

## GOVERNOR OLUSEYI MAKINDE'S VISION TO TRANSFORM OYO STATE

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There seems to be a discontent between intention and outcome and this raises fundamental questions about the essence of leadership. *Effective leadership speaks of mutual benefits, a room where leader, the governed, and the entity being governed all thrive. Leaders inspire, empower, and uplift their followers. They also support growth and progress. The entity being governed, whether a nation, state, organization, or community, only flourishes under visionary guidance.*

**Governance** is often confused with leadership but the two are poles apart. Governance is routines and predictable but leadership is about extending a system; it identifies roles, established orders, stipulates sanctions and postulates the reward system. **Governance facilitates the smooth running of a state.**

So, **good governance** is about doing the expected, it is about keeping the hands off the till and ensuring the effective management of available resources. But defining difference between governance and leadership is the **size of the vision** behind each; while governance's focus is the moment, **leadership's vision encompasses both the present and the future.**

Leadership weighs the impact of every action by its effect on the future. Leadership is audacious. Leadership is ambitious. Leadership is intentional. Leadership knocks off the limit. Leadership is neither deterred by difficulties nor dissuaded by impossibilities. Where leadership reigns, impossibility is crossed.

As a result of the vision of that Governor Oluseyi Makinde has for Oyo State, he cooperation with the Federal Airport Authority of Nigeria (FAAN) to remove the constraints and improve the facilities at the airport.

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Having an international airport is sequel to what Governor Oluseyi Makinde has already put in place in the state, from developing the state's human capital to creating various opportunities for the citizens, to strengthening small and medium scale business, supporting small holder farmers, connecting all the zones with good roads, creating an enabling environment for business to thrive, investing in the development of agric business and positioning Oyo State to advantage of its tourism site as well as its cultural heritage

Experts say that aviation is an enabler of trade, a harbinger of investment, a promoter of agriculture, a facilitator of manufacturing and an ally of tourism. So, aviation is a major driver of development.



**FIG1: GOVERNOR OLUSEYI ABIODUN MAKINDE**

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### **Development of Infrastructure across the Zones:**

His Excellency, Governor Oluseyi Makinde has been able to connect all the zones in Oyo State with good road network. Beyond the ease of movement which the road networks guarantee, by connecting all the zones in the state, Governor Makinde has deliberate unleashed the economic potential of each of the zones and has set the state on the path of long-lasting economic growth. Before connecting the zones, the bulk of Oyo State's revenue was from Ibadan zone. But with the linkage, all the Zones are positioned to contribute to the state coffers.



### **Ladoke Akintola Airport Upgrading at Alakia, Ibadan:**

The first phase is set for completion in October, 2025. This is another step toward global integration. There was **investment under Omituntun 1.0** with the **dualization of the Ibadan Airport Road now Omololu Olunloyo Airport Road**, the upgrade of the VIP lounge and provision of a fire truck. **The government also installed a 500,000 litre aviation fuel storage and dispensing facility** which has been concessioned, leading to more airlines already flying into Ibadan. This airport will connect Oyo State Agribusiness hubs, solid mineral corridors, and tourist centres to the world.

### **Construction of Rashidi Ladoja Circular Road**

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Construction of Oba Rasidi Ladoja Circular Road, the Otun Olubadan of Ibadanland and a former Governor of Oyo State is ongoing with the hope that it will reach 70 percent completion before the expiration of the governor's tenure. Altogether administration has completed 500 kilometres of road.



### **Security Challenges:**

Governor Makinde has been able to make Oyo State safer due to his pragmatic approach to leadership. He is over willing to cooperate with and support federal security agencies to improve security in the state. Governor Seyi Makinde's collaboration with the Nigerian Police birthed the **Police Mobile Force 72 squadron Ao Are**, in Atisbo Local Government area of the state.

The governor's collaboration with security agencies also culminated in the establishment of the Nigeria Air Force (NAF) Base in Ajia, in Ona-Ara Local Government Area. The base has enhanced NAF's readiness and responsiveness to security challenges in the state.

