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**MINUTES OF THE 3<sup>rd</sup> MEETING OF THE NIGERIA GOVERNORS'  
FORUM IN 2017**

**HELD ON**

**26<sup>th</sup> April, 2017**

**AT THE**

**BANQUET HALL, ASO VILLA, ABUJA**

## ATTENDANCE

S/N	NAME	STATE	DESIGNATION
1	Hon Abdulaziz Yari Abubakar	Zamfara	Governor
2	Udom Emmanuel	Akwa Ibom	Governor
3	Mohammed A. Abubakar	Bauchi	Governor
4	Samuel Ortom	Benue	Governor
5	Kashim Shettima	Borno	Governor
6	David N. Umahi	Ebonyi	Governor
7	Godwin N. Obaseki	Edo	Governor
8	Ayo Fayose	Ekiti	Governor
9	Owelle Rochas Okorochoa	Imo	Governor
10	Mohammed B. Abubakar	Jigawa	Governor
11	Nasir A. El-Rufai	Kaduna	Governor
12	Aminu Bello Masari	Katsina	Governor
13	Senator Abubakar A. Bagudu	Kebbi	Governor
14	Yahaya Bello	Kogi	Governor
15	Abdulfatah Ahmed	Kwara	Governor
16	Abubakar S. Bello	Niger	Governor
17	Oluwarotimi Akeredolu, SAN	Ondo	Governor
18	Ogbeni Rauf Aregbesola	Osun	Governor
19	Senator Abiola Ajimobi	Oyo	Governor
20	Simon Lalong	Plateau	Governor

21	Aminu Waziri Tambuwal	Sokoto	Governor
22	Darius D. Ishaku	Taraba	Governor
23	Martins Babale	Adamawa	Deputy Governor
24	Gboribiogha John Jonah	Bayelsa	Deputy Governor
25	Kingsley Otuaro	Delta	Deputy Governor
26	Professor Hafiz Abubakar	Kano	Deputy Governor
27	Silas Agara	Nasarawa	Deputy Governor
28	Chief (Mrs) Yetunde Onanuga	Ogun	Deputy Governor
29	Dr. Ipalibo Banigo	Rivers	Deputy Governor

S/N	NOTES/RESOLUTIONS	ACTION BY
1.0	<p><b>COMMENCEMENT</b></p> <p>The meeting commenced at 8.54pm with opening prayers by the Governor of Jigawa State and the Deputy Governor of Nasarawa State.</p>	
2.0	<p><b>CHAIRMAN'S BRIEF</b></p>	
2.1	<p>The Chairman welcomed members to the meeting and briefed them on the Economic Recovery and Growth Plan (ERGP) that was recently launched by the Federal Government on the 5<sup>th</sup> of April, 2017 and enlisted the support and co-operation of the States.</p> <p>The Forum also received report on the 1<sup>st</sup> Nigeria – China Governors Investment Forum. Even though the Forum was largely adjudged a success, it was reported that owing to constraints of time and the short notice given to the Chinese partners, the presence of Chinese investors did not meet expectations. Regardless of this shortcoming, some MoUs were executed at the event. Members were also informed that a forum of 500 top Chinese businessmen were expected in the country later in the year to follow up on the April visit. The meeting agreed that it was a good experience that should be encouraged and built upon.</p>	
3.0	<p><b>CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES</b></p>	
3.1	<p>The minutes of the last meeting were considered and adopted by a motion proposed by the Governor of Bauchi State and seconded by the Governor of Plateau State.</p>	
4.0	<p><b>CHANGE OF NGF TRUSTEES</b></p>	
4.1	<p>The Forum considered the issue of changing its Trustees as the present members of the Board of Trustees (BOT) were no longer serving Governors as required by the NGF Constitution.</p> <p>Consequently, the meeting unanimously selected the following members to serve on the BOT:</p> <p>i) Bauchi and Taraba States – North East</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ii) Kwara and Benue States – North Central</li> <li>iii) Katsina and Kebbi States – North West</li> <li>iv) Edo and Akwa Ibom States - South South</li> <li>v) Ekiti and Lagos States – South West</li> <li>vi) Imo and Ebonyi States – South East</li> </ul>	
5.0	<b>OPEN GOVERNMENT PARTNERSHIP</b>	
5.1	The Forum was briefed on the Open Government Partnership (OGP), a global initiative championed by a former Managing Director of the World Bank and designed to enhance transparency and accountability in government. Nigeria had signed on as a member and some States had similarly signed onto it. Members yet to sign on were encouraged to do so.	
6.0	<b>UPDATE ON LONDON PARIS CLUB</b>	
6.1	<p>The meeting was informed that all outstanding payments on the 1<sup>st</sup> tranche of the London Paris Club refunds to States had been concluded and the process for the payment of the 2<sup>nd</sup> tranche should commence shortly.</p> <p>The meeting learnt of a letter from Mr President's Chief of Staff essentially arguing against the release of the 2<sup>nd</sup> tranche. The Forum objected to this letter and agreed that a Committee would be constituted to meet with the Presidency to address this matter and counter whatever arguments being proffered against the payment of the 2<sup>nd</sup> tranche. It was also resolved that whilst one Committee members would address the political aspect of this, the others would see to the emotional component of same.</p> <p>The following members were nominated into the Committee – the Governors of Edo, Jigawa, Kebbi, Akwa Ibom, Osun, Kaduna and Zamfara States.</p>	
7.0	<b>NGF IMAGE</b>	
	Members again decried the poor image of Governors as portrayed by the media and a cross section of the public and resolved that something drastic needed to be done to address it decisively. Following a robust	

