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**NATIONAL ECONOMIC COUNCIL**

**MINUTES AND CONCLUSIONS OF THE NATIONAL ECONOMIC COUNCIL  
MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, STATE HOUSE,  
ABUJA, ON THURSDAY, 17<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2019**

**PRESENT**

**HIS EXCELLENCY  
Prof. YemiOsinbajo, SAN, GCON  
Vice-President, Federal Republic of Nigeria (Chairman)**

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| 2. Sen Mohammed Umar Jibrilla<br>Governor of Adamawa State      | 3. Mohammed A. Abubakar, Esq.<br>Governor of Bauchi State          |
| 4. Dr. Kayode Fayemi<br>Governor of Ekiti State                 | 5. Alh. Mohammed B. Abubakar, mni, MON<br>Governor of Jigawa State |
| 6. Mallam Nasir Ahmad EI-Rufai, OFR<br>Governor of Kaduna State | 7. Sen. Abubakar Atiku Bagudu<br>Governor of Kebbi State           |
| 8. Mr. Akinwunmi Ambode<br>Governor of Lagos State              | 8. Mr. Abubakar Sani Bello<br>Governor of Niger State              |
| 10. Rt. Hon. Simon Lalong<br>Governor of Plateau State          | 11. Hon. Dr. Abdulazizi Yari Abubakar<br>Governor of Zamfara State |

12. Mr. Godwin Emefiele, CON  
Governor, Central Bank of Nigeria

**DEPUTY GOVERNORS (REPRESENTING THE GOVERNORS)**

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| 13. Rt. Hon. Ude Oko Chukwu, FCA<br>Deputy Governor of Abia State      | 14. Engr. Benson Ocholuje Abounu, FNSE<br>Deputy Governor of Benue State |
| 15. Alhaji Usman Mamman Durkwa<br>Deputy Governor of Borno State       | 16. Hon. Cecilia Ezeilo O., (Esq.)<br>Deputy Governor of Enugu State     |
| 17. Mr. Charles Yau Iliyas<br>Deputy Governor of Gombe State           | 18. Dr. Nasiru Yusuf Gawuna<br>Deputy Governor of Kano State             |
| 19. Alhaji Mannir Yakubu<br>Deputy Governor of Katsina State           | 20. Mr. Silas Ali Agara<br>Deputy Governor of Nasarawa State             |
| 21. Mrs. Yetunde Aboosed Onanuga<br>Deputy Governor of Ogun State      | 22. Otunba Moses Alake Adeyemo<br>Deputy Governor of Oyo State           |
| 23. Dr. (Mrs.) Ipalibo Harry Banigo<br>Deputy Governor of Rivers State |  |

**ABSENT**

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| 24. Mr. Udom Emmanuel<br>Governor of Akwa Ibom State  | 25. Chief Willie Obiano<br>Governor of Anambra State           |
| 26. Hon. H. S. Dickson<br>Governor of Bayelsa State   | 27. Prof. Sen. Benedict Ayade<br>Governor of Cross River State |
| 28. Sen. Dr. Ifeanyi Okowa<br>Governor of Delta State | 29. Engr. David Nweze Umahi, FNSE<br>Governor of Ebonyi State  |
| 30. Mr. Godwin N. Obaseki<br>Governor of Edo State    | 31. Owelle Rochas Okorochoa<br>Governor of Imo State           |

32. Alhaji Yahaya Bello  
Governor of Kogi State
33. Dr. Abdulfatah Ahmed  
Governor of Kwara State
34. Arakunrin Oluwarotimi O. Akeredolu, SAN  
Governor of Ondo State
35. Mr. Adegboyega Oyetola  
Governor, State of Osun
36. Rt. Hon. Aminu Waziri Tambuwal, CFR  
Governor of Sokoto State
37. Arc. Darius Ishaku  
Governor of Taraba State
38. Alhaji Ibrahim Gaidam  
Governor of Yobe State

