

Chukwuka Monye's Declaration of Political Party I see possibilities – Our Future is Now!

Good afternoon, Mr. National Chairman, Members of the Board of Trustees present, Mr. State Chairman, state officials and local government chairmen and officials present, Distinguished ladies and gentlemen.

Prior to announcing my intention to run for the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria six weeks ago – on the 15th of January 2022, I consulted with several people – young, old, professionals, informal workers, Christians, Muslims and people of different ethnicities. As expected, I received mixed reactions, with some people excited about the prospects of a better Nigeria and others who felt that there is simply no hope for Nigeria. I remember a particular response that I got from an elderly man that I have come to respect over the years; he said – “even though we need young and competent people like you to run the affairs of this nation, our political system is not designed for people like you”. However, after he watched my declaration to run for President, the execution of some of my social impact initiatives across the country and the increase in membership of our movement to thousands in just a few weeks, he came back to me and said – “Chukwuka, I am sorry for being so pessimistic. I now see possibilities. Indeed, our future is now.” He added, in a remorseful voice, “I realize that many of us have become so used to mediocrity that our minds have been clouded by it. Your aspiration has sparked in me, a renewed hope for a New Nigeria”.

Today marks a significant moment in our journey to a better Nigeria. Today, we witness a convergence of values and vision; a merging of strengths and passion; and the emergence of a dynamic combination that is able to deliver to us a new Nigeria – the Nigeria of our dreams, where everyone, young and old is able to fulfil their potential just because they are Nigerians.

After extensive and intense consultations across various parties and groups, and considering the reasons above, today, I am pleased to formally announce my membership of the African Democratic Congress – ADC. A party whose values and goals align with mine.

In choosing a party, I have considered many things including integrity, people building and excellence, all of which are elements that drive me. I am passionate about a New Nigeria, therefore in choosing a party, I chose a party that is passionate about restoring and defending the dignity of every Nigerian. ADC is committed to innovation and attracting passionate and progressive Nigerians. This party embodies inclusivity, accountability, justice, security and the welfare of women, youth and people living with disabilities.

ADC is tested and trusted, excelling at nation building and with presence in 95% of Local Government Areas in Nigeria, the party has a structure that can be activated to engage the grassroots and is fully aware of the needs and requirements of the people. This strength has helped the party win elections at the federal and state levels since its inception. It won 5 seats in the House of Reps in the last elections, and it prioritizes youth and women inclusion. ADC's steady increase in its performance at the last 3 presidential elections makes the party formidable, its history shows consistency; an indication that the stewards of the party are focused on building a sustainable platform.

Here, people matter and the strength of ADC in the grassroots provides a rare opportunity to be aware of the true state of affairs in local communities and to work with policy makers to bring about effective transformation. The party also has a proven legacy of transparency and integrity, where service to humanity trumps corruption.

With a youthful membership, ADC's embrace of innovation and technology reinforces the forward-thinking approach that is synonymous with the

party and provides an opportunity for advancement and growth that is not common in our nation today.

A few days ago, I attended a meeting in which I met all the ADC Local Government Area chairmen of a state. I was pleasantly shocked at the quality of organization and the fact that the structure is REAL. I left the meeting saying to myself, “Nigerians are not aware that ADC has such a structure and people need to know that ADC is the credible option”.

I have always had a passion for building people. I have contributed to the building of numerous institutions and enterprises. My experience with turning failing institutions around to award-winning enterprises and building enduring institutions has shown me that our great nation is not beyond repair. Together, with the right skill sets of inspirational leadership, change management, social innovation and grassroots appeal, I believe that we can rebuild our nation.

The convergence of ADC and my passion, our track record of nation building and the opportunity that the tipping point our great nation is offering, are key for national transformation. With this, we will create transformational policies, produce uncommon results in emancipation and turn skeptics and critics into loyal believers. This union vows to put the people’s needs first and work tirelessly in partnership with the Nigerian people to deliver the future we desire. It will amplify and strengthen the voice of the people and include them in decision making because the future is ours and it is now.

ADC already has a number of political aspirants for presidential, gubernatorial and legislative roles. I am looking forward to competing at the primaries in which every party member can participate in the nomination of the party’s candidates.

To my dear community of volunteers called the spectrum, we now have a home in ADC. With ADC's slogan – Arise and Shine and our slogan 'Our Future is Now', I say it is time for us to Arise and Shine because Our Future is Now! I call on everyone that has been looking for a credible platform with dynamic leadership to join ADC today at www.adc.org.ng.

Thank you. God bless you and God bless the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

I am happy to answer questions.