



**The Secretariat**

**Briefing of His Excellency Rt. Hon. Rotimi Chibuike Amaechi,  
Governor of Rivers State and Chairman of the Forum on the  
visit of the State Peer Review Mechanism Team to Rivers  
State on 22 May 2012**

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Your Excellency may recall that the State Peer Review Mechanism (SPRM) was launched on 17 May, 2011 at Transcorp Hotel, Abuja, as part of the 2011 Induction / Symposium of the Nigeria Governors' Forum.

As an integral part of the NGF's Strategic Plan (2010-2012), the Forum under the current leadership has prioritized the SPRM process as a tool for fostering good governance and socio-economic development in States. The last outing was the Technical Review Mission to Anambra State, the first in the country that took place from 14<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> May 2012. H.E. Donald Duke and Prof Oladipupo led the Mission and it was extremely successful. Commendably, the Government and people of Anambra State, led by H. E. Governor Obi demonstrated strong ownership and commitment to the process.

We would like to use this opportunity to express our appreciation to his Excellency the Chairman of the Forum for his personal leadership and demonstrable commitment to the SPRM process.

The Secretariat's SPRM Team accompanied by DFID-SPARC is visiting Rivers States today to finalize arrangements for the commencement of the process in the State.

The objectives of the visit are three-fold:

1. To sensitize members of the State Executive Council on the SPRM process since they would be the main drivers of the process in the state.
2. To commit Your Excellency to constitute a small SPRM Unit in the state headed by a Commissioner (Preferably the Commissioner of Budget and Planning) that would anchor the SPRM process in the State and lead the preparation of the State Self-Assessment Report and the State Programme of Action through an inclusive process within three Months after the Sensitization Workshop.
3. Secure dates for the Sensitization Workshop that would officially commence the process in the state.