



**ISSUED AT THE END OF THE 1st MEETING OF THE NIGERIA
GOVERNORS' FORUM HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 22nd JANUARY 2020 AT
THE NGF SECRETARIAT, ABUJA.**


We, members of the Nigeria Governors' Forum (NGF), at our meeting held today at the NGF Secretariat Abuja, deliberated on several issues and resolved as follows:

1. The Forum received an update from the NGF Secretariat on Health priorities for the year 2020, including the implementation of the Seattle Commitment signed by the Forum at a 2-day High Level Roundtable on Primary Health Care and Human Capital Development convened by Aliko Dangote and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation in November 2019.
2. Governors agreed to carry out immediate actions on the implementation of the Seattle Declaration including the constitution of a multisectoral Primary Health Care Under One Roof (PHCUOR) implementation committee, quarterly review of PHC performance in State Executive Council meetings, review of States' performance on the Abuja Commitment and organisation of advocacy meetings with traditional and religious leaders.
3. The Forum received an update from the Minister of Communications and Digital Economy, Dr. Isa Ali Pantami in the company of the Executive Vice Chairman/CEO of the Nigerian Communications Commission, Prof. Umar Garba Danbatta; Mrs Funsho Okpeke, CEO of MainOne and Chairperson of the Presidential Committee on Broadband; and Mr. Kashifu Inuwa Abdullahi, Director General of the National Information Technology Development Agency (NITDA), to familiarise Governors on the new National Digital Economic Policy



and Strategy and solicit the support of States on the development of business-friendly regulations, skills and innovation, infrastructure and indigenous content promotion.

4. Governors expressed their readiness to collaborate with the Federal Ministry of Communications and Digital Economy to develop State-level digital economy strategies and committed to harmonise all Right of Way charges across States to achieve the 70% national broadband penetration target by the end of 2020. Members also invited the Ministry to take full advantage of the Universal Service Provision Fund (USPF) which was set-up to facilitate investments in critical communication infrastructure across parts of the country not considered commercially viable.
5. Following a presentation on the Citizens' Home Ownership programme by the MD/CEO of the Federal Mortgage Bank of Nigeria (FMBN) Architect Ahmed Musa Dangiwa, members pledged to engage with the Bank to address housing deficits in the country.
6. Finally, the Forum received presentation from the Executive Director of the Bank of Agriculture (BoA), Olabode Abikoye on a sub-national engagement model for youth employment in agriculture. Governors agreed to meet with relevant parties to discuss modalities for implementing the model.


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