## IN ATTENDANCE

39. Mr. Boss Mustapha  
Secretary to the Govt. of the Federation  
OSGF
40. Sen. Udoma Udo Udoma  
Minister of Budget and  
National Planning
41. Mrs. Zainab S. Ahmed  
Minister of Finance  
Federal Ministry of Finance
42. Mr. Muhammad M. Bello  
Minister of FCDA  
FCT
43. Chief Audu Ogbeh  
Minister of Agriculture and Rural  
Development
44. Sen. Dr. Chris N. Ngige  
Minister of Labour  
and Employment
45. Prof. Adamu Adamu  
Minister of Education  
Federal Ministry of Education
46. Mr. Ade Ipaye  
Deputy Chief of Staff to the President  
OVP
47. Dr. Adeyemi Dipeolu  
SA to the President on Economics Matters  
OVP
48. Mr. Tijjani Abdullahi  
SA to President (National Planning)  
MBNP
49. Dr. Bode Oyetunde  
SSAP-COS (Fin. & Fiscal Policy)  
Chief of Staff Office
50. Mr. Laolu Akande  
SSA Media  
OVP
51. Mrs. Ibukun Odusote  
Permanent Secretary  
Ministry of Labour & Employment
52. Arc. Sonny S. T. Echono  
Permanent Secretary  
Federal Ministry of Education
53. Alhaji Amhed Idris  
AGF  
OAGF
54. Mr. Mele Kyari  
Group General Manager  
NNPC
55. High Chief R. O. Egbule  
Executive Chairman  
NSIWC
56. Barr. Ekong Sampson  
Commissioner, Akwa Ibom State  
Min. of Economic Development

57. Mr. Joshua E. Ongore  
Commissioner, Bayelsa State  
Min. of Budget & Econ. Planning
58. Mr. David Olofu  
Commissioner, Benue State  
Min. of Finance & Econ. Dev.
59. Alhaji Mohammed Kauji  
Commissioner, Borno State  
Min. of Budget & Econ. Plan.
60. Dr. Kingsley Emu  
Commissioner, Delta State  
Min. of Economic Planning
61. Mrs. Offor Eucharia Uche  
Commissioner, Enugu State  
Ministry of Finance
62. Dr. Iyke Njoku  
CEA & Commissioner  
Imo State Planning & Budget
63. Mr. Muhammed Sani Abdullahi  
Commissioner, Kaduna State  
Min. of Budget & Planning
64. Mr. Paul Z. Maiwada  
Commissioner, Kogi State  
Min. of Budget and Planning
65. Mr. Ayuba D. Ayenajeh  
Commissioner, Nasarawa State  
Min. of Budget & Planning.
66. Mr. Kabiru Abbas Musa  
Commissioner  
Niger State Planning Commission
67. Mr. Sylvester Ibrahim Wallangko  
Commissioner, Plateau State  
Min. for Budget & Econ. Planning
68. Mrs. Oji-Uzor Ijeoma  
Executive Secretary, Ebonyi  
State Fiscal Respon. Comm.
69. Mrs. Foluke Adebisi  
Permanent Secretary,  
Oyo State Planning Commission
70. Mr. Shedrach Golen  
Permanent Member  
Plateau State Planning Commission
71. Mrs. Yosola Akinbi  
Snr. Technical Adviser  
OVP
72. Mrs. Foluso Idumu  
SSA Admin, VP  
OVP
73. Mr. Donald Benibo Wokoma  
SA to VP on NEC  
OVP
74. Mrs. Balkisu Saidu  
SSAP Legal  
OVP
75. Mr. Tijani Yusuf  
SA (GD) P  
OVP
76. Mr. Tunde Lawal  
Director (Macroeconomic)  
MBNP

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| 77. | Mr. Abel O. Enitan<br>Director (Admin)<br>OVP               | 78. | Mrs. Victoria A. Agba-Attah<br>Director (Information)<br>OVP |
| 79. | Mr. Saidu A. Mohammed<br>Executive Director<br>NNPC         | 80. | Mr. M. K. Usman<br>Director (Fund)<br>OAGF                   |
| 81. | Mr. Sabo Mohammed<br>Director (Federation Accounts)<br>OAGF | 82. | Mr. Dare Richard Olu<br>Deputy Director<br>OVP               |
| 83. | Mr. Emmanuel Igbimosun<br>Deputy Director<br>FML&E          | 84. | Mr. Oluseyi Fatuyi<br>DD/SA (OPS)<br>MBNP                    |
| 85. | Mr. C. F. Asubiojo<br>Deputy Director (Tertiary)<br>FME     | 86. | Mrs. Claris Ujam<br>Deputy Director (EPR&D)<br>FME           |
| 87. | Mrs. A. O. Madueke<br>Deputy Director<br>FME                | 88. | Mr. Akpandem James<br>Special Adviser to HM/MBNP<br>MBNP     |
| 89. | Mr. Adighiogu A. Chiadi<br>SA to the Chairman<br>NSIWC      | 90. | Mr. Salisu B. Haiba<br>AD (Information)<br>MBNP              |
| 91. | Mr. Christian Nwachukwu<br>ACIO (Information)<br>MBNP       | 92. | A. B. Okauru, Esq.<br>Director-General<br>NGF                |
| 93. | Mr. David Nabena<br>Economist<br>NGF                        | 94. | Mr. Wole Sanni<br>TA<br>OVP                                  |

