



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NIGERIA  
GOVERNORS' FORUM**

**HELD ON**

**11<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER, 2011**

**AT THE**

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

S/N	NAME	STATE	DESIGNATION
1	Rt. Hon. Rotimi C. Amaechi	Rivers	Governor/Chairman
2	Mr. Peter Obi	Anambra	Governor/Vice Chairman
3	Murtala Nyako	Adamawa	Governor
4	Godswill Akpabio	Akwa Ibom	Governor
5	Gabriel T. Suswam	Benue	Governor
6	Liyel Imoke	Cross River	Governor
7	Chief Martin Elechi	Ebonyi	Governor
8	Adams A. Oshiomhole	Edo	Governor
9	Owelle Rochas Okorochoa	Imo	Governor
10	Sullivan I. Chime	Enugu	Governor
11	Ibrahim S. Shema	Katsina	Governor
12	Patrick I. Yakowa	Kaduna	Governor
13	Dr. Muazu Babngida Aliyu, OON	Niger	Governor
14	Saidu N. Usman	Kebbi	Governor
15	Ibrahim Gaidam	Yobe	Governor
16	Sen. Ibikunle Amosun, FCA	Ogun	Governor
17	Olusegun Mimiko	Ondo	Governor
18	Danbaba D. Suntai	Taraba	Governor
19	Hon. Abdul-Aziz Yari Abubakar	Zamfara	Governor
20	Zannah Mustapha	Borno	Deputy Governor
21	Professor A.A. Utuama, SAN	Delta	Deputy Governor
22	Ahmed Mahmud Gumel	Jigawa	Deputy Governor
23	Dr. Phillips O. Salawu, SAN	Kogi	Deputy Governor
24	Peter S. Kisira	Kwara	Deputy Governor
25	Hon. Dameshi B. Luka	Nasarawa	Deputy Governor
26	Moses A. Adeyemo	Oyo	Deputy Governor
27	Ignatius D. Longstan	Plateau	Deputy Governor/Acting Governor
28	Mukhtari S. Shagari	Sokoto	Deputy Governor

#### APOLOGIES

1	Chief T.A. Orji	Abia	Governor
2	Mallam Isa Yuguda	Bauchi	Governor
3	Chief Timipre Sylva	Bayelsa	Governor
4	Dr. Kayode Fayemi	Ekiti	Governor
5	Ibrahim Dankwambo	Gombe	Governor
6	Engr. Rabiw Kwankwanso	Kano	Governor
7	Babatunde Raji Fashola, SAN	Lagos	Governor
8	Engr. Rauf Aregbesola	Osun	Governor

The meeting started at 1.10 pm with opening prayers by the Governors of Katsina and Kaduna States.

## **CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS**

The Chairman welcomed members and thanked them for their attendance. He reminded them of assignment which they had given to the Body of Attorneys General (AGs) of the States to review Constitution and informed them that the Report of the Body of AGs was now before the Forum for consideration.

## **CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – REVIEW OF BODY OF AGs REPORT**

The Forum reviewed the Report as presented by the Body of Attorneys General (AGs). Details of review attached to this minutes.

## **ARREST OF FORMER GOVERNORS:**

Members expressed displeasure at the arrest of some former Governors by the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) over allegations of financial impropriety. The Forum also condemned stigmatization of Governors and called for a proactive information management mechanism to counter bad press.

The Forum resolved to issue a press statement condemning the indiscriminate arrests and also urge President to prevail on EFCC to release those arrested.

## **UPDATE ON POLIO ERADICATION:**

The Chairman briefed members on the recent visit of Mr. Gates to Nigeria in respect of the polio campaign. He also updated the meeting on the progress being made in the fight against polio. He read out a list of polio-prone Local Government Areas and urged Governors to keep up the tempo.

## **SECRETARIAT FINANCIAL UPDATE:**

The Chairman called on members still indebted to the Secretariat to pay up as the present financial situation of the Secretariat was bleak.

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

Following a motion for adjournment by the Governor of Ondo State and seconded by the Benue State Governor, the meeting adjourned for the next two weeks. As the meeting was still reviewing Constitutional amendments, it was agreed that no statements would be made to the press until all issues were concluded.

The meeting ended at 4.30pm with closing prayers by the Governors of Katsina and Benue States.

**Rt. Honourable Rotimi Chibuike Amaechi  
 Governor of Rivers State  
 Chairman, Nigeria Governors' Forum**

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