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...Poised for Greater Service





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FOR GOVERNOR OF DELTA STATE, 2023



THE VISION

To keep Delta State
ahead in all aspects of
Social and Economic wellbeing

THE MISSION

To run an open, responsive government that meets the needs, and aspirations of our people through infrastructure development, growth in human capital and improved social harmony.





THE PROMISE

To make life Richer,
Better, and More
Fulfilling for all Deltans.





THE MAN

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The Right Man with the Right Experience

An astute politician and grassroots mobilizer, Rt. Hon. Oborevwo's political career spans the executive and legislative arms of both local and state governments that puts him in good stead for the office of Governor.

Political Offices Held:

- Councilor/Supervisory Councilor for Works in 1996 under the old Okpe Local Government Area, which included the present Udu and Uvwie Local Government Areas.
- Special Assistant on Youth Development to Governor James Ibori (2003 – 2006).
- Special Adviser on Land Security to Governor Emmanuel Uduaghan (2007 to 2010)
- State Coordinator for the Amnesty Programme (2009 – 2010)
- Senior Special Assistant on Security to the Governor (2012 – 2014)
- Member, representing Okpe State Constituency in the Delta State House of Assembly (2015 – 2019)
- Speaker, 6th Assembly of the Delta State House of Assembly (2017–2019)
- Re-elected as Speaker in the 7th Assembly in 2019, becoming the first Deltan to serve as Speaker from one Assembly to another Assembly.
- Treasurer, Conference of Speakers of State Legislatures of Nigeria (2018 – 2020)
- Deputy Chairman of the Conference of Speakers of State Legislatures of Nigeria (2020 to date)

A Unifier, not a Divider

Rt. Hon. Oborevwori is the kind of Governor a multi-ethnic state like Delta State needs. He is a consensus builder, a pan-Deltan who has forged deep friendships and contacts across the three senatorial districts of Delta State. His down-to-earth personality and accessible nature make it very easy for people to relate with him. He is at home with the rich and the poor, the educated and uneducated, the powerful and the powerless. It is largely due to his humility and the uncanny ability to carry everybody along that he has the distinguished honour of being the first law maker in Delta State to be elected Speaker consecutively.



A Compassionate Leader

With Oborevori, the people come first. Over the years, Oborevori has extended various philanthropic gestures to different categories of people. Through his Oborevori Foundation, he has impacted lives through scholarships to students and provision of various empowerment/entrepreneurial support programmes.

In recognition of his spirit of generosity and contributions to the growth and development of Okpe Kingdom, he was conferred with the traditional title of Ukodo of Okpe by HRM Orhorho 1, Orodje of Okpe Kingdom.





EQUIPPED FOR SERVICE

In his quest for more knowledge, experience, capacity building and self-development, Oborevori has attended various courses and obtained certificates from various institutions, as well as membership of reputable organisations.

They include:

- Certificate in Top Executive Leadership Programme, Manchester Business School, UK;
- Certificate in Legislative Framework for Budget Management, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, USA;
- Certificate in Legislative Management and Leadership, International Law Institute, Washington DC, USA;
- Certificate in Leading Inclusive Development, London School of Economics and Political Science, UK;
- Certificate in Advanced Leadership Programme, University of Cambridge, UK; among others;
- Member, Nigerian Institute of Management (Chartered);
- Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Mediators and Conciliators (FICMC).

EARLY DAYS

Rt. Hon. Sheriff Francis Orohwedor Oborevworì was born on 19th of June 1963 to the family of Chief Samuel Oborevworì of Osubi in Okpe Local Government Area of Delta State.

He completed his basic education at Alegbo Primary School, Effurun in 1977 and later attended Oghareki Grammar School, Oghareki for his secondary education. He obtained a B.Sc. Political Science degree from Ambrose Alli University, Ekpoma in 2004 and also an M.Sc. Political Science degree from Delta State University, Abraka in 2010.



The background of the entire page is a photograph of a man, likely a Nigerian politician, wearing a white traditional agbada and a black fedora-style hat. He is smiling and has his hands clasped in front of him. The image is semi-transparent, allowing the text to be overlaid.

