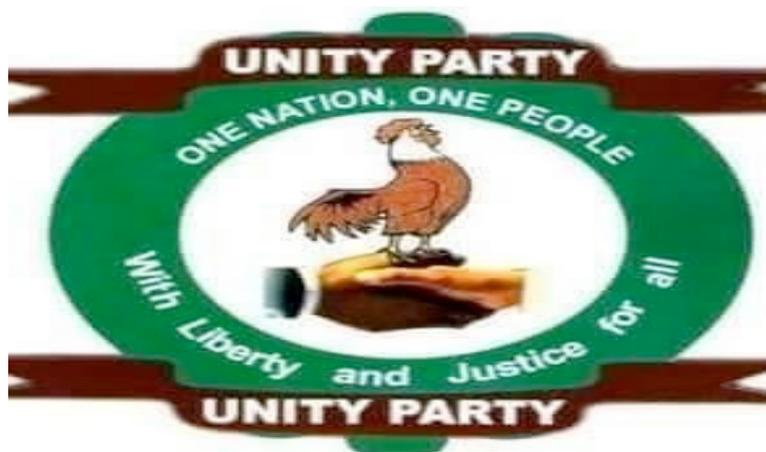

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CONSOLIDATING THE GAINS AND BUILDING A BETTER LIBERIA



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Contract with the Liberian People
For Effective, Efficient, and Good Governance**

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I. THE LIBERIA WE WANT

Liberians everywhere want better lives for themselves and their country; and Liberians deserve nothing but the best. With this platform, we as UP partisans, collaborating political parties, auxiliary groups, sympathizers, and well-wishers do proclaim a Liberia where every citizen can achieve and actualize his or her potential; a Liberia where rule of law and civil liberty are guaranteed; a Liberia where accountability has no exception; a Liberia with a merit-based system; a Liberia with functional institutions driven by substantive democracy; and a Liberia that prioritizes investments in human capital and public infrastructure. Essentially, the Liberia to which we aspire shall improve the wellbeing of all. Ambassador Joseph N. Boakai and Hon. Emmanuel Nuquay can help make the Liberia we envisage become a reality.

The policies that underpin this platform require meaningful investments in public infrastructure such as road and electricity as well as agriculture and human capital to guarantee economic growth and development. Our citizens shall enjoy the direct relationship between economic growth and access to improved school system, healthcare and reduction in poverty level. They shall also enjoy increase in literacy rates and further benefit from the dividend of economic development with an increment in life expectancy.

I.0 ECONOMIC & SOCIAL INFRASTRUCTURAL DEVELOPMENT

The availability and quality of infrastructure remain a significant factor in achieving sustainable economic development. Paved roads, railroads, seaports, telecommunication networks, electricity, etc. are key infrastructures that support the productive sector of the economy. The quality of these facilities directly affects the activities of multi-national, small and medium enterprises, and thus economic growth potential. The appropriate social infrastructure is also necessary to enhance manpower development: hospitals, schools, colleges, housing, etc. Both infrastructures are complementary to each other in the overall development of our economy.

Even though the past 12 years have seen some levels of investment in infrastructure across the country, there remain significant challenges especially in connecting the rest of the country. The next administration will therefore exert the necessary efforts to connect the country through the construction of additional roads and bridges as well as put into place appropriate mechanism for the maintenance of existing ones.

This will not only ease the hurdle of getting around the country, but also facilitate easy access to markets for farm products and healthcare facilities, and spur the rural economy. The Unity Party-led government's infrastructural investment will focus on the followings to improve the livelihood of the people of Liberia:

i. Re-enforce Appropriate Investment in Roads and Bridges

- Pave highways connecting county capitals.
- Pave highways connecting the country to neighboring countries in the region.
- Construct feeder roads throughout the country to enhance farmers' access to local markets.
- Layout county capitals and other major cities.

