



**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON
DEVELOPMENT PLANNING (NCDP)
HELD AT THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE CENTRE, UNIVERSITY
OF IBADAN, OYO STATE**

October 29 - 31, 2014

NATIONAL COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENT PLANNING (NCDP) MEETING

PROCEEDINGS

1.0 The meeting of the NCDP was preceded by the JPB meeting held on October 29-30, 2014. The meeting provided opportunities for Honourable Commissioners of Budget and Economic Planning and Executive Secretaries of States Planning Commission in the 36 States of the Federation and the FCT to deliberate, particularly, on the recommendations of the JPB.

2.0 Delegates at the NCDP Meeting

2.1 The NCDP meeting was attended by Heads of Planning Ministries and Agencies at the Federal and State levels. These included the Honourable Minister/Deputy Chairman, NPC and Chairman of Council; **Hon. Commissioners and Permanent Secretaries from Akwa-Ibom, Kwara, Oyo, Edo, Kogi and Rivers States**; the Acting Secretary to the NPC; SSG/Oyo State; DG (NISER) and top management staff of the NPC. Twenty-three (23) States and the FCT were represented at the meeting. The details are as follows:

1. Dr. Olarenwaju Abubakar - Hon. Minister/Deputy Chairman National Planning Commission
2. Mr. B. O. Akpanyung - Ag. Secretary to the Commission
3. Mr. Gogo Charles - Hon. Commissioner, Rivers State Min. Economic Planning
4. Mr. Atanda Fatai - Hon. Commissioner, Oyo State Min. of Economic Planning
5. Dr. Isiaka Kolawole - Special Adviser on Budget, Oyo State
6. Mr. M. A. Ibrahim - Perm Sec., Bauchi State, Planning Commission
7. Mr. C. O. Kolawole - Perm. Sec., Ondo State, Ministry of Economic Planning

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| 8. Mrs. Adebisi M. O. | - | Perm Sec. Oyo State, Ministry of Economic Planning |
| 9. Mr. Okoli A. O. | - | Perm Sec. Anambra State
Ministry of Economic Planning & Budget |
| 10. Mr. Oshogbemi J. Ojo | - | Perm Sec., Ministry of Budget
Planning, Lokoja. |
| 11. Mr. Charles Odigie | - | Perm. Sec., Edo State Ministry of
Economic Planning |
| 12. Mr. Taiwo D. Soji | - | Special Adviser to the Oyo State Gov. |
| 13. Prof. Ndem Ayara | - | Economic Adviser Cross River State |
| 14. Mr. Zakari Adamu | - | Rep. of Perm. Sec. Niger State
Planning Commission |
| 15. Prof. Olufemi Taiwo | - | D. G. NISER |
| 16. Dr. Yemi Kale | - | S. G. NBS |
| 17. Dr. K. K. Usman | - | D. G. CMD |

IN ATTENDANCE

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| i. Dr. Zakari Lawal | - | D (NPC) |
| ii. Mr. Tunde Lawal | - | D (NPC) |
| iii. Mr. C. Ezeilo | - | D (NPC) |
| iv. Dr. Anne Nzegwu | - | D (NPC) |
| v. Mr. R. O. Ibraheem | - | Ag. D (NPC) |
| vi. Mrs. E. A. Egharevba | - | Ag. D (NPC) |
| vii. Mr. O. T. Shogbuyi | - | Ag. D (NPC) |
| viii. Mr. Eddy Ogbeihe | - | Ag. D (NPC) |

3.0 Opening Session

The Executive Governor of Oyo State and Special Guest of Honour, His Excellency, Senator Abiola Ajimobi formerly declared open the meeting of the NCDP which commenced at 11.57 a.m. at the International Conference Centre, University of Ibadan, Ibadan, Oyo State. The opening prayers were said by Pastor (Mrs.) Olu Fadawa and Alhaji Abdullazeez Awolowo.

