Social Responsibilities.

Building a sustainable environment is a collective responsibility. Businesses and industries should be encouraged to invest more in CSRs that have real impact in communities they are domiciled. This should be informed by the real rather than perceived needs of the people.

Creation of Eco-Friendly policies that will influence building activities.

Lawmakers should make laws that encourage construction of eco-friendly and smart buildings that fit 21st century needs for users.

Join advocacies for safe spaces.

Support groups that advocate for more public spaces and improvements in public transportation systems, sanitation, and access to good roads, education and health care.



Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns.

Each year, about one third of all food produced ends up rotting in the bins of farmers, retailers and consumers due to poor storage facilities. The objective of goal 12 is to help humanity reflect on how our actions harm the world we live in via the waste we create and how it impacts our environments. In bringing our collective actions to our consciousness, the hope is to enable us to live more consciously as a government, employers and citizens.

Avoid impulsive buying.

Planning a budget before going to the market or shopping mall is a great way of staying on budget. In doing that unplanned expenses will be curtailed which will in the long run avoid wastages that would have happened otherwise

There should be more advocacy on the use of reusable bags (example paper bags, clothing bags)

By discouraging the use of “one-time-use” plastics and advocating for paper or cotton bags for shopping and packing needs, the volume of plastics in the environment will be greatly reduced.

Patronize products that have little or no impact on the environment like organics.

Preference should be made to products with biodegradable alternatives. This will help in cutting down the amount of waste generated daily. To do this, research your needs and read up labels to gain information. Take advantage of your network to ask questions and also seek recommendations.

Help advertise and grow local brands that produce perishable goods to increase patronage and reduce wastages.

Leverage digital tools and platforms like Google, Facebook, Instagram, etc to promote local businesses that sell farm fresh products to help increase their patronage. Free tools like Google My Business, Facebook Shop, WhatsApp Business are amazing tools to aid sales and increase visibility

Stiffer laws should be made to force companies producing plastics to transition to degradable alternatives.

Lawmakers and the government should provide incentives for companies driving innovation and focusing on making biodegradable packs and sacks while setting transition plans to phase out use of plastics in the country.

Companies should moderate production to avoid wastages.

Production should be need driven in order to avoid wastages that end up polluting the environment

Be socially responsible.

Add your voice to advocacy on sustainability, stop using plastic bags, patronize businesses with environment friendly practices



13 CLIMATE ACTION



Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts.

Global emissions of carbon dioxide have increased by almost 50% since 1990. Scary right? With the Paris Agreement of 2015 which seeks to limit global temperature rise to well below 2 degrees Celsius, the world hopes to cut down on the downward slide in order to save our planet. With a lot of focus on finding solutions to renewable energy, actions from government, private sector and citizens are significant in creating the much needed impact.

Government should increase preventive measures in desert prone areas.

With aggressive tree planting campaigns including encouraging and sponsoring/ supporting tree planting activities by individuals, NGOs, CSO, Religious Organizations, Women and Youth Groups and Learning institutions.

Deforestation has been negatively affecting natural ecosystems, biodiversity, and the climate. The UN's Food and Agriculture Organization estimates the annual rate of deforestation to be around 1.3 million km² per decade. This is a huge threat and we must take it seriously.

Keep your vehicles and machines well maintained to emit fewer toxic fumes.

Visit your mechanic routinely to ensure your vehicle is well tuned up. This will ensure less emission of toxic fumes and also avoids any threat to the public around you.

Increase advocacy against illegal tree felling and switch to climate friendly devices that pose no threat to the environment.

For instance, requests for soft copies and e-receipts rather than printing to slow down use of trees for paper production. Swap your gas stove for an electric stove, which will also lower indoor air pollution. Sign up for e-receipts with your bank rather than hard copies. Do not print ATM receipts if you do not need them.

Use your social media handles to promote and advocate for a climate friendly habits and lifestyles.

