

REPORT OF THE CONSULTATIVE MEETING WITH STAKEHOLDERS IN THE FOUR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREAS IN AKOKO LAND ON THE 2020 – 2022 MEDIUM TERM EXPENDITURE FRAMEWORK (MTEF) AND 2020 BUDGET PREPARATION HELD AT THE FSS HALL OF THE AKOKO NORTH EAST LOCAL GOVERNMENT, IKARE AKOKO ON 9TH SEPTEMBER, 2019.

1.0. INTRODUCTION

1.1. One of the good practices of Public Financial Management is openness which is duly enshrined in the Section 22, Subsection 2 (a) and (b) of the Ondo State Fiscal Responsibility Law (FRL), (2017). The law provides that public consultation must be made with the citizens and their representatives with a view to harvesting their contributions into the State's MTEF. Hence, a parley on the 2020-2022 MTEF and 2020 budget preparation was held with Stakeholders in Akoko area of the State at the FSS Hall of Akoko North-East Local Government, Ikare Akoko on Monday, 9th September, 2019.

1.2 The consultation was at the behest of the Honourable Commissioner, Ondo State Ministry of Economic Planning and Budget (MEP&B) who was mandated by Law to ensure the participation of the public in the process of crafting the MTEF and annual budget.

1.2. The 2019 meeting was the second of its kind in the State and was chaired by Pastor Emmanuel Igbasan, the Honourable State Commissioner for Economic Planning and Budget.

2.0. OBJECTIVES OF THE MEETING

The meeting has the following main objective:

- i. to present the 2020-2022 MTEF which included the projections for 2020 budget;

- ii. to harvest the contributions of the People of Akoko Land through their representatives in order to include them in the 2020 budget; and
- iii. to help the people position themselves for the benefits of the programmes/projects in the 2020 fiscal year budget.

3.0. PARTICIPANTS

3.1 The meeting had in attendance the Honourable Commissioner, Ondo State Ministry of Economic Planning and Budget, Pastor Emmanuel Igbasan; the Permanent Secretary, Ondo State Ministry of Economic Planning and Budget, Mr. Bunmi Alade; Director Budget, Mr. Aworere Stephen; Director Technical Assistance & Aid Coordination, Mr. Adebusoye Monday; Director Monitoring and Evaluation, AlhajiAdekunle L. A; Deputy Director, PASS, Mrs Ayeni, R. K.; Deputy Director Budget, Mr. E. O. Apata and a host of other members of staff of the Ministry of Economic Planning and Budget.

3.1. Also, present at the meeting are the four Council Chairmen of the Local Government Areas; the Directors, Local Government Administration of the four Local Government Areas; the Traditional Rulers of the Communities in Akoko Land; the Iyalajes/Iyalojas of the Communities, the Artisans as well as the Representatives of Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs), Representatives of Community Based Organizations (CBOs) and Representatives of People Living with Disabilities.

4.0. OPENING REMARKS

4.1 Addressing the forum, the Permanent Secretary, Ondo State Ministry of Economic Planning and Budget, Mr. Bunmi Alade, welcomed the participants to the forum and remarked that the parley was organized to discuss the needs, desires and

yearnings of the people as inputs into the year 2020 budget. He stated that the meeting was also an avenue to get feedback on government programmes/projects – asking how government policies and activities had impacted their socio-economic wellbeing in the region. Concluding his remarks, he enjoined all stakeholders to contribute meaningfully to the discussion of the meeting so as to have a robust, people-oriented budget.

5.0. KEYNOTE ADDRESS

5.1 The Honourable Commissioner, Ondo State Ministry of Economic Planning and Budget, Pastor Emmanuel Igbasan, on behalf of the Executive Governor of the State, Arakunrin Oluwarotimi Odunayo Akeredolu, *SAN*, welcomed all the participants to the auspicious occasion and having acknowledged the presence of the dignitaries at the meeting, he stated that the meeting was called in compliance with the FRL, 2017.

