

ADDRESS BY THE HONOURABLE COMMISSIONER OF
COMMERCE, INDUSTRY, CO-OPERATIVES AND TOURISM,
JIGAWA STATE TO THE VISITING PEER GROUP TEAM OF
GOVERNOR'S FORUM OF NIGERIA, PROJECTS/PROGRAMMES
IMPLEMENTATION TO THE STATE ON 21ST APRIL, 2010.

Protocols:

It is with immense pleasure to welcome you to Jigawa State on behalf of the entire staff of Ministry of commerce and Industry. This visit is indeed timely and a great honour to the people of Jigawa State.

Ladies and gentlemen, following the assumption of office of the present administration, His Excellency, the Governor of Jigawa State, Alhaji Sule Lamido, came with a vision of a government with open, accountable and responsive to the genuine yearnings of the people and taken action to improve the lives of these people of the state.

Jigawa State Ministry of Commerce, Industry, Co-operatives and Tourism have the responsibility of creating a flat form for the establishment and promotion of economic growth and development.

Our mission is to develop a business environment for the purpose of economic empowerment, poverty reduction devoid of difficulty, cheat and deceitful business transaction within the state.

The objective of the Ministry is to among other things, link the state, and of course the business community with international, local investors; provide enabling environment for economic growth and development;

creating understanding; trust and confidence among the various business groups and investment; equipping the state businessmen adequately for future challenges in the process of interaction with their environment and the global trading and providing opportunities for sharing experiences through peer learning.

The Ministry has (5) five departments and (6) six agencies under its supervision, these agencies among them are as follows:-

- 1) Investment and Property Development Company Limited
- 2) Maigatari Border Free Zone
- 3) Solid Mineral Development;
- 4) Sugar Company
- 5) Consumer Protection Committee
- 6) Export Promotion Committee

Also we have working relationship with Jigawa Chamber of Commerce, Industry, Mines and Agriculture, Nigerian Association of Small Scale Industry and a number of Federal Government Agencies.

Our activities are mostly tangible and intangible through Co-operative organizations, Tourism services all over the state

Distinguished August visitors, I wish to inform you that, when this government assumed office, it felt that there is need for change i.e. Social, economic, political and whatever, therefore economic reforms is inevitable which we are pursuing for the people to understand it better. We tried to get the problem through a summit that involved every sector of the economy from the downtrodden which we properly articulated the reform desirability, feasibility and credibility. They are

carefully being implemented from the micro stages of the economy through the small, micro and medium enterprises.

In the commercial sub-sector, the Ministry has achieved a lot through the tangible and intangible activities they include:-

Maigatari Border Free Zone:

This zone was established in the year 2000, but this administration has completed it in recognizing its significance and importance to the state economy. It was based on poverty reduction strategy. Essentially it conceived to cover 7km² as phase I which when completed and commissioned will create 15,000 job opportunities and generate revenue of at least ten (1) million dollars per annum.

The objective of establishing the zone is the development of internally generated revenue through promotion of non-oil sector of the economy.

Currently, the last of the facilities are being put in place which will make the zone to be commissioned.

They include the following:-

- i) Landscaping;
- ii) Security towers;
- iii) Immigration office;
- iv) Clinic and
- v) Incineration centres.

Major Markets Development:

Distinguished Visitors, you may recall that, the Federal Government's call for the development of Border and, or International Markets throughout the country.

Jigawa State has already gone far on these projects, this administration has since the year 2007 started to improve and develop some major markets that were rated as border market at Maigatari, while Gujungu and Sara as international markets. This government has committed a lot of money in improving them to meet the international standards.

Already the critical infrastructures have been provided in these three (3) markets and the other facilities have been allocated to private investors under Public-Private-Partnership (PPP) arrangement while another set of (3) three markets are being planned in this year 2010.

Industry:

A number of industries that were established by the State Government to utilize the abundant raw materials and agricultural produce in the state also offer employment opportunities to indigenes of the state. Virtually all of them have been slated for full or partial privatization.

Here is resume of these industries:-

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| i) Flour Mills | - | Gumel |
| ii) Atari Rice Mills | - | Hadejia |
| iii) Dairy Processing | - | B/Kudu |
| iv) Tomatoe & Citrus Proc. | - | Kazaure |
| v) Sugar Company | - | Hadejia |

There are number of proposals under way in collaboration with private investors in new projects and some feasibility studies have conducted which are ready for implementation.

We are also in contacts with some viable co-operatives Societies for the establishment of small and micro industries particularly in paddy rice processing and other products in each Local Government of the state.

The Tourism sector also received some nods from the government in the rock painting in Birnin Kudu, leisure centres in Kazaure Wawan Rafi and Dutse.

Distinguished Visitors, permit me to conclude my address with a passionate appeal to other State Governments and other Stakeholders to establish a synergy between state governments for investment relationship through value re-orientation, which will make us more friendly and proud of our country Nigeria, I therefore urge other states to identify some investors to link them with us particularly in our Free Zone which is located at International Border to the West African Tran-Saharan Trade. These are some of the surest ways of achieving our vision 20-2020 and the United Nations Millennium Development Goals.

Constraints

- Duplication between the states and the FOM for the purpose of attracting investors.
- Any duplication within the states - some states discussions among the Gov's.

