

COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AT THE END OF THE 2-DAY INDUCTION PROGRAMME FOR NEW AND RETURNING GOVERNORS HELD AT THE PRESIDENTIAL BANQUET HALL, ABUJA, 29TH - 30TH APRIL, 2019

The Nigeria Governors' Forum (NGF) held its second induction programme for new and returning Governors from 29th - 30th May, 2019 at the Presidential Banquet Hall, Aso Villa. 389 participants attended the event including outgoing, returning and newly elected Governors, some former Governors, Development Partners, former governors from the United States of America as well as other Resource Persons. The Induction Programme was declared open by His Excellency, Prof. Yemi Osinbajo, GCON, Vice President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and it featured 12 technical sessions.

At the end of the Programme, the Forum expressed satisfaction with the contents, quality and structure of the programme and resolved to:

- i) Continue leveraging on the experiences of their predecessors as well as enhance peer review and learning at the subnational level.
- ii) Ensure continuity in governance especially in the completion of projects and programmes.
- iii) Encourage collaboration among States and deepen relationship with the Federal Government.
- iv) Have a clear agenda that supports achievement of the seventeen (17) Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

- v) Prioritize human capital development in states.
- vi) Emphasize investment in the right skills to future-proof the workforce and local populace through adoption of e-learning as an option for quality education.
- vii) Work assiduously with the civil service and non-state actors to reduce poverty and improve Nigeria's human development indices, especially infant and maternal mortality and literacy rates.
- viii) Sustain the fight against polio until Nigeria is certified polio free.
- ix) Explore the use of technology to evolve more digitally driven states with government services increasingly available through mobile phones and citizen friendly digital centers.
- x) Appoint a digital technology expert as part of the Governor's core team.
- xi) Develop and execute a liberal, robust, cross-sector cutting digital transformation strategy.
- xii) Collaborate with the Federal Government in the implementation of pervasive Mobile broadband infrastructure and digital identity registration of citizens.
- xiii) Facilitate the evolution of an innovation ecosystem in partnership with the private sector, to serve as a source of talents and new initiatives.
- xiv) Implore the Federal Government and the Central Bank to increase the Anchor Borrower Fund from the present sum of N220 billion to a minimum N500 billion in view of the catalytic effects the Fund has on agricultural development and job creation.
- xv) Take ownership of the fight against corruption as a collective responsibility and reduce its devastating effect on individual well-being.
- xvi) In collaboration with the Federal Government, tackle head long, the security challenges in the country.

- xvii) Improve IGR strategy and mechanisms in order to spur inclusive growth and development.
- xviii) Execute an effective communication strategy embracing both traditional and social media.
- xix) Lead by example, invest in people, earn their trust and deliver on election promises.

**Governor Abdul'aziz Yari Abubakar
Chairman, Nigeria Governors' Forum**

Dated this: 30TH April, 2019