

An Inaugural Speech Presented by Sir Clement Asuquo,  
During the Handing Over/Inaugural/General Meeting of  
AKISAN Atlanta Chapter, Saturday, April 6, 2024.

*My beloved Akwa Ibomites,*

Here stands your duly **Elected President of AKISAN Atlanta Chapter.**

May I start by expressing my gratitude to you All – AKISAN Atlanta Chapter -for the Confidence you have placed in me by Electing me as the President of this great and prestigious Association. I also thank my predecessor, immediate Past President Onodiongo Eyo, and his team for their dedicated leadership. Now we have taken this mantle to chart an even bigger and greater course.

I am profoundly honored and humbled by the opportunity to serve as your new President. With gratitude and a steadfast commitment to our shared vision and the Constitution that binds us, I embark on this journey with an unwavering dedication premised on THREE Pillars as shared during my Manifesto. These three Pillars follow the Principles of Membership, Accountability, and Productivity - the MAP to guide us toward a higher pedestal of success for a greater AKISAN Atlanta and its Community.

*Membership*, first and foremost, lies at the heart of our organization. We are a community bound together by a common vision and a shared commitment to making positive impacts. As your President, I pledge to nurture and strengthen our existing membership, recruit and retain more members ensuring that every voice is heard and valued. Together, we will cultivate a culture of inclusivity, diversity, and belonging, where each member feels a sense of ownership and pride in our collective endeavors.

*Accountability* is the cornerstone of effective leadership and organizational excellence. As stewards of the trust placed in us by our supporters and beneficiaries, we must hold ourselves to the highest standards of integrity, transparency, and ethical conduct. I am committed to fostering a culture of accountability at every level of our organization, where decisions are made thoughtfully, resources are managed responsibly, and outcomes are measured

rigorously. Together, we will build trust and confidence in our organization, ensuring that we remain true to our mission and values.

*Productivity* is essential to maximizing our impact and achieving meaningful results. In a world of limited resources and competing priorities, we must strive for efficiency, innovation, and effectiveness in everything we do. As your President, I will work tirelessly to unleash the full potential of our organization, leveraging technology, data-driven insights, and strategic partnerships to amplify our reach and scale our impact.

As we embark on this journey together, let us remember that the MAP is not just a set of principles, but a compass that will guide us towards our shared vision for the greater good of our Association. The MAP Administration is here to serve and make bigger and bolder impacts, so I humbly implore you all, those present and those absent, those active and those inactive, those just joining and those yet to join to embrace the spirit of collaboration, unity, family, and community even as we confront the challenges and seize the opportunities that lie ahead.

In the words of Helen Keller, "*Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.*" Let us unite our strengths, our talents, and our passions to create a brighter future for all.

Long live the AKISAN Atlanta Chapter!

Long live the vibrant spirit of Akwa Ibom State!

Long live the United States of America!

Thank You and God Bless!

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