## SECRETARIAT

**Secretary to Council**

95. **Olajide S. Odewale, FCA**

**Assistants**

96. A. B. Sa'adu

97. Mr. Olukayode Adeniran

98. Mr. Nwozuzu, U. Samuel

99. Mr. Olatunji R. Olubunmi

100. Mrs. Mercy Idiong

101. Mr. Olayiwola Temitope Yusuf

102. Mrs. A. O. Durogbola

103. Mrs. Nafisat Adams

104. Mr. Daniel Ikara

105. Mr. Moses C. Onwuanishia

106. Mr. Ekundayo Samuel

S/N	DISCUSSIONS/DECISIONS	ACTION BY
1	<b>OPENING</b>	
2	The meeting commenced at 11:27 a.m. with singing of the first stanza of the National Anthem, followed by prayer by the Governor of Plateau State.	
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4	<b>CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS</b>	
5	The Chairman welcomed members to the 93 <sup>rd</sup> meeting of the National Economic Council (NEC) and then remarked that the meeting was not expected to be long since there were few items to be discussed on the Agenda. He further informed the meeting that non-members of NEC will be requested to excuse the meeting while considering item 6 (b) on the Agenda "Update on National Minimum Wage".	
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10	<b>CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 92<sup>ND</sup> (9<sup>TH</sup> IN 2018) NATIONAL ECONOMIC COUNCIL (NEC) MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 18<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2018</b>	
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13	The Minutes of the 92 <sup>nd</sup> (9 <sup>th</sup> in 2018) meeting was considered with the following amendments:	
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15	i) Page 2, line 11: Expunge "Osun" from the statement "...Governor of Niger Osun State" to read "... Governor of Niger State";	
16	ii) Page 2, line 13: "Abdullazizi" to read "Abdulazizi"	
17	iii) Page 13, line 137: "Overhand" to read "Overhead";	
18	iv) Page 13, lines 140: Insert space between "Hadin " to read "Had in" ;	
19	v) Page 13, line 147: Recast the sentence "...increase of out-of-school..." to read "... increase in out-of-school";	
20	vi) Page 14, line 185: Recast the sentence "...Requestng a State Emergency..." to read "... Requestng that a State of Emergency..."; and	
21	vii) Page 14, line 193: "... By-in.." to read "...Buy-in...";	
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25	The motion for the adoption of the minutes, as amended, was moved by the Governor of Nasarawa State and was seconded by the Governor of Ekiti State.	
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27	<b>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 92<sup>ND</sup> (9<sup>TH</sup> IN 2018) NATIONAL ECONOMIC COUNCIL (NEC) MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 18<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2018</b>	
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30	By leave of the Chairman of Council, the Honourable Minister of Finance (HMF) presented the reports of the following accounts:	
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32 **(a) Report on the Excess Crude Account (ECA)**

33 The HMF reported that, the balance brought forward from the month of November, 2018  
34 was **USD\$2,319,273,278.28**. She reported that the ECA had an inflow of  
35 **USD\$163,505,559.19** from Allocation of the Monthly Excess Crude/Royalty, and an  
36 interest of **USD\$9,407,487.36** respectively. She added that, the ECA had an outflow of  
37 **USD\$1,994,321,698.04** being refund of Paris Club Loan to States, bringing the balance  
38 in the ECA to **USD\$497,864,626.80** as at 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2018.