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– JIGAWA STATE**

**PRESENTATION TO THE PEER GROUP TEAM FROM THE SECRETARIAT
OF GOVERNOR'S FORUM ON PROJECTS/PROGRAMMES
IMPLEMENTATION MAY 2007 – 30TH MARCH, 2010 ON WEDNESDAY
21ST APRIL, 2010**

MINISTRY OF COMMERCE, INDUSTRY, CO-OPERATIVES AND TOURISM JIGAWA STATE

PROGRESS REPORT ON PROJECTS/PROGRAMMES MAY 2007 –JULY, 2009

S/N	Project Description	Location	State of Completion	Year
	<u>Maigatari Border Free Zone Road Network and Drainages</u>			
	<u>Phase I</u>			
	Construction of fascia cladding to the 10 factory blocks	Maigatari town	The phase I aspect of the Maigatari Export Processing Zone development was fully completed	2008
	Repairs to the damaged portion of the boundary wall	-do-		
	Construction of 1000 meters of single carriage and 750 meters single lane double courage with the associated drainage network	-do-		
	<u>Phase II</u>			
	Road network and drainages comprising 600 meters of single carriage, 750 meters of double carriage lane and 1.9km HT reinforced drainage network	-do-	Phase II is 100% completed	2009
	<u>Phase III</u>			
	Asphaltic overlay of the road network (3.9km)	-do-	100% completed	2009
	<u>MAJOR MARKET DEVELOPMENT</u>			
	Bye pass construction total of 1.2km and associated drainage covering 4.080km with concrete fill and internal plastering	Gujungu	100% completed	5/7/2009
	A total of 1.465km carriage way and drainage network covering a total of 4.0km with concrete in fill (solid) and internal plastering	Sara	100% completed	2009
	A total of 2.39km carriage way with drainage network covering a total of 9.580km with concrete in fill (solid) and internal plastering	Maigatari	100% completed	2009
		Gujungu Sara Maigatari	Comprehensive and detailed survey, plots demarcation, facilities capping and pegging and service roads clearance for all the three markets in preparation for PPP approach	2009

<p><u>CONVERSION/REGISTRATION OF COMMUNITY BANKS INTO MICROFINANCE BANKS</u></p> <p>In line with CBN new policy guidelines a total of nine Community Banks were converted/registered as Microfinance Banks with the stipulated minimum paid up capital of N20 million</p>	<p>B/Kudu, Dutse, Taura, Babura, Kaugama, K/Hausa, Ringim, Maigatari & Kazaure</p>	<p>All the banks have received their approval in principle from the CBN. The program is 100% completed</p>	<p>2007 -2009</p>
<p><u>CAPITAL RESTRUCTURING OF JIGAWA STATE INVESTMENT AND PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT COMPANY LIMITED</u></p> <p>The program involved the capital restructuring of the investment company to place it on sound footing in tune with the recent reforms of the financial sector of the nation and CBN's major reforms.</p>	<p>Dutse</p>	<p>A total of N1.1 billion has been released to the company from the N2.0 billion approved for the program</p>	<p>2009</p>
<p><u>FEASIBILITY STUDY AND GEO-PHYSICAL SURVEY ON SELECTED SOLID MINERAL DEPOSITS IN THE STATE</u></p> <p>The study covered kaolin, dimension stones and iron ore</p>	<p>Throughout the state</p>	<p>100% completed.</p>	<p>2009</p>
<p><u>DUTSE MODERN MARKET</u></p> <p>The purchase of phase I of Dutse Ultra Modern Market</p>	<p>Dutse</p>	<p>The first phase of the market development programmer embarked upon by the Ramsy as at point of acquisition by the State Investment Company could be considered to be 70% completed</p>	<p>2009</p>
<p><u>JIGAWA TRUST FUND MODEL MICRO CREDIT SCHEME</u></p>	<p>Throughout the state</p>	<p>A total of 67 Co-operative Societies were screened and introduced to five participating banks for agricultural loans under ACGS. Already 8 societies have received a total of N500,000.00 each while more disbursement is expected during the 3rd quarter of the year</p>	<p>2009</p>
<p><u>SUGAR COMPANY</u></p>	<p>Hadejia</p>	<p>Project is on-going land holding survey for the 6000 Ha core estate, irrigation structures at Agufa seed cane plantation, consultancy etc</p>	

PROPOSAL FOR THE YEAR 2010

s/No	Project Description	Location	Status	Remarks
1.	Maigatari Border Free Zone	Maigatari	Ongoing project there is proposal for the construction of 1.5km extension road networks and demarcation of service plots, landscaping of some facilities in the zone.	The zone is expected to take off this financial year 2010
2.	Major Markets Development	Gujungu Sara Maigatari	This is also ongoing project, it has an allocation for the provision of access roads at Sara, Gujungu and Maigatari In continuation of the programme, additional markets are also under survey, design and planning at Hadejia, Kumsa and Shuwarin markets	Continuation of market development programme
3.	Small and Medium Enterprises Development	All over the state	Feasibility studies for project identification and promotion throughout the state	
4.	Establishment of Paddy Rice and Sesame Seed Plants	All over the rice producing zones in the state	The projects for the establishment of processing plants through co-operative groupings at the farming centres all over the state.	