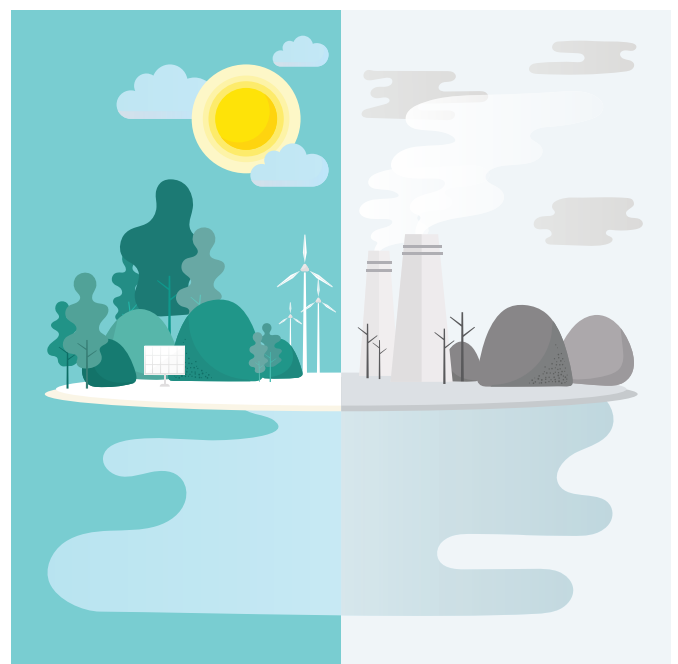
Our planet will lose the ability to sustain life if we fail to halt the impact of climate change. Use your social voice to create awareness on the impact of climate change and how people can take action. Add your voice to the Paris Agreement and hold the government to account to ensure timely implementations.

Government should clamp down on indiscriminate felling of tree.

More trees are cut down daily than are being planted and most of this is done indiscriminately hence the need for strict regulation by the government. Wood vendors also need sensitization on the need to plant more trees for every one that is cut down..

Switch off/unplug computers, TVs and other electronics when you're not using them.

This is a matter of personal responsibility as these little eventually result into giant strides in our commitment to making our world more sustainable. Also, when buying new appliances, look for the Energy Star label on them to ensure the rating is good so you can concern energy and save money.





Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development.

Our oceans cover over $\frac{3}{4}$ of the earth's surface and represent over 99% of the living space on the planet by volume. Interestingly too, over 30% of the carbon dioxide produced by humans is absorbed by the oceans thereby buffering the impacts of global warming. Human activities are sadly affecting over 40% of the world's oceans leading to pollution and loss of marine life.

With many livelihoods depending on oceans for sustenance, keeping and ensuring the sanity and sustenance of this precious resource is of paramount importance hence the need to protect them and we will tell you how.

Promote in-house conservation of marine life. E.g rearing of fishes, crabs and all will help in educating people of the importance of life below water.

Having exhibitions like this especially in learning environments will prove highly useful enlightening people on the need to conserve marine life while also serving as a source of recreation, tourism and source of income

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Call out companies emptying industrial waste into water bodies.

Some companies resident in riverine areas dump industrial waste in water bodies which results in death of fish and other marine life. Regulatory bodies have a duty to ensure strict compliance in proper waste disposal and also sanction defaulters. As residents, we have a duty to call out companies polluting waterways with waste for necessary action against them.

Carry out sensitization in riverine communities.

There is a need to sensitize riverine dwellers on the need to avoid excessive fishing along with killing threatened marine life like whales, sharks and dolphins. By informing them on the dangers of excessive fishing and also killing of threatened marine life, fisher men will be better informed and take more responsibility in order to keep their trade sustainable.

Follow up government commitments in cleaning up contaminated water bodies like those of the Niger Delta.

The Niger Delta region of Nigeria has suffered decades of neglect from government and oil companies at the detriment of the residents. While the government and the companies must live up to their

responsibilities of cleaning up spillages and damaged farm lands, citizens should also join their voices to those of affected communities to ensure work is delivered on schedule.

Mobilize and participate in beach cleaning activities to remove plastics and other debris away from water bodies and beaches.

Volunteering is a great way to help keep our water bodies and beaches clean by riding them of plastics and other waste. This can be taken further by enlightening the public on how unhealthy sanitary practices and indiscriminate waste disposal can harm our oceans and water bodies.

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Support and develop capacity of small scale fishermen to practice sustainable agriculture.

With pressure increasing on the demand for marine life, it is important to develop the capacity of those who depend on it for their daily earnings. By training farmers on modern fish farming through use of hybrid fish and reduction in excessive fishing activities, ocean life will be better conserved while levels of income will also grow. This is a commitment government, development partners and individuals with relevant skills can embark on.

Take responsibility.

Be conscious of the waste you generate when you visit the beach, bring along refillable water bottles, use designated trash cans for waste and help enlighten others.



Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss.

Forests are home to over 80% of all animals and plants and over 2.6 billion people depend directly on agriculture to earn a source of livelihood. Of the 8,300 breeds of animals known to man, 8% have gone extinct and 22% are at the risk of extinction.

Removing all threats to live on land is a collective responsibility and as part of a global ecosystem, we have a duty to halt the impact of deforestation, land degradation and loss of animal and plant life as all this contributes to our very lives. This is how we will do it together

Practice environmentally safe habits.