39 **(b) Update on the Foreign Excess PPT Account by the Honourable Minister**  
40 **of Finance (HMF)**

42 The Honourable Minister of Finance (HMF) also informed Council that, the Foreign  
43 Excess PPT Account had a balance of **USD\$133,581,002.93** as at 31<sup>st</sup> December,  
44 2018.

45 **(c) Update on the Current Balance in the Stabilization Fund Account (SFA)**  
46 **by the Honourable Minister of Finance (HMF)**

47 In her update, the HMF informed Council that, the Stabilization Fund Account (SFA) had  
48 a balance of **N29,672,829,101.47** as at 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2018. She disclosed that, from  
49 the **N21,980,459,695.81** reported in October, 2018, the SFA had an inflow of  
50 **N8,504,886,204.82** and an outflow of **N812,516,799.16**.

51 **(d) Update on the Current Balance in the Natural Resources Development**  
52 **Fund (NRDF) by the Honourable Minister of Finance (HMF)**

53 The HMF disclosed that, between 15<sup>th</sup> October to 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2018, the Natural  
54 Resources Development Fund (NRDF) had an inflow of **N28,727,594,855.40** and an  
55 outflow of **N12,971,091,729.14**, leaving the current balance in the NRDF at the sum of  
56 **N135,476,046,912.57** as at 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2018.

57 **(e) Update on the Budget Support Loan Facility (BSLF) by the Honourable**  
58 **Minister of Finance (HMF)**

59 In her Update, the HMF recalled that, the Budget Support Loan Facility (BSLF) started  
60 in June, 2016 and 23 participating States has received payment as at January, 2017,  
61 while 12 other States joined the scheme thereafter. She stated that, payments were  
62 being processed for 8 other States that had met the requirement for support to enable  
63 them receive payment of balances due to them. She disclosed that Lagos State  
64 declined participation in the BSLF programme.

65	<b>Decision:</b>	
66	Council took note	
67	<b>PRESENTATIONS</b>	
68	<b>(a) UPDATE ON NEC AD-HOC COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION BY THE</b>	
69	<b>HONOURABLE MINISTER OF EDUCATION</b>	
70	The Honourable Minister of Education presented the final Report of NEC Ad-hoc	
71	Committee on the Revival of Education in Nigeria. In his presentation, the HM recalled	
72	that, Council at its 92 <sup>nd</sup> Meeting held on 18 <sup>th</sup> October, 2018, considered the Interim	
73	Report of the Committee.	
74	The HM stated that the 2018 National Personnel Audit (NPA) of the Universal Basic	
75	Education Commission of the Federal Ministry of Education revealed a total of	
76	16,744,503 out-of school children both at the primary (10,475,031) and junior secondary	
77	(6,269,477) levels. In view of the directive at the 92 <sup>nd</sup> Council meeting, the Honourable	
78	Minister disclosed that the figure had been disaggregated on State-by State basis for	
79	effective targeting.	
80	He gave a detailed narrative of the distribution of out-of school children (primary school	
81	level) during the period 2017 – 2018 based on States and geo-political zones.	
82	He informed meeting that in the North Central Zone, Benue State top the list having a	
83	total of 398,259; North East Zone, Borno State had the highest with a total of 483,898;	
84	North West Zone, Jigawa State had the highest with a total of 508,550; South East	
85	Zone, Anambra State led with 426,225 South South Zone, Rivers State led with	
86	664,100; while Lagos State led in the South West Zone, with 926,410.	
87	Regarding the distribution of out-of school children at the Junior Secondary school level	
88	during the period 2017 – 2018, the Honourable Minister revealed that in the North	
89	Central Zone, Kogi State top the list having a total of 310,170; North East Zone, Borno	
90	State had the highest with a total of 351,142; North West Zone, Katsina State had the	
91	highest with a total of 595,021; South East Zone, Abia State led with 257,983; South-	
92	South Zone, Bayelsa State led with 197,489; South West Zone, Ogun State led with	
93	311,538.	
94	He disclosed that one of the major challenges facing the Education Sector in Nigeria	
95	was underfunding. He explained that budgetary allocation to the sector over the years,	
96	had continued to fluctuate as the statistical data he presented, showed that only 7.1% of	
97	the country's National Budget was allocated to the Sector in 2018. He concluded by	
98	urging all State Governors to give education priority attention in their various States.	

