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# AGENDA 2035



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**PRIORITY AREA 1**

# Education





## PRIORITY AREA 2

# Infrastructure & Amenities



**PRIORITY AREA 3**

**Youth  
Empowerment  
& employment**





**PRIORITY AREA 4**

# Agriculture Value Chain





**PRIORITY AREA 5**

**Leadership,  
Governance  
and Value**





**AGENDA**  
2035

## ASPIRATION 1

# A Prosperous Ara Town based on inclusive growth and sustainable socio-economic development



- We are determined to eradicate poverty and build shared prosperity through social economic transformation of our town.
- We expect that by 2035 we shall be a thriving and prosperous town with means and resources to drive our own development. Our desire shall be for the well being of our people through improved standard of living and sound health.
- We seek educated and skilled citizens who become conversant and comfortable with science and technology and who hold knowledge in high esteem. No child should be deprived of education because of poverty.
- Economic growth and commercial activities will be galvanized through Micro Small and Medium Scale Enterprises, using cooperatives as the pen. This should guarantee shared growth and opportunities.
- Agriculture aiming at food security via increased production and value addition
- We will explore the unique natural endowments and ecosystems to create sustainable practices that will protect our community from the ravages of environmental degradation.



## ASPIRATION 2



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# An Integrated Town united in vision for growth and development



- We will aim at creating a unity of purpose with the right political will to institute an integration process. This will help to create consensus around key issues and Programs.
- By 2035 we expect that key infrastructure will be in place to support our reform and transformation, as well as our growth trajectory in trade, technology, skills development , and manufacturing.
- We expect that this shared vision for growth will also engender leadership values that will be systems-wide to drive appetite for new generation values driven community leadership in all areas of life.

## ASPIRATION 3

# A Peaceful, Progressive and Secure Ara Town

- Put in place mechanisms for peaceful prevention and resolution of conflicts through dialogue centered approach. We will seek to foster a culture of peace and tolerance through all citizens, but especially in our youth and young Adults.
- In its most basic form we must entrench a culture of human rights, gender equality, prosperity , safety, security and peaceful co-existence. We must appreciate the rule of law as the basis for all rights. We should guarantee safe spaces for our families in the community.
- Extremism in any shape or form- religious and political especially , intolerance and every major threat to peaceful co existence will be discouraged. Values and policies promoting common defence and security of the community will be encouraged.



## ASPIRATION 4

# An Ara Town with distinct cultural identity, common heritage, shared values and ethics.



- Ara history, culture, identity, heritage, ethics, mores, folklore, traditions, oral tradition, language, literature, artefacts etc will be preserved, entrenched, packaged and actively propagated.
  - We will seek a renaissance by turning these into strong storytelling opportunities that will speak to our dynamism, values, hard work, merit, mutual respect and social cohesion.
  - Through this we will re-establish our common identity and destiny as centre-piece enablers to drive change.
- This should aid inter-generational dialogue that will ensure that we keep the fire of social and cultural interaction burning.



## ASPIRATION 5

# Ara as an influential player within its local government, state and Nigerian nation at large



- We will affirm the importance of Ara within Osun State and Nigeria as a pride of place to live , thrive and claim as heritage. We will seek to be a major political , social and economic force with active participation in state and national affairs.
- We will seek to establish our strong influence and importance on national and sub national affairs by being strong advocates for multilateral development, building mutually beneficial relationships, and partnerships that strengthen our common perspectives and views on key people-centered initiatives.
- Our desire will be to take our rightful place in the political, security , economic and social systems of regional and national governance towards the realization and sustenance of our transformation and growth aspirations.





# PROPOSED ROADMAP TO AGENDA 2035

1

Formation of the advisory and steering committee.

2

Validation of the project plan and vision through DAWN's COLDET.

3

Adopt key results from the survey and set up formal structure for implementation.

4

Form implementation groups comprising willing volunteers and participants.

5

Set short/medium/long term specific goals on SMART basis.

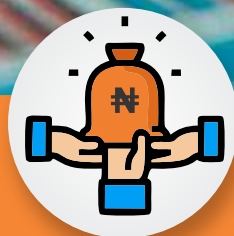
# METHODOLOGY FOR EXECUTION AND IMPLEMENTATION



Develop a database of all sons and daughters of Ara and area of interest and experience and expertise



Organise into sub groups for action and engagement.



Determine the requirements *(including funding, partnership and collaboration)* needed to achieve success.



Determine the “picture of success” and the milestones.



Work in tandem with the central coordination group at AGDF secretariat.



# CALL TO ACTION



1. Determine and purpose to be part of the progress.
2. Money is important to the success of the vision.  
But more important are:
  - a. participation by a self help orientation.
  - b. Use of influence and connection.
  - c. A mindset shift from entitlement orientation to pragmatic aspirations.
  - d. A determination , passion and hunger for the collective betterment of Ara Society.
  - e. Be ready to lend a voice and lend a hand.



# JOIN US...

We the indigenes of Ara seek a broad based coalition of adopters and advocates that will drive the mission of transforming Ara into the land of our dreams without waiting for the government.



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**THANK YOU**

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