



**MINUTES OF THE EMERGENCY MEETING OF THE  
NIGERIA GOVERNORS' FORUM**

**HELD ON**

**23<sup>rd</sup> APRIL, 2012**

**AT THE**

**RIVERS STATE GOVERNOR'S LODGE, ASOKORO,  
ABUJA**

## ATTENDANCE

S/N	NAME	STATE	DESIGNATION
1	Rt. Hon. Rotimi C. Amaechi	Rivers	Governor/Chairman
2	Murtala Nyako	Adamawa	Governor
3	Godswill Obot Akpabio	Akwa Ibom	Governor
4	Isa Yuguda	Bauchi	Governor
5	Gabriel Suswam	Benue	Governor
6	Liyel Imoke	Cross River	Governor
7	Martin N. Elechi	Ebonyi	Governor
8	Sullivan I. Chime	Enugu	Governor
9	Ibrahim H. Dankwambo	Gombe	Governor
10	Patrick I. Yakowa	Kaduna	Governor
11	Rabiu M. Kwankwaso	Kano	Governor
12	Idris I. Wada	Kogi	Governor
13	Umaru Tanko Al-Makura	Nasarawa	Governor
14	Olusegun Mimiko	Ondo	Governor
15	Danbaba D. Suntai	Taraba	Governor
16	Zanna Mustapha	Borno	Deputy Governor
17	Ahmed M. Gumel	Jigawa	Deputy Governor
18	Abdullahi G. Faskari	Katsina	Deputy Governor
19	Ibrahim K. Aliyu, mni	Kebbi	Deputy Governor
20	Adejoke Orelope-Adefulire	Lagos	Deputy Governor
21	Hon. Ahmed Musa Ibeto	Niger	Deputy Governor
22	Hon. M.A. Adeyemo	Oyo	Deputy Governor
23	Ibrahim Wakkala	Zamfara	Deputy Governor

## APOLOGIES

1	Peter Obi	Anambra	Governor/Vice Chairman
2	T.A Orji	Abia	Governor
3	Seriake Dickson	Bayelsa	Governor
4	Emmanuel E. Uduaghan	Delta	Governor
5	Adams A. Oshiomhole	Edo	Governor
6	Kayode Fayemi	Ekiti	Governor
7	Rochas Okorochoa	Imo	Governor
8	Abdulfatah Ahmed	Kwara	Governor
9	Ibikunle Amosun	Ogun	Governor
10	Rauf Aregbesola	Osun	Governor
11	Jonah D. Jang	Plateau	Governor
12	Aliyu M. Wamako	Sokoto	Governor
13	Ibrahim Geidam	Yobe	Governor

S/N	NOTES/RESOLUTIONS	ACTION BY
1	<p><b>Commencement</b></p> <p>The meeting started at 7.34 pm with opening prayers by the Governors of Taraba and Adamawa respectively.</p>	
2	<p><b>Chairman's Opening Remarks</b></p> <p>The Chairman welcomed members to the meeting and drew their attention to a News Release (item No. 5 in the meeting file) by the Federal Ministry of Finance directing among other things, the stopping of further deductions from the Excess Crude Account (ECA) and attendant implications on the monthly allocations to the States from FAAC whenever there is need for augmentation. Members reiterated their position that the ECA was unconstitutional and illegal. The meeting re-visited its earlier decision on the persistent deductions and resolved to invoke committal proceedings at the Supreme Court against the Honourable Ministers of Finance if the deductions continued.</p> <p>The meeting agreed that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The Chairman would seek another appointment with Mr. President to discuss this matter;</li> <li>b) The Committee earlier constituted by the Forum would meet with Mr. President. The Committee members are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Chairman, NGF</li> <li>ii) Niger State (North Central)</li> <li>iii) Yobe State (North East)</li> <li>iv) Kano State (North West)</li> <li>v) Ekiti State (South West)</li> <li>vi) Anambra State (South East)</li> <li>vii) Cross River State (South South)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>The Forum was informed that at the instance of the Vice President, a Committee had been constituted to take forward the discussions on the excess crude deductions, especially as it related to the case before the Supreme Court and attendant attempts towards reaching an out of court settlement. The Committee comprised the following members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Governor, Enugu State</li> <li>ii) Governor, Lagos State</li> <li>iii) Governor, Cross River State</li> <li>iv) Governor, Gombe State</li> <li>v) Chairman, NGF</li> </ul>	<p><b>Chairman</b></p>

<p>Relevant documents would be forwarded to the Committee pending the next NEC meeting and the Secretariat was directed to liaise with the Deputy Chief of Staff to the Vice President for details.</p>	<p><b>Secretariat</b></p>
<p><b>Polio Update</b></p>	
<p>The meeting decried the continuous spread of Polio and noted the 8 States which have been described as Polio endemic States. The meeting agreed that the Governors of the affected States – Zamfara, Borno, Yobe, Sokoto, Kaduna, Bauchi, Katsina and Jigawa – would personally drive the Polio initiatives in their States. The Forum reiterated commitment to its earlier decision that Deputy Governors should take charge of the State Task Force on Polio eradication and where necessary, First Ladies should assist in the day-to-day interventions.</p>	
<p><b>State of the Nation</b></p>	
<p>The Forum reviewed the State of the Nation, particularly on the imperative for a successful review of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (CFRN), 1999. The Secretariat was mandated to convene a meeting of Constitutional lawyers to examine the entire constitution, identify areas requiring review and proffer suitable amendments. It was agreed that this assignment would be merged with the earlier one carried out by the Body of Attorneys General of the 36 States.</p>	<p><b>Secretariat</b></p>
<p>The Forum agreed that the meeting to review the findings of the Constitutional Review Committee would take place on the eve of the June National Economic Council (NEC) meeting. All relevant documents should be forwarded to members ahead of time.</p>	
<p><b>Impending Visit of AIDS Ambassadors to Nigeria</b></p>	
<p>The meeting was informed that a delegation from the United States of America (USA), comprising among others the US Ambassador to Nigeria and the Executive Director of the United Nations Programme on HIV/Aids (UNAIDS). They were coming into the country to meet with States said to have high prevalence of HIV. The States included:</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Benue</li> <li>ii) Lagos</li> <li>iii) Akwa Ibom</li> <li>iv) Anambra</li> <li>v) Kano</li> <li>vi) Rivers</li> <li>vii) Plateau</li> <li>viii) Abia</li> <li>ix) Cross River</li> <li>x) Bayelsa</li> </ul>	

<p>xi) Nasarawa xii) Kaduna</p> <p>The meeting scheduled for 5pm on Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> April, 2012 at the Rivers State Governor's Lodge would be chaired by the Governor of Kano State. Affected States were encouraged to attend the meeting and Governors who were unable to attend were urged to send their deputies.</p> <p><b>AOB</b></p> <p><b>NACTEST Committee</b> - Members were reminded that a Committee was constituted at the last meeting to collate all input on the draft National Counter-Terrorism Strategy (NACTEST) which was put together by the Office of the National Security Adviser (ONSA). The Chairman of the Committee, the Governor of Kogi State appealed to members to submit their input to the Secretariat.</p> <p><b>Adjournment</b></p> <p>The meeting rose at 9.23 pm following a motion for adjournment by the Governor of Gombe State and seconded by the Governor of Benue State.</p> <p><b>Right Honourable Chibuike Rotimi Amaechi, CON</b> Executive Governor, Rivers State Chairman, Nigeria Governors Forum</p>	<p><b>Governor Kano/ Secretariat</b></p> <p><b>NACTEST Committee/ Secretariat</b></p>
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