



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NIGERIA  
GOVERNORS' FORUM**

**HELD ON**

**21<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER, 2011**

**AT THE**

**RIVERS STATE GOVERNOR'S LODGE, ASOKORO,  
ABUJA**

## ATTENDANCE

S/N	NAME	STATE	DESIGNATION
1	Rt. Hon. Rotimi C. Amaechi	Rivers	Governor/Chairman
2	Mr. Peter Obi	Anambra	Governor/Vice Chairman
3	Obong Godswill Akpabio	Akwa Ibom	Governor
4	Chief Timipre Sylva	Bayelsa	Governor
5	Gabriel T. Suswam	Benue	Governor
6	Chief Liyel Imoke	Cross River	Governor
7	Chief Martin Elechi	Ebonyi	Governor
8	Comrade Adams Oshiomhole	Edo	Governor
9	Dr. Kayode Fayemi	Ekiti	Governor
10	Sullivan I. Chime	Enugu	Governor
11	Ibrahim H. Dankwambo	Gombe	Governor
12	Owelle Rochas Okorochoa	Imo	Governor
13	Sule Lamido	Jigawa	Governor
14	Patrick I. Yakowa	Kaduna	Governor
15	Dr. Rabiu M. Kwankwaso	Kano	Governor
16	Saidu N. Usman	Kebbi	Governor
17	Abdulfattah Ahmed	Kwara	Governor
18	Babatunde Raji Fashola, SAN	Lagos	Governor
19	Umaru Tanko Al-Makura	Nasarawa	Governor
20	Rauf Aregbesola	Osun	Governor
21	Jonah D. Jang	Plateau	Governor
22	Aliyu M. Wamakko	Sokoto	Governor
23	Hon. Abdul-Aziz Yari Abubakar	Zamfara	Governor
24	B.J. Nggilari	Adamawa	Deputy Governor
25	Zannah Mustapha	Borno	Deputy Governor
26	Abdullahi G. Faskari	Katsina	Deputy Governor
27	Hon. A.M. Ibeto	Niger	Deputy Governor
28	Sani A. Danladi	Taraba	Deputy Governor
29	Alhaji Ali Olanusi	Ondo	Deputy Governor

## APOLOGIES

1	Chief T.A. Orji	Abia	Governor
2	Mallam Isa Yuguda	Bauchi	Governor
3	Dr. Emmanuel E. Uduaghan	Delta	Governor
4	Alhaji Ibrahim Idris	Kogi	Governor
5	Senator Ibikunle Amosun	Ogun	Governor
6	Senator Abiola Ajimobi	Oyo	Governor
7	Ibrahim Gaidam	Yobe	Governor

## **A. COMMENCEMENT**

The meeting started at 5.55 pm with opening prayers by the Governors of Jigawa and Enugu States.

### **CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS**

The Chairman welcomed members and thanked them for their attendance. He informed the Forum that they were scheduled to meet with Mr. President later that night and reminded them of their last meeting with the President over the October FAAC stalemate. At that meeting, the Governors had protested the deductions from the Federation Account and had received assurances from the President that not only would the deductions be stopped forthwith, the amount already deducted would be refunded by 2011.

However, in spite of the President's assurances, the sum of N181 billion was deducted from the November Federation Account as follows- N78 billion [for Nigeria National Petroleum Company (NNPC)] and N103 billion [for Petroleum Products Pricing Regulatory Authority (PPPRA)], resulting in the rejection of the November FAAC accounts by members of FAAC.

Members deliberated over this situation especially in the face of the obvious disregard of constitutional provisions as well as the apparent refusal of top government officials to implement the promise of Mr. President to members of the Forum. The Forum resolved that it was opposed to the illegal deductions and as such the States would not accept the November monthly FAAC allocations until the agreements with Mr. President were met. Members also agreed that in the event of non-compliance with their earlier agreement, they would return to their meeting at the Rivers State Governor's Lodge (from their meeting with the President at the Villa) and take a position on their next course of action.

The Chairman also informed members that one of the reasons the President sought to meet with members was to seek their advice on the way forward on the issue of oil subsidy.

### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Members decried the increase in banking rates without due consultation with stakeholders.

The meeting ended at 1.20 am with closing prayers by the Governors of Enugu and Zamfara States.

**Rt. Honourable Rotimi Chibuike Amaechi**  
**Governor of Rivers State**  
**Chairman, Nigeria Governors' Forum**