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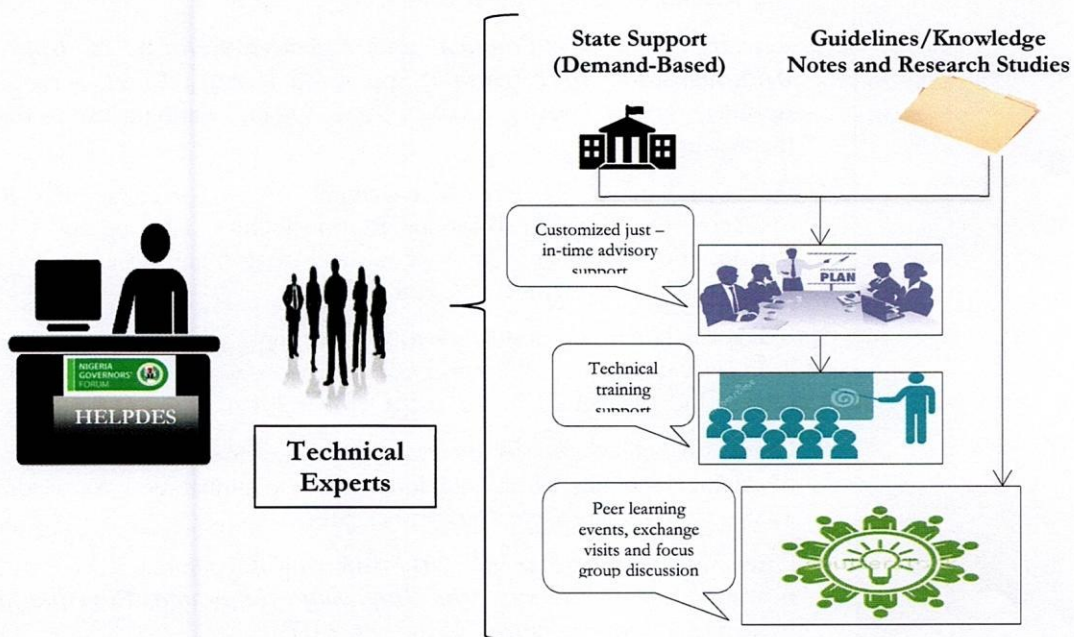
Programme Progress Brief for the NGF Meeting

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Background

The Nigeria Governors' Forum HelpDesk is a technical support programme launched in collaboration with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation in March 2017 to support States by providing just in time technical support (capacity building and advisory services) to States in public financial management and domestic revenue mobilization. The HelpDesk process has been modelled to be participatory, evidence-based, credible, consistent and reform triggering.

Programme Delivery Model



ACTIVITY #1	Development of Guidelines/Knowledge Notes, Technical Presentations, Policy Briefs and Research Studies
	10. Technical presentation at the 2018 Internally Generated Revenue (IGR) Peer Learning Event on <i>“Establishing a Consolidated Revenue Code for all State and Local Government Taxes”</i> (November, 2018)

ACTIVITY #2	Diagnostic Studies, Just-in-Time Capacity Building Training and Advisory Support
Activity Objective	To build States’ capacity to implement and domesticate key Public Financial Management (PFM) and Internally Generated Revenue (IGR) reforms
Contribution	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fiscal Transparency and Accountability 2. Efficiency in Public Expenditure 3. IGR mobilization in States 4. Debt Sustainability and Management
Beneficiaries	<p>Public Financial Management (PFM)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The programme provided PFM support to Cross River State in May 2017 towards building capacity for the development of its 40-year Growth and Development Strategy (GDS). 36 State officials from the State Planning Commission, Budget Office, Accountant General’s Office and Debt Management Office were trained on conducting Debt Sustainability Analysis, Revenue Forecasting and developing a “Standardized Fiscal Strategy” paper. 2. The programme provided PFM support to Ebonyi State in April 2018, conducting a diagnostic of the Planning, Public Financial Management and Human Resource Profile of the State Ministry of Finance and Economic Development, and the State Planning Commission in order to understand their existing systems and processes for governance; and to identify challenges, weaknesses, system gaps, capacity gaps as well as process gaps with a view to making appropriate recommendations for capacity strengthening of these institutions to deliver more effectively on their mandates and serve the citizens better. <p>Internally Generated Revenue (IGR)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The programme provided capacity building training and customized “Just-in-time” Advisory Support to States including Cross River, Kaduna, Yobe, Benue, Katsina, Zamfara, Bauchi, Gombe, Plateau, Taraba, Nasarawa, Niger, Ogun, Sokoto and Anambra State 2. The programme organized a North-Central regional training on Human Resource Management and Tax Audit for States Internal Revenue Service (September 2018) <p>MDAs:</p> <p>State Ministry of Finance, State Ministry of Budget and Planning, Office of the Accountant General, Office of the Auditor General, Debt Management Office, State Internal Revenue Service</p>

Conferences, Forums and Communities of Practice

1. The NGF was officially inducted as a coopted member of the Joint Tax Board on Wednesday 12th December 2018. The NGF Secretariat was commended for its support and valuable contribution to the agenda of strengthening domestic revenue mobilization.
2. The NGF Secretariat IGR team was part of the Nigeria tax delegation for the 39th Commonwealth Association of Tax Administrators Technical Conference with the theme “Building Sustainability and Resilience in Tax Administration” which held in Nadi, Fiji on the 12th – 16th November 2018. The conference provided an avenue for cross-fertilization between commonwealth countries and their local jurisdictions (States) to share ideas of improving tax administration in the midst of poor taxpayer enumeration, poor technology penetration and literacy, profit shifting, and base erosion.

On-going and Upcoming Activities:

1. The World Bank \$750 million States Fiscal Transparency Accountability and Sustainability (SFTAS) programme for results is expected to take effectiveness in the 1st quarter of 2019.
2. Given the established competence and track record of the NGF Secretariat in delivering technical support to States over the years, the Secretariat has been selected to support the Federal Ministry of Finance (Home Finance Department) SFTAS Programme Coordination Unit (PCU) to provide technical assistance and capacity building training to States over a 4-year period (2019 - 2022) focusing on three (3) key result areas (KRAs): increasing fiscal transparency and accountability, strengthening domestic resource mobilization and strengthening efficiency in public expenditure. Activities to cover will include Developing and disseminating guidelines, knowledge notes and templates; Just-in-time customized on-the-ground support (Individual State technical workshops and advisory support through mobile teams of experts); Peer Learning Events; Exchange Visits and State Reform Experience Studies to build States’ capacity. The Secretariat will be delivering this support to States through its HelpDesk programme in the coming months upon effectiveness of the programme.
3. Regional training on Human Resource Management (HRM) and Tax Audit for States Internal Revenue Service for the South East, South West and North West regions.