4.0 Chairman's Opening Remarks

4.1 The Chairman of the JPB and the Acting Secretary to the NPC, Mr. Bassey O. Akpanyung, formally welcomed delegates to the meeting and thanked them for their commitments and contributions in moving the nation forward through the instrumentality of the NCDP meetings. He reminded the delegates that the purpose of the meeting was to review the extent of the implementation of the key resolutions reached at the last JPB/NCDP meetings held in Bauchi, Bauchi State in April, 2014 and to further interact on the modalities for enhancing strategic planning for transformative development and building resilience.

4.2 Furthermore, he informed the delegates that the Council would consider the outcomes of the 2-day deliberations and resolutions of the JPB meeting held October 29-30, 2014.

4.3 In conclusion, he expressed NPC's appreciation to His Excellency, Governor Abiola Ajimobi and the good people of Oyo State for their hospitality and in particular, the Honourable Commissioner and Acting Permanent Secretary, Oyo State Ministry of Economic Planning & Budget, for their cooperation in making the meeting a success.

5.0 Consideration of the Minutes of the Last meeting in Ibadan, Oyo State

5.1 The minutes of the last meeting held in Ibadan, Oyo State in October 2014 were presented and adopted as amended by the Council.

6.0 Technical Session

6.1 The Chairman of the JPB and Ag. Secretary to the NPC presented the resolutions to NCDP delegates, and the following resolutions were discussed and the following major observations and recommendations were made:

7.0 Key Resolutions

7.1 The key resolutions reached at the meetings were as follows:

(A) JPB Meetings

- i. A mini JPB meeting of Permanent Secretaries and Honourable Commissioners of Planning/Chief Executives of SPCs with the NPC should be held monthly, on the day preceding NEC meetings. This is to provide backstopping support to State Governors on emerging issues, on the management of the economy.

(B) Establishment/Strengthening of Institutional Capacity

- i. The States that were yet to establish their SPCs and SBSs were advised to do so, as a matter of urgency. State Planning Agencies should take responsibility for the preparation of capital budget and robust monitoring and evaluation (M&E) framework irrespective of whether it is SPC or Ministry;
- ii. Government should strengthen both human and institutional capacities at the national and sub-national levels to enhance effective policy formulation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of strategic plans;
- iii. States were advised to develop capacity building programmes for officers of the SPCs, MDAs, SBSs and support Local Governments to strengthen their skills and capabilities in the area of strategic planning, policy formulation and research;
- iv. States were encouraged to enhance their capacities through evidence-based peer learning and the use of community of practice among public servants; and
- v. The FGN should review the procurement process to reduce leakage and corruption, that discourage private investors participation in infrastructure development.

(C) Development of the 2nd NIP

- i. The NPC was encouraged to continue with the preparation of the 2nd NIP to ensure the actualization of the transformative goal of NV 20:2020, while States to commence work on their versions of the medium-term Plan.

(D) National Social Protection Policy

- i. The FGN should fast track the finalization and approval of the draft National Social Protection Policy; the NPC is to support States to develop their own policy.

(E) Policy/Programme Coordination

- i. The FGN should fully implement the Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) Policy as well as enhance investment in Information & Communication Technology (ICT) in order to position the nation competitively, among the League of Nations;
- ii. States were encouraged to key into the 35% affirmative action adopted at the Federal level in the area of gender participation and equity without compromising merit; and
- iii. The NPC was urged to fast track the development of the framework for mentoring of SPCs to enhance experimental learning.

(F) Policies and Institutional Options Underpinning Global Competitiveness

- i. The Federal and State Governments were encouraged to support the private sector to enable it perform its role, as the engine of growth towards achieving transformative development. In this regard, an enabling environment is required to support the organized private sector to be competitive, using appropriate pricing mechanism; and
- ii. The National PPP policy and institutional framework should be strengthened to optimize the window of opportunities for financing viable projects under PPP arrangements.

(G) Statistics and Transformative Development

- i. The **13 States** that were yet to pay their **N14.1million** mandatory contribution for the States GDP Computation Project were encouraged to do so. The States are: **Abia, Adamawa, Benue, Borno, Edo, Imo, Kaduna, Katsina, Kebbi, Kwara, Nasarawa, Plateau and Zamfara;**
- ii. States should regularly forward their respective administrative data sets to the corresponding Federal MDAs for collation, consolidation and publication;
- ii. States that were yet to develop their Statistical Master Plan should expedite action to do so; and
- iii. States were advised to partner with NISER, Universities and other Research Institutes in the establishment of SRIs and in conducting collaborative research for evidence-based policy making. Such research should be demand-driven.

