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## “This is America’s Day; A Day of Hope and History”

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he 59<sup>th</sup> Presidential Inauguration held on January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021, will long be remembered as a swearing-in ceremony that drew the most security anxiety, attention and activity in modern America history. The spot for the event, the Capitol traditional ground and the host-city, Washington D.C, were on high-alert with series of unprecedented and extraordinary security measures: including erection of fences/barricades, massive lockdowns and strict restrictions aimed at preventing any invasions or invaders, ultimately ensuring a hitch free inaugural and the emergence of a 'New Era' in America and the

globe at large.

Unfortunately, the activities that raised the security alertness at the capital Capitol, the D.C and its environs, other capitol buildings across the states (which also under heavy security surveillance during inauguration period) and the country at large before and after January 20, stemmed and gathered strength from acts of domestic terrorism earlier witnessed on January 6<sup>th</sup>, when the Capitol was besieged and ruthlessly attacked leading to deaths, including that of a security officer, and the increased threats of mayhem by U.S. citizens, many of whom were swayed by extremist ideologies, conspiratory theories and dangerous/violent tendencies detrimental to a nation's continuity.

These obviously were clear danger signs that cannot be ignored by any sensible national security body and necessary actions must be taken. Sadly, a 'safe', 'traditionally looked forward to, 'and joyous occasion' usually prided by the multitude of merry crowds in attendance, broad range of planned and exciting activities with diverse invitees and touristic colorations from all over the world became a 'No-Go' ... 'Shut Down' ... 'Stop & Search' and heavily militarized zone. While, it is partly understandable that a smaller crowd at the event means mitigating the coronavirus spread and slowing a ranging pandemic; the greater risk of inside attacks by some Americans hell-bent on unleashing bloodshed dead or alive on their country, and disrupting an age long national democracy, heightened the tension, causing an overly protective scenario. And, trust the American government, known for raising the bar on security issues nothing will be left to chances, particularly when it concerns their own country.

But, in all of these democracy has prevailed; good over evil; love over hatred, boldness and bravery over timidity and fear, humility over pride, and the sense of responsibility triumphing over ignorance and carelessness. A country's continuity persists in the face of adversity, hostility and near annihilation. President Biden is now the United States of America 46<sup>th</sup> President and Kamala Harris has also made history as the 49<sup>th</sup> Vice President, the first woman, Black, and Asian-America to fill that position, in an event that witnessed honour and respect, bipartisan guests attendance, a presidential speech never heard on American soil, award-winning poetry and a global audience watching virtually from all corners of the earth, America now moves on inspite of the numerous challenges it faces.

*Tribute to Police Officer Brian Sicknick who lost its life during the attack and special appreciation to the heroic and dedicated American security forces, i.e. the military/national guard, police and other security agencies who put their lives on the line in the defence of their country. May God continue to protect the troops.*





# SALUTE TO MADAM VICE PRESIDENT

*"Even in dark times we not only dream, we do.  
We not only see what has been, we see what can be.  
This is American aspiration" KH*

**IF KAMALA CAN  
WE CAN**

*...Girl-Child & Young Women across the World*

## KAMALA HARRIS

**(UNITED STATES 49TH VICE PRESIDENT)**

**America's First Female, First Black, First Asian-American Vice President**

**A Barrier Breaker, Standard Bearer & Role Model To Many Girl-Child and Young Women Across The Planet**





# Democracy Has Prevailed

*America moves on...*

## “Every American Has An Obligation To Defend The Truth and Defeat The Lies”

**...Joe Biden (U.S. 46th President)**

A lot of people have often ask how on earth did the world's *Democracy Leader* get to this debacle that almost debased her global leadership status, especially with a crudeness, notoriety for impunity and disdain for democratic values witnessed in the last 4 years. Perhaps, the best riposte to this question may wait until after the first 4 years of the Biden Presidency: when the pandemic must have been totally defeated, rapid advancement proudly recorded in many sectors of the economy, democracy progressing and the country advancing as expected. Until then let's keep watching, working and praying for the best.

But, it is also important to understand that activities leading to the November 3, 2020, presidential elections and the aftermath, especially the display of bad behaviors by the former U.S. leadership prompted those concerned about America's welfare around the world to ask where and when the country got it all wrong. The rejection of the poll outcomes, series of litigations and shameful overtures to overturn the results, violent protests and the incitements of insurrection leading to the storming of the nation's beacon of democracy, the Capitol Building, are evidence of culpability by the perpetrators, many of whom should be brought to book.

