

FAREWELL DINNER FOR NEW AND RETURNING GOVERNORS

CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME REMARKS

Protocol:

1. I thank Your Excellencies, past chairmen of the Nigeria Governors' Forum for honouring our invitation to attend this farewell dinner for outgoing governors.
2. I thank our resource persons, Your Excellencies for accepting to make remarks on 'Life After Office' to the out-going governors.
3. I thank the Guest of Honour and distinguished guests for coming.
4. There will be a book presentation on "Common Ground (Leading Change at the Subnational). I thank my predecessor for his wonderful efforts in making this possible.
5. The Governors' Forum has organised this event to support the new governors in developing the essential skills for democratic governance for the implementation of pre-elections blueprints.
6. We have invited former Governors' Forum chairmen to interact with the new governors as they begin the task of governance for national development.
7. We have also invited some former governors to make remarks on "Life After Office." This will prepare the ground for governors exiting the stage.
8. Life is a transition. It is important for new governors to put in their best while in government to leave lasting legacies when they are exiting, that is why this farewell dinner is very significant.
9. We thank Your Excellencies for your support to the Governors' Forum and formally welcome governors-elect to the forum.
10. The opening Ceremony for the induction of new and returning governors will be formally declared opened by His Excellency, The President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Muhammadu Buhari GCFR, tomorrow 15th May.
11. I welcome you once again to this farewell dinner, I wish you fruitful interactions.
12. Thank you and God bless.