In October last year, 480 Forest Rangers were added to the Oyo State Amotekun Corpsm bringing the total number of corps members to 2,500, therefore Oyo State has the highest number and best remunerated corps members in South-West Nigeria.

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These Rangers are specially trained to work in forests, protect farmers, deter illegal logging, and preserve the state economic resources in rural communities.

### **Primary and Tertiary Healthcare Facilities.**

Oyo State adopted **level 3PHCs** which have ancillary facilities such as accommodation for health care providers that need to be within that facility, a perimeter fence, potable water and electricity to ensure constant power supply. The state government has not only connected the PHCs to the national grid, it has also **installed Solar Panels** in them while also supplying them with generating sets. The delivery of healthcare to the people of Oyo State though the '**One PHC per ward**' has been very effective.

In the same vein a number of **secondary and tertiary healthcare facilities** have been upgraded, equipped and staffed. These include: **Adeoyo Maternity Hospital, Yemetu; Ibadan; Ring Road State Hospital, Adeoyo, Ibadan; Jericho Nursing Home, Jericho, Ibadan; LAUTECH Teaching Hospital, Ogbomoso; General Hospital, Aremon, Ibadan; General Hospital, Erunma; General Hospital, Tede and Secretariat Staff Clinic, Agodi Ibadan.**



### **Improved Educational System;**

Governor Oluseyi Abiodun Makinde has also demonstrated commitment to the improvement of facilities in state-owned **tertiary institutions**. In **2020**, **The Polytechnic Ibadan, now Omololu Olunloyo Polytechnic, Ibadan** received **₦100 million** for capital projects. This was followed up with the construction of a **₦458 million** office complex for lectures in **2021**. The Oke-Ogun Polytechnic was provided with a central laboratory complex, while the Adeseun Ogundoyin Polytechnic, Erunwa got a 250-capacity lecture theatre.

Similarly the State government has been awarding full scholarship to students from each of the 33 Local Government areas in the state to study at the **Abiola Ajimobi Technical University, Ibadan**. In the same vein, students across the 33 LGAs and 35LCDAs have been awarded scholarships at the School of nursing and Midwifery at Eleyele, Ibadan. Ibadan alone had eleven (11) LGAs and fourteenth (14) LCDAs totaling 25

In November 2020, the National Universities Commission (NUC) ceded the sole ownership of Ladoke AKintola University (Lautech), Ogbomoso, to Oyo State Government. This followed a Memorandum of Understanding by Oyo and Osun State Governments to dissolve the joint ownership of the university, which was founded in **1991**. The decision marks a turning point in the history of the university because after years of rewarded retarded growth, LAUTECH has come into its own and is now rated the best university in the country.

Governor decided to turn the university (LAUTECH) into a multi-campus institution and built from the scratch a College of Agricultural Sciences and Renewable Natural resources in Iseyin, Oke Ogun axis of the State.

In December 2022, the Governor got the approval of the NUC for the conversion of Emmanuel Alayande College of Education to a University. **Thus**

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**Governor Makinde has increased the number of Oyo State- owned universities from one and a half to three.**

**Culture and Tourism:**

There has been commitment to Tourism development which made the Oyo State Government to create the Ministry of Culture and Tourism ensuring that it forms a key component of the economic expansion agenda which is yielding many positive results in the last two years.

The State Government has succeeded in attracting private investors in the culture and tourism section including **Kunle Afolayan Film Village in Komu**, in Itesiwaju LGA and **AFRICHATA Film Village in Oyo Town**. There is also Water Front Adventure Park at Eleyele bake, Ibadan.

Prior to May 29, 20219, there were 945 hotels 78 night clubs, 143 event centres, **66 eateries and restaurants** and **66 tour agencies**. By December 2024, because of the efforts of Governor Seyi Makinde in putting these key success indicators in place the number of investors in **hospitality businesses** had increased to **12, 128**, an increment of 10,806.



