

COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AT THE END OF THE 134TH MEETING OF THE JOINT TAX BOARD (JTB) HELD ON THE 11TH AND 12TH APRIL, 2016 AT TAHIR GUEST PALACE, KANO STATE

The JTB held its 134th Meeting on the 11th and 12th April, 2016 at Tahir Guest Palace, Kano with the theme: **“The Imperatives of Transitioning from Oil Revenue Dependency to Non-Oil Revenue Sufficiency”**. The Board deliberated on various issues and reached the following major decisions:

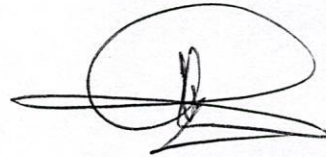
1. That collaborative effort between Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS) and States Internal Revenue Service (SIRS) be pursued towards harnessing full generation of tax revenue to cushion the effect of the dwindling fortune of oil revenue for economic sustainability of the country.
2. That there was a need for intensive taxpayer education and enlightenment using religious, traditional leaders and people in the entertainment industry and leaders in the community in passing this information to taxpayers.
3. That the Nigeria Customs should become a JTB Co-opted member since they are part of revenue generation authorities in Nigeria and can directly influence revenue generated by various revenue Boards.
4. That tax policy forms the basis for tax laws and administration and tax laws should be reviewed and amended as required.
5. That JTB should make effort to access Nigeria Communication Commission (NCC), National Identity Management Commission (NIMC) and other organization database to obtain data of taxpayers to expand the tax base.
6. That the Board has approved an optional validity period for Drivers Licence of three (3) and five (5) years respectively at different costs to provide more efficient and effective service delivery to its customers

7. That the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) has promised to provide Number Plates Within 5 working days of placing a request by any State so that no State runs out of Number Plates.

8. That the Board has agreed to pursue vigorously an increase in Number of individual Taxpayers in their database by ten (10) million before December, 31st 2016 bringing the total to 20 million individual taxpayers.



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