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CRITICAL STAKEHODERS ON STATE PEER REVIEW MECHANISM (SPRM) ON  
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I am delighted to be here this morning to address this forum as part of the <sup>Process for</sup> ~~process~~ of critical stakeholders towards the implementation of State Peer Review Mechanism (SPRM) in Ekiti-State.

I am informed that the State Peer Review Mechanism (SPRM) was initiated and designed by Nigerian Governors' Forum (NGF) and Department for International Development (DFID) to enhance collaboration among states of the federation by identifying states that are vast in accelerating growth and development through the implementation of government policies and programmes that improve the living standard of the peoples.

To this end, four states in Nigeria whose economies are considered fast-growing through <sup>the</sup> implementation of Government policies and programmes have been identified by DFID and NGF. Ekiti State was unanimously selected in the Southern Part of the country in the areas of implementation of the 8-Point Agenda of Dr. Kayode Fayemi's Administration.

The Peer Review exercise I understand, would review the activities of Government in the last one year and identify areas of best practices so as to replicate these in other states of the country for even development.

Other objectives of SPRM include:

- i. Promoting good governance through enhancement of transparency, accountability, participation and communication.
- ii. Achieving better service delivery nation-wide through progressive implementation of government policies.
- iii. Enhancing Federal-State cooperation and collaboration.



To achieve these objectives, ten areas of assessment have been identified as follows:

- i. Policy, Strategy, Monitoring and Evaluation.
- ii. Economic Development.
- iii. Public finance Management.
- iv. Human Resources Management.
- v. Education Sector.
- vi. Health.
- vii. Environment indicators.
- viii. Agriculture indicators.
- ix. Infrastructural indicators.
- x. Citizen participation, social inclusion and protection.

The benefits and key deliverables of SPRM also include:-

- i. Comprehensive baseline performance audit of core service delivery sectors and government's implementation machineries (techniques, process and systems).
- ii. Providing a social contract which is much broader than the electoral promises.
- iii. Making available to the State Government a framework of indicators that are reliable for monitoring and evaluation instruments.
- iv. Serving as a great instrument for tapping and utilizing public opinion, especially of civil societies and critics.

DFID and NGF are providing technical support through the initiation of this Stakeholders' workshop. The essence of the workshop is to sensitize State stakeholders on the methodology, objectives, questions, and indicators of the assessment instrument.

Arising from these objectives, I wish to enjoin all public servants who have been invited to today's Technical Session, to assimilate and digest all that would be discussed and apply them in



their various organizations to complement the efforts of the present administration in the speedy implementation of its 8-point agenda.

Consequently, the State Peer Review Mechanism (SPRM) embodies a monitoring and evaluation framework to track the progress of the State Government 8-point agenda. There is no doubt in my mind therefore that the SPRM would enable the State Public Service to articulate government programmes of action with appropriate cost estimates, resource mobilization and programme implementation. I therefore charge you to be committed and remain resilient, and dedicated to the ethics of the public service towards achieving what SPRM is set to achieve in Ekiti State.

Finally, I like to express the appreciation of the State Government for your immense contributions since the inception of the administration. I also like to state that government looks forward to further contributions and active participation in good governance and service delivery to the good people of Ekiti-State.

On behalf of the State Government, once again, I welcome you and enjoin you to settle down quickly as I believe this forum will prepare our minds ahead of the task of realizing the vision of the State Government.

Thank you and God bless.