99	<b>COMMENTS/OBSERVATIONS</b>	
100 101 102 103 104 105 106 107 108 109 110 111 112 113 114 115 116 117 118 119 120 121 122	<p>After the presentation, members made some comments, some of these included:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. The Governor of Ekiti State stated that as at 2014, Ekiti State, had the highest school enrolment and requested to know the reason for the decrease in the past 4 years;</li> <li>ii. Bauchi State Governor expressed displeasure at the current school enrolment rate in his State as presented, stating that an earlier report showed that his State had the highest enrolment figure;</li> <li>iii. The Honourable Minister of Budget and National Planning explained that 7.14% budgetary allocation for Education in 2018 as presented by the Minister of Education did not include Recurrent Expenditure;</li> <li>iv. Kebbi State Governor stated that it was important to have included the budgetary performance and not just the financing figures;</li> <li>v. Kaduna State Governor suggested that there should be a uniform reporting template for budget performance which should capture both Capital and Recurrent expenditures including key intervention funds provided by TETFUND and UBEC. He, therefore, urged that the HME should go back and update the report and revert thereafter; and</li> <li>vi. The Chairman of Council stated that the reported budgetary allocation in the submission were not correct and asked if it included TETFUND, UBEC education allocation to some MDAs like Defence, Police, agric, etc. He noted that the moment the report is adopted, it becomes a NEC document and a reference material, adding that if quoted, it would be wrong. Hence he directed the HME to review the report before adoption by Council.</li> </ol>	
123 124 125 126	<p><b>Response:</b></p> <p>The Honourable Minister of Education apologized for the errors that were cited in the presentation and promised to correct them. He however, requested that the Report be adopted by Council.</p>	
127 128 129 130 131	<p><b>Decision:</b></p> <p>Council agreed to adopt a reporting template for budgeting purpose for States, which should include Capital and Recurrent expenditures. In addition, they were directed to collate the summary of their budgets performance, including the actual releases from 2009 to date to be forwarded to FME through the Nigeria Governors' Forum (NGF).</p>	
132 133 134	<p><b>(b) PRESENTATION ON NATIONAL LIVESTOCK TRANSFORMATION PLAN (NLTP) 2019 – 2028 BY THE HONOURABLE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT</b></p>	
135	<p>By leave of the Chairman, the Honourable Minister of Agriculture &amp; Rural Development</p>	

136 made a presentation to Council on the National Livestock Transformation Plan (NLTP)  
137 2019 – 2028. Briefing Council on the rationale for the strategic document, he disclosed  
138 that Nigeria's population was rapidly growing, and as such, the nation needed to  
139 urgently modernize its economic key elements so as to generate jobs, household  
140 income and social stability for the people. The HM posited that the purpose of the NLTP  
141 was to lay out a focused effort that would ensure that the agriculture-livestock sub-  
142 sector became a catalyst for building national prosperity. According to him, the NLTP  
143 would also create the basis for leading agribusiness companies to emerge along the  
144 likes of Brazil's JBS, the US's Perdue, etc. He added that the Plan would provide a  
145 conducive context for both nomadic herders and private enterprises for Nigeria's  
146 transformation.

147 He noted that currently, Nomadic livestock production in Nigeria was facing major crises  
148 arising from declining availability of pasture and grazing land, overgrazing, and recurring  
149 fatal conflicts between pastoralists and crop farmers. He expressed hope that the NLTP,  
150 as designed, would accelerate the pace and scope of change in Nigeria's agricultural  
151 system by building a new ecosystem for livestock production.

152 Continuing, the HM enumerated the NLTP's strategic priorities for economic investment  
153 to include:

- 154 • Securing natural resources – land, water, feed;
- 155 • Sustainable models for ranching developed;
- 156 • Infrastructure needs for ranches are met – roads, electricity, fencing;
- 157 • Other support services developed – transport, health, education;
- 159 • Stakeholders had developed a deeper understanding of value chains – from  
160 input supply to marketing;
- 161 • Private Sector Investment is encouraged; and
- 163 • An enabling policy and legislative environment are put in place – in support of  
164 value chains.