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ii. Improve Air and Sea Ports

While we will continue current efforts aimed to revamping our only international airport—the Robert International Airport (RIA), we shall also make the following investments in our seaport facilities:

- Renovate existing domestic airstrips and develop additional facilities to meet current needs.
- Continue the development of the National Port Authority (NPA) by improving not only the facilities at the Freeport of Monrovia but also other ports.
- Develop inland ports to improve the movement of goods in country.
- Develop transshipment capabilities to improve the efficiency of our ports, build new markets, and create jobs.

iii. Improve Public Schools and Healthcare Facilities

Developing the quality of our human resources will require improving facilities that provide training and healthcare services. In this regard, we will:

- Renovate existing school buildings and hospital facilities to enhance their qualities.
- Construct new school buildings and healthcare facilities where they are needed to facilitate conducive learning environment and healthcare delivery to our people.

iv. Boost Energy Generation and Distribution

Energy availability remains a constraint to the development of the industrial potential of our economy. Its limited supply has not only resulted to an exorbitantly higher cost of electricity in the country but also higher cost of domestic production and doing business. As such, government has had to result into granting tax waivers in many instances as a way of appeasing businesses to invest in the energy sector specifically generation. Our government shall increase the production, transmission and distribution of electricity, and expand access to a larger proportion of the population. In addition to the current regional efforts through the CLSG and cross-border initiatives, we shall:

- Create the environment to encourage private-sector investments into the industry to expand production and distribution, and increase access at affordable cost.
- Provide incentives to facilitate domestic and international private-sector investments to develop off-grid mini-hydro plants generate energy to supply rural communities.
- Facilitate investments in renewable energy solutions to address constraints that inhibit the generation, transmission and distribution of energy at the household and industrial levels.

v. Improve Access to Public Transportation

Work with the private sector to improve public transportation through the following actions:

- Provide incentives that will attract investments to facilitate public transport services.
- Invest in public transport.

vi. Develop Water Transport System

While we will make concerted efforts to improve road-network throughout the country, we will also work on developing our sea transport system to facilitate easy movement of people and cargos along our seacoast as follows:

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- Provide incentives to encourage private investment in water transport.
- Invest in water transport to serve as an alternative means for moving goods.

vii. Utilize National Fiber-backbone Infrastructure

Consolidate investment and utilize the existing fiber optic cable as a core national infrastructure to facilitate broadband connectivity for affordable and reliable access for e-healthcare, e-commerce, education (distance learning) and e-government programs.

- Develop national ICT backbone using fibre technology to connect all regions in Liberia to cover a total length of 2,366.
- Complete Digital Migration Platform to enhance national television and radio broadcast across Liberia.

2.0 AGRICULTURE, FOOD SECURITY AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Many Liberians depend on agriculture for a living. Importing rice, which is our national staple, cost millions of US dollars annually. Addressing this leakage and food security problem in our economy shall be our priority. Our Agricultural Policy will promote food security for Liberians, integrates agriculture and livestock in a market-oriented economy and generates income for all producers. We shall address these needs by taking the following actions:

i. Enhance Agricultural Productivity and Food Security

- Setup agriculture zones from acquired landbanks across the country based on soils pattern to enhance agricultural productivity.
- Promote out-grower schemes with existing agricultural concessions to enable communities in concession areas share in the knowledge and wealth of concessions.
- Promote and strengthen tree crop production to expand country's export capacity and foreign exchange earnings.
- Provide incentive on all agriculture inputs and machinery.
- Develop and implement Wetland Agricultural Development Programs (WADP) to promote mass production of the country staple.
- Promote and support Livestock Production and Fishery to reduce country's dependence on importation of livestock and livestock products.
- Promote and strengthen Peri-urban Agriculture to create alternative income sources.

ii. Increase Access to Finance for Agricultural Development

- Re-establish the Agriculture Investment Bank to guarantee value-chain financing across the sector.
- Support the creation of specialized facilities at designated commercial banks for agriculture credits.

iii. Improve Provision of Agricultural Extension Services

- Improve extension services to support farmers and establish agricultural demonstration sites at district levels to enhance knowledge and technology transfers.

