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**MINUTES OF THE 9TH MEETING OF NIGERIA
GOVERNORS' FORUM IN 2018**

HELD ON

17TH OCTOBER, 2018

AT THE

NGF SECRETARIAT, MAITAMA, ABUJA

ATTENDANCE

S/N	NAME	STATE	DESIGNATION
1.	Hon. Abdulaziz Yari Abubakar	Zamfara	Governor/Chairman
2.	Senator Mohammed Jibrilla	Adamawa	Governor
3.	Samuel Ortom	Benue	Governor
4.	Dr. Kayode Fayemi	Ekiti	Governor
5.	Mallam Nasir El-Rufai	Kaduna	Governor
6.	Dr. Abdullahi U. Ganduje	Kano	Governor
7.	Senator Abubakar Atiku Bagudu	Kebbi	Governor
8.	Yahaya Bello	Kogi	Governor
9.	Abdulfattah Ahmed	Kwara	Governor
10.	Akin Ambode	Lagos	Governor
11.	Abubakar S. Bello	Niger	Governor
12.	Simon Lalong	Plateau	Governor
13.	Rt. Hon. Ude Oko Chukwu	Abia	Deputy Governor
14.	Nkem Okeke, PhD	Anambra	Deputy Governor
15.	Audu Sule Katagum	Bauchi	Deputy Governor
16.	Usman M. Durkwa	Borno	Deputy Governor
17.	Comrade Philip Shaibu	Edo	Deputy Governor
18.	Ibrahim Hadejia	Jigawa	Deputy Governor
19.	Mannir Yakubu	Katsina	Deputy Governor
20.	Silas Agara	Nasarawa	Deputy Governor
21.	Chief (Mrs) Yetunde Onanuga	Ogun	Deputy Governor
22.	Agboola Ajayi	Ondo	Deputy Governor
23.	Iya Afin Grace Laoye-Tomori	Osun	Deputy Governor
24.	Moses A. Adeyemo	Oyo	Deputy Governor

S/N	NOTES	ACTION BY
1.0	COMMENCEMENT	
	The meeting commenced at 8.45pm with opening prayers by the Governor of Kwara State and Deputy Governor of Abia State.	
2.0	ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS	
	The Minutes of the previous meeting of the Forum was reviewed and in the absence of any corrections or observations the Governor of Niger State moved for its adoption and was seconded by the Governor of Kwara State.	
3.0	CHAIRMAN'S BRIEF	
	<p>The Chairman welcomed the new Ekiti State Governor, Dr. Kayode Fayemi back to the Nigeria Governors' Forum (NGF) and expressed the hope that he would continue to serve the NGF, his State and country with the same dedication and passion that have become his hallmark.</p> <p>He then addressed the meeting on the Real Sector Support Funds that had accrued from the exchange rate differentials. The Forum wanted the funds set aside and warehoused with the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) for the benefit of the States.</p> <p>On the Infrastructure Expenditure refund, the Chairman informed the Forum that he was liaising with Debt Management Office (DMO), the Bureau of Public Procurement (BPP) and the CBN to work out the modalities for effecting the refund.</p>	
4.0	HEALTH UPDATE	
	<p>In his Update, the NGF Health Consultant, Dr Ahmad Abdulwahab informed the Forum that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Nigeria had been Polio-free for two years and had 1 more to go before being certified Polio-free by the World Health Organisation (WHO). ii. Primary Healthcare Under One Roof (PHCUOR) Score card had been completed in 36 States and the FCT. iii. There was no assessment for Akwa Ibom State within the timeframe because their law had just been passed. iv. Whilst Gombe State scored 76%, 23 States scored 62% each. 	

