



**MINUTES OF THE 8<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE NIGERIA GOVERNORS'  
FORUM IN 2017**

**HELD ON**

**27<sup>th</sup> September, 2017**

**AT THE**

**BANQUET HALL, ASO VILLA, ABUJA**

## ATTENDANCE

S/N	NAME	STATE	DESIGNATION
1	Hon Abdulaziz Yari Abubakar	Zamfara	Governor
2	Dr Okezie Ikpeazu	Abia	Governor
3	Professor Ben Ayade	Cross Rivers	Governor
4	Engr Dave Umahi	Ebonyi	Governor
5	Godwin N. Obaseki	Edo	Governor
6	Dr Ibrahim Dankwambo	Gombe	Governor
7	Mohammed Badaru Abubakar	Jigawa	Governor
8	Mallam Nasir Abubakar	Kaduna	Governor
9	Abubakar Atiku Bagudu	Kebbi	Governor
10	Yahaya Bello	Kogi	Governor
11	Abdulfattah Ahmed	Kwara	Governor
12	Arakunrin Oluwarotimi Akeredolu, SAN	Ondo	Governor
13	Ogbeni Rauf Aregbesola	Osun	Governor
14	Ibrahim Gaidam	Yobe	Governor
15	Martins Babale	Adamawa	Deputy Governor
16	Nuhu Gidado	Bauchi	Deputy Governor
17	Gboribiogha Jonah	Bayelsa	Deputy Governor
18	Benson Abounu	Benue	Deputy Governor
19	Honourable Usman M. Durkwa	Borno	Deputy Governor
20	Professor Kolapo Olusola	Ekiti	Deputy Governor

21	Mrs Cecilia Ezeilo	Enugu	Deputy Governor
22	Prince Eze Madumere	Imo	Deputy Governor
23	Mannir Yakubu	Katsina	Deputy Governor
24	Silas Agara	Nasarawa	Deputy Governor
25	Ahmed M. Ketso	Niger	Deputy Governor
26	Chief (Mrs) Yetunde Onanuga	Ogun	Deputy Governor
27	Otunba Moses A. Adeyemo	Oyo	Deputy Governor
28	Sonni Gwanle Tyoden	Plateau	Deputy Governor
29	Dr Ipalibo H. Banigo	Rivers	Deputy Governor
30	Honourable Ahmad Aliyu	Sokoto	Deputy Governor

S/N	NOTES/RESOLUTIONS	ACTION BY
1.0	<b>COMMENCEMENT</b>	
1.1	The meeting commenced at 9.14pm with opening prayers by the Deputy Governors of Bauchi and Rivers States.	
2.0	<b>CHAIRMAN'S BRIEF</b>	
2.1	The Chairman welcomed members to the meeting and informed the meeting that there would be a slight adjustment to the Agenda because of a Presentation by the Deputy Senate President, Ike Ekweremadu.	
3.0	<b>PRESENTATION BY THE DEPUTY SENATE PRESIDENT ON THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE 1999 CONSTITUTION</b>	
3.1	<p>The Deputy Senate President (DSP) made a Presentation to the Forum on the Draft Constitution Amendment Bill as harmonised and adopted by the Joint Committee of the National Assembly. He presented 21 provisions and informed the meeting that these clauses were ready for transmission to the States Houses of Assembly for passing. He enlisted the support of the Forum.</p> <p>Members thanked the DSP for the Presentation but regretted that their input was not sought prior to the adoption by the National Assembly. Never the less, they promised to give the bill the seriousness it deserved.</p> <p>The Forum then constituted a Committee to review the Bill as presented and come up with a harmonised position for consultation with the Conference of Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Ogbeni Rauf Aregbesola – Osun (Chairman)</li> <li>ii. Engr Dave Umahi – Ebonyi</li> <li>iii. Abdulfatah Ahmed – Kwara</li> <li>iv. Ibrahim Dankwambo – Gombe</li> <li>v. Mallam Nasir El-Rufai – Kaduna</li> <li>vi. Nyesom Wike – Rivers</li> </ul>	

