

**REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN
JOINT TAX BOARD (JTB)**

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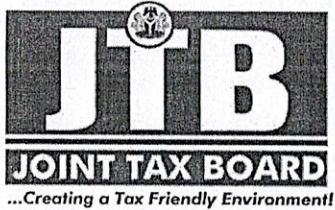
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THE 139TH MEETING OF THE BOARD

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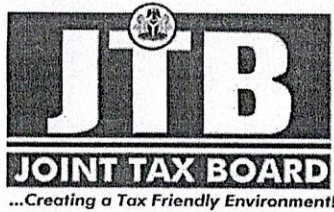
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Sokoto State



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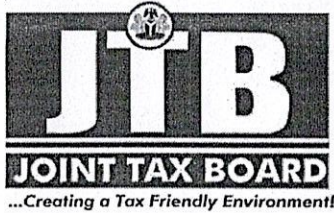


OPENING REMARKS

- It is my pleasure to welcome you all to the 139th meeting of the Joint Tax Board holding here in Sokoto State.
- I like to appreciate the Executive Chairman of Sokoto State Internal Revenue Service for hosting this meeting at this crucial time of the year and providing a conducive environment for the meeting.
- The Theme: **“Implementation of e-payment channels for remittance of taxes and blockage of leakages to enhance revenue generation”**, was carefully selected to further broaden and increase revenue generation among tax authorities. These can be achieved by ensuring blockage of leakages through the use of e-channels for remittance of taxes.

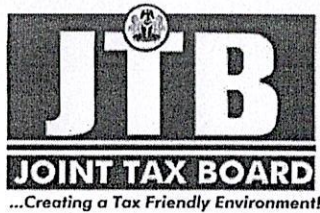
OPENING REMARKS – CONT'D

- The lead paper of this meeting focused on the theme and to be presented by Mr Wale Shonekan.
- This also is to enrich the knowledge of members on the recent developments in the use of e-channels and other forms of ICT strategies in increasing internally generated revenue to the respective tiers of government.



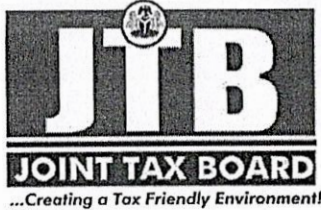
VOLUNTARY ASSETS AND INCOME DECLARATION SCHEME

- The VAIDS program is still ongoing and we are making tremendous progress in this regard.
- Following the comments from the various State IRSs we are working with the Federal Ministry of Finance to organize training on the VAIDS program for twenty staff of state IRS on a regional arrangement.



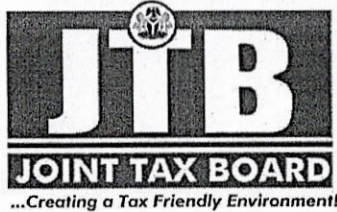
COLLABORATION WITH INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- In collaboration with the Nigeria Governors Forum and the UKAID, we organized the 7th Peer Learning Review Event here in Abuja.
- We just successfully hosted the African Tax Administration Forum (ATAF) conference in Abuja which recorded the highest attendance with over 150 participants in the history of ATAF. We thank you all for your support and contribution to its success.
- The United Nations Committee Of Expert On International Cooperation In Tax Matters held its general meeting in Geneva, Switzerland where I was elected the 1st Vice Chairperson of the Committee



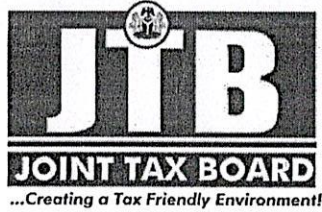
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- In addition, we attended the 38th CATA Technical Annual Conference in Ghana
- We also hosted the officials from Global Forum on Transparency and Exchange of Information for tax purposes. This is to commence the process of implementation of the Automatic Exchange of Information (AEOI).
- These conferences where very successful



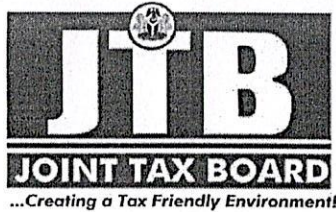
IGR DATA

- The submission of 2017 Internally Generated Revenue Data from States is still ongoing and we have realized that the response from States is not encouraging.
- We urge all those that have not submitted their updated data to do so as soon as possible.



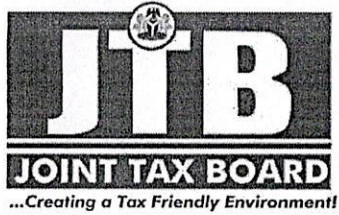
ADMISSION OF FCT IRS AS JTB MEMBER

- Recall that the FCT IRS has been granted authority to operate and collect all relevant taxes due to the Federal Capital Territory Administration..
- We have received an introductory letter from the Hon. Minister of FCT identifying Alh. Attah as a representative of FCT IRS in the Board.
- We will formally admit him as we progress in this meeting



TAXPAYER DATABASE

- We are currently collaborating with NIMC and NIBBS to collect data that will assist us in increasing our taxpayer databases.
- It is as a result of this collaboration that we have made efforts to increase our storage capacity. This is important so as to create enough space when we are ready to receive the data.



Thank You