THE AGENDA

Rt. Hon. Sheriff Oborevwori represents Continuity and Change. He is a familiar face with fresh vision; a bridge between the old and the new. Hence, he will be extending the frontiers of human capital development, job creation, health reforms, infrastructural renewal, peace and security that have been established by previous administrations in the State.

Under Oborevwori, Deltans should expect

- **M**eaningful development
- **O**pportunities for all
- **R**ealistic Reforms
- **E**nhanced Peace and Security

Vote Rt. Hon. Oborevwori for **MORE**.

He will **listen MORE, do MORE, and achieve MORE!**



AGENDA

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MEANINGFUL DEVELOPMENT

I am determined to ensure that we embark on developmental initiatives and projects that have significance and purpose. They must immensely contribute to our desire of positively moving Delta Forward. My classification and initiatives under each head of these development projects are as follows:

01 | Economic Development

02 | Environmental Sustainability

03 | Human Capital Development

04 | Infrastructure Development

COMPONENTS OF MEANINGFUL DEVELOPMENT

Economic Development

Even though crude oil and gas accounts for the bulk of government revenues, agriculture and services subsectors constitute the employment and livelihoods of the people. Consequently, my economic development focus will be on improving the productivity of the non-oil sector, which is the sure pathway for prompting economic growth, tackling unemployment and achieving inclusive progress. Our major initiatives under this component will include:

- Growth Facilitation of Agriculture/Agribusiness and Services Subsector as well as Regional Economic Potentials;
- Creation of Gas-based Industrial Parks and Attract Manufacturing Companies dependent on Gas as Feedstock;
- Boosting Private Sector and PPP Ventures, Attracting Investment and Employment Generation;
- Enhancement of the State's Economy while creatively growing new areas;
- Promotion of MSMEs;
- Improvement on IGR Generation and Creation of Social Safety Nets;
- Improvement of Working Conditions and Establishment of Effective One-stop Shop (OSS) for Investors to Mitigate Bureaucratic Delays

Environmental Sustainability

Environmental development and sustainability is an important aspect of my development agenda. By circumstances of its location characteristics, Delta State is prone to several environmental risks, particularly coastal flooding, rainwater flooding, waterlogging, overflowing of rivers and others. If not mitigated and tackled, these environmental threats can negatively impact economic activities and livelihoods of people. The policy objectives are to prevent and control environmental risks and related threats, remedy degradation from oil pollution and mining, improve waste management for better public health and environmental sanitation in urban and rural areas and make waste management more efficient, effective and sustainable. To achieve these objectives, the policy measures will include:

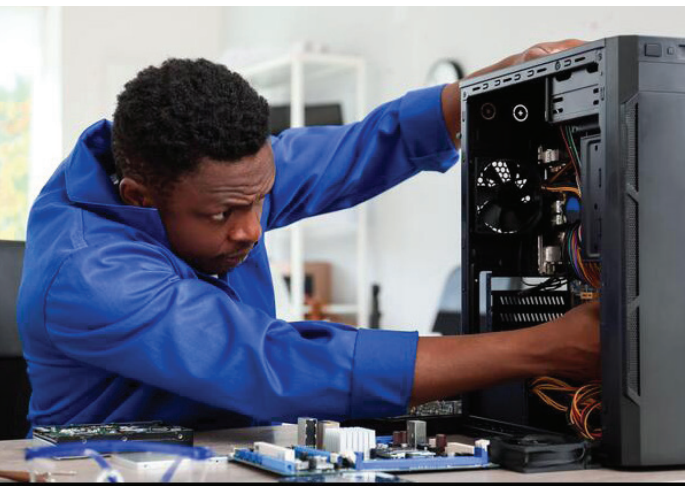
- Progressive development and enhancement of the ongoing storm drainage projects;
- Care for the Environment to have Cleaner Air and Effective Climate Change Responses;
- Proper Waste Management, Reduction and Conversion/Recycling and more efficient use;
- Modernization and Beautification of our Environment.
- Identification and sustenance of all floodplains and prevention of obstructive structures .
- Delibrate strategy to manage polution arising from oil spillage and mining activities.

Human Capital Development

The goal is to develop and mobilise human capital for maximum social and economic development.