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- Grant support to CARI, the College of Agriculture and Forestry (UL) and other institutions committed to innovative practices and skills for the transformation of the sector.

iv. Develop Marketing Channels for Agricultural Produce

- Revitalize LMPC and other agriculture cooperatives to ensure a ready-buyer of produce.
- Develop value-chains to ensure preservation facilities of food crop and create access to market.

v. Ensure Optimal Utilization of Forestry and Natural Resources

Ensure efficient use of forest and our vast natural resources to balance sustainable economic growth with prudent environmental governance.

The following steps will be taken:

- Conserve national parks, protected areas, natural and cultural authority reserves.
- Ensure sustainable management of forest and natural resources to improve livelihood, reduce conflict and poverty.
- Hold concessionaires accountable to deliver on the terms of the agreements.
- Ensure Liberian companies have fair chance of competing for concession agreements.
- Pursue decentralization emphasizing participation of local communities in resource management.

vi. Promote Environmental Protection, Climate-Change Mitigation and Adaptation

Environmental protection is critical for the survival of Liberians and the human race. Government will therefore remain sensitive to the issue of environmental protection and take appropriate actions in this regard. We will take the following steps:

- Implement all international agreements that Liberia has committed to on climate change.
- Promote forest and bio-diversity conservation.
- Develop national mitigation actions (NAMA) to address climate change effects.
- Develop a national adaptation plan (NAP) to protect coastal areas.

3.0 MACROECONOMIC STABILITY AND SOCIAL-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The UP-led Government Economic policy is purposefully pro-poor and inclusive to lift the acutely poor and deprived citizens out of poverty, create good paying jobs, build a sustainable middle class, and make the recovery durable. We shall increase national economic growth by increasing the value of our national output (GDP). We will achieve this through hard work and diligence as well as by improving our productive capacity and investment climate by taking the following actions:

- Use Private-sector Investment and Public-Sector interventions to achieve economic growth.
- Employ public funding to address binding constraints by investing in road construction and other critical infrastructure to facilitate economic growth.
- Ensure public-private partnership and increase Liberians' access to private capital to strengthen domestic private-sector development and spur economic growth.

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- Empower the Liberian Business Community to play a central-role in the development of our economy.

i. Ensure Prudent Fiscal Management

- Rationalize public sector spending to reduce recurrent expenditure and improve expenditure on capital investment.
- Restructure public sector compensations to ensure equity in income distribution; (Equal pay for equal work).
- Improve revenue administration to increase efficiency in tax collection and enhance delivery of basic social services.
- Improve the management and utilization of contracted loans to reduce the risk of debt distress.

ii. Guarantee Stable Monetary Policy Environment

- Develop and implement roadmap to eliminate the negative effects of the dual currency.
- Review the country's monetary policy framework and introduce instruments to guide monetary policy implementation.
- Ensure commercial banks improve lending terms (Interest rate & Repayment period) for businesses.

iii. Implement Structural Reforms that Spur Pro-poor Economic Growth

- Diversify the economy by supporting manufacturing in the productive sector.
- Strengthen productivity of our traditional cash crops—coffee, cocoa, sugarcane, oil palm, etc. and introduce manufacturing to expand job creation in the private sector.
- Institute policies that encourage investors in our fisheries sector to establish processing plants in the country for processing our high-quality fish species for export and domestic consumption.
- Exploit the potential of the tourism sector and develop it to not only provide jobs for our youthful population but also attract foreign exchange to the country.

iv. Strengthen Public Financial Management to Ensure Optimal Resource Utilization

- Strengthen oversight of state-owned enterprises (SoEs), and assess the viability of these institutions; where necessary, privatize inefficient SoEs.
- Implement the Treasury Single Account (TSA) system to strengthen cash management in the public sector.
- Reform the economy and strengthen the private sectors to enhance resource generation.
- Streamline and rigorously enforce public procurement law and regulations to ensure efficient utilization of public resource.

v. Revitalize and Increase Support to the Manufacturing Sector of the Economy

- Support manufacturing to enable us reap the dividends of regional and international trade agreements.

