

**RECORD OF MEETING WITH MR OBI AND GASHINBAKI ON SENSITISATION OF PUBLIC SERVANTS, HELD ON 21<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY, 2012 AT THE NGF SECRETARIAT**

**NGF TEAM**

- L.O.T Shittu , ED (S&R)
- Blessing Agbai

**INITIATIVE GROUP**

- Mr Gashinbaki , Consultant
- Mr Chijioke Obi , Director (Code of Conduct Bureau)

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss possible ways of collaborating with the NGF in sensitizing relevant key public servants or public office holders on the importance of assets declaration and Code of Conduct.

Mr Obi the representative of Code of Conduct Bureau said that even though they have their offices in all the 36 States they still found it difficult to mobilise these officers to be sensitised. But after discussions with their consultant (Mr. Gashinbaki), they were advised to collaborate with the NGF Secretariat if their objectives must be realised. This is because they intend to cover all the States and LGAs as long as they were in the state's pay roll.

The ED, S&R noted that it was a good idea and the NGF would be willing to assist the agency in realising its mandate. He also restated that the secretariat as a policy hub, is geared towards promoting good governance in the country, and accountability, transparency and probity are the main ingredients of good governance. This engagement will be essential as it would constitute a larger part of the Forum's activity. The programme would no doubt sensitise all public officers on the need for transparency.

He further noted that in partnering with the NGF in this kind of assignment that the Code of Conduct would be responsible for defraying all logistics / expenses associated with the project. The NGF will write the letters to the States on their behalf based on how they want the letter to be written.

The Code of Conduct Bureau on its own has worked out a draft programme for the sensitization/ workshop to fund the logistics. Mr. Chijioke Obi said that going forward, that they will need an anchor person for each States and local governments i.e. someone who will follow up on payments. However, the sensitization would enhance the understanding of the Act and its advantages. The Code of Conduct also requested for an audience to brief all members of the Forum appropriately.

The NGF on its part would need to gather work force data for each of the States and would need to track compliance of the COC Act.

Blessing Agbai, NGF