



## **COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AT THE END OF THE 2-DAY INDUCTION PROGRAMME FOR NEW AND RETURNING GOVERNORS HELD AT THE PRESIDENTIAL BANQUET HALL, ABUJA, 15 – 16 TH MAY 2023**

The Nigeria Governors' Forum (NGF) held its third induction programme for new and returning Governors under the theme: **Governing for Impact (Building sub-national Governance)** from 15th – 16th May, 2023 at the Presidential Banquet Hall, Aso Villa, Abuja.

About 200 participants attended the event including outgoing, returning and newly elected Governors, some former Governors, Development Partners, serving Governor from Kenya, former governors from the United States of America as well as other Resource Persons. The Induction Programme was declared open by the Chief of Staff to the President, Professor Ibrahim. A. Gambari on behalf of His Excellency, Muhammadu Buhari, GCFR, President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and it featured 8 technical sessions.

The Forum expressed satisfaction with the contents, quality and structure of the programme and resolved to:

- i. Ensure continuity in governance, especially in the completion of projects and programmes, and harness the experiences of their predecessors.
- ii. Strive to conduct government business with private sector consciousness and curtail risk and uncertainty through shock responsive platform.
- iii. Encourage collaboration among States through enhanced peer review and learning at the sub-national level.

- iv. Deepen the relationship with the Federal Government and Federal Institutions.
- v. Explore innovative ways of boosting internal revenue and tap into several unexplored avenues such as foreign direct investment and remittances.
- vi. Prioritize human capital development in states through sustainable job creation, enhance investment in health and education as well as, and livelihood support.
- vii. Prioritize entrepreneurship, especially to curtail high youth unemployment, among others.
- viii. Promote sustainable debt management
- ix. Enhance the national security architecture
- x. Intensify the fight against corruption.
- xi. Execute effective communication strategy embracing both traditional and social media.
- xii. Lead by example, invest in people, earn their trust, and deliver on electoral promises.
- xiii. Establish feedback mechanism, reward loyalty, keep records meticulously and be prepared to be accountable to people and integrity institution.
- xiv. Plan for four years, promote e-governance and reliable data management to sustain transparency, participation, and accountability.

**Governor Aminu Waziri Tambuwal.**

**Chairman, Nigeria Governors' Forum**

**Dated this day: 17th May 2023**