



MINUTES OF MEETING WITH WORLD BANK, SPARC, CBN and NGFS

Date: 1st March, 2013
Time: 11:47 AM
Venue: Conference Room, NGFS

Chaired by: A.B Okauru

S/N	NOTES/RESOLUTIONS	ACTION BY
	<u>IN ATTENDANCE</u> 1. Okauru A.B (NGF Director General) 2. Alhaji Shittu (NGF Executive Director S&R) 3. Dr. Jerome (SPRM Coordinator) 4. Dr. Titilola Akindehinde (NGF Policy Adviser) 5. Cijeyu Ojong (NGF PFM Adviser/ Development Policy Operation) 6. Myani T. Bukar (NGF Knowledge Management Adviser) 7. Oderinde Abidemi (NGF Researcher) 8. David Nabena (NGF Economist) 9. Hadiza Elayo (SPCM DFID-SPARC) 10. Chidiebere Ibe (PPM DFID-SPARC) 11. Ngozi Agboegbulem (Head GFSO CBN) 12. Olayinka Babalola (Economist World Bank) 13. John Litwach (Head Economist World Bank)	
1.0	Opening The meeting commenced at 11.00am with the Director General presiding. He welcomed all the representatives in attendance and apologized for the late start of the meeting.	
2.0	Meeting Agenda	
2.1	Opening Remarks The director General stated his joy in having the meeting and the importance of the meeting. The collaboration of the <i>delight as regards the meeting</i>	<i>the issues to be discussed.</i> DG, NGFS
2.2	Formal Inauguration of the Working Group The Working Group included the CBN, World Bank, SPARC-DFID and the NGFS. Representatives from each Organization introduced themselves.	
2.3	Discussion of information needs and Data Matrix The head Economist, John Litwach with the permission of the DG gave a	

brief description of the purpose for Meeting; he stated the importance of having the necessary Economic data at the State level. In order to have a better understanding of Nigeria hence its economic activity seems to be growing concentrated geographically and also by State. World bank has partnered with different organizations/ agencies/ partners that have the necessary information or are specialized in following such, to help retrieve the needed information from the States. He suggested that hence CBN and SPARC-DFID have collated some of these data; it would of great interest to the project that they both work together. Considering that the NGFS have access to the states, they could be a great channel to communicate with the Governors and also help pressure them to co-operate with the project. He stated the main Objective of the meeting, which was to get the data from SPARC-DFID to pair it up with the data from CBN, to understand the differences and develop a better database of State budgets.

Comments by Representatives

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Mrs. Ngozi Head GFSO, CBN stated that over the year, the quantity and quality of data acquired and collated by CBN has improved; although they have been able to come up with the disaggregated data for the State level, they only have the aggregated data for the local government level. She also presented some publications from the CBN. CBN has faced some challenges in acquiring the data due to the fact that not all the states are opened to sharing such data, despite this challenges they have been able to gotten at least 97% return rates on the CBN questionnaires. Although, they are still experiencing challenges with the quality of the data gotten from the local government, they are confident in some of their data because of the source, such sources include; FAAC, IGR & Expenditure survey and also through survey. The survey is usually carried out annually and on the 5th of March 2013, the 2012 annual survey would begin with the training on how to fill the questionnaires and the process would end April 2013. They hope to begin to acquire such data on quarterly bases, though they would only request for the aggregated form so less emphasis. For the 2012 survey, the Auditor Generals of all local Governments have been invited to help get a detailed budget for the local government levels.

Cijeyie Ojong, PPM/DPO Adviser, NGFS, stated his delight in the project and towards the Synergy at hand.

DFID-SPARC representatives; discussed the data available to SPARC. So far with SPARC they have successfully acquired 75% of the Stated data (though it is not as detailed as the CBN data), which were sourced from source documents from states such includes, Approved State budget, Auditor General's report of performance and others. They plan to use these data to do an analysis on the trends to see the budget performance in the states and to help states achieve a realistic budgeting. They would like to share their data with CBNs' to see what can be added for a better data base.

	<p>Director General of NGFS was of the opinion that it is easier and better to go through the NGFS since it is a faster and more effective channel to communicate with the governors.</p> <p>Ed Strategy & Finance NGFS; collection of data is very important. The incredibility and integrity of data is important for any development to take place.</p>	
3.0	<p>Outcomes/ Actions points</p> <p>To form a common template to create a better set of data and to save time there is no need for a methodology meeting; headlines should be projected for possible population.</p> <p>To have the working Group to key into the upcoming survey.</p> <p>To have an audience with Mrs. Ngozi's Director; Dr. Dobuwa to determine if there is a need to have a MoU or not.</p>	<p>SPARC-DFID & CBN</p> <p>All Partners</p> <p>. Cijeyu Ojong</p>
4.0	<p>Closing</p> <p>The meeting closed at 12:40pm</p>	