



Nigeria Governors' Forum (NGF) Secretariat Staff Meeting

Date: 5th March, 2013
Time: 11:58 AM
Venue: Conference Room, NGFS
Chaired by: A.B Okauru Esq (D.G)

ATTENDEES

S/N	NAME	DESIGNATION
1.	A.B. Okauru	Director General
2.	M.A. Jibia	Executive Director (Administration and Finance)
3.	Ibrahim Ja'afar	Protocol Officer
4.	Juliet .C. Eleje	T.A to Director General
5.	Titilola Akindeinde	Policy Advisor
6.	M.T. Bukar	K.M Advisor
7.	Afeikhena Jerome	SPRM Consultant
8.	Zikrullah Giwa	Polio Consultant
9.	Ajogbasile Olanrewaju .E	Researcher
10.	Mohammed .B. Abdullahi	Driver I
11.	Oderinde Abidemi	Researcher
12.	Abubakar .M. Balla	Driver II
13.	Onyenalim Chidimma	Administration Officer
14.	Anda Philemon	Senior Admin. Officer
15.	Ishaku Maikasuwa	Dispatch Rider
16.	Bala Gimba	Security
17.	Akanbi Olubunmi	Research Officer 1
18.	Nafisa Usman	ICT Officer
19.	Ahmed .S. Halimah	Senior Publication Officer
20.	Olatowoju Kuburat	Account Officer
21.	Barnabas Abba	Office Assistant
22.	Cijeyu Ojong	Economic Adviser
23.	Madu Enwemnwa	Head Federal Liaison
24.	Alutu Uzochukwu	Researcher
25.	Blessing Agbai	Confidential Secretary
26.	Daisa Andrew Ayo	Chief Detail

APOLOGIES

S/N	NAME	DESIGNATION
1.	Patterson Ekeocha	Economic Adviser
2.	David Nabena	Economist

S/N	NOTES/RESOLUTIONS	ACTION BY
1.0	<p>Opening The meeting commenced at 11:15 am, chaired by the D.G.</p>	
2.0	<p>Minutes of the Last Meeting Minutes from last meeting was considered and the Action Points were reviewed and majority had been acted upon expect;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The allocation of funds for purchasing airtime for staff. 	
3.0	<p>DG's Brief</p> <p>1. The trip to Asaba, Delta State for SPRM A team from the NGF secretariat visited the Governor of Delta State to begin the first stage of the six-stage process of the SPRM. For the next step, the secretariat awaits feedback from the State to proceed.</p> <p>2. Meeting with Development Partners The meeting was a success, though it was detected that the development partners were jittery as regards the political foreplay that surrounds the NGF. Members who attended the meeting gave their views on the outcome of the meeting.</p> <p>3. Inaugural Speeches The organization since the year 2010, have made several attempts to retrieve the inaugural speeches of governors since the 1999 to no avail. The book has been launched containing speeches from 2007- 2013 though it is yet to be completed. Plans have been put in place to retrieve the rest of the speeches to avoid having a gap in the text.</p>	
4.0	<p>Feedback from Colleagues</p> <p>1.1. Trip to Canada & other Local Trips</p> <p>Members of staff (Dr Titi and Alhaji Shittu) attended a Development summit in Canada, in attendance were nine Nigeria Governors (Bauchi, Rivers, Plateau, Gombe, Ogun), Nigerian Ministers, Commissioners, Nigerians in Diaspora among several others. Presentations were made on different segments (such as education, economy, health etc) by Ministers of each sector by both Nigerian and Canadian Ministers to educate the Nigerians on how they have managed to overcome challenges faced in the various sectors. Dr Titi was of the opinion that exposure to the situation is better from other development countries. A detailed report on the trip should be made available highlighting the lessons learnt, to be circulated to concerned parties.</p> <p>1.2 Trip to Owerri</p> <p>The trip to Owerri was a stakeholders retreat based on e-payment of salaries focused on revising the National Payment system vision 20-20 and transiting to the next phase (phase 2) of the document. It was agreed to present the issue before the principals in the month July after the election bridge has been crossed. A condensed brief containing all details should be pushed through to all states.</p> <p>2. Assignments on Ground</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Dr Jerome- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SPRM coordination 	<p>Dr Titi</p> <p>Mr Cijeyu</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Mr Cijeyu <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sub-National PFM initiatives - Stakeholders interactive Forum for 36 Finance Commissioners 10th-12th June 2013 (looking at 72 participants at geo-political zones, before inviting states' accountant generals) ❖ Dr Giwa <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1st Quarter report on the 2013 Polio Challenges and also the engagement of SFH (the grant administrators) in visiting 3 of the winning states. - Zamfara, Borno and Ondo have been given engagement for polio consultant visitation for the Polio achievement awards of being polio-free for a year. - The award ceremony to be done outside the country to avoid political tussles on ground. ❖ Dr Titi <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PPP; working with the ICRC to develop a template for gathering information using a questionnaire developed by concerned parties. - Opening the ICRC network to corporate Institutions - FORD foundation. ❖ Mr Bukar <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Governance share fair (south-west) - Content management training for states (72 people from all states) on 17th-18th - MoU with Galilee Institute ❖ Mr Madu <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Retrieve report from the Senate on the Retreat they just had. - Following-up on the recently passed bills in the House of Representatives. - Had a meeting with Newton Chibuno on the issue of desertification which affects 19 states in Nigeria, both Kano and Lagos state have keyed into it. - To pull out a Literature focused on Desertification. <p>3. Preparing for Transition The DG spoke on the transition that would occur during in May Election with the change of the NGF Chairman; the secretariat has managed to stay out of the political tussle and it should remain so. Suggestions on the Election situation on ground were entertained; the floor was thrown open to have everyone share their point of view and best way out.</p>	
5.0	<p>Matters Arising</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It was agreed that the previous meeting minutes should be reviewed and reconstructed. 2. The micro management of funds allocated to Mrs Tina Ogili due to her health condition and the organizations pledge to assist her. 3. A compilation of Attendance for the month of April has been drawn up, and those found defaulting would have to explain reasons for such, as a way of moving forward. 4. The need to create an avenue to get briefings on activities been carried out by Staff so as to keep everyone in the know. 	

6.0	Action Points <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A detailed report on the trip should be made available highlighting the lessons learnt and it is to be circulated to concerned parties. 2. Condensed brief containing details on the E-payment of salaries should be pushed through to all states. 3. To pull out a Literature focused on Desertification to further enlighten the states. 	Dr Titi Mr Cijeyu Mr Madu
7.0	Closing The meeting closed by 1:30 pm	