165 He identified five (5) main pillars as priority areas that require Federal and States  
166 Government support in order to successfully implement the transformation of the  
167 livestock sector as follows:

- 168 • Pillar 1 – Conflict Resolution
- 169 • Pillar 2 – Justice and Peace
- 170 • Pillar 3 – Humanitarian Relief
- 171 • Pillar 4 – Human Capital Development
- 172 • Pillar 5 – Cross-Cutting Issues

173 Concluding, the Hon. Minister highlighted the implementation plan of the NLTP for  
174 modernizing livestock production through the establishment of ranches for making  
175 nomadic and transhumant pastoralists more sedentary. He informed that the plan will be

176 implemented in phases to reflect the need that would balance the current security  
177 challenges and extending the role of the private sector.

178 Explaining, he said that Phase one of the implementation plan would initially support the  
179 development of Pilot Ranches in each of the seven (7) Pilot States of Adamawa,  
180 Benue, Kaduna, Nasarawa, Plateau, Taraba and Zamfara. He hinted that those States  
181 could opt-in with private land provisions to help shape the success of the pilot phase. He  
182 also acknowledged the need for the establishment of a comprehensive management  
183 structure to take care of planning, coordination, implementation, monitoring and  
184 evaluation and financial management in an effective and efficient manner in which the  
185 Federal Government had the responsibility to oversee the implementation of the NLTP  
186 and to take such initiative in developing communication with non-State sectors about the  
187 plan. He reiterated that the overall responsibility for the co-ordination of the NLTP would  
188 be carried out at the Federal level by the NEC-NLTP Steering Committee through the  
189 Programme Coordination Secretariat (PCS) to be domiciled in the Office of the Vice-  
190 President.

#### 191 **Comments/ Observations**

192 Members commended the Honourable Minister for a well-articulated strategic document  
193 and made the following Comments/Observations:

- 194 i. It was apt for Nigeria to have NLTP but faced with the common challenge of land  
195 space to carryout livestock activities;
- 196 ii. Most States' sharing borders with counterpart African countries had encouraged  
197 the movement of livestock, there was need therefore, to tackle the problem by  
198 incorporating the ECOWAS arrangement into our plans so as to expand  
199 Nigeria's potentials in livestock, fisheries, etc in order to achieve a win-win  
200 situation;
- 201 iii. Irrespective of the fact that the NLTP had initially approved the development of  
202 pilot ranches in seven (7) States, the remaining States should be considered and  
203 added for a sound perspective of the strategic document;
- 204 iv. There was need to regard Ranching as a single element, hence Government  
205 should invest in the host communities so as to meet their short-term needs such  
206 as provision of water, facilitating access to funds, etc;
- 207 v. There was need for government to provide subsidies to assist in meeting the  
208 take-off needs such as grasses and water, until the herders fully embraced  
209 ranching.
- 210 vi. The Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development to resuscitate the  
211 existing Ranches which had been abandoned in Ekiti and Ondo States;

#### 212 **Responses:**

213 Responding to some of the issues raised, the HM (AR&D) explained that, there was

214	usually no crisis in the rainy season because there were limited movements of livestock.	
215	He noted that challenges were being faced during the dry season. He was of the opinion	
216	that there was need to review the ECOWAS protocol and arrangement to address the	
217	movement of livestock from other West African Countries.	
218	The Governor of CBN recalled his earlier communication to some States on the	
219	availability of intervention funds for livestock production and that the funds are still	
220	available.	
221	<b>Decision</b>	
222	Council approved the adoption of the NLTP strategic document for implementation with	
223	all the amendments.	
224	<b>PRESENTATION ON THE MINIMUM WAGE FOR NIGERIAN WORKERS</b>	
225	The Chairman excused non-NEC members to allow the matter to be treated in camera.	
226	<b>SELECTION OF THE TEAM TO BRIEF THE PRESS</b>	
227	The Chairman nominated the Governor of Kebbi State and the Hon. Minister of	
228	Agriculture and Rural Development to brief the Press on the Council proceedings and	
229	decisions.	
230	<b>CLOSING</b>	
231	The Chairman of Council thanked members for their contributions, while the Chairman	
232	of Governors' Forum, Governor of Zamfara State led the closing prayer.	
233	The meeting adjourned at 1:43 p.m.	

**NATIONAL ECONOMIC COUNCIL SECRETARIAT  
MINISTRY OF BUDGET & NATIONAL PLANNING  
ABUJA**

**17TH JANUARY, 2018**