



Nigeria Governors' Forum (NGF) Secretariat Staff Meeting

Date: 27th August, 2013
Time: 12:50 AM
Venue: Conference Room, NGFS

Chaired by: A.B Okauru Esq (D.G) X

ATTENDEES

S/N	NAME	DESIGNATION
1.	A.B. Okauru	Director General
2.	L.O.T Shittu	Executive Director (Strategy & Research)
3.	M.A. Jibia	Executive Director (Administration and Finance)
4.	Juliet .C. Eleje	T.A to Director General
5.	M.T. Bukar	K.M Advisor
6.	Afeikhena Jerome	SPRM Consultant
7.	Chuku, C.C.	Head of Legal
8.	David Nabena	Economist
9.	Ajogbasile Olanrewaju .E	Researcher
10.	Mohammed .B. Abdullahi	Driver I
11.	Oderinde Abidemi	Researcher
12.	Abubakar .M. Balla	Driver II
13.	Anda Philemon	Senior Admin. Officer
14.	Ishaku Maikasuwa	Dispatch Rider
15.	Bala Gimba	Security
16.	Nafisa Usman	ICT Officer
17.	Olatowoju Kuburat	Account Officer
18.	Barnabas Abba	Office Assistant
19.	Cletus Daniels	Security
20.	Madu Enwemnw	Head Federal Liaison
21.	Alutu Uzochukwu	Researcher
22.	Blessing Agbai	Confidential Secretary
23.	Daisa Andrew Ayo	Chief Detail (Secretary)

APOLOGIES

S/N	NAME	DESIGNATION
1.	Zikrullah Giwa	Polio Consultant
2.	Onyenalim Chidimma	Administration Officer
3.	Akanbi Olubunmi	Research Officer 1
4.	Cijeyu Ojong	PFM Advisor, DPO coordination
5.	Ahmed .S. Halimah	Senior Publication Officer
6.	Titilola Akindehinde	Policy Adviser

SPRM EXPERT

S/N	NOTES/RESOLUTIONS	ACTION BY
1.0	Opening The formal welcoming and introduction ^{welcome} of the Head of Legal; Barr. Chuku, C.C. to Staff. <i>who has been away on sabbatical leave.</i>	
2.0	Minutes of the Last Meeting Minutes from last staff meeting were considered and were adopted with minor corrections.	
3.0	<p>DG's Brief</p> <p>a) The Secretariat: The Secretariat has not been the same since the 24th of May, due to the impasse resulting from the NGF elections. These have resulted in MDAs not co-operating with the forum and development partners, are also reacting to the claim by the Sole Administrator of the Jang faction (who now addresses himself as Director General); stating that the Secretariat has been moved to Maitama, positing that all engagement with the NGF should be through the new Secretariat rather than at the known Secretariat in Asokoro. These continuous crises have also resulted in the edginess of the Secretariat staff.</p> <p>b) Strategies adopted to resolve the Crisis so far include:</p> <p>(i) Reaching out to all Governors irrespective of the factions they belonged to.</p> <p>(ii) Encouraging the experts to continuously ^{explore} organize ways to reach out and engage the 36 Governors.</p> <p>(iii) Staying off the press to avoid further complications and unneeded insinuations that could further deepen the crisis - DG. ^{order to avoid}</p> <p>(iv) Efforts have been made to insulate the Secretariat from the politics and crisis, ensuring it runs as an independent organization.</p> <p>(v) Discussions are on-going with key Governors in the present crisis for the purpose of resolving the issues and also merging the Secretariat into its former glory.</p> <p>c) Possible ideas to resolve the crisis:</p> <p>(i) Keep ^{Keep} Open the communication line between the Presidency and the Secretariat.</p> <p>(ii) Direct engagement with our development partners should be re-emphasized. ^{deepened.}</p> <p>(iii) Make efforts to establish the Secretariat as an institution, thereby pulling it away from the politics.</p> <p><i>(iii) Continue ongoing initiatives like SPRM & Policy Evaluation</i></p>	<p>SPRM Coordinator</p> <p><i>→ a drop in the level of co-operation with the Forum by MDAs and as well as other stakeholders, notably development partners. In the same vein, the actions of the Sole Administrator (---) to stakeholders sitting ---</i></p>
4.0	Press Rumors and Hearsays: Considering the recent crisis, certain information have been leaked resulting in malicious text messages been circulated about the Director General's activities. Appeals were made to all parties to desist from discussing office related issues with the public and also the staff was encouraged to work together to ensure the survival of the NGF Secretariat.	<i>which have obvious development advantage to all 36 states.</i>
5.0	Feedback from Colleagues	
	i) The Executive Director, Research and Strategy, advocated for unity and	

retail concerns.

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	<p>protection of the organization and its information. According to him, 'the Secretariat needs to remain focused and insulated from the political shenanigans'. He maintained that the staff stay with their jobs and maintain focus on their responsibilities with the highest professionalism.</p> <p>ii) The Executive Director, Finance and Administration feels the Secretariat should continue with its activities with open mindedness amongst staff in order to ensure unity. Also he encouraged the Staff to work together for the benefit of the Secretariat.</p> <p>iii) The Co-ordinator, SPRM, maintained that the Secretariat should uphold its core values and integrity. He stated that there is the need to brainstorm on ideas that would possibly insulate the Secretariat from its principals to ensure its survival from the political backlash.</p> <p>iv) The Head Legal emphasized the need to maintain the Secretariat for the purpose of servicing the 36 states.</p> <p>v) There is the need to adopt and learn from emerging threats for the purpose of development.</p>	<p>enjoyed manner</p> <p>of actions such as the present crisis.</p>
6.0	<p>Resolutions</p> <p>a) Keep working for the 36 states Governors irrespective of the factions to which they belonged.</p> <p>b) Uphold unity and internal security of information.</p> <p>c) Continue to work and publicize veritable information about states.</p> <p>d) There was no need to scale down work hours at the Secretariat.</p>	<p>disseminate authoritative & relevant.</p>
7.0	<p>Closing The meeting closed by 3:30 pm</p>	