



**ISSUED AT THE END OF THE MEETING (6TH IN 2022) OF THE NIGERIA GOVERNORS' FORUM
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 17TH AUGUST 2022**

We, members of the Nigeria Governors' Forum (NGF), at our meeting held today, deliberated on issues of national importance and resolved as follows:

1. The Forum launched a Primary Health Care (PHC) Leadership Challenge – a flagship programme to revamp the Primary Health Care Under One Roof (PHCUOR) policy in the country by maximizing the commitment of state governors to PHCUOR, promoting progressive increase in PHC funding, and ensuring all primary health care centres have the requisite human resource capacity. The Leadership Challenge is a joint project of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF), the Dangote Foundation and the National Primary Healthcare Development Agency (NPHCDA). Starting from December 2022, the challenge will be anchored on a total of 13 awards to state governments, consisting of 12 awards for the best performing and most improved states and 1 award for the overall best performing/most improving state.
2. A State Charter on State Fiscal Transparency Accountability and Sustainability Programme for Results (SFTAS) sustainability was also launched by the Forum in the company of the Federal Minister of Finance, represented by the Permanent Secretary, Mr. Aliyu Ahmed; the Director General of the Debt Management Office (DMO), Mrs. Patience Oniha; the Auditor General of the Federation, represented by Dr. Fawale Busayo; and the Nigeria Country Director of the World Bank, Shubham Chaudhuri. Through charter Governors of the 36 states committed to the following five (5) actions:
 - i. Support and participate in the annual SFTAS assessment scorecard;
 - ii. Sustain public financial management (PFM) reforms coordination and implementation mechanisms in all states;
 - iii. Support the uptake and integration of courses offered on the NGF e-learning Management System (LMS) with in-state continuous learning and assessment of state officials;



- iv. Support the sustainability of reforms targeted at increasing fiscal transparency and accountability, domestic revenue mobilization, efficiency in public expenditure, and debt sustainability; and
 - v. Encourage the domestication of similar PFM reforms at the local government-level.
3. The Forum extensively reviewed the purported attempt by the Attorney General of the Federation (AGF) and the Minister of Finance (HMF) to circumvent the law and a recent judgement of the Supreme Court to secure the approval of the Federal Executive Council (FEC) to effect payment of the sum of US\$418 million to contractors who allegedly executed consultant in respect to the Paris Club refunds to the state and local governments. A committee was set up comprising the Chairman, Governor Kayode Fayemi of Ekiti State, Governor Rotimi Akeredolu of Ondo State, and Governor Abdullahi Sule of Nasarawa State to interface with the committee set up by Mr. President to review the matter.
4. On the prolonged strike by Nigerian Universities, the Forum encourages the federal government and the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU) to find meaningful resolutions to the lingering impasse and has proposed to engage with both parties in a bid to ending the strike.
5. Finally, the Forum extensively discussed the state of the Nigerian economy following a presentation by Mr. Bismarck Rewane, member of the President's Economic Advisory Council (EAC). The Forum resolved to immediately engage with the federal government to implement a set of immediate actions to ameliorate the worsening economic conditions of the citizenry.

Governor Kayode Fayemi

Chairman, Nigeria Governors' Forum

17th August 2022