5.2 In his address, he explained that Budget was not just a mere financial document but a legal document which encapsulated the promises of Government to the people in monetary terms. He further explained that Government could not execute any project or programme unless they were accommodated in the Budget. Recounting the Programme of Change of the present Administration vis-a-vis the giant strides so far taken, Pastor Igbasan revealed that Mr. Governor had performed creditably well on all the 5 cardinal programmes acronymed *JMPPR*. He thereafter presented some of the key projects and programmes executed in the region. The presentation showed that over 14 billion Naira had been committed to execute over 800 projects across the region. The breakdown of the key projects/programmes implemented in Akoko zone on Local Government basis showed that out of the 801

projects in the zone, Akoko North-East LGA had 224 Projects, Akoko North West 160 projects, Akoko South East 195 projects and 222 projects for Akoko South West.

5.3. Concluding his remark, Pastor Igbasan stated that Agriculture, Trade & Industry and Education are the three critical areas that the State would focus on in the fiscal year 2020 and enjoined the Stakeholders in the region to make themselves and their people available for the opportunities in the 2020 Budget.

6.0. BUSINESS OF THE DAY

6.1. PRESENTATION ON 2020-2022 MEDIUM TERM EXPENDITURE FRAMEWORK (MTEF)

6.1.1 The Director Budget, Mr. Aworere S. R. highlighted the 2019 budget component figures and explained the implementation performance of both the recurrent and capital budget as at June 2019. He stated that while the State was expecting 2019 Mid-Year total revenue of N96.950 billion, only N56.067 billion was the actual total revenue accrued to the State for the period. He explained the implications of this 49.6% shortfall in revenue on the expenditure side of the budget.

6.1.2 Speaking on the 2020-2022 MTEF, the Director Budget briefed the meeting that, having taken into cognizance all macroeconomic indices and also considered all sources of revenues to the State in the coming year 2020, the State had proposed a total budget of ₦176.112 billion for year 2020. He made mention that the 2019 budget had been radically structured to focus allocations to thirteen (13) sectors in the State. The table below shows the details of the sectoral capital allocation.

Capital Expenditure by Sector		Total Capital Envelope	
S/N	Sector	% 2020	2020 Allocation
1	ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE	3.3%	2,134,545,758
2	AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT	14.2%	9,140,445,517
3	EDUCATION	4.1%	2,610,501,530
4	ENVIRONMENT AND SEWAGE MANAGEMENT	2.3%	1,488,898,967
5	GENERAL ADMINISTRATION	1.4%	897,761,679
6	HEALTH	13.3%	8,552,053,436
7	INFORMATION	0.2%	143,299,684
8	INFRASTRUCTURAL DEVELOPMENT	46.1%	29,711,058,102
9	LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION	2.3%	1,497,789,753
10	PUBLIC FINANCE	1.3%	820,222,758
11	REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT	8.5%	5,494,386,600
12	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	1.7%	1,070,564,718
13	TRADE AND INDUSTRY	1.3%	863,000,334
	Total	100.00%	64,424,528,837

6.1.3 Mr. Aworere explained that the sectoral capital expenditure was divided into two: Discretionary Funds and Non-Discretionary Funds. He further stated that N8.006 billion was for Discretionary funds and N56.419 billion for non-discretionary fund which the State did not have outright control over. Concluding his presentation on the 2020 – 2022 MTEF, he stressed that the State Government would continue to prioritise the needs of the people of Ondo State.