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- Provide incentives for attracting investment in fishery to expand the sources of economic growth.
- Encourage extractive companies into local value addition of their output to expand export and job opportunities for our population.
- Establish industrial production areas to enhance the setup of special economic zones (SEZs).
- Promote and facilitate joint-venture between Liberian and international firms.
- Promote Liberianization by granting incentives to Liberian businesses to make them competitive.

vi. Promote and Monetize the Development of Tourism and our Cultural Heritage

- Invest in the tourism industry (ecotourism), and find ways to promote Liberian indigenous culture as a means of creating jobs for our youthful population.
- Provide incentives to attract investment in tourism to expand the sources of economic growth.
- Preserve and name cultural landscapes or heritage sites to support tourism development and provide incentives for Liberians and foreign investors interested in the tourism industry.
- Develop the needed infrastructure to create access to important tourism sites to enhance growth in the sector.

vii. Prioritize Job Creation for our Youthful Population-Aligned with Market Needs

The Unity Party government shall ensure an enabling environment for facilitating job creation. It shall improve the role of the Ministry of Labor in coordinating employment policies across all sectors (INGOs, concession areas, private sector and related areas) where preferences will be given to qualified Liberians. While investment in public infrastructure and diversification of the economy shall contribute to job creation, we will accompany these measures with the following actions:

- Expand Technical Vocational Education and Training (TVET) opportunities nationwide to provide technical and vocational education that will enable many Liberians to have employable skills.
- Prevent foreigners from occupying jobs that are exclusively for Liberians by law.
- Expand and strengthen the Liberianization policy to include other jobs and sectors.
- Encourage entrepreneurship and innovation as a way of creating new products and generating new employment opportunities.

viii. Reform Civil Service, Pension and Social Security Programs

Continue to improve on our social security program to give support to those who merit it to have dignity in their post-employment life. Our civil service reform policy, pension and social security program will focus on the following actions:

- Improve pension administration referencing the new pension law enacted by the legislature.
- Initiate a saving scheme for self-employed people as a future empowerment instrument.
- Provide retirement income security for the client commensurable with the economic reality.
- Reform the social security benefits to increase positivity of impact for beneficiaries.

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- Create investment opportunities for pensioners to assess upon retirement.
- Continue restructuring and rightsizing public sector workforce.
- Continue to reform and strengthen merit-based system.
- Reform pay and pension systems across ministries, agencies and public corporations.
- Improve service delivery and human resource management in the public sector.
- Increase development of leadership and managerial skills in the public sector.
- Ensure gender equity in the civil service.

ix. Promote Commerce and Trade Regulations that Support Local Entrepreneurs

Commerce and trade policy enhances the development of local entrepreneurship, expands access to credit, engenders manufacturing, and enables local businesses to compete adequately with their foreign counterparts.

Our government shall proffer trade policies that support better-quality investment and expand opportunities to reap benefits of trade integration. The UP-administration takes actions that:

- Facilitate integration of local economy into global supply chains, and increase rates of return on investment.
- Boost productivity for the domestic producers to expand export base and enhance global competitiveness.
- Strengthen capacity of institutions responsible for formulating and implementing trade policies.
- Prioritize the domestication of the World Trade Organization trade facilitation Agreement, which Liberia has acceded to.
- Continue to build the capacity of small and medium enterprises across the country.
- Ensure that trade policies are developed in consultation with those whose activities the policies are intended to influence (participatory policy process).
- Update obsolete trade and commerce regulations to commensurate with current realities.
- Ensure predictability of our regulatory system so that businesses are not exposed to shock.
- Ensure that businesses receive prior alerts before instituting any changes to trade or business regulations.

x. Establish Special Economic Zone to Promote Industrial Development

Given Liberia's membership to the WTO and status as a least developed country (LDCs), an Industrial Special Economic Free Zone would attract investors who are interested in investing into the cultivation and processing of some of our traditional agricultural and forest products such as rubber and timber into high-value commodities, and take advantage of the benefits of that LDCs enjoy within the framework of the WTO. These investors would also take advantage of Liberia's qualification for the EU's Everything But Arms (EBA) initiative as well as the US's tariff-free export under the Africa Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA) initiative to benefit from these markets.

