

**REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY  
JOINT TAX BOARD (JTB)**

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**AT**

**THE 139<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE BOARD**

**ON**

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**Sokoto State**



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# OPENING REMARKS

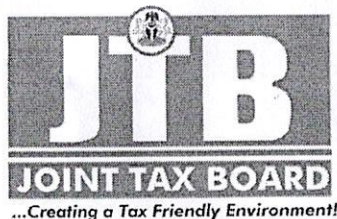
- On behalf of the Chairman and the entire staff of the Joint Tax Board, I wish to welcome everyone to this 139<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board taking place here in Sokoto State.
- Really it has been a very successful year filled with lots of achieved milestones and positive changes that will obviously assist us in achieving our mission which is to create a tax friendly environment in Nigeria.

# 2017 IGR REPORT

- The half year IGR report for 2017 was presented at the last Board meeting. However, Anambra, Ebonyi and Rivers are yet to submit their IGR for that period.
- Also, we have commenced the IGR collation for 2017 third quarter (July – September). Seventeen States are yet to submit their data for the period including Anambra, Ebonyi and Rivers.

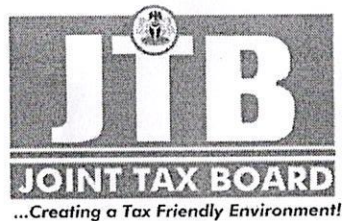
## 2017 IGR REPORT – CONT'D

- The analysis of State IGR data showing State-by-State performance has been carried out and enclosed in our folders.
- Members are hereby advised to maintain a monthly update of their IGR collections figures and send to JTJB Secretariat. This will enable us to have comprehensive data for various purposes.



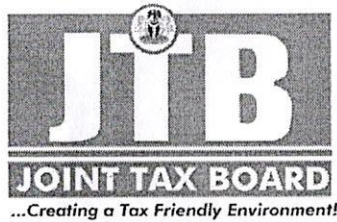
# RELOCATION OF THE JT B SECRETARIAT

- The secretariat office has been relocated to No 12 Sokode Crescent (Golden Building), Wuse Zone 5, Abuja, FCT.
- This was necessary to ensure easy access to the JT B Secretariat by Board members and the general public.



# PRELIMINARY INSPECTOR OF TAXES COURSE

- We were able to successfully organize the Preliminary Inspector of Taxes Course here in Abuja, at the FIRS training school.
- There were ninety-seven (97) participants from the thirty-six (36) SBIRs and Federal Ministry of Finance
- The Course ended on 30<sup>th</sup> of November, 2017.
- We wish to use this medium to appreciate the Chairman JTB for providing the FIRS training school.



# JTJB TIN/INFINITI DATABASE INTEGRATION

- The taxpayer database integration by Infiniti is still ongoing.
- It was reported in the last Board meeting that Infiniti has been able to integrate four (4) States which is about 6,400,000 records.
- Presently, they have added more States to the consolidated database. Our technical team is working with them and carrying out relevant database tests.
- We are currently finalizing arrangements to collocate the data centre to MainOne to ensure uninterrupted service delivery.



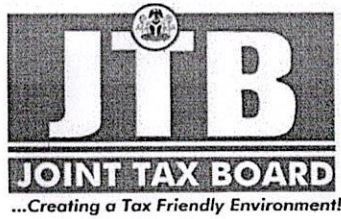
# JT B TIN/INFINITI DATABASE INTEGRATION – CONT'D

- A team led by the Chairman JT B was able to successfully visit the Microsoft Cloud architecture in South Africa. Also, Executive Chairmen of Edo SBIR, Kaduna SBIR, Lagos SBIR, Abia SBIR, Benue SBIR and Kano SBIR were part of the team.
- We were also able to organize an ICT Technical workshop which was attended by the Heads of ICT/TIN from the SBIRs. This was done to exchange technical ideas and discuss challenges as regards the current TIN platform and the Infiniti database consolidation.



# INTEGRATED PERSONNEL AND PAYROLL INFORMATION SYSTEM (IPPIS) PLATFORM

- The collaboration between the JTB and IPPIS department of the office of the Accountant General of the Federation has been encouraging.
- State IRS are therefore requested to cross check the data provided within this period to ensure that the deductions are correct. We also encourage the States to embark on joint audits with IPPIS.
- So far, we have received complains from Benue, Plateau and Osun on the issue of under-remittance. We have successfully resolved that of Benue and Osun. However, we are seriously following up to ensure quick resolution of the complain from Plateau.



