



**NIGERIA GOVERNORS' FORUM MEETING**

**DATE: Wednesday, 16th August, 2017**

**TIME: 9:19 PM**

**VENUE: BANQUET HALL, VILLA**

## PARTICIPANTS

S/N	NAME	DESIGNATION
1.	A.B. Okauru	Director - General
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## APOLOGIES

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S/N	NOTES/ RESOLUTIONS	ACTION BY
<b>1.0</b>	<b>COMMENCEMENT</b>	
1.1	The meeting commenced at 9:19 P.M with an opening prayer by the Deputy Governor of Anambra State.	
<b>2.0</b>	<b>CHAIRMAN'S BRIEF</b>	
	<p>The Chairman welcomed the governors to the meeting.</p> <p>The Forum was briefed on the visit to President Muhammadu Buhari in London led by the Chairman and Governors of Akwa Ibom, Benue, Borno, Ebonyi, Kano and Oyo States.</p>	
<b>3.0</b>	<b>CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING</b>	
	<p>The minutes of the last meeting were considered and the following observations were made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Page 2: Governor of Kebbi State was omitted in the attendance.</li> <li>b. Page 12: Governor of Plateau State was stated instead of Deputy Governor of Lagos State.</li> </ul> <p>The Governor of Kwara State moved a motion for the adoption of the minutes as amended and the motion was seconded by the Governor of Ogun State.</p>	
<b>4.0</b>	<b>DISCUSSIONS</b>	
	<p><b>Polio &amp; Immunization Update:</b> The DG stated that Nigeria had been polio-free since August 7, 2016 but for a country to be officially declared polio-free, <u>polio must have been absent for three years.</u> Consequently, Nigeria has till 2019 to be recognised as a polio-free country.</p> <p>Briefing the members on the immunization exercise, it was noted that the Governor of Sokoto State and the Deputy Governor of Adamawa State had flagged off the exercise.</p> <p>The Governors were encouraged to release counterpart funding and be involved in the immunization program which was set to hold on the 14<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup> of September 2017.</p>	

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	<p>Some State Governor's advised that the report be reviewed as other States had also released their counterpart funding.</p> <p>The Chairman directed the Secretariat to present an updated report at the next meeting that encapsulated the number of states that had released their counterpart funding.</p> <p><b>London-Paris Club:</b> The Chairman gave an update on the London-Paris Club Refund and the initial agreement reached between the Forum, Honourable Minister of Finance and CBN Governor that the money will be released in 3 tranches (50%, 25% in September and 25% in December). It was later agreed that instead of taking 25% in September, the remaining 50% be paid in October to provide sufficient time for reconciliation, release of a report by December and final closure by the first quarter of 2018.</p> <p>The Chairman explained that it was argued that since the London Paris Club funds had been released, the release of Budget Support was delayed to control the amount of money in circulation. The Forum agreed to collectively discuss with the Acting President the following morning for the money to be released before the next meeting.</p> <p><b>Report by Legal Committee and Constitutional Amendment:</b> The report was skipped because the Chairman of the Committee was not present.</p> <p>The Chairman said that a committee would be set up to interface with the legislators on amendments that should be adopted. He advised that the members go through the harmonized version issued by the National Assembly with their respective State Assemblies/ Attorney Generals to enable them to deliberate on it at the next meeting.</p>	<p>Secretariat</p> <p>Forum</p> <p>Forum</p>
<b>5.0</b>	<b>DG'S BRIEF</b>	
	<p><b>Membership Dues:</b> The Director General appreciated the Governors who had paid their annual dues and encouraged the Governors who had pending dues to pay.</p>	

	<p><b>Secretariat Program of Events:</b> The members were informed that the Secretariat had events lined up for the last quarter and further information would be disseminated.</p> <p><b>New Secretariat:</b> The Chairman requested that the Secretariat work with October as the deadline for moving to the new site with a thank you letter written to the Villa and an Invitation to the President to bless the new space.</p>	Secretariat
6.0	<b>PRESENTATION BY NATIONAL PRIMARY HEALTH CARE DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (NPHCDA)- OVERVIEW OF THE 2017/2018 MEASLES FOLLOW-UP CAMPAIGN</b>	
	<p>The Executive Director of NPHCDA thanked the Forum for the opportunity to present on the measles follow-up campaign. He emphasized the importance of ownership by the governors and the provision of counterpart funding because poor funding limits the extent of coverage.</p> <p>He prayed for the release of funds by 23<sup>rd</sup> of August 2017 to the respective State Primary Health Care Development Agency and urged that the first ladies be encouraged to be ambassadors of the campaign. He also sought that the Governor<sup>s</sup> personally flag the campaign in their respective States and direct LGA Chairmen, Traditional Line Ministries (LGA Affairs, Education, Information, Environment, Youth and Women Affairs) to support the Ministry of Health to achieve a successful campaign.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked the NPHCDA team for their presentation and assured them the governors would follow up. He however requested NPHCDA to extend the deadline to 10<sup>th</sup> September 2017 to enable the governors to comply.</p>	Forum  NPHCDA
7.0	<b>PRESENTATION BY SOFTTECH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS AND SERVICES LLC- INCENTIVE-BASED TAX STRATEGY FOR THE INFORMAL SECTOR: A PANACEA FOR ACHIEVING PRESUMPTIVE TAX</b>	

	<p>This presentation was on an incentive-based tax strategy for the informal sector. The presenter explained that they would make use of scratch cards for tax payment.</p> <p>The Chairman asked the Secretariat to work with the team and put them in contact with the States.</p>	Secretariat
<b>8.0</b>	<b>ADJOURNMENT/ CONCLUSION</b>	
	The Secretariat was excused for further deliberations.	