More horrifying are the lies that have been fed to a large portion of the American populace and how the distortions of truths that a legitimate election purely won on its merit was stolen by the Democratic Party were unbelievably believed. The twisting of the known facts and spread of dangerous disinformation has taken grave dimensions that are inimical to national development. But, in order to conquer this anomaly and stamp out the falsehood pervading the political fabric of this nation, *every American has the obligation to defend the truth and defeat the lies*. America will not spring on with full confidence and strength if these untruthfulness are still left to thrive in minds of people whose cooperation are vitally needed to harmonize and advance the country.

But, while it is important for America to press forward towards the mark of higher calling, especially in the pursuits of unification, restoration and progress as championed by the incumbent president, it is also expedient for *the God's own country* to look back and see where it was coming from as a sovereignty: the lessons learnt over the years, the milestones achieved, mistakes made and the needed mentors and motivations for onward motions. For justice and equity to prevail, injustice and inequality must give way. Meaningful foreclosure must be made and every American soul must be in the **BuildBackBetter** Agenda.





*Young American leading poet, Ms Amanda Gorman blaze the trail at the inauguration ceremony*

**P**resident Biden is the man prepared and providentially presented for this moment in the life of his nation. He is a man with the seriousness of purpose, passionate with a penchant for progress. A very likable and emotive personality committed to bringing the country back on course and accelerating its improvements at all sides. The emergence of his Presidency is broadly likened to the biblical 'Carpenters' chosen to destroy the 'Horns and Hawks' that have pillaged and plunge America into a lawless, deeply divided, fascistic, pandemic infested and death ridden state.

There is therefore no doubt that America is seriously hurt on many fronts, and return to normalcy means work and more work, especially from the president who is now formally assigned to vanguard the realizations. So much is at stake now for the new administration, and the need to deliver according to expectations is enormous. Thus the support for Mr. Biden to succeed is increasingly needed now, perhaps much more than any supports given to any president that has ever ruled America before particularly due to the exigencies of the moment.

The nation is deeply polarized on partisan lines and this has negatively cascaded into almost every sector of human life. Family members, siblings and relatives are dagger-drawn at each other and many are not even on talking terms because of their Blue or Red affiliations, support or sentiments shared on polity differences. It's got so bad that letters of disownment are circulated and signed by family on members with opposing/dissenting views and actions, and U.S. Congressional members are not also spared on this. The systemic

division inherited by Mr. Biden has harmed trust, togetherness and love among the people.

But, words are powerful especially when uttered from personality like the POTUS; hence Mr. Biden's repeated calls for oneness should continually be amplified by all platforms of dissemination to all and sundry.

America's 46<sup>th</sup> is a man on a mission and one racing against time. The President remarks and pursuits for a unified America are in order and should be encouraged. His ongoing reparations and restoration efforts, rhetoric, reachouts, rescue plans and role-model leadership depicting America's diversity are part of the steps to start from. He must continuously utilize his position and the presidency to build-up and not tear down. The stoking of the Anti-American and Anti-Humanity slogans must STOP henceforth. All men are equal before God and before the law. His personal and presidential responsibility to provide and protect his people through his drive for National Unity, Healing and Advancement Pursuits (NUHAP) should be strengthened to work.

**"THE HILL WE CLIMB"**  
Democracy can be  
periodically delayed  
it cannot be  
permanently  
denied...  
Amanda Gorman

## **"The Will Of People Has Been Heard..The Will Of People Has Been Heeded"**

### **Keeping Promises: Presidential Actions On Course**

There is no doubt that there is an unimaginable assault on American lives right on American soil, and things may even get worse before they get better. With over 25 million infections and deaths expected to exceed over half a million soon; the coronavirus pandemic is undoubtedly a major devastation that must be decisively dealt with for America (and the world) to survive and surge. Aware of the calamity of the disease on lives and livelihoods, the new administration is leaving nothing unattended to in confronting and conquering the outbreak and its outcomes. The Biden-Harris leadership promised during the campaign era to beat down the virus and defeat the pandemic and its efforts are now gaining traction in that direction with countrywide applause prodding its strides.

