



## SUB-NATIONAL PUBLIC FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT (PFM) DATABASE INITIATIVE

Date: 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2013

Time: 11:47 AM

Venue: Conference Room, NGFS

Chaired by: A.B Okauru

S/N	NOTES/RESOLUTIONS	ACTION BY
	<p><b><u>IN ATTENDANCE</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Okauru A.B (NGF: Director General)</li> <li>2. Alhaji Shittu (NGF: Executive Director S&amp;R)</li> <li>3. Dr. Jerome (NGF: SPRM Coordinator)</li> <li>4. Dr. Titilola Akindehinde (NGF: Policy Adviser)</li> <li>5. Cijeyu Ojong (NGF: PFM Adviser/ Development Policy Operation)</li> <li>6. Myani T. Bukar (NGF: Knowledge Management Adviser)</li> <li>7. Oderinde Abidemi (NGF: Researcher)</li> <li>8. David Nabena (NGF: Economist)</li> <li>9. Hadiza Elayo (DFID-SPARC: SPCM)</li> <li>10. Chidiebere Ibe (DFID-SPARC: PFM)</li> <li>11. Ngozi Agboegbulem (CBN: Head GFSO)</li> <li>12. Olayinka Babalola (World Bank: Economist)</li> <li>13. John Litwach (World Bank: Head Economist)</li> </ol>	
1.0	<p><b>Opening</b></p> <p>The meeting commenced at 11.00am. The Director General, NGF welcomed attendees and representatives of the CBN and development partners.</p> <p>The Director General further underlined the significance of the sub-national PFM database initiative in terms of its transformative potentials for enhancing better governance and accountability across the States, as well as providing information for prospective investors.</p>	
2.0	<p><b>Meeting Agenda</b></p>	

<p>2.1</p> <p>2.2</p> <p>2.3</p>	<p><b>Opening Remarks</b></p> <p>The Head Economist of the World Bank Country Office, John Litwach summarized of the initiative and purpose for Meeting as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Follow-up meeting to the January 2013 Meeting.</li> <li>• There is need for an extensive PFM database on States economic and statistical indicators including education, health, water and other sectors with a view to better understand Nigeria's economic Activities at the State level.</li> <li>• There is need to synergize efforts with the different data-generating agencies of government including NBS, DMO, OAGF and CBN towards producing a comprehensive database.</li> <li>• NGF is well-placed to not only house the PFM database but also to employ its leverage in having States fully key into the initiative.</li> </ul> <p>The meeting was to set the stage for work on actualizing the development of a comprehensive PFM database for the 36-States.</p> <p><b>Formal Inauguration of the Working Group</b></p> <p>The Core Working Group that included representatives of the CBN; development partners – the World Bank and DFID-SPARC-DFID; and the NGFS (PFM Advisor/DPO Coordinator) was formally inaugurated.</p> <p><b>Discussion of information needs and Data Matrix</b></p> <p><b>Comments and Reactions</b></p> <p><i>Mrs. Ngozi Head of GFSO, CBN Representative:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CBN's IGR &amp; Expenditure survey is usually carried out annually. The 2012 annual survey is to begin 5<sup>th</sup> March 2013, with the training Workshops on how to fill the questionnaires across the 36-States. The results and data from the process should be available by end-April 2013.</li> <li>• The quantity and quality of data acquired and collated by CBN has been improving over the years. State-level disaggregated data is available; however, disaggregated data for the local governments is yet to be attained. This could a possible area for collaboration and intervention.</li> </ul>	<p>DG, NGFS</p>
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2.3.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is on-going effort to ensure production of quarterly economic data for States and Local Governments economic dat. For the 2013 survey, the Auditor Generals of all States and Local Governments have been invited to assist in providing audited information especially at the Local Government levels. Some of the information is to be retrieved from FAAC Fact Sheets is a relatively accurate source.</li> <li>• A key challenge in acquiring the data owes to the fact that not all the states are open to sharing such data. Notwithstanding the challenges, CBN has been able to attain about 97% return rates on the CBN questionnaires in recent times.</li> </ul> <p><b>DFID-SPARC representatives:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SPARC has successfully acquired 75% of the State Economic data in the ten 'Sparc States' covering the period 2004-2010. The data is mainly derived from States' Approved Budgets, Accountant-General's Report and the Auditor-General's Reports, as well as other official source documents.</li> <li>• The intention is to use the data for analysis on the trends to see the budget performance in the states and to help states achieve realistic budgeting.</li> <li>• The database is to be updated regularly and would therefore benefit from an expansion to cover the 36-States through the current sub-national database initiative.</li> </ul> <p><b>NGFS Representatives</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It is easier and better to go through the NGFS since it is a faster and more effective channel to communicate with the governors.</li> <li>• Collection of data, as well as the incredibility and integrity of the data is important for any development to take place.</li> <li>• In the effort to collate data quarterly, CBN should be cautious to avoid trading-in valuable data due to the time constraints.</li> </ul>	
3.0	<p><b>Outcomes/ Actions points</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To generate a common platform/template for the comprehensive</li> </ul>	SPARC-DFID & CBN

	<p>database.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Partners in the working Group to key into the upcoming CBN survey.</li> <li>• Meet with Director; GFS: CBN to obtain full buy-in and explore the need or otherwise for an MoU with CBN.</li> </ul>	<p>All Partners</p> <p>Cijeyu Ojong</p>
4.0	<p><b>Closing</b></p> <p>The meeting closed at 12:40pm</p>	