

SECURITY AND NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN A PLURAL DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY

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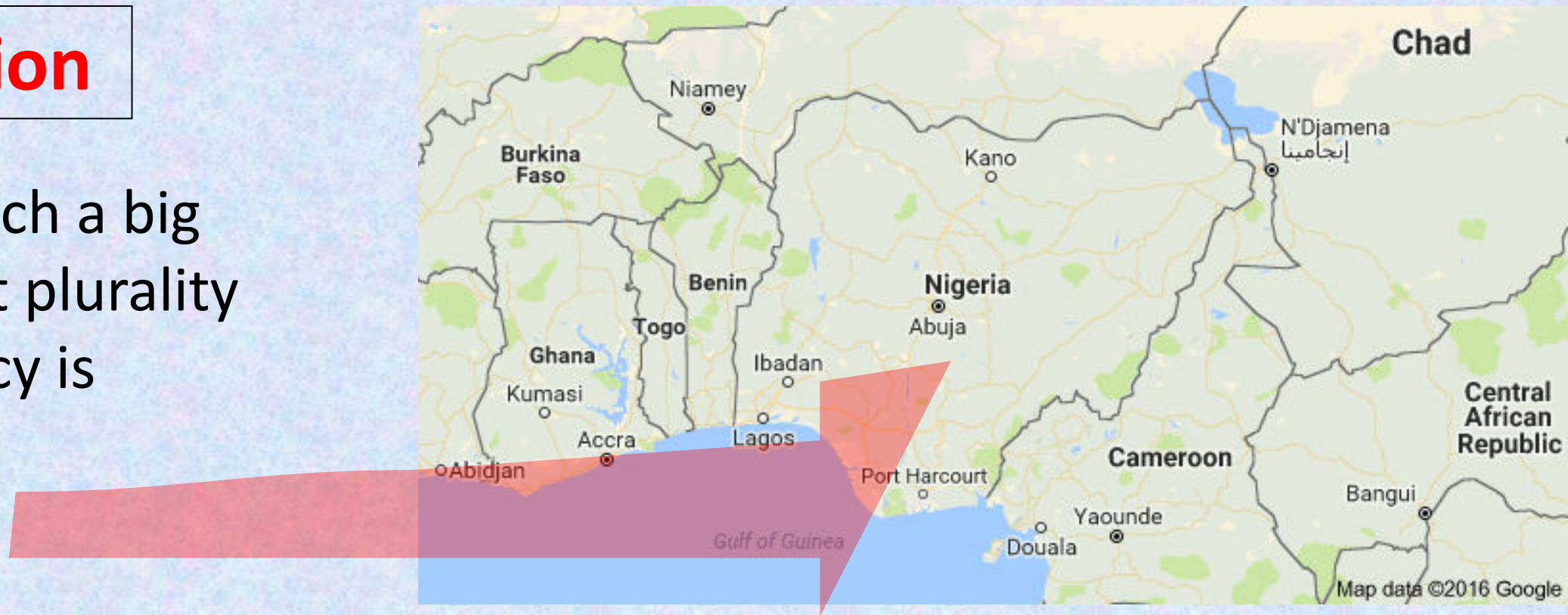
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Introduction

Nigeria is such a big country that plurality of democracy is possible



180+ million human population *(Estimate)*



204,000km of total road network



Over 300 ethnic groups and 521 languages

Source:: NPC 2016 Estimate

Source:: FPW&H

Source:
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Languages_of_Nigeria

Security

Definition

Just as health is not the mere absence of disease but the total well-being of man

Security, is not the absence of threat(s)