To this end, one of the first duties he performed as President in the White House which has seen consistency over the course of days in his presidency was the signing of Executive Orders, Directives and Memorandum. This wide ranging ongoing presidential actions covering areas such as the coronavirus pandemic, governance and ethics, environment, immigration, equity and justice, economy among others are testaments that "The will of people has been heard and the will of people has been heeded"

***'Mr. President has formally started a "100 days masking challenge" mandating all Americans to wear masks in federal facilities nationwide including urging state and local officials to implement upscale public measures to prevent the spread of the coronavirus. President Biden has also assured upscale vaccine goal to 1.5 million shots a day, promising vaccine to be widely available by spring'.***

Mr President has signed a slew of action some of which include:

- Creation Of The Position Of Covid-19 Response Coordinator, Through The Appointment Jeffrey D. Zients Who Reports Directly To The President. The Coordinator Oversees Efforts To Produce And Distribute Vaccines And Medical Equipment, Accelerates Manufacturing And Delivery Of Supplies For Vaccination, Testing And Personal Protective Equipment
- Restores The Directorate for Global Health Security and Biodefense at the National Security Council, A Group Earlier Disbanded by the previous administration.
- Directs FEMA to expand reimbursement to states to fully cover the cost for National Guard personnel and emergency supplies and to create federally-supported community vaccination centers.
- Mandated mask-wearing and social distancing on all federal facilities including interstate transit.
- Rejoin Paris climate agreement.
- Revoke permit for Keystone XL pipeline, pause energy leasing in ANWR.
- Repeal ban on transgender people serving openly in U.S. military.
- Restoring U.S. global leadership and reinforcing its international response to COVID-19.
- Restore collective bargaining power for federal workers.
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- Tighten 'Buy American' rules in government procurement.
- End the Justice Department's use of private prisons.
- Directs HUD to address discriminatory housing practices.

- Combat racism against Asian-Americans, Pacific Islanders.
- Directs agencies to engage in consultations with tribal governments
- Pause new oil and gas leasing on U.S. lands/waters, elevate climate change as national-security, foreign-policy priority
- Re-establish President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology
- Directs agencies to make decisions on best available science, evidence.
- Re-open OBAMACARE marketplaces, facilitate access to joining Medicaid
- Lift certain restrictions on abortion funding.
- End "remain in Mexico" program aimed at central American asylum seekers,
- Start roll back of "public charge rule," which imposes a wealth test on would-be immigrants
- Create task force to reunite migrant families separated at the border.



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There is so much to do and no time to waste in tackling the many challenges America is currently faced with; hence focus on the job at hand is key in ensuring prompt and satisfactory delivery. But, while, opposition is good for democracy as it keeps the ruling

government in check against abuse of on power and to accountability, nonetheless it should not be a barrier nor distraction for set works of progress and programmes for public good, and the president should take note of this. The President and his team should quickly move ahead in what seems best and acceptable by the government and generality of the people for the country's forwardness. With almost half of the population still reeling from the disappointment of a lost presidential election, conspiratory theorists flying everywhere, security threats at red alert from local terrorists and militias (and even from some congress members across the country), and brewing hatred mounting.

The president obviously as the father of the nation and a man that truly loves the land having with its best interest at heart will have a cause to be genuinely concerned on these developments, but as a leader elected not only to lead a set of people but Americans in totality, he should avoid the trap of distractions not diverting from the work to be done.

As President Biden and Vice-President Harris thus moves in the task of uniting, restoring and advancing America, the administration's zeal, devotedness and newness witnessed so far are stimulating through its:

