

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE GENERAL PURPOSE COMMITTEE OF NIGERIA
GOVERNORS' FORUM HELD AT THE OFFICE COMPLEX ON THURSDAY 06TH
MARCH, 2003.**

S/N	NOTES/RESOLUTIONS	ACTION
01	<p>ATTENDANCE</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Alhaji Aminu Ibrahim – ED/CEO 2. Chijioke Chuku Esq. – Policy Analyst (Legal) 3. Isma’ila Ibn Dawud – PA to ED/CEO 4. Ibrahim Jaafar –Funds Development Officer 5. Gwaska M. Dahiru – Asst. Executive Officer (Accounts) 6. Philemon Ande – N.Y.S.C. 	
02	<p>COMMENCEMENT</p> <p>The meeting started at 12 noon with prayers said by Ismai’la.</p> <p>INTRODUCTION</p> <p>The ED set the ball rolling by first making a run down of the items on the agenda. Serious deliberations then started thus:</p> <p>1. <i>Outstanding Financial Obligation by states:</i></p> <p>The ED disclosed that there were quite a number of states still indebted to the forum. These states (numbering about 17) have not met their financial obligations to the Forum. He stressed the need to recover these funds in view of the short time this dispensation had to go. Letters had been written to the affected states’ Governors. Reminders had also been sent. So far, only one state, Enugu, had responded even though the cheque was yet to get to the forum. It was agreed that Ibrahim would call the Enugu State Liaison Officer to find out the position with the cheque.</p> <p>He reiterated the need for us to go the extra mile by going to these states to see the Governors concerned. Ibrahim expressed the fear that the inherent lack of statutory backing of the Forum would make it difficult to coerce them into payment. We can only appeal to their sense of what is right to honour their obligations.</p> <p>The ED whilst agreeing that visits to the states would be in order however said that lack funds would constitute a stumbling block but however promised to see the chairman.</p> <p>2. <i>Seminar on Taxation.</i></p> <p>Isma’ila briefed the meeting on this. This was to be the first of three seminars the forum was planning. The forum had earlier written to the Chartered Institute of Taxation of Nigeria with a view to jointly organize a seminar on taxation. The Institute had duly sent a reply and sought to know what roles they were expected to play in the set up.</p> <p>The ED emphasized the need for this seminar as it would serve as a launching pad for the forum not to mention the help it would render to the states. He further stated that the Forum would work in conjunction with Habib and First Banks Trustees. It is also hoped</p>	<p>Ibrahim</p> <p>ED</p>

that they would help greatly in the area of finance. The meeting was also informed that the chairman agreed in principle but would like to know the level of financial involvement of the forum. Ibrahim was of the view that a financial involvement of the Forum should be worked out, bearing in mind the lean resources of the Forum. The ED while agreeing that we would have to be somewhat financially involved expressed doubts that our partners The American Development Institute may help much in this regard. It was agreed that to be able to work out and ascertain the level of commitment of each party, there was a need to know what would be required. Isma'ila then threw light on what would be required. Ideas were exchanged and it was agreed that whilst:
The CITN sourced the Resource persons and took care of them, the Forum would take care of venue, publicity and general co-ordination.
The CITN would also take care of the course materials.
With respect to the other two seminars on pension and investments, it was agreed that once the first one was successfully organized, the other two would not pose much problems. It was further agreed that there would be a seminar every quarter.

3. Newsletter:

The Ed informed the meeting that there would be a periodical publication of the forum. A consultant had been appointed to draw up a proposal, which proposal had since been drawn up and sent to the chairman. The chairman while approving in principle wanted a broader proposal that would incorporate every aspect of the proposed newsletter.

4. Dinner/Award:

The Ed intimated the meeting that the chairman was thinking of organizing a dinner for his colleagues. It was then agreed that the Forum would present awards to the governors on the said dinner day.
The ED instructed Isma'ila to contact the artist who would make the plaque.

5. Matters Arising:

Ibrahim formally informed the meeting of his upcoming wedding on the 15th of March in Zaria.

CONCLUSION

Isma'ila moved for the adjournment of the meeting, which motion was seconded by Philemon.
The meeting ended at 1.10 p.m with closing prayers said by Philemon.

Alhaji Aminu Ibrahim
ED/CEO

Chijioke Chuku Esq.
Policy Analyst (Legal)/ Recorder

Isma'ila

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