

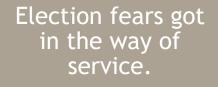
# THE 2015 NIGERIAN ELECTION: A CATALYST FOR CHANGE



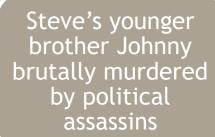
## FLASH BACK TO 1983 – AN ELECTION YEAR



Posted to Kano for mandatory post-graduate Youth Service







## FAST FORWARD TO 2015 - PRE-ELECTION CONCERNS













Country
in need
of a good
leader

Potential for violence & massive human casualties

Boko Haram Insurgency in post election Nigeria Spillover
effects
anticipated
in refugee
& economic
situations

Hemorrhaging of the entity called Nigeria

#### HOW NIGERIANS RESPONDED



Mass exodus of those who could afford to travel outside Nigeria



Southerners who resided in the North fearing violence led a mass exodus



Nigerians in Diaspora were biting their nails and hoping for the best



The rest of the world was so sure Nigeria was on the brink

#### **POST ELECTION SURPRISES**

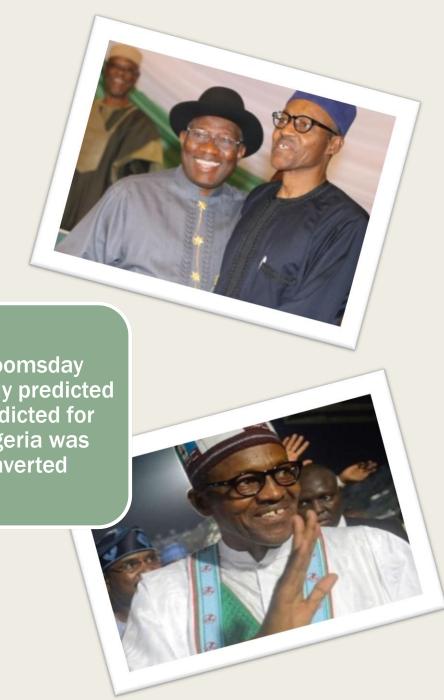
Loss of election by an incumbent/first transfer of power to an opposition party

President Jonathan proceeded to concede defeat

Incidence of violence was minimal

Doomsday largely predicted predicted for Nigeria was averted

PDP= 13 APGA= 1 **APC= 22** 



#### CURRENT POLITICAL CLIMATE

Massive
Defections
from PDP to
APC across
the country

Implosion of the People's Democratic Party (PDP)



High expectations of the Buhari Government

Uncertainty
about the fate
fate of corrupt
corrupt
officers who
are leaving
office

#### **ANTICIPATED PRIORITIES\***

(\*OF THE BUHARI GOVERNMENT)



Diversification of the Nigerian economy

Improving the economic welfare welfare of the average Nigerian

Addressing the Boko Haram Insurgency

Fighting Corruption

Buhari previously ran for president in 2003, 2007 and 2011.

Youth Unemployment

Addressing the problem of electricity generation

## DIVERSIFICATION OF THE NIGERIAN ECONOMY



Investing in Agriculture & Mining sectors



Outsourcing as a possible option



Nollywood as a revenue revenue driver

## IMPROVING THE ECONOMIC WELFARE\*

(\*OF THE AVERAGE NIGERIAN)







## ADDRESSING THE BOKO HARAM INSURGENCY



Immediate overhaul of Nigerian Military



Proper training training of military personnel



Improvement of ground intelligence



Rebuilding in the North East

## FIGHTING CORRUPTION

Corruption
as a
developmental
nuisance



Corruption as a conduit of waste of Nigeria's resources

Overhauling the the EFCC



#### YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT



Youth unemployment statistics

According to International Labor Organization (ILO), youth unemployment globally stands at 73 million.



 Link between youth unemployment and global terrorism According to McKensie and Co., youth unemployment in Nigeria is as high as 50%.



Suggestions for youth engagement