My human capital development efforts will be geared towards achieving tremendous and sustainable youth-focused investments for employment and wealth creation. The objective of this component is to strengthen youth development and empowerment, improve participation and competitiveness of youths in the new economy including digital economy, ICT, creative industry, innovate crafts, sports, etc. as well as foster the community and networking of youth entrepreneurs for enterprise growth and resilience. Major initiatives under my human capital agenda includes:

- Boost Labour Force Productivity;



- Increase Youth Development, Empowerment and Productivity Programmes
- Develop and Expand High Quality Training Opportunities;
- Improve Labour Market Flexibility;
- Incentivize Private Sector Employment;
- Nurture and Manage Human Resources
- Establish mobile skills training centres (school-on-the-wheels) to expand access to skills training and reduce costs of establishing training centres;
- Establishment of MSMEs clusters through provision of shared (common) infrastructure and facilities for youth entrepreneurs

Infrastructure Development

Physical infrastructure is a powerful enabler of production, economic and social life. Good quality infrastructure such as roads, bridges, power/energy, water, housing and related facilities provide conducive environment for economic activities, businesses and investments. Efficient and reliable physical infrastructure diminishes the cost of business operations and make production activities easier and smoother. Major initiatives under this component will include:

- Provision of efficient Energy, Electricity and Water Supplies;
- Rehabilitation and Construction of various Transportation Infrastructure like Roads, Bridges, Jetties etc;
- Development of ICT, Science and Technology Sectors;
- Set up Industrial Parks with necessary facilities.
- Support water transport systems in riverine areas by building jetties and providing vessels under public private partnership (PPP)
- Development of affordable Housing across the Senatorial Districts;



OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL

I will run an open, transparent, and responsive government where there is shared prosperity, and everybody has a sense of belonging. My government will open a website of limitless possibilities for the success, happiness, progress, and socio-economic wellbeing of all Deltans as well as residents in the State using three main approaches.

1. Inclusiveness

I will:

- Progressively upscale existing wealth creation programmes and make them more effective, deploy vocational skills acquisition and social investment support to lift people from poverty and create wealth
- Support artisans, traders, market women with working capital (microcredit) through their cooperative societies
- Sustain the widows programme (skills training, livelihood support, health insurance cover)
- Improve participation and competitiveness of youths in the new economy including digital economy, ICTs, creative industry, innovate crafts, etc.
- Deploy technology to establish virtual markets and business networks for youth entrepreneurs
- Expand access to skills training

2. Equity and Fairness

As a detribalised Deltan, I understand the need for fairness, equity, and justice in a multi-ethnic state like ours. At various levels of leadership, I have proven myself to be a bridge builder with the carriage, comportment, and charisma necessary to inspire confidence and bind the various ethnic nationalities together.

Under my administration, no group of people will be discriminated against in political appointments and the allocation of projects. There will be equal opportunity for all, while merit and excellence will be actively promoted and rewarded.

3. Engagement with Stakeholders

In pursuing our MORE agenda, there shall be regular stakeholders engagement to ensure that policies and projects are based on needs assessment. I am a firm believer in the bottom-up approach to governance hence inputs will be regularly sought from grassroots organisations, traditional institutions, socio-cultural groups, youth organisations, religious bodies, traders, market women, artisans, and professional bodies in the formulation of government policies and programmes, especially in the preparation of the annual budget.

Overall, there shall be consolidation of community involvement in policy formulation and implementation thereby engendering participatory democracy. I believe that we are stronger together and so am determined to enunciate strategic initiatives that will bind the diverse ethnic groups of the State into a unified, coherent force.



REALISTIC REFORMS

In consolidating the work already done by the current administration and moving Delta forward, my government shall implement realistic and impactful reforms that will produce long lasting results in line with the tenets of good governance and excellent service delivery.

Deltans should expect improvements in the following areas;

1. **Public Service Delivery**

The success or otherwise of government policies and programmes depend largely on the efficiency and effectiveness of public service delivery. For this to happen, competence, commitment, and character cannot be compromised. Therefore, my reforms will be targeted at achieving a skilled workforce that will lead to higher productivity through the following:

- Development of leadership skills across all strata of the civil service establishment and among the political class;
- Pursue aggressive orientation/advocacy for the workforce to appreciate and key into the policy plan for actualization of set goals and objectives;
- Develop public servants re-orientation programmes (awareness campaign, regular retreats for civil servants/political appointees, punctuality and attendance at work);
- Strengthen statistical capacity to improve data collection and management mechanism for evidence-based planning and performance evaluation;
- Strengthen monitoring and evaluation teams to ensure due diligence in the execution of projects;

- Create a communication and branding strategy that would enable the people of the state to clearly understand the policies and programmes of the state government; this will enhance the image of the state and help mobilise support of the people.
- Pursue full automation of the state's accounting and human resource management systems.

