

## **INTERNAL MEMO**

To:

Nigeria Governors' Forum

From:

Director General

Date:

14th November, 2018

Subject:

NGF: IGR Peer Learning Event - Mobilizing Domestic

Financing for Development

The Nigeria Governors Forum Secretariat in a bid to continue to aid States improve revenue generation and improve overall fiscall sustainability, organized its fourth IGR national peer state of learning event, on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2018, with the theme "Mobilizing Domestic Financing for with the Development". The event provided a platform to share major lessons learnt since 2017 IGR at the peer learning event, including findings from the IGR Dashboard and HelpDesk programs.

The final report is been concluded and will be shared with your Excellencies upon completion.

Please find attached report for your information

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## **Executive Summary**

As part of the strategic mandate of the NGF to provide a platform for peer learning, reflection and sharing of experiences on sub-national issues, the Nigeria Governors' Forum Secretariat organized its 4<sup>th</sup> National Internally Generated revenue (IGR) Peer Learning Event, with the theme – Mobilizing Domestic Financing for Development.

The meeting is organized annually as a platform for the Federal and State tax authorities to discuss platform for the and share experiences on practical reforms that have led to improved revenue generation in the forms that have country. It also provides an opportunity for the NGF to share major findings from its support that he programs and research carried out in the last year.

The meeting was attended by the Executive Governors of Kwara, Edo and Kaduna States. 13 Executive Governors of Kwara, Edo and Kaduna States. 13 Executive Governors of Finance<sup>1</sup>, 31 Chairmen of the States Boards of Internal Revenue<sup>2</sup>, 10 Executive Governors of Health<sup>1</sup>. Other delegates were and and 4 Continuous the Executive Chairman of the Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS), Babatunde Fowler, density Inland I represented by the Executive Secretary of the Joint Tax Board (JTB), Sir Oseni Salawe Elamah, and the Joint Tax Board (JTB) and the Joint Tax Board (JTB).

The meeting was opened with a welcome address by the Director General of the Nigeria Governors' meaders by Forum, Mr. Asishana Okauru represented by Executive Director Strategy and Research, Dr. L.O.Total by Executive Shittu.

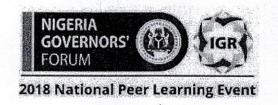
The structure of the meeting followed a presentation of findings of a background paper prepared by David Nabena, Senior Economist, NGF — Mobilizing Domestic Financing for Development; Estimating the IGR Potential, Effort and Space of States by David Nabena and Dr Mark Abani, NGF description of States In Lead IGR Consultant; Domestic Resource Mobilization to Finance Universal Health Coverage by Draw Mobilization and Abdulwahab, NGF Health Advisor; Establishing a Consolidated Revenue Code for all State and Local government Taxes by Dr Mark Abani, IGR Lead Consultant; after delivery of every presentations there were discussions by selected discussants followed by a question and answer session, with both pre curated questions and questions from the delegates, the delegates came up with various recommendation on how to improve key areas discussed.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Akwa-Ibom, Benue, Delta, Enugu, Imo, Kaduna, Kano, Katsina, Kwara, Ogun, Oyo, Sokoto, and Yobe.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Adamawa, Akwa Ibom, Bauchi, Bayelsa, Benue, Cross River, Edo, Enugu, Gombe, Imo, Jigawa, Kaduna, Katsina, Kebbi, Kogi, Kwara, Lagos, Nasarawa, Ogun, Ondo, Osun, Oyo, Plateau, Rivers, Sokoto, Taraba, and Zamfara

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Abia, Anambra, Bauchi, Cross-river, Kano, Kwara, Lagos, Niger, Osun, Sokoto and Kebbi.

