

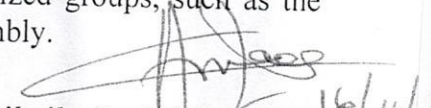


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**ISSUED AT THE END OF THE SECOND NIGERIA GOVERNORS' FORUM
RETREAT HELD AT GIGINYA CORAL HOTEL, SOKOTO ON NOVEMBER 15 &
16TH, 2013**

We, the Governors of the Federal Republic of Nigeria at the 2nd Retreat of the Nigeria Governors' Forum at Giginya Coral Hotel, Sokoto, Sokoto State, held today November 16, 2013, resolve as follows:

1. Emphasize intangible aspects of good governance anchored on a framework of ethics, values and political morality to drive development and leave a durable legacy of democratic governance,
2. Encourage the involvement and participation of our citizens, especially the youth, to get involved in participation in governance as part of the legacy of democratic rule.
3. Persist in efforts to ensure more effective devolution of powers to safeguard democracy and promote rapid development through amending ordinary legislation such as the FRSC Act, NIWA Act, Value added Act, Police Act and Federal Housing Authority (FHA) Act, among others
4. Encourage citizens to eschew docility in the face of impunity by participating more actively in politics and demanding better accountability and responsibility from their leaders.
5. Pursue diversification of the Nigerian economy to reduce dependency on oil and reinforce efforts at enhancing internally generated revenues(IGR) to lessen the dependency of states on the centre as a way to strengthen Nigeria's federalism.
6. Develop a National Security framework that includes trans-national security cooperation, human security and environmental security.
7. Seek to evolve a roadmap for pursuing the Nigerian dream, and to promote and sustain a people-centred approach to deepening democracy and federalism in the country
8. In view of the opaque nature of NNPC operations, continue to insist on transparency in all facets of the petroleum value chain.
9. Reiterate the demand for State Police as a requirement of a Federal system of Government and of multi-level policing to improve on the security of citizens.
10. Encourage the promotion and protection of rights of marginalized groups, such as the physically challenged, through legislation by the National Assembly.


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November 16, 2013