



**MEETING WITH THE NIGERIAN METEOROLOGICAL AGENCY (NIMET)
ON COLLABORATION WITH THE NIGERIAN GOVERNORS FORUM.**

Date: 15th April, 2013
Time: 03.25 pm
Venue: Nigerian Meteorological Agency (NIMET) Board Room.

Chaired by:

S/N	NOTES/RESOLUTIONS	ACTION BY
1.0	<p>Opening</p> <p>The DG introduced the NGF team and sensitized the NIMET team about the activities of the forum.</p>	
2.0	<p>Matters Arising</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The DG acknowledged the fact that a lot of work is being done at NIMET to help curb weather and climatic hazards in the country and that's the reason why the forum seeks a relationship with NIMET. The motive behind this relationship is in order for the Governors to be aware of the research going on at NIMET so as to bring about better implementation. 2. The DG mentioned that this is imperative because most of the socio-economic activities take place at the state level, so the NGF seeks to assist NIMET in disseminating the information from their on-going research to the various states. <p>In reaction to what the DG said, the DG of NIMET made the following responses:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. He felt that the meeting was highly relevant bearing in mind the fact that weather and climate affect the socio-economic life of Nigerians. 2. He stated that the yearly weather forecast bulletin is normally released between the 2nd week in February and the 1st week in March, but the predictions for this year were released on the 1st of March. 3. He said the emphasis is on rain fall because agriculture in sub Saharan Africa is rain fed and agriculture is the main stay of the Nigerian economy. 4. He stated that in 2012 letters were written to 12 governors in lieu of the impending floods but there was no response received from these states. He feels therefore that the collaboration with the NGF will be beneficial to the NATION since it will create a bridge that will link them properly to the governors. 5. He suggested that a team comprising delegates from both organizations should be formed to work out modalities on the way forward as regards the collaboration. 	

	<p>6. He talked about a National Framework for Climate services which is an international committee on climate changes formed recently with the aim of mainstreaming climate information into planning.</p> <p>7. He also stated that NIMET has stations in the various states but what they need is proper linkages.</p>	
3.0	<p>Key Outcomes</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The DG promised to communicate with the Governors on behalf of the NIMET about the National framework and other issues discussed in the meeting before the combined team produces a report (plan) for the Governors. 2. The DG also promised to help NIMET solicit for funds from the Governors, because he considers it a priority project, which should be placed first amongst other projects in the states. 3. Dr Patterson, Bukar and David were nominated by the DG as delegates representing the NGF in the combined team with NIMET. 	
4.0	<p>Next Steps</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To form a team comprising of delegates from both organizations. 2. The team formed from the collaboration is to prepare a work plan so as to help governors with better implementation of the plan so as to curb the adverse effects of this year's weather conditions. 3. The committee set up will drive the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) and give timelines. 	
5.0	<p>Closing</p> <p>The meeting ended at 4.45pm</p>	

Attendees:

NIMET

- Dr. A.C Amoforom
- Garba Adamu
- Jigah R.C
- I.D. Nnodu
- J.E. Ukeje (Mrs)
- Mrs O. Owolabi
- Nwandikom Chijioke
- J.E. Alozie
- Emmanuel Nsa

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- A.B Okauru
- L.O.T Shittu
- Myani T. Bukar
- Dr. Afeikhena Jerome
- David Nabena
- Cijeyu Djong
- Juliet C. Eleje
- Patterson Ekeocha
- Alutu Uzochukwu U