



**MINUTES OF THE 6th MEETING OF THE NIGERIA GOVERNORS'
FORUM IN 2017**

HELD ON

19th July, 2017

AT THE

BANQUET HALL, ASO VILLA, ABUJA

ATTENDANCE

S/N	NAME	STATE	DESIGNATION
1	Hon Abdulaziz Yari Abubakar	Zamfara	Governor
2	Dr. Okezie Ikpeazu	Abia	Governor
3	Senator (Dr) Ifeanyi Okowa	Delta	Governor
4	Godwin Obaseki	Edo	Governor
5	Ayo Fayose	Ekiti	Governor
6	Owelle Rochas Okorochoa	Imo	Governor
7	Mohammed Badaru Abubakar	Jigawa	Governor
8	Nasir Ahmad El-Rufai	Kaduna	Governor
9	Abdullahi Umar Ganduje	Kano	Governor
10	Yahaya Bello	Kogi	Governor
11	Abdulfatah Ahmed	Kwara	Governor
12	Simon Lalong	Lagos	Governor
13	Aminu Waziri Tambuwal	Sokoto	Governor
14	Darius Dickson Ishaku	Taraba	Governor
15	Nkem Okeke, PhD	Anambra	Deputy Governor
16	Nuhu Gidado	Bauchi	Deputy Governor
17	Engr Benson Abounu	Benue	Deputy Governor
18	Hon. Usman M. Durkwa	Borno	Deputy Governor
19	Professor Ivara E. Esu	Cross River	Deputy Governor
20	Kelechi Igwe Eric	Ebonyi	Deputy Governor
21	Ezeilo Cecilia	Enugu	Deputy Governor
22	Adebule, Idiat Oluranti	Lagos	Deputy Governor

23	Silas Agara	Nasarawa	Deputy Governor
24	Ahmed Moh'd Ketso	Niger	Deputy Governor
25	Chief (Mrs) Yetunde Onanuga	Ogun	Deputy Governor
26	Hon. Ajayi Agboola	Ondo	Deputy Governor
27	IyaAfin Grace Titi Laoye-Tomori	Osun	Deputy Governor
28	Moses A. Adeyemo	Oyo	Deputy Governor
29	Dr. Ipalibo Harry Banigo	Rivers	Deputy Governor

S/N	NOTES/ RESOLUTIONS	ACTION BY
1.0	COMMENCEMENT	
1.1	The meeting was called to order at 9.14pm with opening prayers by the Deputy Governors of Bauchi and Benue States.	
2.0	CHAIRMAN'S BRIEF	
2.1	The Chairman welcomed members to the meeting and assured them that the meeting would be brief to enable them retire early ahead of the National Economic Council (NEC) meeting scheduled for the following day, Thursday, 20 th July, 2017.	
3.0	CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING	
	The minutes of the previous meeting was considered and adopted by a motion proposed and seconded by the Governors of Jigawa and Kaduna States respectively.	
4.0	UPDATES	
4.1	Paris-London Club- The Chairman confirmed that the 2 nd tranche had been paid and requested for feedback on pending issues (if any). Members confirmed that they had all received the payment.	NGF Legal Committee
4.2	Legal Committee Report – The Chairman of the Legal Committee, H.E. Olurotimi Akeredolu SAN, was unavoidably absent but delegated the Governor of Sokoto to brief the Forum. H.E. Aminu Waziri Tambuwal stated that the Committee had made a lot of progress which include meeting with all the consultants in an effort to resolve the cases. The Committee also recommendation that individual States deal with their respective Consultants. A final report would be ready shortly and would be presented to the Forum. Regarding other issues, including challenges with our Bankers, the meeting advised that they be referred to the Legal Committee.	
5.0	DIRECTOR GENERAL'S BRIEF	
5.1	Introduction of Dr. Ahmad Abdulwahab – Dr. Ahmad was introduced to members as replacement for Dr. Zikrulla Giwa (Health Coordinator), who disengaged in April, 2017 to pursue other endeavours.	

5.2	<p>Some members commended the Secretariat for the choice of Dr. Ahmad, whom they described as an excellent health expert having worked with a number of States. Prior to joining the Secretariat, Dr. Ahmad was the Deputy Country Director of Clinton Health Access Initiative (CHAIN).</p> <p>Retreat Materials - The "<i>Nigeria Governors' Forum Retreats (Reports on Speeches, Papers, Presentation and Discussion 2007-2014)</i>", was presented to members by the DG. The publication is a compendium of NGF Retreats materials and outcomes from 2007-2014. The DG reiterated to members that many of the papers, ideas and recommendations presented during the retreats remain relevant today.</p>	
6.0	<p>PRESENTATION BY THE NIGERIA POLICE FORCE- NIGERIA POLICE BROADCAST SERVICE</p>	
6.1	<p>The Inspector General of Police (IGP), IGP Ibrahim Idris OON, made a presentation to the Forum requesting for their support in the establishment of a Nigeria Police Broadcast Service.</p> <p>In response to his presentation, the Forum set up a committee to among others, review the funding of the Police Force. The committee which would be headed by the Governor of Kwara State has the following Governors as members:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Governor, Imo State ii. Governor, Ekiti State iii. Governor, Delta State iv. Governor, Sokoto State v. Governor, Bauchi State and the Head of Legal from the NGF Secretariat would serve as the Secretary of the Committee. 	<p>Kwara Imo Ekiti Delta Sokoto Bauchi</p>
7.0	<p>PRESENTATION BY THE NATIONAL HAJJ COMMISSION OF NIGERIA</p>	
7.1	<p>The Chairman briefed the Forum on the submissions made to the Federal Government seeking approval for the composition of the team that would go to Saudi Arabia for re-negotiations.</p> <p>For this year's lifting of Hajj Pilgrims, the Forum was informed that only two new States were added to last year's number and three States had been taken off having concluded the agreement.</p>	

8.0	ADJOURNMENT/ CONCLUSION	
8.1	The Forum entered an Executive Session and the Secretariat was excused from the meeting.	

Honourable Abdulaziz Yari Abubakar
Chairman, Nigeria Governors' Forum
Governor, Zamfara State