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### **Water Front Adventure at Elecyele, Ibadan**

A public private partnership (ppp) between the Oyo State Government and Geo Meriden International Limited and Consortium partners had constructed a **Waterfront Adventure Park** along the Ona River at Elecyele. Dam in Ibadan North West Local Government Are. It will bolt the tourist capabilities and also the Internally Generated Revenue (IGR) of the State in general



#### **Features of the Water Front Parks:**

• Boat Cruise	* Jungle Areola
• Artificial Beach	* Canopy Walkway
• Cable Cars	* Animal Planet Areas
• Outdoor Cinema	* Forest Hotels
• River View Lodges	* Wooden Chalets
• Fleeting Restaurants	* Eco-Village and Many other Offerings

## **A Case Study of Ibadan Masterplan and the New Olubadan Palace**

The planning and engineering of infrastructure system is an interactive process whereby the engineer tries to achieve an optimal solution within the applicable engineering design criteria as was done in the urban renewal projects and new towns and cities. An optimal solution will generally have a number of characteristics in terms of costs. On the other hand, the design should be such that all inhabitants have access to a service, that this service is of good quality and that the organization or government responsible is able to take care of the infrastructure once constructed. **Hence, the application of GIS in the planning and design of urban infrastructure in a newly planned urban development is imperative.**

GIS can be an important tool for the success of the Nigeria Government, particularly Oyo State, in urban development strategy to facilitate informed decision-making in its planning process if it incorporates GIS in the planning system.

*With the aid of satellite imageries which shows details of Ibadan environment, the Oyo State capital, the World Bank has decided to assist the State Government in the major areas to create economic conditions in an appropriate living environment, while at the same time solving some of the environmental problems of Ibadan Metropolitan Area covering 3,145.96 sq.km. which is about 11% of the area of Oyo State and the largest metropolitan area in Nigeria with eleven (11) Local Government Areas. The population of Ibadan is the third most populous after Lagos and Kano With the assistance of the World Bank, the proposed Ibadan Master Plan Objective will include the followings:*

- (i) *Ibadan City Master Plan covering 315,000 hectare*
- (ii) *Solid Waste Management*
- (iii) *Drainage Masterplan*

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*The World Bank has been able to deploy GIS capabilities and optimization applications for the selection and locations of the existing cultural heritage and historic sites, selection of sites for utilities such as water, electrical, sewage and solid waste dump sites, drainage network. Also included was transportation network and the re-description of electoral boundaries to accommodate changing population distribution and new satellite towns and villages.*

*In transportation, the consultants had used GIS technology to maintain inventories of signs, traffic signals, and other assets; to plan future facilities in response to anticipated growth; to provide driving directions to citizens and operators of delivery vehicles; to support intelligent transportation systems (ITS) applications; and to maintain inventories of pavement quality and maintenance.*

*In order to understand the context of due process and main criteria for selecting the location of suitable sites for urban infrastructure particularly the Olubadan Palace at Oke-Aremo, there is need to follow these criteria as recommended by GIS experts:*

- (a) *The location and extent of the city or site of the new urban development are as already identified;*
- (b) *The network of utilities required and the proposed or existing population of the communities;*

## **OYSIPA AS VEHICLE FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH AND INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT.**

OYSIPA was established in 2019 and structured after the Nigeria Investment Promotion Council (NIPC) to be at the forefront of driving investment promotion, facilitating Public-Private Partnership (PPP) projects and creating an enabling environment for sustainable economic development across Oyo State.

He maintained that through the agency, the Makinde administration was able to overhaul countless infrastructure rebuild sport development centres, reconstruct court rooms and reduce housing deficit across the state.

The agency deployed two vital tools to achieve most of the visible achievements, which have helped in transforming the state namely the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) and the Alternative Project Financing Approach (APFA).

The key achievements of the agency since its establishments include, the construction of 21km Ajia Airport Road with a spur to Amuloko; the completion of the 7.52km Idi-Ape-Basorun-Akobo-Ojurin-Odogbo Barracks Road; the completion of 9.7km Saki Township Road and the remodeling of the Lekan Salami Sport Complex, Adamasingba, Ibadan.

Lastly, the state government was able to resuscitate many moribund assets through OYSIPA including the Ijaiye Asphalt Quarry and Captain Bower's Tower, while it also rebuilt the Oyo State Lodge in Abuja.