



Update on States' Collaboration with the Nigerian Institute of Social and Economic Research (NISER)

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1. Introduction

- ❑ At the JPB/NCDP meetings held in Uyo, NISER made a presentation on:
 - ❑ ***The Role of Research in Policy Formulation & Implementation***; and
 - ❑ Highlighted the need for more analytic work on social and economic issues at the state level.
- ❑ NISER presented an update on these issues at the Bauchi meetings , held 23-25 April, 2014, with focus on:
 - ❑ State-NISER Collaborative Research in Taraba and Lagos
 - ❑ Update on Establishment of State Research Institute (SRI)
 - ❑ NISER Concept Notes on State Level Research





1. Introduction

Key Resolutions at the Bauchi meetings:

- D 6 (vii): “States and Federal MDAs should build capacity of the Planning, Research and Statistics officers as they are critical to the development and implementation of national and sectoral strategic plans”.
- D 6 (xv): “States were encouraged to partner with NISER, the Universities and other research agencies in the establishment of research institutes as this will complement States’ Statistical Bureau as well as provide guidance to Departments of PRS on research matters”.





2. State-NISER Collaborative Work

Bayelsa State

- ❑ The Ministry of Budget and Economic Planning initiated this effort by requesting for assistance to conduct ***A Socio-Economic Baseline Survey in Bayelsa State***
- ❑ NISER has prepared the following:
 - ❑ A Technical Proposal; and
 - ❑ A Financial Proposal
- ❑ NISER team has held a joint meeting with officials of the Ministry at Yenagoa.
- ❑ The Ministry expected to determine the next steps





2. State-NISER Collaborative Work

Kwara State

- ❑ Collaboration with Office of Head of Service
- ❑ On ***Competency and Leadership Enhancement*** and Test
- ❑ In the process of developing a plan of action for future activities in these areas





2. State-NISER Collaborative Work

Lagos State

- Collaboration with The Ministry of Planning and Budget on ***Accessing Conditional Cash Transfer***
- First joint meeting held on April of 2014
- NISER has prepared the following:
 - A Technical Proposal; and
 - A Financial Proposal
- NISER team in the process of proposing another joint meeting with the Ministry of these proposals





2. State-NISER Collaborative Work

State Research Institute (SRI)

- No state has established SRI in partnership with NISER
- No information whether any state has established SRI in partnership with a university or any other research institute





3. NISER Work at the State Level

- ❑ The Institute is conducting research work on the following:
 - ❑ Socio-Economic Impact of Natural Disasters in Nigeria;
 - ❑ Evaluation of Social Protection Programmes in Nigeria;
 - ❑ Impact of Microfinance Institutions on Small and Medium Scale Enterprises in Nigeria;
 - ❑ Social and Physical Infrastructure and National Development;
 - ❑ Achievement of MDGs by 2015: Reality or Myth?;
 - ❑ Macroeconomic Effects of High Monetary Policy Rate Rate;
 - ❑ Nigeria Commercial Agriculture Development Project: Economic Analysis of Agricultural Commodities Competitiveness in Nigeria;
 - ❑ Nigeria Commercial Agriculture Development Project: Consumer Welfare Analysis in Nigeria; and
 - ❑ Informal Sector Study of the Nigerian Economy (SEEFOR States)





4. NPC-NISER Research Training Workshop

Focus:

- Improving Research Capacity of DPRS for Service Delivery and Attainment of the Transformation Agenda Training Workshop
- In line with the resolutions of the JPB/NCDP meetings at Bauchi, 23-25 April, 2014
- Also in line with the resolutions of DPRS conference held in Minna, 19-20 May, 2014

Objectives:

- To update and strengthen the capacity of DPRS officials in research with the view to promote efficiency, effectiveness and accountability in the Public Service





4. NPC-NISER Research Training Workshop

Specific Objectives

- Enhance the ability of the participants in the identification and articulation of research problems relevant to their work;
- Strengthen the capacity of the participants in research design and execution;
- Expose the participants to the techniques of report writing and preparation of policy briefs and policy memoranda; and
- Enrich the participants' critical thinking on how to improve the relevance of research to the attainment of the objectives of NV 20:2020, the NIP and the Transformation Agenda.

Coverage and Phases:

- For Directors of Departments of PRS
- Phase I: 4-6 November, 2014, NISER, IBADAN
- Phase II: 18-20, November, 2014, Kaduna





5. The Third Annual NISER National Policy Dialogue on Socio-Economic Development

- Since 2012, NISER has been organising annually ***National Policy Dialogue on Socio-Economic Development***
- Third one scheduled as follows:
 - Time: Tuesday, December 9, 2014
 - Venue: Reiz Continental Hotel, Abuja
- The Presentations:**
 - The Impact of Cashless Banking Policy on the Performance of the Informal Business Enterprise in Nigeria
 - Appraisal of Disaster Risk Preparedness in Nigeria
 - Response of Nigeria's Manufacturing Sector to Government Policies.
 - Thoughts on Post-2015 Transformation Agenda





6. Conclusion and Recommendations

- There are on-going collaborative research activities between NISER and some states
- No state has established SRI in partnership with NISER
- No information whether any state has established SRI in partnership with a university or any other research institute
- Need for improved priorities for research work at the state level.





Thank You

