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**NATIONAL ECONOMIC COUNCIL (NEC) MEMORANDUM FOR CONSIDERATION
AND APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR THE NATIONAL
ECONOMIC COUNCIL SECRETARIAT AND OTHER RELATED ACTIVITIES FOR
YEAR 2020**

**NOTE BY THE HONOURABLE MINISTER OF FINANCE, BUDGET AND NATIONAL
PLANNING**

1. INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this memorandum is to seek Council's consideration and approval of the proposed budget estimates for the National Economic Council (NEC) Secretariat operations and other related activities for year 2020.

2. You may recall that the National Economic Council (NEC) was established by the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (1999), as amended, Third Schedule, Part 1, Section 153, Sub Section 18 & 19 with its Secretariat at the Federal Ministry of Finance, Budget and National Planning (National Planning Wing). NEC, as one of the Federal Executive bodies, has the mandate to advise the President concerning the economic affairs of the Federation, particularly on the co-ordination of the economic planning efforts and/or economic programmes of the three tiers of Governments of the Federation.

3. The Secretariat of NEC is mandated to effectively cover NEC's monthly meetings, including the various NEC Ad-Hoc Committee meetings and to monitor all the resolutions passed by the Council to ensure they are implemented as approved.

4. Council may also recall that, during the Valedictory NEC meeting for outgoing States Governors held on Thursday, 23rd May, 2019, most of the speakers noted with regrets that the implementation of the resolutions passed by the National Economic Council between 2015 to 2019 were not effectively monitored or tracked by the Secretariat. The absence of effective monitoring mechanism of government's policies has always been the bane of development and implementation.

5. While the Secretariat might have the capacity to carry out its onerous task, it has however been unfortunately hindered by inadequate fund and/or relevant equipment to exercise its plans. There is, therefore, an urgent need to make adequate funding that could not be accommodated from the Federal Government budget to enable the Secretariat discharge its functions effectively.

6. I wish to put it on record the support of some of the State Governors and the Nigeria Governors' Forum Secretariat in terms of facilities and servicing of some of the meetings of the Ad-Hoc Committees. This however, is not sustainable and, therefore, the need for central funding from the Federation Account.

7. Council may kindly note that only Four Million Naira (N4,000,000.00) was appropriated as capital vote for the "Coordination of NEC Activities" in the 2020 Budget of the Ministry, which is not enough to fund the activities of the Secretariat.

8. The summary of the proposed budget estimate for the National Economic Council meetings and other related activities for 2020 are as shown below:

S/N	ITEMS/DESCRIPTION	TOTAL (N)
A	Stationery/Consumable Items for NEC Secretariat	7,004,000.00
B	Project Vehicle (Toyota Hiace, 18-seater Bus)	25,000,000.00
C	Other Related Activities (Monitoring/Tracking of NEC Resolutions, Honorarium for Experts/Consultants, Capacity Building, Advert placement/publicity, etc.)	57,610,000.00
D	Servicing of NEC Ad-Hoc & Sub-Technical Committees meetings	5,400,000.00
Total		N95,014,000.00

See attached for the breakdown of the estimates.

9. Following from the above, the National Economic Council is kindly invited to note that:

- (I) NEC is a creation of the Constitution, with its Secretariat domiciled at the Federal Ministry of Finance, Budget and National Planning;
- (II) The Secretariat is mandated to cover NEC, Ad-Hoc and Technical Sub-Committee meetings, including tracking of NEC Resolutions;
- (III) The Secretariat is faced with paucity of fund
- (IV) The need for the Secretariat to seek for fund from the Federation Accounts; and
- (V) To approve the sum of **Ninety-Five Million, Fourteen Thousand Naira (~~₦95,014,000.00~~)** only, for the operation of the National Economic Council Secretariat for year 2020.

