



INTERNAL MEMO

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To: Nigeria Governors' Forum  
From: Director General  
Date: February 26, 2020  
Subject: **AFRICA-FRANCE SUMMIT, BOURDEAUX FRANCE**

We recently received a letter from the Ambassador of France to Nigeria, Jérôme Pasquier inviting the Forum to the Africa-France Summit on Sustainable Cities and Territories holding in Bourdeaux, France from June 4 – 6, 2020.

The Chairman had acknowledged the participation of the Forum at the Summit and we urge the Forum to nominate interested States to participate in the Summit.

Find attached documents for more information.

**Director General**



February 11, 2020

Jérôme PASQUIER  
Ambassador of France to Nigeria  
European Union Crescent,  
Off Constitution Avenue,  
Central Business District  
Abuja

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Your Excellency,

**AFRICA-FRANCE SUMMIT, BORDEAUX FRANCE**

I sincerely appreciate you hosting me at your residence recently.

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter, with ref No 2020-0049382/ABC/CBD dated January 27th, 2020 on the forthcoming Africa-France Summit on sustainable cities and territories taking place in Bourdeaux from June 4th - 6th 2020.

I am happy to confirm the participation of Nigeria Governors' Forum (NGF) at the Summit which focus resonates with some of our areas of interest. The list of the Governors who would participate in the Summit will be communicated to you in due course.

Our Secretariat has been instructed to begin discussions with you in the coming weeks on the coming event. You may wish to reach out to the NGF Secretariat through their Director General on +2348035981617.

We look forward to the Summit which we hope would deepen the cooperation and partnership between us.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest regards.

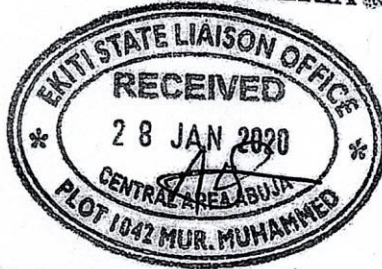
**Dr. Kayode Fayemi**  
Governor, Ekiti State & Chairman,  
Nigeria Governors' Forum





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Abuja, January 27<sup>th</sup> 2020

Excellency,

As I had the opportunity to tell you when we met on January 24<sup>th</sup>, the 28<sup>th</sup> Africa-France Summit will be hosted in Bordeaux from June 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> 2020 and will focus on sustainable cities and territories.

On this occasion, His Excellency President Emmanuel Macron will receive his African counterparts and their delegations as well as many elected officials, entrepreneurs and civil society leaders from Africa and France. This gathering will enable all participants to share their experiences, showcase their expertise and find concrete solutions to the challenges raised by the need to make cities sustainable.

I would like to invite you to participate in this event and, as Chairman of the Nigeria Governors' Forum, to ask you to encourage your fellow Governors to join you in doing so. They will have the opportunity to be at the heart of the Summit by taking part in the City of Solutions, a business forum dedicated to the initiatives and innovations developed by African and French entrepreneurs for policy- and decision-makers looking to progress towards sustainable cities and territories.

The City of Solutions will be divided in seven districts, where the latest technologies will be presented by professionals from more than fifty countries:

- access to essential services (safety, resources, renewable energies, energy efficiency, risk managements, vulnerable communities),
- feeding the city (urban and suburban agriculture, agribusiness, shops, restaurants),
- building and enhancing the city (architecture, construction and buildings, street furniture, green areas, parks and gardens, urban art),
- living in the city (affordable housing, healthcare, education and training, culture, sports and leisure activities, civil society),
- connecting the city (digital, innovation, tech for good),
- moving around the city (transport infrastructure, mobility, access, sustainable tourism),

H. E. Mr. Kayode FAYEMI  
Executive Governor of Ekiti State  
Chairman of the Nigeria Governors' Forum

SG-NGF,  
Pls draft a response to  
H.E. Ambassador of France  
confirming participation  
and promising to send a list  
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- financing and structuring projects (donors and foundations, banks, investment funds, consulting firms, insurers and legal firms, guidance, technical support, project management).

It will also be possible for State Governments to present a project that they implement to make their State more sustainable. To that end, a call for proposal is open on the website of the Summit ([sommetafriquefrance2020.org/en/](http://sommetafriquefrance2020.org/en/)). The latter will also give you all the information you need on the organization of the event and will enable you to register.

A Summit of Governors and Mayors will also be on the agenda on June 4<sup>th</sup>, aiming at sharing experiences, practices and solutions and adopting a declaration that will then be presented to the Heads of State and Government at their plenary session on June 6<sup>th</sup>.

While thanking you for your interest for the Summit and your availability to raise awareness about it, I would like to reaffirm that I stand ready and eager to engage further with the Nigeria Governors' Forum.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

  
Jérôme PASQUIER  
Ambassador of France