	<p>discussion on the need to push back the negative publicity, the Director General introduced Abdulrazaque Bello Barkindo, Head of Media and Publicity at the NGF Secretariat to the Forum. Mallam Barkindo assured the Forum he could tackle the situation but sought their co-operation as well as access to enable him discharge his duties properly. Members expressed confidence in the ability of Mallam Barkindo to deliver on the brief and pledged to give him every support needed to perform. He was asked to prepare a media strategy and budget for presentation at the next meeting.</p>	<p><b>Barkindo</b></p>
<p>8.0</p>	<p><b>PRESENTATION BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, NATIONAL PRIMARY HEALTH CARE DEVELOPMENT AGENCY</b></p>	
<p>8.1</p>	<p>Following an introduction by the Honourable Minister of Health, Professor Isaac Adewole, the Executive Director of National Primary Healthcare Development Agency (NPHCDA), Faisal Shuaibu made a Presentation on <i>A Progressive Change Agenda for Primary Healthcare (PHC) Revitalisation</i>.</p> <p>As a key to achieving universal health coverage for change agenda., the PHC revitalization programme aims at ensuring that at least one PHC per ward is revitalized and ultimately 10,000 PHCs are revitalized.</p> <p>It would also leverage on the use of Community Health Influencers, Promoters and Service (CHIPS) Programmes to achieve this. CHIPS are women who will be working in the community to identify people that require Maternal and Child Health (MCH) services, educate them, provide first aid as well as refer them to health facilities and keep records. CHIPS will increase the demand and utilization of maternal and child health services in PHCs.</p> <p>PHC revitalization will be a quick-win for the states as it will improve access to health care amongst the most vulnerable populations.</p> <p>The ED prayed the Forum to among others:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Endorse, champion and own the implementation of CHIPS in the 36 States; and</li> <li>ii) Commit to working with the FG in a Public-Private -Partnership (PPP) model that encourages the creation of a basket fund for PHC activities.</li> </ul>	<p><b>NGFS</b></p>

9.0	<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>	
9.1	The meeting rose at 10.45 pm.	

**Honourable Abdulaziz Yari Abubakar  
Governor of Zamfara State and Chairman,  
Nigeria Governors' Forum**