The Special Economic Free Zone will further serve as commercial and financial center not only for the Mano River Basin but the West African Sub-region. To facilitate the establishment and utilization of an economic free zone, the UP-led government will ensure the followings:

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- Enact law to establish a Special Economic Zone to encourage investment into our manufacturing sector to stimulate industrialization of our economy.
- Formulate trade policies to safeguard the interest of both the government and investors.

xi. Implement Liberianization Policy

The UP-led government will:

- Aggressively implement the Liberianization policy including training and ensure the deployment of qualified and competent Liberians in jobs across all sectors of the economy.
- Give first hiring preference to Liberians who possess proven expertise in various sectors and disciplines consistent with the labor law.
- Make aggressive effort in ensuring that the Liberianization policies on trade and commerce are fully implemented to propel Liberians become centered players of our economy.
- Take affirmative actions to expand access to finance and training for small and medium enterprises expansion.

4.0 HUMAN AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

UP-led government shall continue to address risks, inequality and vulnerability across the society to ensure that everyone has an improved life outcome. To achieve this, Unity Party government shall invest in the following facilities, services and programs:

A. Improve Healthcare Delivery and Sanitation Facilities

- Increase investment in building clinics and hospitals, and provide support for improved and specialized skills at all levels of the healthcare delivery system.
- Ensure and develop uniform health delivery around the country to enhance preventive health-care to complement efforts at curative health delivery.
- Take measures to improve provision of healthcare, nutrition, sanitation services and facilities across the country.

i. Improve and Expand our Healthcare Delivery System with Specific Focus on:

- Improve compensations for healthcare workers (housing opportunity, improved pay, etc.) and provide continuous professional development opportunities.
- Ensure adequate supply of essential drugs, medical equipment and laboratory supplies to improve the quality of our health-care delivery services.
- Reducing the doctor-patient ratio considerably to at least 1 doctor to 1750 citizens by the provision of scholarship opportunities for young Liberians to specialize in needed medical fields.
- Minimizing the exodus of treatments abroad by developing diagnostic and treatment centers to re-establish confidence in our health-care system that all Liberians will want to attend treatment here.
- Accelerate training programs for traditional birth attendants as well as promote the utilization of existing rural healthcare facilities for rural women to improve the quality of services provided and ensure speedy reduction in maternal mortality.

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- Providing the necessary supports to A.M. Dogliotti College of Medicine and School of Pharmacy of the University of Liberia as well as designate and equip a second hospital that serve along with the J.F.K. Medical Center as the teaching hospitals.
- Continuing the none tuition payment at the A. M. Dogliotti for Liberians interested in studying medicine or becoming medical doctors.
- Providing the necessary financial support to strengthen the Tubman Institute of Medical Art (TIMA) and other public nursing-training institutions in the country to adequately prepare our healthcare workers.
- Promoting reproductive healthcare education targeting women and adolescent girls through our school system and other programs to reduce the frequency of early childbearing.
- Encouraging and promoting programs for expanded healthcare education intended to ensure proper health practices at community and household levels to guard against future outbreaks of epidemics.
- Rehabilitating and expanding healthcare-delivery facilities across the country, and ensuring that a large proportion of our population does not only have increased access to healthcare services but that these services are provided at affordable cost for all community residents.
- Rehabilitating and improving the qualities of service delivery at all existing public hospitals, health centers, and clinics and ensure that these facilities provide the needed service to our population thereby reduce the need for Liberians traveling abroad for basic healthcare services.
- Ensuring each district has a well-equipped health center to provide general medical services to the population of that community.
- Working with our partners to ensure that health facilities that provide tuberculosis treatment and mental-health services are appropriately staffed and equipped to respond to the needs.

ii. Expand the Provision of Nutritional Services

- Constitute a national committee on nutrition to develop and implement the national policy on ending mal-nutritional.

iii. Improve Sanitary Conditions to Reduce Risk of Future Epidemics Outbreak

- Ensure communities have access to safe-drinking water and sanitation facilities and incorporate waste collection and disposal as well as sewage management facilities.
- Strengthen national disease control and surveillance program to better prepare us to manage any future large-scale outbreaks of diseases.

