

**NIGERIA  
GOVERNORS'  
FORUM**



**MINUTES OF THE 2<sup>ND</sup> MEETING OF THE NIGERIA  
GOVERNORS' FORUM IN 2013**

**HELD ON**

**20<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY, 2013**

**AT THE**

**RIVERS STATE GOVERNOR'S LODGE, ASOKORO,  
ABUJA**

## ATTENDANCE

S/N	NAME	STATE	DESIGNATION
1	Rt. Hon. Chibuike Rotimi Amaechi	Rivers	Governor/Chairman
2	Mr. Peter Obi	Anambra	Governor/Vice Chairman
3	Chief T. A. Orji	Abia	Governor
4	Vice Admiral Murtala H. Nyako (Rtd.)	Adamawa	Governor
5	Dr Obong Godswill Akpabio	Akwa-Ibom	Governor
6	Hon Seriake Dickson	Bayelsa	Governor
7	Mr Gabriel T. Suswan (Esq.)	Benue	Governor
8	Commrade Adams Oshiomhole	Edo	Governor
9	Dr. Kayode Fayemi	Ekiti	Governor
10	Alhaji Ibrahim Hassan Dankwanbo	Gombe	Governor
11	Owelle Rochas Okorochoa	Imo	Governor
12	Alhaji (Dr.) Sule Lamido	Jigawa	Governor
13	Engr. Rabiu M. Kwankwaso	Kano	Governor
14	Dr Ibrahim Shewu Shema	Katsina	Governor
15	Alhaji Abdulfatah Ahmed	Kwara	Governor
16	Dr. Muazu Babangida Aliyu	Niger	Governor
17	Air Commodore Jonah D. Jang	Plateau	Governor
18	Alhaji (Dr.) Aliyu M. Wamakko	Sokoto	Governor
19	Hon. Abdul-Aziz Yari Abubakar	Zamfara	Governor
20	Mr. Sunday C. Onyebuchi	Enugu	Acting Governor
21	Alhaji Garba Umaru	Taraba	Acting Governor
22	Mr. Efiok Cobham	Cross River	Acting Governor
23	Mallam Sagir Aminu	Bauchi	Deputy Governor
24	Alhaji Zannah Mustapha	Borno	Deputy Governor
25	Engr. David Umahi	Ebonyi	Deputy Governor
26	Ambassador Nuhu Bajoga	Kaduna	Deputy Governor
27	Alhaji Ibrahim K. Aliyu	Kebbi	Deputy Governor
28	Arch. Yomi Awoniyi	Kogi	Deputy Governor
29	Otunba Grace Titilayo Laoye-Tomori	Osun	Deputy Governor
30	Otunba Moses Alake Adeyemo	Oyo	Deputy Governor
31	Engr. Abubakar D. Aliyu	Yobe	Deputy Governor
32	Alhaji Ibrahim Wakkala Muhammad	Zamfara	Deputy Governor

## APOLOGIES

S/N	NAME	STATE	DESIGNATION
1	Dr. Emmanuel Eweta Uduaghan	Delta	Governor
2	Mr. Babatunde Fashola (SAN)	Lagos	Governor
3	Senator Ibikunle Amosun	Ogun	Governor
4	Dr Olusegun Mimiko	Ondo	Governor

S/N	NOTES/RESOLUTIONS	ACTION BY
1.0	<p><b>Commencement</b></p> <p>The meeting started at 8:32pm with opening prayers said by the Deputy Governor of Kogi State.</p>	
2.0	<p><b>Minutes of the Last NGF Meeting</b></p>	
2.1	<p>The minutes of the last meeting was reviewed and the motion for adoption of the minutes was moved by the Governor of Sokoto State, and seconded by the Deputy Governor of Oyo State.</p>	
3.0	<p><b>Chairman's Brief</b></p>	
3.1	<p>a) Chairman confirmed that the sum of \$1<sup>5</sup><del>0</del> that was to be distributed from the Excess Crude Account has now been disbursed to the States. Pending the Supreme Court judgment, the Forum proposed that a mechanism that facilitates the distribution of money from the account once it reaches the \$10m threshold should be put in place. <i>a particular</i></p> <p>b) Chairman also highlighted that there had been a Supreme Court Judgment directing the federal government to relinquish primary schools to the states. It was resolved that a copy of the judgment should be obtained, and Federal Government should be approached to ensure compliance with the judgment, so that funds for primary schools can be released to the states in line with the judgment.</p> <p>c) Chairman also briefed the Forum that the SPRM Steering Committee request audience with the Forum. It was resolved that Justice Uwais would be invited to the next meeting to brief the Forum on plans for 2013.</p>	<p><b>Chairman</b></p> <p><b>Secretariat</b></p>
3.2	<p><b>Review of Actions Log</b></p> <p>Actions and resolutions from the last meeting were reviewed as follows:</p> <p>a) Chairman's new phone number has now been communicated to all members.</p> <p>b) Expected distribution of \$1<sup>5</sup><del>0</del> from the Excess Crude Account to the States has now been completed.</p>	