(H) Institutionalizing Monitoring and Evaluation

- i. The M&E framework particularly at the sub-National level should be institutionalized for effective monitoring and evaluation of Government policies, projects and programmes; and
- ii. The NPC should re-engineer the performance measurement system in a more effective manner, while encouraging States to key into the system for efficient service delivery at both the national and sub-national levels;

(I) Allocation to States

- i. States were encouraged to expand their revenue base to reduce reliance on allocation from the Federation Account. In this regard, States were encouraged to develop "**Contingency Plan**" that will prepare them for uncertainties induced by global economic instability.

(J) Increased Impact and Effectiveness of the IDPs

- i. The FGN should ensure the prompt release of counterpart funds for projects and programmes funded by the IDPs. This will facilitate timely execution of the projects and programmes in accordance with the IDPs extant guidelines;

- ii. Stakeholders at the National and sub-National levels should take full ownership of IDPs projects and programmes through active involvement in their formulation, design, selection and implementation processes;
- iii. The IDPs should continue to take advantage of the JPB/NCDP fora to constructively engage the Federal and State Governments on development assistance issues; and
- iv. The FGN should employ the bottom-up approach involving the communities, in articulating and prioritizing Nigeria's needs in the post-2015 Development Agenda.

8.0 General Comments:

8.1 The HMNP

- NPC will evolve the modalities for implementation of the resolutions of the JPB meetings;
- On poor attendance at Council meetings, he urged for increased attendance by members and where they were unable to do so, their Permanent Secretaries should represent them; and
- He expressed his appreciation to the Government and people of Oyo State for hosting the meeting.

8.2 Permanent Secretary, Ondo State Ministry of Budget & Economic Planning

- The NPC should develop a work plan which will incorporate a responsibility column and time-lines. The implementation of the work plan will be assessed at the next JPB meeting; and
- The poor attendance at the JPB/NCDP meetings were attributed to wrong timing and suggested that future meetings should take into consideration budget preparation calendars of the States. He commended the NPC for producing the timely report.

8.3 Niger State

- The State's representative also urged the NPC to develop a work plan for assessing implementation of the JPB/NCDP resolutions.

8.4 Cross River State

- The International Development Partners (IDPs) were urged to relate with parent Ministries when dealing with sector Agencies for proper monitoring. It was therefore, suggested that IDPs should carry along the relevant MDAs in the implementation of their projects/programmes in the States.

8.5 Permanent Secretary, Bauchi State Planning Commission

- He suggested the need for stakeholders to be prepared to involve the incoming political leaders in their activities, for continuity of projects and programmes. He further suggested regular donor coordination meetings, at the sub-national levels.

9.0 Chairman's Closing Remarks

9.1 In his closing remarks, the HMNP and Chairman of Council, described the theme of the meeting as appropriate and urged all Stakeholders to work towards achieving inclusive growth that would transform the country. He thanked the Oyo State Government for successfully hosting the meetings.

10.0 Vote of Thanks

10.1 The Honourable Commissioner, River State Ministry of Planning and Budget, Mr. Gogo Charles thanked all in attendance, most especially, the Executive Governor of Oyo State for approving the hosting of the meeting and then the HMNP and Chairman of Council for providing direction to his colleagues for the overall success of the meeting. He urged for implementation of the resolutions of the meeting.

11.0 Conclusion

11.1 The observations and recommendations made were adopted by the NCDP members for transmission to the National Economic Council (NEC) and other key stakeholders.

12.0 Appreciation

12.1 The delegates expressed their appreciation to the Government and the good people of Oyo State for the hospitality and support extended to them during their stay in the pace-setter State.

13.0 Date of Next Meeting

The Council endorsed the hosting of the next JPB/NCDP meeting to be tentatively scheduled to hold in the FCT or any other suitable State in April, 2015.

14.0 Adjournment

The meeting came to a close by 2.30p.m.

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Abuja.**

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