iv. Provide Preventive and Curative Support for Illicit Substance Users and Addicts

Today, our society is largely becoming infested with drugs users influencing risk-taking behaviors which leads to a higher co-occurrence of mental disorders. Our people influenced by drug are more likely to be incarcerated for crimes committed than non-drug using individuals. The burden in terms of costs, trauma, and influence on our nation's youths is visible in our communities. Recognizing this serious problem in our society, we proposed the following interventions:

- Enforce laws governing drug abuse and related offenses.
- Provide specialized services towards rehabilitating victims of alcohol and drug abuse.
- Invest in technology at our border posts to prevent trafficking drugs.

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B. Modernize Education and Skills Development

The educational system will be reformed to improve teacher quality, student's achievements, extra-curriculum activities, facilities management, staff compensation and condition of service, curriculum with emphasis on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) education. We propose the following interventions:

- Provide improved incentives and better conditions of services to attract, train and retain high quality educators.
- Prioritize a national adult literacy program.

i. Improve the Quality and Level of Primary and Secondary Education

- Prioritize the implementation of the Education Reform Act of 2011 to improve our educational system.
- Re-activate and construct where applicable multilateral high schools including TVET component.
- From kindergarten to college we will provide textbook with content quality, ensure excellence in teaching and improved pedagogy.
- Introduce pre-kindergarten program for kids.
- Improve learning environment for school-age children and enforce the free and compulsory primary education.
- Ensure that the educational system has appropriate and adequate supply of textbooks, tools, and supplies to enhance by transfer and acquisition of knowledge and skills.
- Ensure the school system has sufficient trained teachers and support staff to provide quality services to our students.
- Strengthen financial supports for Teachers' Training Institutes to improve their skills.
- Enhance reading, science, and technological capacities of our students.

ii. Improve the Content and Quality of our TVET Program

- Link vocational training institutions with concessions and industries in the country to be able to develop curricula and programs that meet their skills needs.
- Strengthen apprenticeship program and encourage concessions/industries to recruit students undergoing training at Vocational Training Institutions (VTIs) to help sharpen their skills while still in training and enable them find easy access to employment opportunities.
- Mandate secondary school students to take one TVET course along with the academic course to provide them marketable skills for the job market.

iii. Improve the Quality of Tertiary Education to make Graduates Competitive

- Ensure the Commission on Higher Education work with tertiary institutions to strengthen the quality of faculties transferring knowledge to post-secondary students.
- Ensure higher education and specialized training skills are focused on the critical development needs of Liberia.
- Support research and publication in all fields at public tertiary institutions to inform public policy.
- Provide the necessary subsidies to our private institutions of higher learning to ensure that they help achieve the nation's objective of improving the quality of its educational system.
- Establish a National Academy of Sciences to encourage innovation in research and development.

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C. Provide Low-to-Middle-Income Housing and Community Development

Shelter is a necessity but not everyone has the income to own one at the prevailing market price. A well-organized community is also a precondition for achieving community development. The Unity-party-led government shall take the following actions to address the housing needs of our people, and begin to organize our counties:

- Re-enforce and apply the zoning regulation of the country in every community so that every community will be planned to enhance the better delivery of essential social services.
- Provide special incentives for private developers to facilitate investment in affordable housing facilities prioritizing doctors, nurses, teachers and paramilitary officers etc. in rural communities.

D. Improve Livelihood of the Physically Challenged

- Create an environment to transform disabilities into abilities, and create access to skill development, job opportunities and unhindered access to public services.
- Build specialized institutions that cater to citizens with disabilities across the country.
- Ensure disabled people have the same opportunities as non-disabled people to participate in civic life.
- Ensure that public facilities include access for people with disability to include entrance and exit.

E. Enhance Support for Women Empowerment

- Provide skills training centers across the political sub-divisions to build capacity of especially vulnerable and underprivileged women.
- Provide opportunities for women to professionally develop themselves competitively.
- Implement affirmative actions to bridge gender gap.
- Support women agricultural cooperatives to foster entrepreneurship.
- Provide support for victims of sexual/gender based violence focusing on awareness, treatment and prosecution of violators.