- *Sturdy Economic Plan;*  
With a budget resolution and an approval from the Senate very soon on the proposed \$1.9 Trillion Rescue Plan, the Biden Presidency is standing ready to utilize the expected comprehensive and impactful stimulus financial package to speed Covid-19 vaccines throughout the nation, extend funds to special unemployment benefits that will expire at the end of march and make direct payments to the American People to help them pay bills and to stimulate the economic activities. Part of this money will be sent to state and local government dealing with the worst health crisis towards helping them out of the current challenges and setting the economy back on strong footing. These concerns for citizenry care and rights remain and its expected to be a top administrative priority for the new U.S. leader.
- *Baring It All:*  
The Biden-Harris government has promised and is ensuring transparency and attending to public complaints from all quarters of the country. Mr. President is a compassionate leader with listening ears and helping hands, and he is willing and taking steps to reachout and address the plights of the American citizens. His feedback initiative is laudable as it enable direct contact between the people and their president, and further testify of a pro-people government. The Administration open communication between government and the governed as seen by the current White House-Pres-Public relations (including introducing a WH sign interpreter) is key. In this regards, kudos to Ms. Jens Psaki, the WH Press Secretary and her team of information specialists for a great job done so far.
- *Commitment To Bipartisan Collaboration*  
President Biden interaction with Congress/opposition on bipartisan level is gaining respectability and speaks of a leader wiling to converse and explore from all sides provided it will benefit and move the nation forward, even when his party holds majority at both level of Congress. The ability and humility to be able to entertain and engage opposing views and still work out something favorably for all concern is a gift, and Mr. Biden's experience as a United States senator of almost 40 years is helping to polish that gift daily...Keep it up sir.
- *A Desired Team*  
With his choice for competence, dedicated, compassionate and patriotic of cabinet picks and other political appointees, Biden's is gradually replacing integrity and dedication over mediocrity and hypocrisy, promoting unity, charity and comradeship among staff, progressively restoring sanity to national governance and the White House, demonstrating presidential characters suitable and accepted for the office, governing America with the fear of God, consideration for humanity welfare and ensuring U.S. global leadership rises again.



# Diplomacy Is Back: **With Love From Nigeria**



**A**s the new U.S. Administration embraces multilateralism, diplomacy and development, a sharp contrast of the former government, and with Mr. Antony Blinken as the new Secretary of State, President Biden's interest and growth concerns for the African continent continue unabated and Africans are happy that his policy and direction are showing signs of hopes and of restored relationship now acknowledged and appreciated.

While Nigerians and other affected African Muslim nationals are still relishing on the removal of their countries from the America travel ban list, imposed by Mr. Biden predecessor, many are envisaging that other laudable efforts for Africa's development will be unfolding very soon. Nonetheless, as things stand, clear indications are emerging that Africa now has a friend in the White House. While addressing the 2021 virtual African Union Summit held at Addis Ababa, Mr. Biden said he wants to work with Africa on a "future committed to investing in our democratic institutions and promoting the human rights of all people—women and girls, LGBTQ individuals, People Living With Disabilities, PLWD, and people of every ethnic background, religion and heritage, and as a reciprocity diplomatic gesture, Africa wants to work with him.

Furthermore, President Biden's appointments of qualified Americans of Nigerian descent is a demonstration of a government showing respect to Nigeria as a country. With The Golden Boy "Wally" Adewale Adeyemo as Deputy Secretary of the U.S. Treasury, Ms. Osaremen Okolo, as Covid-19 Policy Advisor, Ms. Funmi Olorunipa-Badejo as White House counsel, the recent appointment of Ms. Eno Titilayo Ebong as the Acting Director of USTDA (United States Trade Development Agency), and the nod for Dr. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala to assume the leadership of the World Trade Organization, and other opportunities lined-up for the country and its citizen across the world, Nigerians cannot be grateful enough for the new found love for the Biden-Harris Administration. While the nation still looks forward to more of these leadership engagements not only for Nigerians but to other vast competent persons African-American across America in the days ahead, *Nigerians and Africans all over the world*, say a **'BIG THANK YOU'** to Mr. President and Madam Vice-President for this historic gesture.

This is a beginning of a joyous relationship and it is hoped this will endure to the end as desired. Nigerians thus eagerly look forward to hosting President Biden and Vice-President Harris respectively in Nigeria very soon and hopes to treating them to the best hospitality in Africa. May the Almighty God grant Mr. President and his team the boldness, courage, wisdom, speed and goodwill to succeed and finish strong.

*Profound appreciation for the outstanding works of the U.S. Mission in Nigeria. The Embassy in Abuja, Consulate-General in Lagos, USAID and other U.S. development agencies nationwide are tenaciously advancing commendable works of diplomacy and bringing America's works of progress to Nigeria. Salute to Ambassador, (Ms.) Mary Beth-Leonard, Ms. Kathleen Fitzgibbon, Deputy Chief of Mission, Consul-General, Ms. Claire Pierangelo, and the passionate and professional Mission staff in Nigeria.*

**Long Live Nigeria-U.S. Ties...Long Live Africa-America Relations**

**GOD BLESS AMERICA**