# 2017 YEAR BOOK

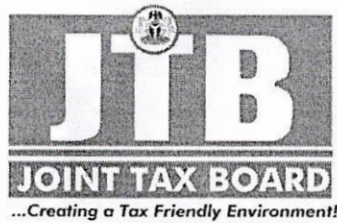
- The annual Year Book which contains details of various activities embarked upon by members of the Board will be produced by the first quarter of 2018.
- This is necessary to ensure that all activities in 2017 are completely captured in the Year Book.

# MEMBERS INDEBTEDNESS

- Letter of request for payment of statutory contribution to JTB was written to States earlier this year. Some States have complied, while others are yet to do so. Record of the Status of State Indebtedness to the Board is attached for your information and necessary action.
- Members are encouraged to make provisions for payment of their contribution to the JTB to enable the Secretariat carry out its duties effectively and provide quality service to members.
- We will also like to thank the Executive Chairman FIRS/Chairman JTB, Mr. Tunde Fowler for the quality and inspiring leadership he provided both for the Secretariat and JTB as a body. We are very appreciative for your continued financial and moral support to the Board.

# **PRÉSIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN ON SMALL & MEDIUM SCALE ENTERPRISES**

- Recall that the office of the Vice President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria launched a campaign aimed at promoting micro, small and medium scale enterprises by making services of relevant agencies available to them. Such agencies are; FIRS, SIRS, CAC, NAFDAC, SON etc. They are to help and facilitate speedy registration of these enterprises.
- States that have been covered in this exercise include: Abia, Kwara, Sokoto, Plateau, Katsina, Cross River, Rivers, Akwa Ibom, FCT, Ogun and Osun



# UNITED NATIONS COMMITTEE OF EXPERT ON INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN TAX MATTERS

- The committee held the meeting from 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> of October, 2017.
- It is a great pleasure to announce that Chairman JTB was elected 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Chairperson of the United Nations Committee of Expert on International Cooperation in Tax Matters
- The conference was held at the UN office in Geneva Switzerland.

# AFRICAN TAX ADMINISTRATION FORUM CONFERENCE

- The African Tax Administration Forum conference took place in Abuja from 26<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> of September, 2017.
- The Theme of the conference was: **“Building a strong domestic tax regimes in Africa through strengthening Value Added Tax, Personal Income Tax and Company Income Tax”**
- The Chairman JTJB and members of the Board attended the conference
- It was really a successful conference with additional knowledge gained



## COMMONWEALTH ASSOCIATION OF TAX ADMINISTRATORS CONFERENCE

- The 38<sup>th</sup> CATA Technical Annual Conference with the Theme: “**Leveraging Technology to Enhance Revenue Administration**” held from 6<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2017 at Movenpick Ambassador Hotel, Accra, Ghana.
- The conference was attended by 209 delegates from 18 member countries
- The Nigerian delegation was led by the Chairman JTB. Fourteen Board members were also part of the delegation.

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## NIGERIA GOVERNORS FORUM 2017 NATIONAL PEER LEARNING EVENT

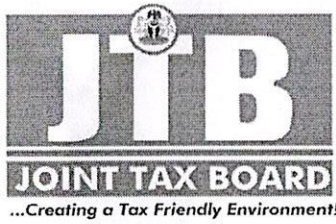
- The Nigeria Governors' Forum in partnership with Joint Tax Board, UKAID, DFID and World Bank held its 7<sup>th</sup> Peer Learning Review Event on 30<sup>th</sup> October 2017.
- The theme of the event was: **“ACHIEVING EFFECTIVE TAX ADMINISTRATION”**
- The syndicate groups during the event focused on autonomy, automation, harmonization of taxes, presumptive tax and taxpayer engagement
- The Chairman JTB and twenty-nine (29) Board members attended the event.

## **AUTOMATIC EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION FOR TAX PURPOSES WORKSHOP**

- The Automatic Exchange of Information (AEOI) workshop was held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of November 2017.
- It was declared open by the Chairman, Joint Tax Board.
- In attendance were representatives of Nigerian Financial Intelligence Unit, Federal Ministry of Finance, Edo State Internal Revenue Service, Lagos State Internal Revenue Service, Kwara State Internal Service, Imo State Internal Revenue Service, Adamawa Internal Revenue Service, Corporate Affairs Commission, Ministry of Justice and Joint Tax Board.

## AEOI WORKSHOP CONT'D

- During the ceremony, the representatives of the OECD Global Forum highlighted the importance of Nigeria implementing the Automatic Exchange of Information which among other benefits will drastically lead to an increase in revenue for the country.
- The workshop ended on 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2017



**Thank You**