

**NOTES ON THE MEETING OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE ON STATE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT (SGDP) COMPUTATION HELD ON THURSDAY, 8<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2011. AT THE SECRETARY TO THE COMMISSION'S CONFERENCE ROOM, NATIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION, ABUJA.**

**Opening**

The meeting which was presided over by the Mr. Babatunde Lawal, Chairman, Expanded Committee on SGDP, kicked off with an opening prayer at about 11:40am.

**Matters Arising**

**1. Amended Work Plan**

- The meeting agreed that the issue of advocacy/ sensitization would cut across board. This entails that it would be a continuous event in the course of the SGDP Computation in states
- The flag-off event would be in mid-October, to be hosted by Kano State.
- Analysis and dissemination of results would be for 4 weeks; end of December – end of January.

**2. Project Concept Note**

The presentation of the concept note was postponed to next meeting to enable Niger and Cross River States to make their input.

**3. Funding for the Project**

The SGDP Computation project would be funded in the following percentage:

Federal Government – 50%

State Government – 30%

Development Partners – 20%

The meeting agreed that a comprehensive costing would be done for the 6 pilot states, to determine what percentage they are to contribute. It was also agreed that to avoid paying twice, a comprehensive computation should be done during the piloting process such that they would only improve on their shortcomings when the exercise would be going on in the remaining 30 states.

Moreso, the UNDP would contribute \$50,000 for the project.

**4. Status of the Project Account.**

The Minister for National Planning had earlier on directed that a dedicated account be opened for the purpose of the project. This is to be jointly managed by the NPC and the NBS. This was also shifted to the next meeting as details of the account were not clear to members.

**5. Draft Programme of Event for the Flag-off Exercise**

A draft programme of event for the flag-off ceremony was presented for deliberations. Consequently, it was agreed that:

- "Ministerial press briefing" be changed to "press briefing." It should also be placed after the presentations and should be extended to two hours.

- The welcome remarks should be made by the State Commissioner for National Planning and should last for 5minutes.
- The governors of the pilot states are to present goodwill messages
- In addition to this, the chairman of the Governors' Forum will also present a goodwill message.
- The vote of thanks should be done by the SSG
- The interactive session should come after the presentation of the workplan by Director (Macro), NPC, Mr. Tunde Lawal
- Kano State would host the flag-off ceremony

#### **6. Budget for the Flag-off of the Ceremony**

The Secretariat was mandated to rework the budget and circulate the electronic copies of all relevant documents to members before the next meeting.

#### **7. Presentation by the D.G, NBS on State GDP Computation Methodology**

His presentation examined the pros and cons of the 3 approaches to the System of National Accounts namely:

- The Bottom Up Approach (being the international best practice used in developed countries)
- The Top Down Approach and,
- The Hybrid Approach

At the end of his presentations, he recommended that the Top Down and Bottom Up approaches be used. The Bottom Up for planning in states and, the Top Down for comparison. He also suggested that the exercise be done quarterly.

On the whole however, he stated that the essence of the computation is to compel state governments to improve on their revenue generation.