

RECAP OF DAY ONE ACTIVITIES
AT
THE 12TH JPB MEETING HELD AT ZARANDA HOTEL,
BAUCHI, BAUCHI STATE

BY
THE COMMISSION SECRETARIAT
National Planning Commission
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1.0 OPENING

- The meeting commenced with a formal opening ceremony under the chairmanship of the Secretary to the National Planning Commission, Ntufam Fidelis Ugbo, Esq.
- Welcome remarks was delivered by the Permanent Secretary, Bauchi State Planning Commission, Alhaji Mohammed Aminu Ibrahim.
- The Secretary to National Planning Commission, Ntufam Fidelis Ugbo, Esq gave the opening remarks.

1.0 OPENING Cont'd

- In his remarks, the Secretary to NPC highlighted:
- The relevance and the structure of the JPB/NCDP meetings.
- The importance of strategic planning and job creation
- Agenda of the 2-day session; and
- Appointed DG-NISER, Prof O. Taiwo as the time keeper

2.0 ISSUES ARISING FROM THE LAST JPB/NCDP MEETINGS

The first session was dedicated to issues arising from the last JPB/NCDP meeting in Uyo:

- Update on the States' collaboration with Institute for Social and Economic Research (NISER) by DG-NISER
- Taraba and Lagos States carried out collaborative studies with NISER
- Update on the status of implementation of 1st NIP and preparation for the 2nd NIP by D(Macro/NPC), Mr. Tunde Lawal
- The 1st NIP (2010—2013) ended 2013,
- The report of the 1st NIP review to be presented soon to FEC for consideration and approval in order to pave the way for the commencement of the preparation for the 2nd NIP
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2.0 ISSUES ARISING FROM THE LAST JPB/NCDP MEETINGS Cont'd

- Update on States' GDP Computation Project by D(Macro/NPC), Mr. Tunde Lawal
- Results of the seven pilot States are ready, namely:
 - Lagos - South West
 - Kano - North West
 - Cross River - South South
 - Rivers - South South
 - Anambra - South East
 - Gombe - North East
 - Niger - North Central
- The results of only 2 States have so far been presented namely:
 - Cross River
 - Anambra
- Steps are currently being taken to validate the results of the remaining States
- With 22 States + FCT who have made their financial contribution to the SGDP project
- The NBS is currently working closely with the 15 States' Statistical Agencies/Bureaux + FCT towards actualizing the task

2.0 Issues arising from the last JPB/NCDP meetings Cont'd

- Update on states that have established States' Planning Commission by Head (Commission Secretariat/NPC), Mr. E.I. Ogbeihe
- Twelve (12) States have established States' Planning Commission. The States are: Abia, Niger, Adamawa, Ekiti, Enugu, Kwara, Nasarawa, Plateau, Taraba, Zamfara, Benue and Bauchi

3.0 Technical Level Presentations

Five technical level papers were presented under two sub-themes

4.0 Key Issues from the Presentations

- The call for States that are yet to establish their States' Planning Commission and Statistical Agencies to do so without any further delay;
- States that have not paid their counterpart contributions for SGDP Computation were urged to do so as a matter of importance;
- States to establish/work closely with established research units/agencies for evidenced based policy making;

4.0 Key Issues from the Presentations Cont'd

- Need for ITF to focus more on building the capacity of youth/graduates rather than concentrating on registration of organizations;
- NPC to constitute Supervising/Monitoring Team to visit States on quarterly basis to fast-track implementation of decisions reached at the JPBNCDDP meetings;
- States are enjoined to make enabling laws on PPP to attract investment within and outside the country;

4.0 Key Issues from the Presentations Cont'd

- Need for effective plan-budget link and performance-based budgeting system as against the envelope system; and
- Need for deepening of the capacity of public servants for effective formulation, implementation and monitoring of strategic plans

Communiqué Drafting Committee

- A 5 man Communiqué Drafting Committee was constituted as follows:
 - 1 Mr. S. Danjuma- Taraba State/North East
 - 2 Mr. Yusuf Jibrin- Bauchi State/North East
 - 3 Mrs. A. A. Adediran- Oyo State/South West
 - 4 Mr. I. A. Osama- Nasarawa State/North Central
 - 5 Mr. G. A. Yusuf- Kano State/North West