



**DAWN**  
COMMISSION  
Development Agenda for WESTERN NIGERIA

# THE COLLABORATIVE AGENDA

**SECRETARIES TO THE STATES GOVERNMENTS FORUM**  
**SOUTHWEST GEO-POLITICAL ZONE**

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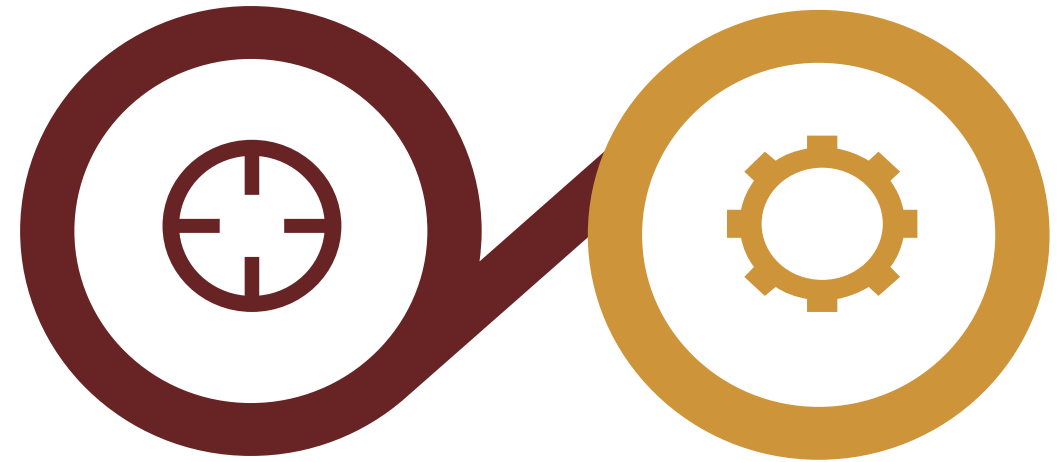
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## PHILOSOPHY



**DAWN Commission** is the institution set up by the Governments of the states of Southwest Nigeria to manage their regional integration programme, aimed at ensuring that Southwest states (Ekiti, Lagos, Ondo, Ogun, Osun and Oyo states) work together in a cooperative and collaborative manner for development irrespective of political or partisan affiliations. The agenda is to pool resources, strengths and capabilities together in order to build a vibrant, peaceful and prosperous Southwest Nigeria within Nigeria.



### Vision:

To make the Southwest region of Nigeria the preferred place for people to visit, live, work and invest.

### Mission:

To engender regional cooperation and integration as a catalyst for development and facilitate sustainable working relationships among different



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# ABOUT

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The Development Agenda for Western Nigeria

## DAWN Commission



- **DAWN** is a development agenda. It is the strategy roadmap articulated for bringing comprehensive and widespread development across all the States of Western Nigeria.
- It seeks to get all development agents and actors across and beyond the Region to collaborate on issues of common development concerns and shared aspirations, by leveraging the collective social capital, economic assets and endowments of the Regional entity



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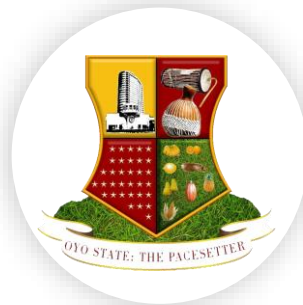


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- The Strategy is concerned with creating a regional laboratory of policymaking and implementation, allowing regional variations in policy to flourish, as well as addressing the distinctive concerns of the people of Western Nigeria.
- The Commission seeks to optimally leverage the advantage of the territorially concentrated ethnic identity of the States of the Southwest Region and beyond for good governance, synergy, efficiency and the economies of scale essential for pervasive regional development



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## The Strength Profile Statement

The Southwest part of Nigeria (comprising Ekiti, Lagos, Ogun, Ondo, Osun and Oyo States) is the Homeland of the Yoruba people

- A nationality of more than 40million people in the Homeland, with a rich Diaspora population across various continents
- Possessing one of the most notable civilizations amongst the peoples of Africa
- Having a very widely-acclaimed sophisticated liberal and progressive development orientation
- One of the earliest to be in contact with education
- Can boast of early ground-breaking landmarks and achievements
- Having the advantage of a proven template for effective and result-oriented governance

# The Strength Profile Statement

- With unique providential bestowals of access to both land and sea borders
- Has always been the most dynamic space for commercial engagement in Nigeria, and can indeed be the growth pole, not just for the country, but with the potential to become an Icon of Africa

**Clearly the region has no business with underdevelopment, poverty and low quality of life.**



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# Nominating THE ISSUES

- Constant vulnerability to the vagaries of both political and economic changes;
- Existential security threats;
- sub-optimal and underperforming economy;
- weak social sector, especially education and health;
- unable to feed its population;
- cannot generate enough resources to finance its development;
- whose native language is fast disappearing;
- assailed by negative and uncontrolled net migration, with all the attendant consequences;



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# Nominating THE ISSUES Cont.

