

MINUTES OF MEETING BETWEEN THE MANAGEMENT OF THE NIGERIA GOVERNORS' FORUM (NGF) SECRETARIAT AND YUSUF KAZAURE OF GALAXY BACKBONE (GB) ON WEDNESDAY, 30 APRIL, 2009

S/N	NOTES	ACTION
01	<p>ATTENDANCE</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A.B Okauru – DG, NGF 2. L.O.T Shittu – ED (Strategy & Research),NGF 3. Chuku, C.C Esq – Legal Dept, NGF 4. Osaro Onaiwu – Red Carpet Protocol/Protocol Consultant, NGF 5. Yusuf kazaure – Galaxy Backbone <p>COMMENCEMENT</p> <p>The meeting ended at 1.05pm.</p> <p>The Director General (DG) of NGF in his opening remarks informed the meeting that at the last National Economic Council (NEC) meeting, it was agreed that Galaxy Backbone (GB) would organise an ICT workshop for all the thirty six (36) States with a view to creating IT connectivity and access at the local level.</p> <p>The Business Operations Executive, GB though physically absent from the meeting was called on phone and put on speaker so the meeting could hear his briefing on the proposed ICT workshop.</p> <p>He informed the meeting as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. At the last National Economic Council (NEC) meeting held on April 7, 2009, the Council was briefed on the developmental opportunities presented by the National Information Communication and Education Programme (NICEP) which is aimed at providing accelerated connectivity for broadband internet, data, voice and video communications to rural communities and educational institutions. 2. In the Federal Government's bid to have a consolidated platform as a means of driving e-governance, it had invested USD86m to build a robust network for NICEP in Abuja. 3. NEC also agreed that there was a need not only to extend this network to all the State Capitals and Local Governments (LGs) but also to sensitise the relevant State Government Personnel on the 	

importance of this network and its intricacies.

4. In addition to this infrastructure at the centre, the project include 5,000 Very small Aperture Terminal (VSAT) units that would be used to extend a broad offering of digital services deployable to end users in States and LGs.

5. The proposed workshop would be held under the auspices of Galaxy Backbone (GB), a Company wholly owned by the FG, and would cater for personnel at the Policy level in the States, such as Commissioners in charge of ICT, Special Advisers, Directors or Deputy Directors.

6. GB would like to partner with the NGF Secretariat to host an effective workshop.

7. The participants at the workshop would not exceed ~~Three~~ four (4) persons per State.

8. GB would provide the venue, lunch at the event and workshop materials.

The meeting agreed that a fee of N30, 000 would be paid by each participant to cover administrative costs. It was agreed that another meeting would be held later on that day, 30/04/09 to further deliberate on some grey areas that needed conclusive and clear agreements.

Once this was done, a letter of notification to the States would be written and despatched.

The meeting ended at 1.50 pm.