

## RESTORING THE PLANET, THE PRESENT, AND FUTURE

When we consider the dangers of environmental issues such as climate change, ocean acidification, plastic waste, deforestation, amongst others, it is safe to say that our survival, that of the coming generations, and the planet itself hang in the balance. However, the clarion call to take immediate, collective, and sustained action echoes louder than ever.

In our society today, these environmental crisis are responsible for high mortality rate, community displacement, devastating economic losses, amongst others, hence the need for restoration. Generation restoration is not just a rallying cry; it is a movement that envisions a brighter future for generations to come through collective participation, creativity and resilience. Sustainable agriculture, maritime conservation, plastic recycling, reforestation, etc., are crucial tools in this quest as a matter of urgency.

In fact, recognising the urgency, governments around the world are taking decisive action. In Nigeria, for instance, the introduction of the National Policy on Plastic Waste Management in 2021 marked a significant step towards reducing the plastic pollution menace. This forward-thinking policy has, since then, provided a framework for reducing plastic waste and encouraging recycling. The time for restoration is now! Together we can reshape the future!

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