F. Enhance Youth and Sports Development

- Establish a dedicated a national youth development fund to support cadet services.
- Formulate a national sport policy and plan to enhance sport development.
- Strengthen the national service program to ensure university graduates acquire experience in the public sector.
- Integrate entrepreneurship training in college curriculum.
- Establish a national sports academy to enhance sport development programs.
- Construct 4 regional multi-purpose recreational facilities to include indoor sports.
- Build capacity of administrators and technicians to support sport development.
- Diversify sports development program to enhance Liberia's participation in Olympics.

5.0 GOVERNANCE, SECURITY, RULE OF LAW, PEACE AND RECONCILIATION

Build on the gains achieved in peace consolidation.

i. Ensure and Promote Good Governance and National Security

- Improve public participation in the governance processes and the rule of law.
- Strengthen law enforcement to end impunity and violence.
- Continue to train, equip and deploy professional law enforcement personnel across the country.

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- Continue to build a professional military.
- Continue security sector reforms.

ii. Expand and Integrate Peace and Reconciliation Programs

- Rebuild relationships across all divides regardless of tribal, religious, social or political affiliation.
- Strengthen social, political, and economic institutions to sustain reconciliation and peace.
- Continue to address our past, deal with challenges of the present, and collectively aspire for a better and shared future.
- Re-assert our national identity to foster genuine reconciliation and national unity.

iii. Implement the Decentralization and Local Government Reform Initiatives

- Empower local authority in determining their needs, and Government will provide them the resources and voice to address those needs.
- Complete the establishment of the County Services Centers (CSC) in all fifteen counties.
- Ensure that the Local Government Act is legislated to enable the elections of superintendents, commissioners and town chiefs amongst others.

iv. Strengthen Integrity Institutions and the Fight Against Corruption

Corruption in government is one of the many problems that continue to undermine public trust, slowdown sustainable development and impair our quality of life. Bad people use public resources for personal gains or divert public resources for services not intended. Our anti-corruption fight shall seek to:

- Setup a special court to expedite the prosecution of corruption cases.
- Strengthen integrity institutions such as the LACC, GAC, IAA, LEITI and PCC to become more aggressive in the fight against corruption.
- Ensure those found guilty of stealing public resources retribute the stolen amount, and or use the law to confiscate properties acquired at home or abroad.
- Impose additional sanctions, including sending to prison and or rendering unfit for public service, those found guilty of corruption.

v. Consolidate Civil and Political Liberties

- Continue to guarantee freedom of the press, speech, assembly and association.
- Uphold all aspects provided for under the UN Charter on Human Right and the constitution of Liberia.
- Uphold multi-party system to ensure democratic freedom is guaranteed to all citizens.

vi. Regularize Documentation of Citizens

- Regularize the proper identification and documentation of Liberians to address arbitrary assumption of **CITIZENSHIP** by aliens, and improve immigration services.

6.0 FOREIGN RELATIONS

Liberia will continue to improve its foreign relations and strengthen bilateral, multilateral, regional and global cooperation in pursuit of its foreign policy goals and objectives.

i. Enhance Liberia's Leadership Stature Regionally and Globally

- Continue strategic partnership in economic, security, cultural and democratic governance.
- Uphold and implement treaties signed where applicable to address specific issues of concern.

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- Seek to achieve economic, infrastructural, social and political integration.

ii. Solidify Engagement with Friendly Nations and Multilateral Organizations

- Foster social-cultural exchanges in human capital development and technology transfer.
- Leverage concessional loans and grants to fund national development programs.

iii. Strengthen Coordination and Collaboration with Development Partners

We will partner with I/NGOs to align their operations with the most deficit development areas and monitor whether the interventions are aligned with the country's national development agenda.

