

RECAP OF DAY ONE ACTIVITIES

AT

**THE 10TH NCDP/JPB MEETING, HELD AT DE MERIDIAN
HOTEL, URAN, AKWA-IBOM STATE**

By

The Commission Secretariat
National Planning Commission

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1.0 Opening

- Meeting commenced with a formal opening ceremony under chairmanship of the Secretary to the NPC, Ntufam Fidel Ugbo, ESQ
- Welcome remarks was made by the Permanent Secretary, Akwa-Ibom State Ministry of Economic Planning
- The Secretary to National Planning Commission gave the opening remarks
- In his opening remarks, the Secretary to NPC highlighted:
 - The relevance of the meeting
 - Government's current efforts in strategic planning
 - Agenda of the 2-day sessions

2.0 Issues Arising from the Last JPB Meeting

- First session was dedicated to issues arising from the last JPB meeting:
 - i. Report of the Committee on Appropriate Framework for the establishment of State Planning Commissions – presented by Executive Secretary, Cross River State Planning Commission, Prof. Ndem Ayara
 - ii. Update on States that have submitted draft Legislation to their State Assemblies in line with the Project Continuity & Development Planning Bill by Head (Legal/NPC), Mrs Martina Suleiman
 - Only Niger State had passed the law

2.0 Issues Arising from the Last JPB Meeting Cont'd

- iii. Update on the Status of National Implementation Plan (NIP) Implementation in States by D(Macro/NPC), Mr. Tunde Lawal
 - 23 States made submission.
 - 14 States yet to submit.
- iv. Update on number of States that have established Statistical Agencies by representative of NBS
 - 13 States have established their statistical agencies.
 - 23 States are at various stages of establishing their statistical agencies
- v. Update on States' GDP Computation Project by Director (Macro/NPC), Mr. Tunde Lawal
 - 21 States had paid.
 - 15 States yet to pay.

3.0 Technical Level Presentations

- ▶ The Second Session was dedicated to Technical level presentations
 - i. Aligning the Budgets with the National Plans (Federal and States' experience) by Director (Macro/NPC and Executive Secretary, Enugu State Planning Commission respectively
 - ii. The Role of Capacity Building in the formulation of , Implementation and Monitoring of Strategic plans by DG-CMD
 - iii. Leveraging on PPP as a financing model for the delivery of the NIIMP by representative of the DG-ICRC

4.0 Key Issues from the Presentations

- ▶ The key issues that came up from the presentations are:
 - Need for states to establish their Planning Commissions using the proposed framework for effective plan formulation and implementation
 - Need for states to speed up the process of legislation on the Project Continuity & Development bill
 - States and Federal MDAs that have not made submissions for the review of the 1st NIP implementation should do so urgently

Key Issues from the Presentations

- States that have not established SSAs should also do so
- States that have not paid their SGDP contribution to do so
- Need for effective plan–budget link and performance–based budgeting system as against the envelope system
- Need for deepening of the capacity of public servants for effective formulation, implementation and monitoring of strategic plans