



**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE
STATE'S HONOURABLE COMMISSIONERS OF
PLANNING AND ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT/CHAIRMEN OF STATE PLANNING
COMMISSIONS
HELD AT
TRANSCORP HILTON HOTEL, ABUJA.**

18TH SEPTEMBER, 2013

INTRODUCTION:

At the sensitization workshop held on 22nd of July 2013 for the States Honourable Commissioners of Planning and Economic Development/Chairmen of State Planning Commissioners with the former Minister of National Planning, it was agreed that a joint committee be set up chaired by the Secretary to the Commission, with six Honourable Commissioners for Planning, to represent their respective geo-political zone to fashion out the modalities for setting up of the Commissioners of Planning Forum.

2. The committee has the following as members:

- i] Ntufam Fidel Ugbo, *Esq.* - Secretary to the Commission
Chairman
- [ii] Prof. Ndem Ayara - Economic Adviser/Vice Chairman,
Planning Commission, Cross River State
Member
- [iii] Chief (Mrs) Adanma Iheuwa, Executive Secretary/Perm. Sec.
Abia State Planning Commission
Member
- [iv] Alhaji Dan Sallau, Hon. Commissioner for Planning, Niger State
Member
- [v] Mr. Akin Adaramola, Hon. Commissioner for Economic Planning
and Budget, Ondo State
Member
- [vi] Alhaji Yusuf Bello Dambata, Hon. Commissioner, Kano State
Ministry of Budget & Planning
Member
- [vii] Alhaji Aminu Hammayo, Hon. Commissioner, Bauchi State
Ministry of Budget and Planning
Member

The Terms of Reference (ToRs) for the Committee was to:

- [i] Consider the formulation of a Forum of Honourable Commissioners for Planning and Economic Development, and other issues relating to JPB/NCDP and NEC meetings.
- [ii] Explore the need for closer collaboration between NBS and SBS and
- [ii] Consider any other issue that may be relevant to the subject matter;

Meeting of the Joint Committee

3. The Committee which met on Wednesday 18th September, 2013 at the Transcorp Hilton Hotel was chaired by the Secretary to the National Economic Council (NEC), Ntufam Fidel Ugbo, Esq.

Opening Remarks

4. The Chairman of the Committee welcomed the members and informed them that the essence of the meeting was to keep up with the promise of the former Honourable Minister of National Planning, Dr. Shamsuddeen Usman, CON.

5. Delibrations/Decisions

The Committee discussed extensively on the following:

- Objective: which includes having a harmonized economic framework, how to measure performance, to help develop common data generation/influencing policy making, to enhance value to JPB and to support/ensure that the Governors attends NEC meetings regularly.
- Operations i.e logistics and Communication. It was unanimously agreed that National Planning Commission would provide the secretariat and venue of the meetings which would be holding at the eve of every NEC meeting.
- Funding: National Planning Commission should fund the meetings while the States can fund any major events.
- Structure for Governance: The Secretary to NEC would serve as the chairman while one of the Zonal representatives would be the coordinator.

6. Conclusion

In conclusion, the committee agreed that the forum would afford the Commission the opportunity to disseminate information on some development plans to States for instance on capacity building etc. According to the chairman, the report of the committee would be forwarded to other committee members to make inputs .Lastly, a copy of the State Commissioners of Finance Forum constitution was to be adopted as a guide.The Committee finally resolved to hold its meeting on the eve of the next NEC meeting.

**Council Secretariat,
National Economic Council**

24th September,2013.