



COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AT THE END OF A 2-DAY INDUCTION PROGRAMME FOR NEW AND RETURNING GOVERNORS HELD AT THE PRESIDENTIAL BANQUET HALL, ABUJA, APRIL 29TH – 30TH APRIL, 2019

The Nigeria Governors' Forum (NGF) held its second induction programme for new and returning Governors from April, 29th – 30th April, 2019 at the Presidential Banquet Hall, Aso Villa. A total of 389 participants attended the event including newly elected and returning Governors, some former Governors, Development Partners, former governors from the United State of America as well as other Resource Persons. The Induction Programme was declared open by His Excellency, Prof. Yemi Osibanjo, GCON, Vice President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and it featured 12 technical sessions.

At the end of the Programme, the Forum expressed satisfaction with the contents, quality and structure of the programme and came up with the following resolutions:

- i) Governors to continue leveraging on the experiences of their predecessors as well as enhance peer review and learning at the subnational level.
- ii) Ensure continuity in governance especially in the completion of projects and programmes.
- iii) Encourage collaboration among States and deepening relationship with the Federal Government.

- iv) Have a clear agenda that support the achievement the seventeen (17) Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- v) Collaborate with the Federal Government (FG) in achieving a pervasive Mobile Broadband infrastructure across the country within the 4year period.
- vi) Collaborate with the Federal Government in the ongoing digital registration of citizens.
- vii) Improve IGR strategy and mechanisms in order to spur inclusive growth and development.
- viii) Explore the use of technology to evolve more digitally driven states with government services increasingly available through mobile phones.
- ix) Create a robust, liberal strategy executed through a dedicated team with cross-agency mandate and recruit an expert in digital technology to lead it.
- x) Execute an effective communication strategy embracing both traditional and social media.
- xi) Work assiduously with the civil service and non-state actors to reduce poverty and improve Nigeria's human development indices, especially infant and maternal mortality and literacy rates.
- xii) Prioritize human capital development in states.
- xiii) Emphasize investment in the right skills to future-proof workforce and local populace through adoption of e-learning as an option for quality education.
- xiv) Create an innovative ecosystem to serve as a revolving... for talents and new initiative.

- xv) Implore the Federal Government and the Central Bank to increase the Anchor Borrower Fund from the present sum of N220 billion to a minimum N500 billion in view of the catalytic effects the Fund has on agricultural development and job creation.
- xvi) Sustain the fight against polio until Nigeria is certified polio free.
- xvii) Take ownership of the fight against corruption as a collective responsibility and reduce its devastating effect on individual well-being.
- xviii) In collaboration with the Federal Government, tackle head long, the security challenges in the country.
- xix) Lead by example, invest in people, earn their trust and deliver on election promises.

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Dated this: 30TH April, 2019