2. Sustainable Agriculture Sector Reforms

- Development of Agricultural value-chain to improve productivity and competitiveness in areas of comparative advantage
- Harnessing Agricultural value-chain for food security, job and wealth, and export promotion.
- Promotion of market oriented agricultural production systems and sustainable linkages between Agriculture and Industry

3. Investor Sector Reforms

There shall be deliberate efforts to:

- Create a conducive business environment
- Determine critical industries as growth poles for intervention
- Establish templates for intervention
- Improve the processes and mechanism for facilitating private sector investments.
- Place emphasis on Gas, Creative Industry, ICT and Agriculture Value-Chain

4. Accelerated Industrialisation and MSMEs

It goes without saying that industrialization and the growth of MSMEs hold the key to building a strong, resilient economy that will stand the test of time, aside from the huge job creation potentials they portend.

Delta State has the highest gas deposit in the country, I shall evolve policies that would enable my administration take advantage of this to expand the economy.

We shall pursue the following:

- Sustain the current effort at Kwale Industrial Park and Aboh-Ogwashi Agro Industrial Park

- Promote the establishment of new gas-based parks and progressively develop the existing ones;
- Leverage the Export Free Trade Zone status for improved competitiveness of manufacturing industries;
- Attract industries that are dependent on gas as feedstock;
- Market the state's gas potentials as a competitive advantage; and
- Foster the entry of manufacturing industries into the gas-based parks through stable gas supply and competitive pricing

5. Financial Reforms

1. Emphasis on driving internally generated revenue –IGR.
 - Review existing IGR sub-heads for viability
 - Create new ones given the dynamism in the operating environment especially with the increasing strategy of OICs to outsource a lot of their contracts. We shall track and legislate on them
 - Pursue the process of professionalising BIR for result through the right structures and recruitment in line with best practices
 - Expansion of the tax net to include a lot of our informal sector participants that have benefited from the numerous state empowerment interventions. Structures will be put in place to pursue that.
2. Continue to track through professional means our hidden/diverted oil resources with a bid to recover them as currently being done by the present administration
3. Investments:
 - Gas is the future of energy. We shall pursue investments in this area with high return potentials to boost our earning capabilities as well as other job creating potentials like the current laudable FLNG investment by DTSG.
 - Solid mineral subsector in critical mineral resources under PPP to boost revenue. Examples Kaolin, Selica etc

ENHANCED PEACE AND SECURITY

Peace and security create the right atmosphere for social and economic life. The rest development agenda cannot materialize without deliberate and sustained prevalence of peace and security. Therefore, I will deploy all necessary resources, energies, collaboration, partnership, stakeholder engagement, consultation and dialogue in ensuring that Delta State remains peaceful and secure for its citizens, residents and local as well as foreign investors. I will adopt a governance approach hinged on equity, fairness and inclusiveness. Other major initiatives under social development are:

- Build on mechanisms for early warning signals, conflict prevention, conflict resolution and conflict control;
- Engage with critical stakeholders such as traditional rulers, community leaders, youths, women, etc. to maintain peace and resolve conflicts;
- Create platforms for cultural exchanges between communities;
- Establish and maintain channels for policy and programmes feedback from the grassroots and stakeholders;
- Engage youths in productive and gainful employment to mitigate youth restiveness;
- Collaboration among all security agencies in the maintenance of law and order.



EXPECTED OUTCOMES

With the implementation of **MORE** Progress, I am very confident that Delta State shall experience the following outcomes:

- Job Creation;
- High GDP & IGR Generation;
- Capital Inflow;
- Export of raw and processed agricultural products;
- Improved Economy of the State;
- Improved living condition;
- Environmental rejuvenation;
- Improved infrastructural facilities;
- Social stability and security of lives and properties;
- Improved educational and healthcare systems.



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