

# **Summary of the Technical Session of the Rivers State SPRM Initiation/ Sensitization Workshop**

**Day 1: July 12, 2012**

Yesterday was the Rivers State SPRM Technical Session. Presentations were made by the Technical Team from the NGF Secretariat.

- **The first presentation was made by Prof. Alex Gboyega.** He spoke on the SPRM process and what it hopes to achieve.
  - The primary objective of the SPRM is to accelerate the pace of development in States through periodic reviews.
  - These reviews will also encourage learning between states which will ultimately promote good governance.
- The SPRM is set up to involve all Rivers State stakeholders. Every member of society has a role to play in the review process. The review requires participation from government officials, traditional rulers, local communities, women, youth, physically challenged, private sector, all state stakeholders.

**The Second presentation was made by Dr. Afeikhena Jerome.** He spoke on the following:

- Methodology of the SPRM process.
- Brief Background on the SPRM. The SPRM is modeled after the African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM). The process is accepted and supported by all the Governors. This process is driven by the SPRM Steering Committee chaired by Justice Uwais. The first review was conducted in Anambra State and is ongoing in Ekiti and Niger States.
- Timeline for Rivers State to submit their State Self Assessment Report (SSAR) and State Programme of Action Report (SPoA). The end of this workshop will mark the beginning of the 3 months count down for Rivers State.
- Data Sources. The State should endeavor to use available data from sources such as the National Bureau of Statistics (NBC) etc.
- Expectations for Rivers State. Before the end of this visit the State is expected to submit:
  - A roadmap on how to achieve the State Self Assessment Report; they will need to develop a work plan and budget.
  - A State Steering Committee also needs to be set up. All Stakeholders need to come and voice their opinions because this is a stakeholder owned and driven process; market women, youth, private sector etc.

There <sup>are in total</sup> 247 indicators in 10 areas.

**Chinedu Eze** spoke on the framework of indicators. The State Self Assessment Report needs to be a factual document based on data collected as directed by the Sectoral indicators. The SPRM indicators guide the data collection process and also inform the role of stakeholders. He went through some indicators from the PFM and education sectors.

**Myani Bukar** spoke on the Knowledge Management (KM) component of the SPRM process.

- The SPRM is a learning exercise that promotes sharing of knowledge among States.
- It is imperative that the State properly documents the process in order to ensure that knowledge is captured which can then be shared with other states.
- In preparation of the need to capture and maintain a central database for the SPRM, the NGF Secretariat has set up a Content Management System which will house all information gathered during the SPRM process.
- Each state will have access to uploading and retrieving data from this site.

The last session of the day was a discussion held between the NGF Technical Team and non-state actors.