- Cannot generate enough consensus and internal solidarity for moving forward on both basic and fundamental issues;
- Sitting on a demographic time bomb, composed of a youthful population, largely misguided and misdirected, and therefore susceptible to misuse;
- Operating under an over-bearing, and sometimes uncooperative federal government;

**Clearly the Region needs to work hard for its survival and sustainability.**



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# Attention-Critical Areas

- Internal consensus and regional solidarity
- Ethical orientation and reorientation
- Governance and institutions
- Security, law and order
- Human capital development
- Economic competitiveness
- Employment and youth engagement
- Environmental sustainability



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# The Reality



- Walking alone is no longer fashionable – all our States are vulnerable alone, but stronger and able together.
- Mobilisation of regional endowments and assets is the key to achieving sustainable growth.
- Scale is where the traction, the big results and the sustainability lie
- Our Region is too interlinked and interwoven to rely on individual state success story. Any problem solved by any of our States and the problem remains in another is not solved.



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## Framing the Southwest Regional Ambitions

The Commission has framed the composite development priorities along the following **6-point Regional Ambitions:**

- a. A secured, law and order Region for safe and decent living and enabling environment for investment
- b. Economic competitiveness for jobs, growth and prosperity
- c. Fit-for-purpose and functional education for learning, character, high quality human capital and skilled workforce
- d. Universal access to basic healthcare for a healthy, engaged and productive population
- e. Enabling infrastructure, especially energy sufficiency and integrated mobility/transportation infrastructure
- f. Accountable political and economic governance institutions



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# What we must do together

**Invest in our People**



**Invest in our Security**



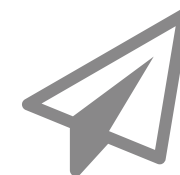
**Invest in our Future**



**Invest in our Prosperity**



**Protect our Heritage**



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# The Multi-stakeholder Cooperative Grid



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## Changing the Game – Forward to Transformation

For transformation to happen in the Southwest, there must be a convergence of desire and cooperative actions in the following areas:

- Regional collaborative governance model involving all the States – the strategic intent of DAWN
- Capable and effective public service institutions
- Engaged citizenry, with the right ethical and social orientation
- Regional data capability
- Optimising, private sector-led and globally-competitive economy
- Revenue dignity and fiscal sustainability



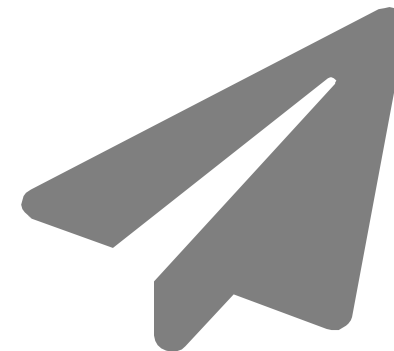
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- Safe, secure, protected, law and order Homeland
- Universal access to quality and affordable healthcare
- Education institutions at all levels producing relevant learning, fit-for-purpose workforce and specialist skills and capabilities
- Integrated transportation and energy infrastructure - strategic highways, railways, refineries and power
- Optimal cities, optimal communities
- Resilient Region with dependable capacity for environmental bio-diversity and disaster risks management

# Changing the Game – Forward to Transformation



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# 2021/2022 Focal Areas

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**WESTERN NIGERIA SECURITY NETWORK: AMOTEKUN**



**SOUTHWEST REGIONAL RAIL PROJECT**



**WESTERN NIGERIA HEALTH BLUEPRINT**



**EDUCATION UPGRADE PROGRAM (EUP)**



**AGRICULTURAL TRANSFORMATION POLICY ROAD MAP**



**OMOLUWABI BOOK**



**Digital Literacy Implementation Committee (DLIC)**



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# Two(2) pronged approach -

## 01 Creating a Silent Social Revolution



## 02 Launching on the Path of Economic Competitiveness



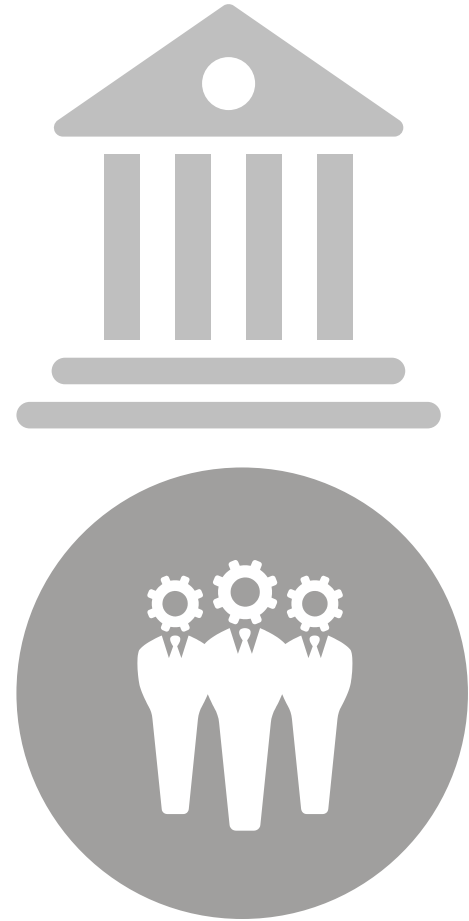
**Towards achieving results, our actions are pursued along the following lines:**

- Creating and facilitating important regional conversations
- Organising regional optimisation dialogues
- Developing strategic roadmaps
- Influencing Policies
- Sharing Best Cases
- Managing intergovernmental conversations/relations
- Creating partnerships and building coalition for progress

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# The SSG SECRETARIES TO THE STATES GOVERNMENTS Forum

- A critical Southwest governance community / stakeholder.
- Building the SSG Forum into an effective, result-oriented and respectable community
- Engagements with SSGs in the Region towards deepening the capability of the forum as the most strategic enabler of SW states collaborative actions.



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# Thank you

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