Do not dump refuse in waterways or drainage systems to avoid flooding. As a parent, buy diapers that are biodegradable, a woman, use sanitary pads/products that are environmentally friendly. These modest acts of social consciousness and responsibility matter.

Government should improve on wastage management and leverage innovations that convert waste to wealth.

With the amount of waste generated increasing on a daily basis, there is every need for environmental agencies to be more innovative in waste management. From prompt waste evacuation to creation of waste alert systems that notify on places where garbage needs clearing; this will help drive efficiency in addressing the challenge of waste management.

Raise awareness for industries to have efficient waste management systems.

Every industry should have a structure around waste management in order to prevent incidences of indiscriminate dumping. As citizens we can also help the government by raising awareness on indiscriminate dump sites to trigger action.

Volunteer your time in community clean up exercises.

Action goes beyond social media. Go local and participate in monthly cleaning exercises in your neighborhood or community. While doing this, you can share pictures and experiences to challenge others to join too.

Prohibition of poaching should be given priority by the government and conservationists.

Illegal hunting activities in forests and reserves is a huge global problem which has resulted in loss of endangered species. Stiff penalties and improved monitoring of reserves and animals along with aggressive sensitization of communities will go a long way in preserving our wildlife.

Protection of natural habitats of animals through parks, zoos and conservation areas.

Government and conservationists should set up more safe spaces like zoos and parks for endangered animals that are either captured or found in the wild to ensure they don't fall into the wrong hands. Again sensitization will play a huge role in ensuring a person in possession or knowledge of wildlife can help call relevant authorities to take custody. Incentives for such acts will also motivate action.

Join the advocacy to protect wildlife.

Use every opportunity to tell people about the benefits of preserving rare animals and the natural environment for animals to thrive. People should not buy products of illegal wildlife trade.

Practice Organic farming.

Switch to the use of organic manure for your crops rather than the inorganic ones that impact our soils and also have organisms beneath the soil.

Join tree planting campaigns.

To halt land degradation and deforestation, we need to plant more trees. There is also a need to inform people that urbanization doesn't equate to cutting down trees for building. Building agencies should also not approve plans that fail to make room for tree planting in the vicinity.



Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels.

At least 1/5th of humanity lives in countries experiencing significant violence, political conflict and insecurity. As of 2015, over 65 million people have been forcibly displaced from their homes globally.

Development cannot happen in an environment of chaos and justice cannot also be served in place with weak institutions. The focus of goal 16 is to build a world of peace and social justice for all where our institutions work for the good of everyone

Preach and practice peace.

With a lot of global instability, there is every need to hold a banner of peace in word and deed. Ethnicity and religion should be a uniting force and not a dividing one. Show mutual respect to everyone regardless of what you stand to gain from them. Call out bigots and separatists and be a peace advocate.

Carrying out sensitization to vulnerable communities to sensitize them on the effect of violence in socioeconomic development of the community.

Hold community meetings to address lingering grudges and always advocate for dialogue rather than strife. Ensure all sides are listened to and commitments are made to address issues squarely.

Educate the youth on religious, ethnic and cultural tolerance, using toolkits on conventional media, social media and online radios.

With young people being the most affected in most crises, it is important they are aware of the need to ensure peaceful coexistence. This will also help them hold their ground against any agent of destabilization. Furthermore, the need to be gainfully engaged is of essence as it prevents idleness and any propensity for vain thoughts.

Create awareness to have young people get involved in social accountability to achieve strong institutions.

Every system is a reflection of the people that live in it. To ensure governance is proactive and value driven, citizens must be participatory through demanding for accountability and transparency in government.

Government and citizens should build strong systems.

Strong systems are what makes democracies thrive even in turbulent times. Government should demonstrate genuine commitment in building independent institutions that will ensure effective workings of government to deliver value to the people.

Advocate for a faster and more efficient judicial process.

The judiciary is critical in the drive for social justice for all. The judiciary must be well funded and corrupt judges evicted out of the system to ensure the law functions fairly. Government and individuals should also desist from all forms of interference in order not to subvert the will of the law. Government should also pay attention to better remunerations for judges and workers in the judiciary.

Do your part in helping the system work.

Do not beat traffic lights, stop by passing electric meters, join the queue when required, stop dumping refuse or waste indiscriminately, do not bribe law enforcement agents or other government officials for favors, ensure you have a good understanding of the laws and constitution to keep you informed. Avoid fake news; do not initiate or spread it. Pay your taxes as at when due and encourage others to do the same. Refund loans taken from government.

Get involved in Policy making decision process for peace and Justice.

Attend town hall meetings, public hearings on bills at state and national levels, participate in online and offline polls, join a political party if you feel the need to be partisan.

Organize conferences and summits to talk more on peace and Justice amongst youths.