	<p>vii. Arakunrin Oluwarotimi Akeredolu – Ondo  viii. Aminu Waziri Tambuwal – Sokoto  ix. Professor Ben Ayade – Cross River State</p> <p>The inaugural meeting of the Committee was scheduled for 5pm, Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2017 at the Osun Governor's Lodge, Abuja.</p>	
4.0	<b>PRESENTATION BY THE NIGERIA ECONOMIC SUMMIT GROUP (NESG)</b>	
4.1	The leadership of the NESG made a presentation to the Forum on its 2017 Summit coming up from 10-12 October, 2017. They sought the support of the Forum in ensuring a successful Summit. The meeting thanked them for the Presentation and promised not only to work with them but to participate in the programme.	
5.0	<b>PRESENTATION ON POLICY RAMIFICATIONS OF TRANSITIONING FROM ANALOGUE TO DIGITAL BROADCASTING BY DG, NATIONAL BROADCASTING COMMISSION (NBC)</b>	
5.1	<p>In his Presentation to the Forum, the Director General of the NBC, Is'haq Modibbo Kawu enlisted the support of the NGF in its work of manufacturing set-top boxes (STB) for digital switch over (DSO) from analogue to digital broadcasting. According to him, the DSO offered States and the Broadcast industry a unique opportunity to enhance revenue through the implementation of the Digital Access Fee (DAF), an access fee that each viewer would pay before accessing the TV channels.</p> <p>The Forum urged the leadership of NBC to work with the Secretariat on the details of the Proposal.</p>	<b>NGFS</b>
6.0	<b>INAUGURATION OF THE NATIONAL ADDRESSING SYSTEM COUNCIL (NASC)</b>	
6.1	<p>The Chairman informed the meeting that the Federal Government had constituted a National Addressing System Council (NASC) to cater for the need for uniform and harmonised addressing system in the country. The FG wanted six (6) members of the Forum representing the 6 geo-political zones to be on the Council which would be inaugurated the following day, Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2017 at the Office of the Vice President, State House Abuja by 4pm.</p> <p>The following members were then nominated to represent the Forum on</p>	

	<p>the NASC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Mallam Nasir El Rufai – Kaduna (North West)</li> <li>ii. Yahaya Bello – Kogi (North Central)</li> <li>iii. M.A. Abubakar – Bauchi (North East)</li> <li>iv. Dr. Okezie Ikpeazu – Abia (South East)</li> <li>v. Akinwumi Ambode – Lagos (South West)</li> <li>vi. Nyesom Wike – Rivers (South South)</li> </ul>	
7.0	<b>UPDATE ON POLIO ERADICATION, ROUTINE IMMUNISATION AND PRIMARY HEALTHCARE UNDER ONE ROOF (PHCUOR)</b>	
7.1	The meeting listened to an update on Polio, routine immunisation and primary healthcare under one roof (PHCUOR) presented by the NGF Health Coordinator, Dr Abdulwahab Ahmed. The Forum expressed its delight at the progress made by Nigeria in its fight against Polio and pledged to continue to support the polio eradication efforts, routine immunisation and PHCUOR.	
8.0	<b>LONDON &amp; PARIS CLUB REFUNDS: UPDATE ON 3<sup>RD</sup> TRANCHE</b>	
8.1	The meeting was informed that the 3 <sup>rd</sup> tranche would be paid hopefully before the end of October 2017.	
9.0	<b>AOB</b>	
9.1	<p><b>FAAC</b> – The Forum expressed concern that the monthly meeting of the Federal Accounts Allocation Committee (FAAC) was yet to take place, few days to the end of the month. There were feelers that the delay had to do with NNPC and the Forum was urged to take steps to address the situation.</p> <p>The meeting resolved to present a proposal to NEC suggesting ways to resolve this including the re-constitution of the Sub-committee to interface with the major revenue-generating Agencies.</p>	
9.2	<b>NGF MEETINGS</b> – Following an appeal by a member on the need for punctuality to the Forum's meetings, the Forum reiterated that its meetings start at 8pm to give enough time for interactions and deliberations.	
9.3	<b>PURCHASE OF #49 LAKE CHAD CRESCENT, MAITAMA</b> – The Chairman informed the meeting that in view of security considerations	

	<p>coupled with the need for ample parking for the Forum at the new NGF permanent office, the Secretariat was directed to discuss with the owner of the property located at #49 Lake Chad Crescent, beside the new office.</p> <p>The meeting referred the transaction to the Rufai Committee on the NGF Permanent Secretariat to assess same and revert to the meeting.</p>	
10.0	<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>	
10.1	<p>The meeting was adjourned following a motion by the Governor of Jigawa State and seconded by the Kwara State Governor.</p> <p>Members rose at 11.40 pm.</p>	

Honourable Abdulaziz Yari Abubakar  
Governor of Zamfara State and Chairman,  
Nigeria Governors' Forum