



INTERNAL MEMO

To: Nigeria Governors' Forum
From: Director General
Date: February 26, 2020
Subject: **Re: Maiden Meeting of the Nigeria National Steering Committee (NNSC) of Grid3**

Your Excellency would recall that at the meeting of the NGF which held on **18th December 2020**, the Ministry of Finance, Budget and National Planning presented the GRID3 project to the Forum.

GRID3 is a national project designed to strengthen the application of geospatial data for evidence-based decision making in the county, in areas such as food security, health, financial inclusion, survey and demographics as well as education.

On Monday **10th February 2020**, the inaugural meeting of the Nigeria National Steering Committee (NNSC) of the project was held, chaired by the Honourable Minister of Finance, Hajia Zainab Ahmed.

Your Excellency, please find attached a report of the meeting, including the following key highlights:

1. 6 States have been nominated as members of the NNSC. They are Kwara (North Central), Kaduna (North West), Gombe (North East), Edo (South South), Ebonyi (South East) and Ekiti (South West). The 6 Governors are kindly requested to attend subsequent NNSC meetings which will be duly communicated.
2. The 6 States nominated are to forward details of their heads of GIS agencies who will become members of Nigeria National Technical Committee (NNTC) of the GRID3 project.
3. All Governors are required to strengthen their State Boundary Committees (SBCs) and Local Government Boundary Committees (LGBCs). These Committees will work with the National Boundary Commission (NBC) in the mapping of all wards and LGA boundaries.

Director General

Report of the 1st Meeting of the Nigeria National Steering Committee (NNSC) of the GRID3 Project

Time and Date: 3pm | Monday 10th February 2020

Venue: Auditorium of the Ministry of Finance, Abuja

Time: 3pm

Preamble

GRID3 is a national project designed to strengthen the application of geospatial data for evidence-based decision making in the country, in areas such as food security, health, financial inclusion, survey and demographics as well as education.

On the 4th of December 2019, the GRID3 Nigerian National Steering Committee (NNSC) was inaugurated by His Excellency the Vice President, Prof. Yemi Osinbajo to provide overall governance for the project. The NNSC is chaired by the Honourable Minister of Finance, Budget and National Planning and co-chaired by the Honourable Minister of State, while the Nigeria National Technical Committee (NNTC) is chaired by the Statistician-General of the Federation and co-chaired by the Executive Director, National Primary Health Care Development Agency (NPHCDA). Other members of the NNSC include the following:

- Ministry of Health
- Ministry of Water Resources
- Ministry of Education
- Ministry of Agriculture
- Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs, Disaster Management and Social Development
- National Population Commission (NPC)
- National Bureau of Statistics (NBS)
- National Primary Health Care Development Agency (NPHCDA)
- Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN)
- Nigeria Governors' Forum (NGF)
- Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF)
- UK Department for International Development (DFID)
- United Nations Population Fund (UNPF)
- World Bank
- Flowminder Foundation
- Centre for International Earth Science Information Network, Columbia University

The project was presented to the NGF on 18th December 2019 by the National Coordinator, Inuwa Yau. Following the meeting, the following State governors were nominated as members of the NNSC, with their heads of geospatial agencies as NNTC members:

- Ebonyi (South East), Edo (South South), Ekiti (South West), Gombe (North East), Kaduna (North West) and Kwara (North Central)

Meeting highlights

The meeting was chaired by the Honourable Minister of Finance, Hajia Zainab Ahmed. In attendance were the Minister of Health, Osagie Emmanuel Ehanire and other NNSC members.

The maiden meeting of the NNSC was aimed at achieving the following objectives:

1. Present, discuss and validate the GRID3 short- and long-term goals
2. Discuss the expected roles and responsibilities of the NNSC
3. Agree on frequency of meetings

Summary of discussions

The roles and responsibilities of the NNSC are divided into short/medium and long-term goals. These goals have been allocated to relevant agencies who are expected to provide regular updates to the Committee. The status of these goals are as follows:

Short/medium term goals (6-24 months)

1. Form Steering and Technical Committees to oversee the project nationally and determine strategic and technical priorities. **(Completed)**
2. Establish a national data portal for using and managing high-resolution geospatial data for each state. **(Ongoing, led by the National Space Research and Development Agency (NASRDA))**
3. Build capacity to maintain and update the data portal **(In progress)**
4. Collaborate with state and national government entities to setup a national spatial data infrastructure plan to guide the use and management of the data portal **(Ongoing)**
5. Achieve national consensus on boundary delineation at ward and local government area level **(In progress, led by Office of the Surveyor General of the Federation (OSGOF))**
6. Compare the application of innovative gridded survey methodology for national household survey and traditional surveying methods **(In progress with National Bureau of Statistics (NBS))**
7. Promote the application of geospatial data to health, education, agriculture, water resources, and planning of the national population and housing census **(Ongoing)**
8. Strengthen the capacity of government and non-government entities at national and state levels to use geospatial data for development **(In progress)**
9. Expand the scope of the GRID3 to strengthen all sectors **(Ongoing)**

Long term goals (>24 months)

10. Support surveys and activities for the national population and housing census
11. Develop in-country capacity to maintain and drive the GRID3 philosophy in a sustainable manner
12. Ensure maintenance and updating of the national data portal
13. Improve Nigeria's ability to sustain use geospatial data population, settlements and infrastructure for planning and decision-making
14. Continue to maintain and update the data portal

Discussions/Comments

- The National Space Research and Development Agency (NASRDA) is currently setting up labs for the project. A training agenda has been developed by the agency to train States on the collection of geospatial data. This agenda will be presented to the NNTC for review.
- The National Boundary Commission (NBC) has continued to face challenges in the delineation of ward and local government boundaries because most State and Local Boundary Committees are not functional.
- Between 2018-2019, the National Primary Health Care Development Agency (NPHCDA) compiled a geospatial mapping (including pictures and human resource available) of all primary healthcare facilities in the country. This data is however not publicly available. In the light of this, the NNSC with advice from the NNTC will develop a protocol for sharing this data. The NNTC will also provide advice on other available data sets that can be integrated into the GRID3 project.
- The Central Bank of Nigeria recommended the addition of financial inclusion in objective 8, as one of the applications of GRID3.
- The number of State representatives was reviewed downwards by the Committee from 7 to 6 – comprising the Governors of Kwara, Kaduna, Gombe, Edo, Ebonyi and Ekiti State
- The NNSC recommended that the NNTC should develop a workplan for the NNSC to review
- The Committee also recommended that the development of a communication plan should be added as both a short/medium and long-term goal of the NNSC.

NGF-related actions

1. NGF to communicate the adoption of 6 not 7 State Governors as members of the NNSC and their heads of GIS agencies as NNTC members. The 6 States are Kwara (North Central), Kaduna (North West), Gombe (North East), Edo (South South), Ebonyi (South East) and Ekiti (South West).
2. NGF to follow-up with the attendance of the six Governors in subsequent NNSC meetings which will be duly communicated.
3. Details of the representatives of Edo, Gombe, Kwara and Ebonyi state in the NNTC are yet to be received. NGF to follow-up on getting details of their representatives.
4. GRID3 Secretariat to communicate to States to strengthen their State Boundary Committees (SBCs) and Local Government Boundary Committees (LGABCs) in order to facilitate wards and LGA boundaries delineation.