	<p>v. Overall, the areas in the Scorecard with the least progress were Minimum Service Package, Financing and Repositioning.</p> <p>In the light of the above, the Governors were urged to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitate the transfer of key PHC programmes (Immunization, Maternal and Child Health, Nutrition, Family Planning, Malaria, Tuberculosis, HIV/AIDS) from the State Ministry of Health (SMOH), State Ministry for Local Government (SMfLG), and Local Government Areas (LGAs) to the State PHC Board. • Accelerate the development of Minimum Service Package and Investment Plan. • Facilitate increased allocation of funds for PHC services. <p>Some members questioned the National Primary Healthcare Development Agency (NPHCDA) gradings and wondered what the basis for the conclusions were.</p> <p>The Forum identified the need for a Model Healthcare law to enable States pattern their laws after same. That way, the potential to grade and access States can be eliminated.</p>	
5.0	PRESENTATION BY THE PRESIDENT, NIGERIA LABOUR CONGRESS	
	<p>The President of the Nigeria Labour Congress (NLC), Comrade Ayuba Wabba informed the Forum that the DG, NGF and himself had concluded work on the reconciliation of the compliance level in the payment of salaries, pensions and gratuities to core civil servants, teachers and Local Government workers. They have since communicated this fact to the CBN. All that remained, as far as he knew, was the crediting of accounts of States.</p>	
6.0	PRESENTATION BY THE NIGERIA ECONOMIC SUMMIT GROUP	
	<p>The Chief Executive Officer of the Nigeria Economic Summit Group (NESG), Mr. Laoye Jaiyeola briefed the Forum on the forthcoming 24th Nigerian Economic Summit (NES#24) as well</p>	

	<p>as the Post Summit 2017 achievements. The theme for Summit 2018 was “Poverty to Prosperity: Making Governance & Institutions Work”.</p> <p>There were sub-themes including Corruption and Rule of Law, Effective Public Institutions, Sustainable Economic Opportunities, Human Development and Participation V. Citizens’ Rights.</p> <p>The Forum was reminded that there was a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the NESG and the NGF aimed at forging closer cooperation and collaboration. In furtherance, the NESG would host a Working Lunch on Monday, 22nd October 2018 by 1.00pm. The theme for the meeting would be “Unlocking the Potential for Sub-National Economic Cooperation”.</p> <p>The Forum commended NESG for upholding the public-private dialogue and assured the team of the full participation of States at the Summit. This would help align government policies and programmes with the needs of the private sector.</p>	
7.0	DIRECTOR GENERAL’S BRIEF	
	<p>In his brief, the Director General (DG) congratulated Dr. Kayode Fayemi on his inauguration as the Governor of Ekiti State and welcomed him back to the Forum.</p> <p>He informed the meeting that there would be a Presentation at the National Economic Council (NEC) scheduled for the following day, 18th October 2018. The Presentation would be on the Ease of Doing Business.</p>	
8.0	A.O.B	
	<p>ALIGNING OF BUDGETS – The Governor of Kebbi State reminded the Forum that at a meeting of NEC, the imperative to align the budgets of the Federal Government (FG) with the budgets of the sub-national entities was discussed. It was agreed at that meeting that the FG should share the fundamentals of its budget and budget process with the States to facilitate the alignment.</p> <p>LONDON/PARIS FUNDS UPDATE – The Chairman briefed the meeting on the legal fee component of the Consultants’ fees. He</p>	

	<p>reminded the Forum of the meeting between the Attorneys General (AGs) of States and the Attorney General of the Federation (AGF) where they agreed to set aside about \$600m as Consultants fees. Subsequently and following further meetings with the AGF, the Honourable Minister of Finance (HMF) and the AGs, there were concerns that \$600m was too much and it was consequently agreed to set aside \$350m to cater for consultants and associated costs.</p> <p>However, latter events were to show that the FG had unilaterally decided to utilise the entire \$350m as legal fees contrary to earlier agreements and understanding.</p> <p>The Forum gave the Chairman authority to continue to push for the payment of Consultancy fees and associated costs from the \$350m set aside and warehoused at the CBN.</p>	
7.0	ADJOURNMENT/ CONCLUSION	
	<p>The Kwara State Governor moved for the adjournment of the meeting and was seconded by the Deputy Governor of Oyo State.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 9:47pm.</p>	

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