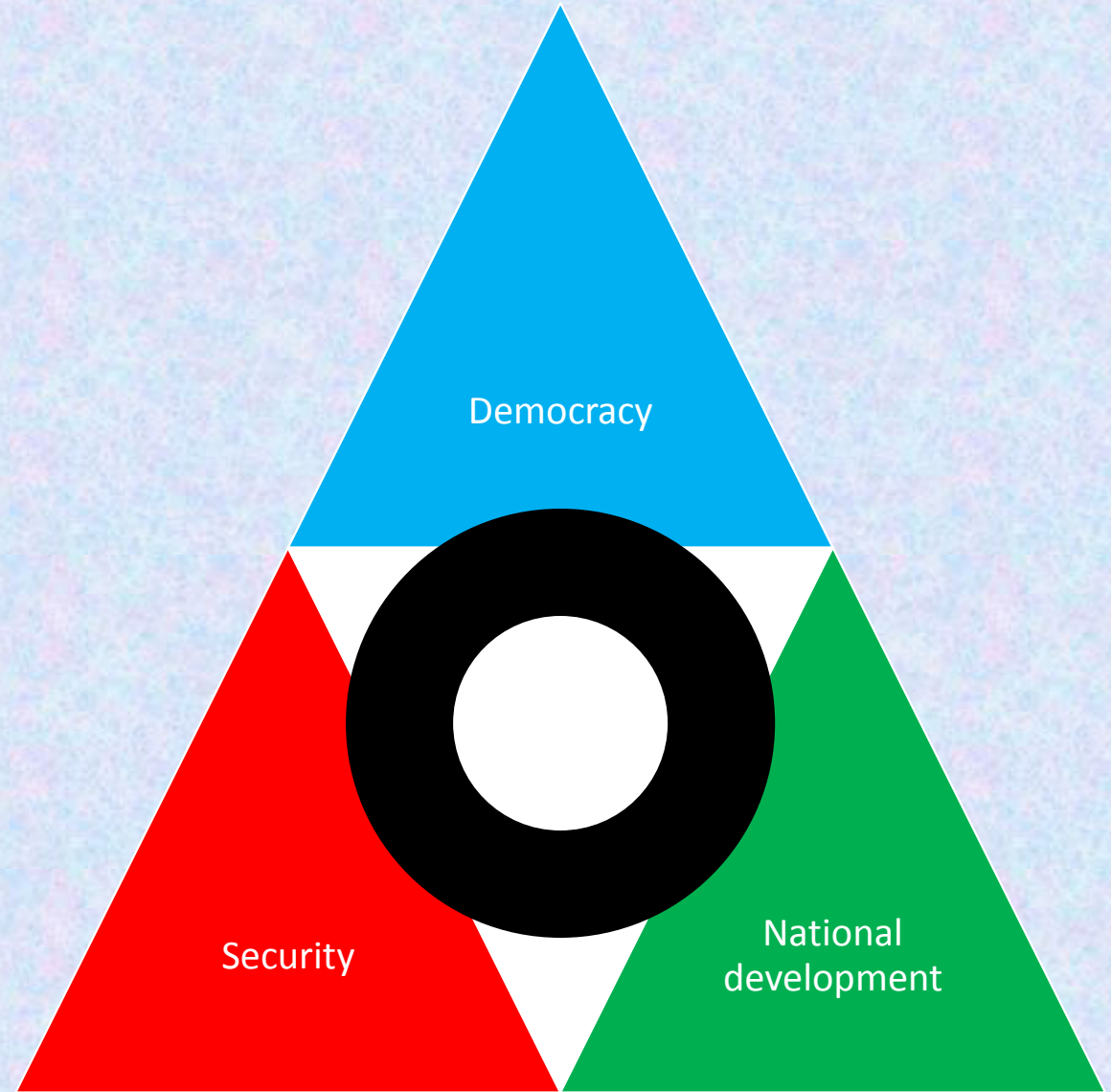
But, the absence of measures to guarantee its existence

Security...ii

A democratic environment spurs national growth and development

Where insecurity is, democracy and its numerous dividends cannot thrive:

Example country where insecurity is affecting national development are: Syria, Libya, Yemen, South Sudan, Iraq, Afghanistan, Burundi. etc



Factors that engender insecurity

1

Unemployment

Inequality/ Lack of transparency
(politics, administration, leadership)

