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As Nigeria marches into another electioneering year (the 2011 election) amidst worries about the sustainability of reforms and policy continuity, PDP in its quest to continue to set the pace and provide focused leadership at all levels of governance sets forth some qualities that the Party and Electorates would look out for amongst Aspirants.

These qualities are in addition to the existing constitutional requirements that candidates must meet to qualify for electoral office. The basic concept is to carefully look at those traits that are constant and imperative for nation building and advancement of the economy.

To this end, PDP in furtherance of its agenda setting role seek to identify qualities that an elected official should possess to be able to lead at various cadres. These qualities are intended to raise our campaigns from the banal, mundane level of muckraking to the more elevated and sublime level of debate on policy direction, individual capability, character requirement and intellectual capacity. This new level will require that Aspirants/Candidates are clearly judged not just by the size of the wallet of their campaign organization but also by clearly measurable qualities.

PDP is certain that amongst its Aspirants/Candidates are Nigerians who not only have the experience of running governments at various levels but also share in the Party's vision of a new Nigeria founded on the sub-structure of a new re-branded PDP. The new PDP is about building a platform for sustained growth, it is also essence from the reforms embarked upon by the past and present National Working Committee Members in their visionary and committed leadership traits. The Party affirms a new covenant with Nigerians; a solemn pledge to provide the platform for policy continuity that would enable long term planning and sustenance of progress thus made.

In line with this mandate, PDP has opened the space for credible Aspirants/Candidates that possess certain qualities that are critical to

the implementation of PDP's vision of Nigeria. The PDP in pursuit of, this goal believes that a level playing ground is a sine qua non to a free and fair electoral process. Our commitment to free and fair process is unshaken and our pledge to produce credible candidates remains undaunted.

GENERAL QUALITIES

Patriotism

- Aspirants/Candidates must have a record of commitment to the Nigerian State;
- Proof of standing up for Nigeria in the face of sectional or regional challenge;
- Incontrovertible Nigerian citizenship and a passion for national interest.

Integrity

- Must be a good character;
- Must have verifiable means of livelihood;
- Does not waver on principles of accountability and The Nigeria Project;
- Must not have been indicted for corruption or corrupt practices and other economic crime.

Ethno-Neutral

- Must have a track record of fairness and conformity with Federal Character;
- Ability to work with the diverse people of Nigeria and engender confidence.

Rule-Driven

- Show inclination and capacity to respect rules and implement them;
- Proof of non violation of any existing rules;
- Ability to abide by rules against personal or group interest.

Tolerance

- Must demonstrate capacity and history of respecting contending views;
- Evidence of non involvement with thuggery, association with cults, ethnic militias.

Transparency-Driven

- Must demonstrate keen understanding and need for transparent governance;
- Evidence of transparent dealings in past public or private enterprise;
- Evidence of reporting of conflict of interest situation;
- Proof of introducing and implementing clear conflict of interest rules in either public or private concern.

Knowledge-Driven

- Good knowledge of Nigeria's Political/Economic and business/public sector environment;
- Ability to comprehend and grapple with complex national and international issues.

Community/Constituency Service

- Must be known to render voluntary community/constituency service;
- Proof of past/on-going voluntary services to community.

Leadership

- Capacity to stand for what is right and honorable for Nigeria no matter the diversion/distraction of external influences;
- Proof of consistent display of strength f character.

Aspirants/Candidates for office of President, Vice President, Governor must have demonstrable:

- High level of integrity and evidence of personal discipline;
- Courage of conviction;
- High degree of loyalty to the Nigerian State;
- Consistent and verifiable means of livelihood;
- Experience in management of men and materials in public;
- Knowledge of the working of the private sector;
- Good knowledge of Nigerian political, economic and social environment;
- Tolerance, especially religious;
- Respect for rule of Law;
- Respect for Human Rights;
- Belief in popular participation and consultations;
- Knowledge and understanding of the working of the international system;
- Loyalty and commitment to the Party;
- Voluntary service to the community;
- Wholesome track record;
- Sense of history and its lessons;
- Competence in concepts and tools of Development;
- Respect for African values and cherished traditions

Aspirants/Candidates for office of Senator, federal Representative and State Legislator must have demonstrable:

- High degree of loyalty and commitment to Nigeria;
- Capacity for consensus building;
- Good knowledge of affairs of their Constituency;
- Verifiable sources of livelihood;
- High ethical standards in both public and private endeavours;
- Ability and proof of voluntary support to community;
- Capacity to provide leadership and work with teams to achieve set goals;
- Clear public stated views on issues with strong capacity for issues-based politics;

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