- Reduce dependence on aid by adopting innovative approaches to fund national development agenda.
- Ensure donors use national system to guarantee transparency and accountability.
- Create a transparent and accountable system to track the in-flow of international assistance.
- Require INGOs to report on activities to enhance performance evaluation in the operating sector.

iv. Strengthen Diaspora Engagement to Support National Development

Government will actively engage the Liberian diaspora by addressing some of the key concerns of Liberians abroad and harnessing diaspora resources for national development where applicable.

2. THE LEADER WE NEED

Our country has transitioned from being a failed state where rape, lawlessness and other forms of insecurity were widespread. Today, our country is a place where our children can freely move and has become a place where we can also sleep in peace. While there is more work at hand to lead us to the quality of the country we desire, it cannot happen by accident.

We need people in national leadership, beginning with the presidency and the vice presidency that can enable our leadership maintain our peace while aggressively implementing our national development agenda.

2.1 THE ATTRIBUTES OF AMBASSADOR BOAKAI, THE LEADER WE NEED

It is against this background that we present to you Ambassador Joseph N. Boakai:

- He is a humble public servant who has no sense of arrogance to act in ways to provoke a reversal of gains made.
- He loves Liberia and has no other loyalty to another country.
- He is honest and possesses an excellent public service record.
- He is a nation builder.
- He is competent.
- He is a leader and thinks of the greater good of our country.
- He is a patriotic statesman with clean hands (from war or corruption).
- He relates to all Liberians as the same.

3. OUR STRATEGY FOR PROGRESS

The Unity Party National Strategy is based on our commitment to execute the 2017 Unity Party Platform along with all other well-meaning and competent Liberians regardless of political affiliation, sex, or other background. It shall:

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- Adopt a people-centered approach that focuses on ordinary Liberians and utilizes their enormous potential.
- Seek to aggressively review the mandates and functions of government ministries, agencies and commissions to ensure efficiency and minimize waste.
- Encourage and support public-private cooperation in the provision of basic services to all disadvantaged Liberians.
- Promote hard-work, honesty, and diligence as national traits.
- Combine the creativity and team-spirit inherent in every Liberian with international best practices for higher productivity.
- Continue to strategically engage the international community in the aggressive pursuit of our national development agenda.

In short, our strategy for progress is based on your endorsement of the Contract that the Unity Party has signed with you through Ambassador Boakai and Hon. Nuquay working with all auxiliary groups, well-wishers, sympathizers and other collaborating parties. It is important that you hold us accountable for our platform. One action that is required of you is to elect Ambassador Boakai and Hon. Nuquay to lead our country. It requires you to cast your ballot for Unity Party ticket on October 10, 2017 in order to make this happen.

4. ISSUES OF CONCERN

The areas of concerns include the following:

- **Road**-we will continue to focus on major investment in road network as a key infrastructure to support our overall economic development.
- **Corruption** – the perception of Corruption and the radical approach to change it for the better.
- **Reconciliation** – that additional efforts are made to ensure that Liberians are reconciled. Reconciliation will consider the severe impact and consequences of war on Liberians and seek to also reconcile the haves and have-nots by introducing deliberate decision for equitable distribution of wealth.
- **Job creation/Youth and Women Empowerment** - to create the enabling environment where jobs are available to absorb the youth and support is provided to promote women endeavors.
- **Dual Currency/US-LD Exchange Rate** – to adequately address the issue of the high exchange rate.
- **Agriculture** – to make additional effort at empowering farmers, providing the supportive infrastructures and facilities to spur agricultural prosperity.

We shall work to address these concerns and the Boakai-Nuquay ticket is that ticket that can increase the possibilities for every Liberian to become what he or she aspires to become in a Liberia we desire; a Liberia where every citizen can actualize his or her potential; a Liberia where rule of law and civil liberty are guaranteed; a Liberia where accountability has no exception; a Liberia with a merit system; a Liberia with functional institutions driven by substantive democracy; and a Liberia that prioritizes in investing in human capital and public infrastructure. Essentially, the Liberia to which we aspire shall improve the well-being of all.

This Platform has been derived from consideration of what the Liberian people desire to see the Joseph Boakai led-government do for them and their country. However, during the course of the 2017 election campaign, the Unity Party will be sensitive to the expression of other burning popular desires.

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