**National Economic Council Secretariat
Ministry of Finance, Budget and National Planning
Abuja.**

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S/N	Items (Description)	Quantity	Unit Cost (N)	Total Cost (N)
A. Stationery/Consumable Items for NEC Secretariat				
I	Letter head	20 Cartons	25,500.00	500,000
II	Branded File Jackets	2500	400.00	1,000,000
III	Flip Chart	3	3,000.00	9,000
IV	Markers	25	1,000	25,000
V	Branded Notepad	2000	500.00	1,000,000
VI	Biros/Pen	20 Packs	1,500	30,000
VII	External Hard Drives	4	27,000.00	108,000
VIII	Flash Drives	20	3,000.00	60,000
IX	Small Stapler and Packs of Pin	8	5,000.00	40,000
X	Giant Stapler and Packs of Pin	4	12,000.00	48,000
XI	Strong Checkered Plastic (Ghana Must Go) Bags for movement of documents	10	5,000.00	50,000
XII	Branded Large Size Envelope	20 Cartons	10,000.00	200,000
XIII	Branded Small Size Envelope	20 Cartons	8,000.00	160,000
XIV	Projector (Dell P318 S320) + stand	2	169,000	338,000
XV	Universal Paper Shredder	4	45,000.00	180,000
XVI	Papers A4	100 Cartons	7,500.00	750,000
XVII	Papers A5	20 Cartons	7,500	150,000
XVIII	Toner for Printers – HP Laser Jet M806 (25X Toner)	5	150,000.00	750,000
XX	Toner for Printers – HP Laser Jet 4250n (42A Toner)	5	37,000.00	185,000

XXI	Toner for Photocopier – Ricoh Aficio MP 4002 (G8557 Toner)	5	40,000.00	200,000
XXII	Toner for Colour Laser Jet Enterprise M750	5	120,00.00	600,000
XXIII	HP Laser Jet Scanner	2	45,000.00	90,000
XXIV	Smile Router Internet Connectivity	3	30,000.00	90,000
XXV	Smile Internet Monthly Subscription	6 months	15,000.00 X 3 Routers	270,000
XXVI	Public Address System + 2 Microphones	2	85,500	171,000
Sub Total (A)			7,004,000.00	
B. Project Vehicles				
S/N	Items (Description)	Quantity	Unit Cost (N)	Total Cost (N)
I	Toyota Bus (2018 Model, 18-Seater)	1	25,000,000	25,000,000
Sub Total (B)			N25,000,000.00	
C. Other Related Activities				
S/N	Items (Description)	Quantity	Unit Cost (N)	Total Cost (N)
I	Monitoring/Tracking of NEC Resolutions (DTA for field visits to the States by NEC Secretariat & OVP)	30 Staff (Including M&E Experts) X 2 per annum.	250,000	15,000,000
II	Purchase of gadgets and installation of M&E Software for field visits (Kobo-tool box license & Others)	21	260,000	5,460,000
III	Provision for Honorarium for Subject Matters Experts	Several	Several	5,000,000

IV	Yearly Capacity Building for NEC Secretariat and OVP	30 Staff	480,000 (DTA+ Course Fee)	14,400,000
V	Advert Placement, Publication & Publicity	Several	Several	17,500,000
VI	Digital Camera (Canon Product)	1	250,000	250,000
Sub Total C.				N57,610,000.00
D. Servicing of NEC Ad-Hoc Committee Meetings				
S/N	Items (Description)	Quantity	Unit Cost (N)	Total Cost (N)
I	Tea Break for NEC Ad-Hoc Committee meetings (Tea, Coffee, Snacks, etc.)	30 Pers. X 24 meetings	2,000	1,440,000
II	Buffet Lunch for NEC Ad- Hoc/Technical Committee meetings. Meetings	30 Pers. X 24 meetings	5,000	3,600,000
III	Consumables for NEC Ad- Hoc/Technical Committee meetings. (Water, Sweet & Cola nuts)	30 Pers. X 24 meetings	500	360,000
Sub Total (D)				N5,400,000.00
Total (A+B+C+D)				N95,014,000.00

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