

WELCOME ADDRESS BY THE HON. COMMISSIONER, MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC PLANNING, ALH. DANLADI MOHAMMED, ON THE OCCASION OF THE NORTH-EAST ZONAL FLAG-OFF FOR THE COMPUTATION OF STATE'S GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT (SGDP) IN NIGERIA HOLDING AT THE NEW BANGUET HALL, GOVERNMENT HOUSE, GOMBE, GOMBE STATE ON THE 15TH DAY OF MAY, 2012

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I am pleased to welcome you all to North-East Zonal Flag-off for Computation of the State Gross Domestic Product in Nigeria holding in Gombe, Gombe State. You may be aware that this programme has a very significant role to the development process of Nigeria and at the sub-national level.

2. Organizing this programme at the Zonal level further demonstrates the commitment of the National Planning Commission, the National Bureau of Statistics, the Nigerian Governors Forum Secretariat and the National Steering Committee towards the national Execution modality which ensures and gives a sense of state's ownership of the programme. I therefore wish to express the appreciation of the Government and people of Gombe State for finding your time to attend this very important occasion.

3. Distinguished ladies and Gentlemen, may I at this juncture humbly recognize the presence of the representatives of their Excellency's the Executive Governors of the North-East Geo-political zone here present, the Hon. Minister/Deputy Chairman, National Planning Commission, the Secretary to the Commission and the Statistician General of the Federation. I equally recognize the presence of the Director General, Centre for Management Development, the D.G. Nigerian Institute for Social and Economic Research, The Hon. Commissioners/Chairmen and Special Advisers, Statistician General from the North East zone and other States here

present and the Central Bank of Nigeria. Your presence demonstrates your commitments in actualizing the objectives of this programme.

4. To our Royal fathers, your presence is a continued encouragement to the developmental strides of the State and nation at large. We thank you for coming and shall continue to ask for more of such support.

5. I also wish to specially recognize the permanent Secretaries here present and our Development partners, especially the UN System in Nigeria, UNDP, The World Bank, the DFID, NGOs and other Donor Agencies. We also look forward to a continues closer collaboration in charting the course of development at both Sub-national and National levels.

5. On this note, I wish to sincerely welcome you all to the North-East Zonal Flag-off ceremony for the Computation of the State Gross Domestic Product in Nigeria today, holding in Gombe, Gombe State, the Jewel in the Savannah.

6. Thank you and God Bless us all, Ameen.