

RESTORATION BEGINS: SHAPING A BETTER FUTURE.

Across Nigeria, the signs are everywhere. Rivers overflowing with plastic; gutters that erupt with refuse after every rain. Abuja's Mpape hills, once lush, now wear a crown of trash. In Port-Harcourt, children breathe soot instead of air. Nearly **48 million Nigerians** still defecate in the open, reported by UNICEF, dignity lost to broken systems. This is **the face of climate neglect, pollution, and ecosystem decay**.

But we, “**this generation**”, have not come to mourn the earth. We rise to **restore**, we pick our spades, and take **actions**.

Hope glimmers in action when: Lagos bans single-use plastics(Styrofoam); Abuja's sanitation brigades sweep waste from clogged drains; Across other states, youth-led campaigns are planting trees, reclaiming soil, and reviving waterbeds; Even the Federal Government's new **Clean Nigeria Campaign** aims for a nation free of open defecation by 2030; And solar recycling hubs; all these shows that, **innovation rooted in necessity** can become great transformation.

We must turn away from convenience and walk toward conservation. Sow seeds, sort waste, and speak the truth. Such that in every village, city, and heart, restoration begins.

The future is not found **but shaped**. And we are the hands that shape it.