



INTERFAITH DIALOGUE FORUM FOR PEACE

COMMUNIQUE OF THE 6TH ANNUAL INTERFAITH PEACE CONFERENCE WITH THE THEME TACKLING POVERTY AND INSECURITY IN NIGERIA: OUR COLLECTIVE RESPONSIBILITY HELD AT HOTEL SEVENTEEN, 6 TAFAWA BALEWA WAY, LAFIYA ROAD, KADUNA, KADUNA STATE ON MARCH 7TH, 2024.

Some important dignitaries who attended the Conference include His Excellency, the Executive Governor of Kaduna State, Senator Uba Sani, Her Excellency the Deputy Governor of Kaduna State, Dr. Hadiza Balarabe, Prof. Seth Akuson, Arch Bishop Buba Lamido, Prof. Ibrahim Na'iyā Sada, the Chairman of Jama'atu Nasril Islam (JNI) Mohammed Shefiu Abdullahi and the Chairman of Christian Association of Nigeria (CAN) Rev. Caleb Ma'aji and the members of the Board of Trustees of IDFP.

We, the participants of the 6th Annual Interfaith Peace Conference knowing the importance of addressing the pressing issues of poverty and insecurity, gathered to deliberate, share insights, and formulate strategies towards a more peaceful and prosperous Nigeria.

We acknowledge with deep concern the pervasive impact of poverty and insecurity on the lives of Nigerians across religious, ethnic, and social divides. Poverty, in its various forms, continues to undermine our human dignity, restrict opportunities, and exacerbate social inequalities. Insecurity, characterized by violence, insurgency, banditry, and communal clashes, threatens the stability and unity of our nation, causing immense suffering and loss.

Affirming our shared commitment to the principles of peace, justice, and compassion inherent in our respective faith traditions, we recognize that addressing poverty and insecurity requires collective action. It is incumbent upon all stakeholders, including religious leaders, government authorities, civil society organizations, and individuals, to collaborate effectively in tackling these challenges.

In view of this, the meeting resolved as follows that:

1. The importance of interfaith dialogue and cooperation in fostering mutual understanding, tolerance, and respect among different religious communities should be emphasized in tackling poverty and insecurity
2. Encouraging initiatives that facilitate constructive engagement and bridge-building between diverse groups will contribute in dealing with poverty and insecurity
3. Recognizing the vital role of empowered and resilient communities in combating poverty and insecurity, we advocate for initiatives that promote education, skills development, and economic empowerment at the grassroots level.
4. The authority should be focusing on wealth creation and having a deliberate policy to train the citizens on financial literacy, entrepreneurship and ensure the citizens are employable.
5. Programs tailored to local needs and aspirations, can uplift individuals and communities, reducing vulnerability and promoting stability.
6. Government authorities should prioritize the protection of lives and property through proactive measures to combat crime, terrorism, and insurgency.

7. Recognizing that poverty and insecurity are interconnected and rooted in systemic issues such as corruption, marginalization, and socio-economic inequality, we advocate for holistic approaches that address these underlying causes.
8. Good governance, equitable distribution of resources, and inclusive policies that prioritize the needs of the most vulnerable segments of society are crucial for sustainable peace and development.
9. Modern technology must be deployed and having community policy must be created in the tackling of poverty and insecurity.

In conclusion, we reaffirm our unwavering commitment to promoting peace, prosperity, and justice in Nigeria. Through dialogue, cooperation, and concerted action, we believe that it is possible to overcome the challenges of poverty and insecurity and build a brighter future for all Nigerians. Let us stand together, in solidarity and compassion, as agents of positive change and reconciliation in our beloved nation.

Signed By:



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