A lot of young people lack basic knowledge on politics and governance. Organize meetings that help them gain understanding on how institutions work and how government functions in order to provide them clarity. This can be extended to schools to educate students on the importance of peace in our society.

Stay informed.

Information is power. Know your rights and that of others speak up loudly to denounce corrupt practices in your community at all times and take advantage of your right to elect leaders in your communities and country at large.





Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development.

Partnership and ownership of the SDGs is the only guarantee to achieving the global agenda by 2030. To do this, a good understanding of the role every partner has to plan in this ambitious plan must be clearly spelt out for all to know. Knowing that for the SDGs government is as important as the individuals and developed economies as equally important as the developing one puts the responsibility evenly on everyone to do the needful in making our world better.

So this is how you take action as a partner for the SDGs

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Educate your friends, family, co-workers and peers on the SDGs and the need for them to get involved in building a safer world..

Awareness creation is key. The more people know about the SDGs, the better chances we have to achieve them. So start with your immediate family and space of influence by enlightening them on the global goals and how they can help achieve them.

Volunteer your skills and time for a cause that advances humanity.

Volunteering is a powerful tool in achieving the SDGs. With a lot of skills and knowledge gaps in our society and communities, we can all volunteer to help fill that gap. The result will be better informed beneficiaries.

Encourage partnership between the private and public sector towards the actualization of the SDGs.

The SDGs thrive on partnerships. Government and other development partners must close ranks to ensure strategies and policies are well structured to meet the end result for the good of society. Interventions should be well thought out and relevant to the target audience and monitoring mechanisms also put in place to ensure the same.

There should be more collaboration between the developing and the developed nations.

Trade deals between countries must take into consideration unique needs of both parties to ensure mutual benefits for all that ensures exploitation is avoided. Industries should be set up in places with raw materials rather than extracting the same to developed countries which further impoverishes the residents.

Be charitable.

Donate what you can to vulnerable and less privileged groups. You can take the act further by raising awareness on the plight of displaced persons in your community .

Government should cut cost of governance and increased funding in developmental sectors.

With a lot of funding requirements to meet developmental targets, there is every need for the government to cut the cost of governance while channeling such resources in addressing pressing developmental needs like building critical infrastructure.

Developmental partners should increase funding for third world and developing countries.

Funding needs for developing nations should meet skills and technological needs of the countries rather than charity donations. More access to exchange programs, grants and scholarships will help young people gain more skills and capacity to compete favorably with colleagues in other climes. This will further increase knowledge sharing amongst peers, colleagues and communities thereby promoting diversity.

Embrace partnership in tackling collective problems.

While encouraging people to speak up when there is a problem, we must see challenges as collective threats rather than personal problems. That way, we will demonstrate commitment and ownership in solving community problems.

Take ownership of the SDGs.

There is power in numbers. We can make the world better if we are willing and ready to join forces to deliver on the targets of each goal. The role of advocacy and sensitization must be taken seriously. Look for partners that are passionate about making the world better and team up to drive change in your community.



EPILOGUE

The SDGs play book which is a brain child of the Nigerian Youth SDGs network is one of the outcomes of the 2019 regional dialogue which held across 21 states in Nigeria.

In our effort to drive the localization of the SDGs, we believe clarity on the expectations and deliverables of the global agenda across board is very important and form the very basis for localization efforts of individuals, groups, civil society and government.

The Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) flew on the wings of governments and development partners and despite the enormous grounds covered by the MDGs in making the world better, it still left huge gaps especially across Asia and Africa. With the superior actualization strategy of the SDGs that focuses on the people and how everyone matters in the big picture, we are optimistic of a better outcome.

So in ideating and drafting this play book, we envisioned a resource material that will find relevance in homes, work places, capacity building sessions, government resource aids, civil societies and most importantly the random individual/citizen who just want to make an impact in his community. These are the people this all important resource is for.

With the SDGs in its last decade, all conversations must shift from advocacy to action. We must commit to doing more than we did in the last 5 years, we must resolve to live better and be more socially responsible than we were yesterday, government must devote more resources to critical infrastructure and quality education, international bodies and development partners must change the narrative of aids from charity to human resource development.

In closing, the Head of States might have signed off the SDGs in 2015 but it's implementation spreads to all corners of the world and this is our modest contribution to that effort so that by this, parents will have a relatable document to read to their children about the great ambition of our time, teachers will use to inspire their pupils and students on the need to build a safer world, employers will include in starter packs for employees to understand the need for innovation and decent work, government will populate and share with public servants to emphasize the importance of strong institutions and inspire change in public service, and individuals in doubt on how to make a change can find inspiration within its pages.

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