

Political Objectives

My political objectives closely reflect my understanding of Kwame Nkrumah's vision to speed up Ghana and Africa's development.

I will contribute to the realization of social justice and equality as well as national unity. I will focus on education and responding to the most urgent social needs of the people with special focus on women and youth issues.

1. Education

No nation has progressed without investing heavily in human resources. We will assess the conditions in schools to see how we can improve them. We will promote scholarships and training opportunities to provide skilled human capital as well as to meet individual needs to progress in life and think freely.

2. Women

We need to nurture our positive feminine qualities like grace, dignity, patience, humility, selflessness, and care in politics, local government and in every department of life. We can contribute to this goal by promoting women's issues and working at removing the obstacles hindering women's access to education, work and business.

3. Youth

In Ghana as in most African countries, we have a growing population of young people. We need to focus on young people's priorities if we want to go forward as a nation. We are fortunate to have a culture that teaches us to listen to our elders. We in addition need to think of creative ways of engaging our youth in our development and economy. We want to actively involve our youth in our activities and programmes. The energy, enthusiasm, courage and intellectual humility of young people are qualities that we need to nurture in all of us.

4. Local manufacturing

Producing more products locally is an essential pillar of development. We must look for and encourage better production at home. This is not to reject trade with the outside world, but to become more competitive and effective trading partners.

5. International perspective

Having lived and worked in different countries and continents has given me an international perspective. It has also shown me the importance of cooperating with like-minded forces worldwide. A powerful message has universal appeal.

6. National unity and Pan-Africanism

We will work to further national cohesion and discourage ethnic and religious divides. We will also promote a culture of Pan-Africanism. We must encourage national and continental unity including the African Diaspora. Being active in Diaspora activities in Europe has brought home to me the undeniably constructive role the African Diaspora must play in our development and progress. Pan-Africanism also encourages building global alliances including South-South cooperation.