3

Policy
Summersault

2

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Hunger

5

Poverty

6

Job loss

Roles in guaranteeing Security

Government alone cannot achieve the intended security level of a nation

Responsibilities must be fulfilled by stakeholders to achieve needed security

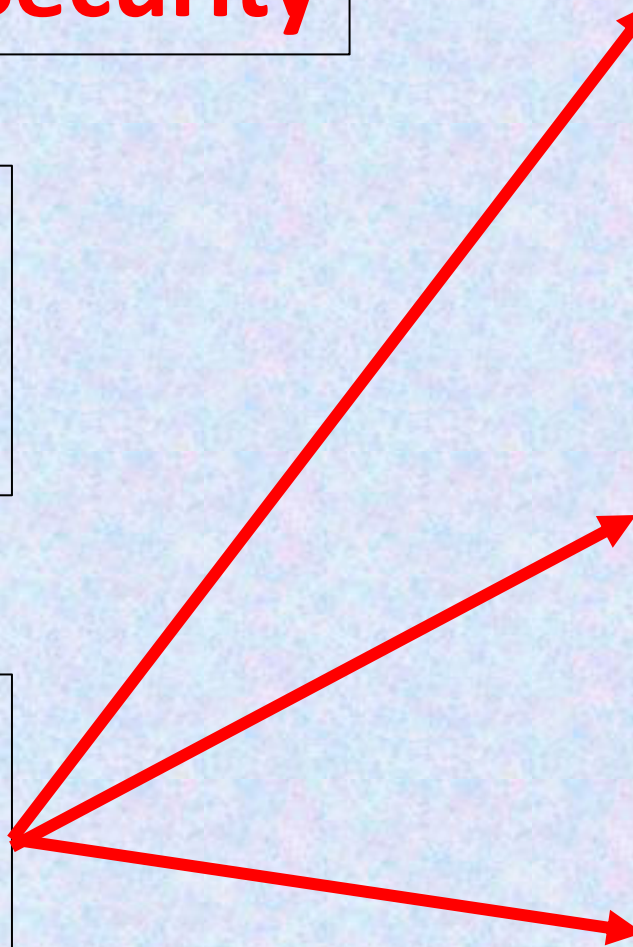
State systems



Corporate Responsibility



Citizens



Stakeholder's role

State Systems

Centrally controlled surveillance system: CCTV; Drones etc

Build Infrastructures

Formulate Policies

Enact Appropriate laws to guide policies and make them implementable

Relevant information must be captured by Agencies; e.g FRSC, NIMC, NPC, Banks

Information Gathering

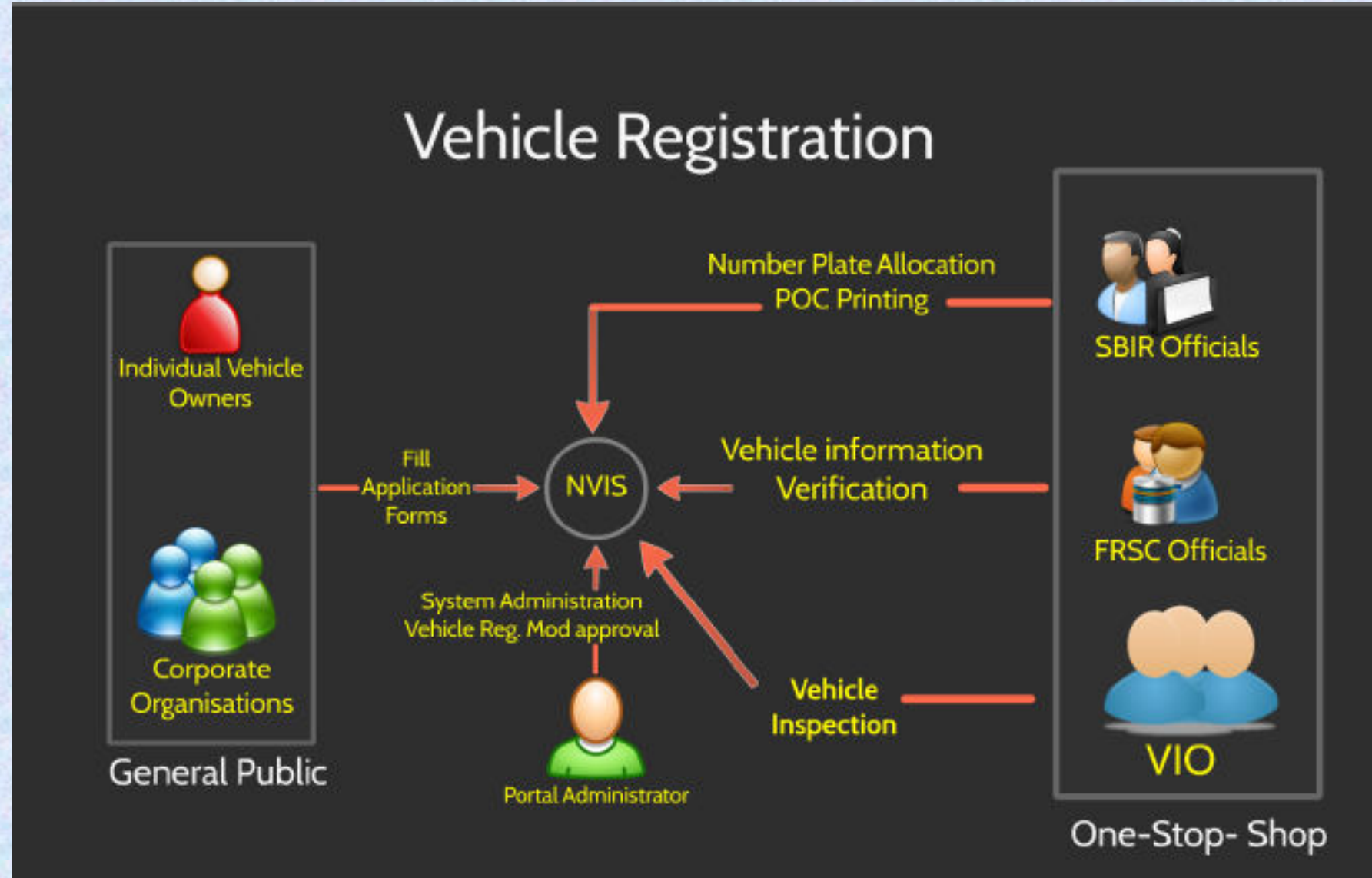
Information Sharing

Agencies offering security must share information

Stakeholder's role...ii

Almost all cases of insecurity happen through the road.....

Therefore, architecture that promotes security, law and order must be upheld



Stakeholder's role...iii

Corporate Responsibility

Employment

Tax

Corporate
Social
Responsibility



Stakeholder's role...iv

Citizen's
Responsibility

Tax paying

Preserve facilities

Reporting
suspicious moves

Bottom Line

Government alone cannot achieve security level of a nation

Proper synergy of all Security Agencies can guarantee Nigeria's economic prosperity and national security



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Thank
You