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While governments around the world are switching to more clean, efficient, and sustainable energy solutions, there is no valid argument to explore coal options.

#COALFREEINIGERIA

Nigeria is now in a position to switch to more viable forms of energy instead of relying on fossil fuels that cause irreversible harm to the ecosystem.

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IT’S SIMPLE. THE ELECTIONS ARE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR VOICE TO BE HEARD BY THOSE WHO HOLD POSITIONS OF POWER ABOUT ISSUES THAT AFFECT THE MAJORITY OF THE POPULATION.
We want to be empowered as citizens of our fundamental democratic right of participation on all levels especially relating to the reality of climate impacts. It’s clear to us, more than ever, that we need to fundamentally shift the way power is distributed.

People should take back that power, and they’re increasingly doing so. Nigeria has an abundance of renewable energy sources that are available as a source for affordable and accessible energy for people. By advocating for community-led and decentralized renewable energy, people can take back the power.

Across the world, people are joining to dismantle the power of the fossil fuel industry, cut their funding, and stop fossil fuel projects in their tracks. This is a fight that unites all of those in Africa who have not reaped the profits of the extractive economies, and never will.

Where governments fail, it’s up to the people to lead and we’ve seen throughout history that real and lasting change is built by social movements and civil resistance.
We put together a guide that has a summary of the 4 political parties in Nigeria, their positions on topics like climate change, energy and water as stated on their manifests.

It is not a ranking guide but rather an awareness-raising guide which seeks to encourage open dialogue with the political parties rather than confrontation.
• Committed to **maintaining unpolluted rivers** and keeping harmful emissions at bay.
• Notes the necessity to move away from the dependency on the oil sector by **diversifying** the Nigerian economy.
• Will implement an **expansion of Nigeria’s energy sector** by investing in wind, solar, coal, biogas and nuclear energy.
• Aims to leverage international programs in order to invest in **renewable** sources of power.
• Plans to revive the **agriculture** sector.
Envisages the exploration of new methods for the exploitation of clean coal as well as renewable energy technologies.

Recognises that the oil and gas sector has led to significant environmental damage in the Niger Delta.

Seeks to increase investment in new technologies and infrastructure for low-cost and clean fuel gas.

Aims for the development of Nigeria’s agricultural sector in order to diversify the country’s economy and move away from the dependence on the oil and gas industry.

Recognises that climate change is a big challenge for the agricultural sector that needs to be addressed.

Committed to accelerating environmental clean-up in the Niger-Delta region.

Encourages generation of renewable power by the private sector.

Will implement a “Renewable Energy Plan” based on the country’s commitment to carbon neutrality by 2060.
Recognises that Nigeria is severely vulnerable to climate change.
Committed to the transition away from fossil fuel dependency.
Aims to promote renewable energy and reduce carbon emissions.
Emphasises the preservation of environmental integrity and prioritises the reform of the oil and gas industry to avoid further damage to the environment.
Will prioritise the development of Nigeria’s agriculture industry for economic growth.
Mentions the Blue Economy and the potential of the sustainable use of ocean resources, namely emerging renewable energy.
Envisages the launch of a solar power revolution across the country.
• Emphasises the promotion of the **oil and gas sector**.
• Prioritises **investment in oil refining** infrastructure in order to double capacity.
• Encourages greenfield investment in **crude oil** refining.
• Speaks on promoting the oil and gas sector by **expanding reserves**.
• Aims for the privatisation of government-owned refineries and the issues of new licences for **greenfield investment** in crude oil refining.
• Prioritises the reform of the power sector with the aim of **diversifying national power sources**.
• Recognises that the Nigerian agriculture sector is currently **underperforming**.
• Envisages **agriculture**, manufacturing and MSMEs as economic growth drivers in lieu of the oil sector.
It's time for Nigeria to join the rest of the world in banning coal mining and making the world a better place to live in.
The #Vote4Climate campaign is a call for all Nigerian citizens to “vote for climate” in the 2023 general elections; to choose candidates that understand climate change issues and have concrete climate action plans.

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