OBSERVATIONS/COMMENTS/REACTIONS FROM STAKEHOLDERS

7.1 The Permanent Secretary, Mr. Bunmi Alade, moderated the session to accommodate the reactions and contributions. The participants appreciated the effort

of the State Government for organizing the consultative meeting as a platform for them to make their requests with a view to including them in the 2020 budget. They, therefore, commented/reacted as follows:

- i. that Security in the palaces was not guaranteed;
- ii. that some of SUBEB projects across Akoko Land were not completed; of note was the project at St. John's Primary School, Ipe Akoko and C.A.C. Primary School, Epinmi Akoko;
- iii. that Land bank requested from Oba Akoko community was not followed up;
- iv. that some important roads were mentioned for urgent intervention;
- v. that farmers in the zone were not well enlightened about the projects and programmes of the State; especially the micro credit facilities;
- vi. that Akungba township road was now becoming congested and therefore need serious attention;
- vii. that secondary schools in the zone needed infrastructural intervention;
- viii. that none of the Oba Akoko community road was asphaltic laid;
- ix. that youth employment in the State was at a disturbing stance;
- x. that Ose Dam which would have been a source of water supply to the zone had been abandoned by the State Government;
- xi. that Mother and Child Hospital in Ikare Akoko was yet to commence service;
- xii. that there was no functional market in Supare Akoko;
- xiii. that there was no functional water system in Ogbagi Akoko yet;
- xiv. that the Royal fathers were not being carried along in implementation of government projects in the zone;

- xv. that there was the need for Local Government election for better development of the zone;
- xvi. that the Mechanic Village by NATA in the last year consultative meeting like this had not been granted;
- xvii. that there was the need to revamp of Alpha-G company to employ youths of the region;
- xviii. that the proposed cultivation of Marijuana for industrial purpose could bring required revenue to the State;
- xix. that there should be a special consideration for PLWD that were artisan;
- xx. that Local Authority School buildings in Isua Akoko were not reroofed since the roofing sheets had been removed;
- xxi. that School Feeding programme was not being enjoyed in Akoko North East; and
- xxii. that Skill Acquisition Centres in Ipe Akoko and Epinmi Akoko were not functioning to the desired capacity.

7.0. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1 Having considered the reactions and comments of the participants, the followings were the recommendations:
- i. that the State Government should take immediate action to ensure security in the palaces of the Obas in the region;
 - ii. that the State Government should ensure proper monitoring of SUBEB projects in the region; especially at St. John's Primary School, Ipe Akoko and C.A.C. Primary School, Epinmi Akoko;

- iii. that the State Government should intensify effort towards utilizing the land bank acquired in Oba Akoko;
- iv. that the State Government should as matter of policy rehabilitate the roads in the region etc.
- v. that proper sensitization of the farmers in the region should be given expedite attention;
- vi. Akungba township road should be given the necessary attention;
- vii. that the State Government should also intervene in the rehabilitation of the secondary schools across the State;
- viii.that MEDAs that generated revenue should exert more efforts towards increasing the State IGR;
- ix. that the State Government should consider the roads of Oba Akoko for asphaltic laying;
- x. that the State Government should as a matter of policy, engage the youths in gainful employment;
- xi. that the State Government should reticulate Awara Dam to supply potable water to the region;
- xii. that Oba/Ikun/Idoani, Ikun/Iwaro and Ikun/Ipe/Isua roads be considered for rehabilitation;
- xiii.that the State Government should make the Mother and Child Hospital in Ikare Akoko functional;
- xiv. that the State Government should construct neighbourhood market in Supare Akoko;

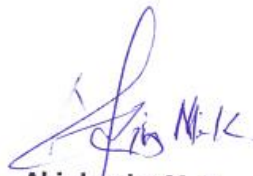
- xiv. that the State Government should construct borehole for water supply in Ogbagi Akoko;
- xv. that the State Government should construct a Mechanic Village in the region;
- xvi. that the State Government should extend the school feeding programme to Akoko North-East;
- xvii. that the State Government should ensure improvement in the functionalities of the two skill acquisition centres in Ipe Akoko and Epinmi Akoko; and
- xviii. that the State Government should help the People Living with Disability among the Artisans in the region.

8.0. CONCLUSION

- 8.1. The Honourable Commissioner appreciated the participants for their contributions, comments and suggestions at the meeting. He promised them that the State Government under the leadership of Arakunrin Oluwarotimi Akeredolu, SAN, would continue to hold trust for the people, service them and give them their desired expectations.



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