	<p>c) Viewing of potential sites for the Secretariat building project has been completed, but the decision on the preferred site is yet to be finalized</p> <p>d) There are still outstanding dues and payments. All states were encouraged to make payment as soon as possible.</p>	<b>All states with outstanding payments</b>
4.0	<b>Chairmanship of the Forum</b>	
4.1	<p>The Chairman highlighted that as it was approaching the end of the second year of his tenure, it was time to consider future chairmanship of the Forum. After extensive discussion on the process for election to the post as laid out in the Constitution of the NGF, it was resolved that:</p> <p>a) All members who wish to be considered for the chairmanship role should communicate their expression of interest to the Secretariat.</p> <p>b) Chairman should pick a date as quickly as possible to fill vacancies in order to make the various organs of the Forum operational.</p>	<b>Chairman</b>
4.0	<b>Polio Eradication initiative</b>	
4.1	<p>The Forum was briefed on the Polio Leadership Challenge. Assessment of State performances was being reviewed by 4 judges including - Amina Mohammed, Special Adviser to the UN Secretary General on MDGs; Professor Tomori Ligali, eminent academic on polio eradication, Dr Shehu Sule, retired Permanent Secretary of the Federal Ministry of Health.</p> <p>Two awards (best performing and best improved) are to be given out in each geo-political zone.</p> <p>Bill Gates is scheduled to visit Nigeria in March 2013 to present the awards, and has requested audience with the Forum. As he will also be attending NEC meeting, it was resolved that an additional meeting with the Forum would not be necessary.</p> <p>The Forum raised concern about the challenge and the principle of ranking states. Furthermore, given that Polio is already a priority; the notion that this challenge was needed to encourage success of polio eradication was of concern.</p> <p>The Deputy Governor of Ebonyi state also raised issue with the fact that participation of deputy governors in the polio</p>	

	campaigns was not recognised in the Leadership Challenge. The Secretariat was directed to write the vetting committee for the polio challenge to inform them of the Forum's resolution that deputy governors would lead the routine immunisation drives.	<b>Secretariat</b>
4.2	The forum was also briefed that the Minister of Health had requested audience with the Forum. It was resolved that the Minister would be invited to brief the forum at the next meeting.	<b>Secretariat</b>
5.0	<b>AOB</b>	
5.1	Concern was raised about the revelation at the NASS that 873bn naira had disappeared from the natural resource fund between 2002 and 2013. A copy of the report presented to the NASS will be provided by the Ekiti State Governor to the Secretariat. NGF should actively track and engage in the debate on this matter	<b>Ekiti State Governor/Secretariat</b>
6.0	<b>Adjournment/Conclusion</b>	
6.1	The motion for adjournment was moved by the Deputy Governor of Kogi State. This was seconded by the Kwara State Governor.	
7.0	The meeting closed at 12:03 am	

**Rt.Hon. Rotimi Chibuike Amaechi**  
**Chairman, Nigeria Governors' Forum**  
**20<sup>th</sup> February, 2013**



# ACTIONS LOG

## MEETING OF THE NIGERIA GOVERNORS' FORUM

Ref no.	Date	Description	Action By	Time line	Status	Review Date
M13/02/001	20/02/13	Copy of Supreme Court judgment on Primary Schools to be obtained.	Secretariat			
M13/02/002	20/02/13	Federal Government to be engaged in pursuance of the Supreme Court judgment on Primary Schools	Chairman			
M13/02/003	20/02/13	Justice Uwais to be invited to the next meeting to brief the Forum on plans for 2013	Secretariat			
M13/02/004	20/02/13	All States to make payment of outstanding dues as soon as possible	All States with outstanding dues and payments			
M13/02/005	20/02/13	Chairman to pick a date to fill vacancies in the Forum leadership as soon as possible.	Chairman			
M13/02/006	20/02/13	Secretariat to write the vetting committee for the polio challenge to inform them of the Forum's resolution that deputy governors would lead the routine	Secretariat			

		immunisation drives				
M13/02/007	20/02/13	Minister of Health to be invited to brief the forum at the next meeting.	Secretariat			
M13/02/008	20/02/13	A copy the NASS report on the natural resources fund to be provided by the Ekiti State Governor to the secretariat.	Ekiti State Governor/ Secretariat			



ANNEX 2

**2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting in 2013**

**Wednesday, February 20, 2013**

### **AGENDA**

1. Opening Prayers;
2. Chairman's Brief;
  - On-going review of ECA;
  - Letter from Justice Uwais on the SPRM;
  - Declaration of March 9th as "APRM Day"
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3. Consideration and Adoption of the Minutes of the Last NGF Meeting;
4. NGF Chairmanship;
5. Polio eradication initiative:
  - Winner selection process of the 2012 Leadership Challenge;
  - Brief on the Kano incident.
6. Presentation by Stakeholders:
  - Minister of State for Health - Dr. Mohammed Pate;
  - Per further directive by Chair.
7. A.O.B.





**COMMUNIQUE**

**ISSUED AT THE END OF THE 2<sup>nd</sup> MEETING OF THE NIGERIA GOVERNORS' FORUM IN 2013 HELD ON WEDNESDAY 20<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2013, AT THE RIVERS STATE GOVERNOR'S LODGE, ABUJA**

We, the Governors of the 36 States of the Federal Republic of Nigeria at our 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the year held today Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2013 at the Rivers State Governor's Lodge Abuja, deliberated over a number of issues and resolved as follows:

1. Members exhaustively discussed the administration of the Forum and resolved that all the organs of the Forum be made functional at the next meeting;
2. Governors expressed deep concern and condemned the recent killings of health workers in Borno, Kano and Yobe; while re-affirming their solidarity with the Governors and people of these States. Forum commended the Governors of these States for their resolve to continue with their Polio eradication programme.

***Rt. Hon Chibuike Rotimi Amaechi  
Governor of Rivers State  
& Chairman, Nigeria Governors' Forum  
February 20<sup>th</sup> 2013***