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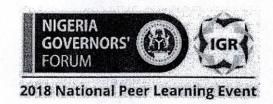




## 7<sup>th</sup> November 2018 | Sheraton Hotel, Abuja

## **AGENDA**

Time	Activity	Description
09:00 - 9:45	Registration	
9:45 – 10:00	Welcome Address - Asishana Okauru, Director General, Nige	ria Governors' Forum sanana Okauru, Director Gen
10:00 – 10.45	Keynote Address  - His Excellency, Malam Nasir Ahmad el-Rufai, Governor, Kaduna Statelency, Malam Nasir Africa His Excellency, Mr. Godwin Ob  - Hajia Zainab Ahmed, Honourable Minister of Finance	
10:45 – 11:25	Goodwill Messages  - Babatunde Fowler, Executive Chairman, Federal Inland Revenue Service - Oseni Elamah mni, Executive Secretary, Joint Tax Board - Rachid Benmessaoud, Country Director, World Bank - Debbie Palmer, Head of DFID	
11:25 – 11:40	Group Photograph and Tea Break (HelpDesk marketplace is open)	
11:40 – 12:10	Setting the tone  Background Presentation on Mobilising  Domestic Financing for Development	Presentation B by g David PrNabena, on Senior Economist, NGFornestic Financing for Developme
12:10- 12:40	Paper Presentation:  Estimating the IGR Potential, Effort and Space of States	Presentation by David Nabena and Dr. Mark Abani Estimating the IGR Potential En
12:40 – 13:20	Panel discussion:  - Which is the greater challenge – weak institutions vs informal economy?  - How long will it take to witness a catch-up effect?  - What should States be doing differently to harness potential?  - How can the Ministry of finance and the State Internal Revenue Service work together to ensure realistic revenue targeting by MDAs?	Discussants: Tel discussion:  Dr. Muritala Awodun, Executive Chairman, Kwara State IRS  Hassan Muhammadu, Commissioner sof Finance, Gombe State  Ayodele Hamza Subair, Executive Chairman, Lagos State IRS  Hon. David Edevbie, Commissioner of Finance, Delta State



13:20 - 14:20	Lunch	
14:20 - 14:50	Paper Presentation:  Domestic Resource Mobilization to Finance Universal Health Coverage	Presentation by Dr. Ahmad Abdulwahab, NGF Health Advisor
14:50 – 15:30	<ul> <li>Panel discussion: <ul> <li>What are the key challenges in collecting taxes from the informal sector?</li> <li>Are there innovative approaches to improve tax collection from the informal sector?</li> <li>What are the challenges for implementing tax-for-service?</li> <li>Is there a preference by health scheme enrollees for public or private health service providers?</li> <li>What are the lessons on providing health coverage for vulnerable groups?</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Discussants:  - Dr. Halima Mijin Yawa, Executive Secretary, Kano State SHIS Commissioner of State IRS.  - Igbinidu Inneh, Executive Chairman Edo State IRS.  - Dr. Mustapha Jibril, Commissioner of Property Commissioner of
15:30 – 16:00	Paper Presentation: Establishing a Consolidated Revenue Code for all State and Local government Taxes	Presentation by Dr. Mark Abani, NGF IGR Lead Consultant statishing a Consolidated Revenue C all State and Local government Taxes
16:00 – 16:40	<ul> <li>Panel discussion: <ul> <li>How will the CRC help improve taxpayer compliance?</li> <li>What are the challenges to watch out for in making the SIRS the sole collector of all revenues (tax and non-tax)?</li> <li>What issues does the SIRS have to address to become the collector of LGA revenues?</li> <li>How can ICT help in the implementation of the CRC?</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Discussants: now will the CRC help improve to a suquo Ekpenyong, Commissioner of Finance, Cross River State along to watch to Ahmed Mukhtah, Executive Chairman Kaduna IRS venus (tax and tax).  - Emeka Anthony Odoh, Executive Chairman Enugu IRS  - Yue Man Lee, Senior Economist World Bank
16:40 – 17:00	Closing Remarks	Vote of thanks by L.O.T Shittu, Executive Director, Nigeria Governors' Forum