

MINISTRY OF FINANCE, BUDGET AND NATIONAL PLANNING



**STATUS REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF KEY RESOLUTIONS OF
THE 2019 (18TH) JPB/ NCDP MEETINGS.
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- The meeting of the Council was presided over by the Hon. Minister of State, Budget and National Planning while the Honourable Minister of Finance, Budget and National Planning was represented by Dr. M. K. Dikwa, Permanent Secretary, Special Duties, Ministry of Finance, Budget and National Planning. The NCDP was declared open by the Vice President, Prof. Yemi Osinbajo *SAN, GCON* while the Governor of Delta State, Sen. (Dr.) Ifeanyi Okowa gave the welcome address.

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Key Resolutions of the 18th NCDP Meeting

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- After extensive and exhaustive deliberations on key issues, members adopted 23 key resolutions. The resolutions and their status are tabulated below:

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S/N	RESOLUTION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
1	States were advised to adopt policies that would improve the operating environment for ease of doing business in order to increase the level of Private Sector investment and Internally Generated Revenue (IGR);	Most States have domesticated the FG's Ease of Doing Business Guidelines and have recorded an increase in their IGR
2	The need for States to key into the zero-oil plan of the Federal Government for the diversification of their economies, especially in the non-oil sectors;	All States are cultivating at least one crop each, in which they have comparative advantage
3	Sub-national Governments were advised to collaborate with the Federal Government in improving the security situation in their various States to attract more investors;	This is ongoing, with the introduction of Zonal security outfits in most of the Zones and implementation of the Police Service Reforms.
4	States were encouraged to coordinate efforts between related M&E function, aligning responsibilities and institutionalized effectiveness of M&E systems in their respective States;	This is fully implemented. All the States fully supported the just concluded monitoring of States Projects by the NEC, Implementation Monitoring Committee (IMC)
5	Federal Government was to support the States to adopt the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) platform to attract Private Sector investment;	The Bureau of Public Enterprise (BPE) is yet to cascade the National Public Private Partnership Policy to the States. However, the BPE assisted the Enugu State Government in setting up their PPP framework.

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6	The need for an inclusive institutional structure to be put in place to ensure follow-up of JPB recommendations;	Concluded. Implementation of JPB Resolutions were monitored across the States.
7	Governments at all levels were to create an enabling environment to drive commercial and modernized manufacturing, agricultural and mining practices so as to scale-up industrialization;	Concluded in some States and ongoing in others
8	Governments at National and Sub-national levels were to allocate more resources on ICT to aid revenue collection, administration and ensure provision of adequate capacity for managing the system;	Both the Federal and State Governments have digitized their revenue collection and administration processes.
9	Funds borrowed by State Governments should be invested in critical sectors, such as infrastructure for improved economic performance and job creation;	Some States have complied, but ongoing in other States.
10	States should leverage on State Fiscal Transparency, Accountability and Sustainability (SFTAS) to improve public financial management systems and processes in Nigeria;	Implemented across the States, based on the World Bank incentives for compliance.
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11	There should be reform of Federal and State Public Financial Management laws to achieve better accountability and transparency and key into the financial management tools developed by Partnership to Engage, Reform and Learn (PERL-DFID);	This is in line with SFTAS principles that the States are already complying with.
12	A National Strategic Framework for the Bio-Economy in Nigeria should be put in place to ensure effective coordination of the ecosystem, so as to facilitate job creation and economic growth;	A National Framework for Bio-Economy was built into the ongoing National Agenda 2050.
13	States were encouraged to identify areas of their comparative advantages and undertake a well thought out strategic planning;	Most States have identified agribusiness and they are doing well.
14	The need for an in-depth review of past development plans to draw lessons from same for the development of the new NDP 2021-2025 and NA2050;	This is concluded. Diagnostic Reports were submitted by the various TWGs of the NDP based on in-depth studies carried out in collaboration with the States & Private Sector/Academia
15	Governments at all levels should invest in generating credible and reliable data for the purposes of development planning and consider the adoption of an inclusive bottom-up approach and integrate SDG goals in the preparation and development of NDP;	Ongoing

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16	The need to refocus on industrialization in the non-oil sectors and encourage innovations to ensure economic diversification and fiscal sustainability was advocated;	Ongoing across the States.
17	States should promote the integration of the informal sector into the mainstream of their economic planning activities and encourage development of entrepreneurial skills through economic clusters and trade groups;	Ongoing
18	Establishment of a robust policy and legal framework for Performance Management System (PMS) at the National and Sub-national levels for effective and efficient service delivery and build capacity of Staff was canvassed;	No information
19	The need to implement reforms that will remove bottlenecks, strengthen the business environment and provide security to encourage investment and local entrepreneurs. This includes land acquisition, title deeds transfer, Nigeria investment certification programmes;	About 20 States are already implementing this
20	Council welcomed the extension of the implementation period of the State Employment and Expenditure for Results (SEEFOR) and also the State and Local Governance Reform (SLOGOR) Projects and urged stakeholders to institute measures for sustainability of the outcomes as the projects wind down;	Completed

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21	For Nigeria to achieve the sustainable development commitment of leaving no one behind, including children, Government at all levels should invest in critical sectors such as education, health and other key areas linking child development;	Ongoing. Most States usually set aside 20% of their annual budgets on Education and another huge sum for the Health Sector.
22	Participants noted the challenge posed by inadequate data in measuring the impact of climate change and urged policy makers and development practitioners to incorporate climate change mitigation and adaptation objectives into their sectoral policies and plans; and	No information
23	The NCDP to hold end of 2nd Quarter every year	Meeting could not hold last year due to COVID-19 Pandemic outbreak. This meeting should have held in April, 2021 but for the need to harvest the input of Stakeholders into the Plans.

Conclusion

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The JPB/NCDP Secretariat would ensure immediate circulation of decisions of this meeting, States are encouraged to reach out to the Secretariat (necsecretariat@nationplanning.gov.ng; necsecretariat@hotmail.com;) and ensure implementation of the outcome of this meeting. Government is focusing on redesigning our planning efforts to diversification of States economy in order to meet current challenges.

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