

states fail or cannot be relevant. The functions of the Central Government must be limited, instead of being so vast as to render it unable to perform any of them well.

1960/1963 Constitution versus Military Constitutions. We must reconfigure the Nigerian Constitution by respecting the principles and processes of the 1963 Constitution whose construction involved every constituent state and even communities. It must have a ratification clause that is vested with states. The centralization impulses embedded in the military-supervised Constitutions (e.g. 1979) must be blunted in the new effort.

Revenue Allocation: The existing revenue allocation formula, which has been imposed by the military, is widely viewed as unjust. The danger of concentrating common funds at the Central government is that it negatively affects local economic activities. The new federal pact must limit governmental powers at the center and allow the states to become the engine of growth for the Nigerian economy.

Land Use Decree. Repealing the Land Use Decree will go a long way in Southern Nigeria to restore faith in government.