

**REPORT OF THE CONSULTATIVE MEETING WITH WOMEN ORGANIZATIONS,
YOUTH GROUPS, AND STUDENT BODIES IN ONDO STATE ON 2021-2023
MEDIUM TERM EXPENDITURE FRAMEWORK (MTEF) AND 2021 BUDGET
PREPARATION HELD AT THE CONFERENCE HALL, MINISTRY OF WOMEN
AFFAIRS AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT, IGBATORO ROAD, AKURE ON
WEDNESDAY, 4TH NOVEMBER, 2020.**

1.0. INTRODUCTION

1.1. Pursuant to Section 22, Subsection 2 (a) and (b) of the Ondo State Fiscal Responsibility Law (FRL), (2017) which mandated the State government to make public consultation with the citizens and their representatives with a view to harvesting their inputs into the State's MTEF leading to the yearly budget, a parley with the Women Organizations, Youth Groups, and Student Bodies on the 2021-2023 MTEF and 2021 budget preparation was held at the Conference Hall of the Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development, Igbatoro Road, Akure on Wednesday, 4th November, 2020. The meeting was presided over by the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Economic Planning and Budget, Mr. Bunmi Alade.

2.0. OBJECTIVE OF THE TOWN HALL MEETING

2.1. The main objectives of the meeting were as follows:

- i. to present the 202-2023 MTEF which included the projections for 2021 budget;
- ii. to harvest inputs of the Youth Groups, Women Organizations and Student Bodies or their representatives in order to include them in the 2021 budget.
- iii. to jointly monitor progress of government activities and ensure that there was prudent public financial management in the State; and

iv. to create a public ownership of the 2021 fiscal documents.

3.0. PARTICIPANTS

- 3.1. The meeting had in attendance the Permanent Secretary, Ondo State Ministry of Economic Planning and Budget, Mr. Bunmi Alade; Director Budget, Mr. Aworere Stephen; Director Technical Assistance & Aid Coordination, Mr. Adebusoeye Monday; Director Monitoring and Evaluation, Alhaji Adekunle L. A; and a host of other members of staff of the Ministry of Economic Planning and Budget.
- 3.2. Also present at the meeting were the representatives of different Women Organizations which included the National Council of Women Societies, Centre for Women Development Initiatives etc., representatives of different Youth bodies such as National Youth Council of Nigeria, Representative of Youth Parliament, etc., and representatives of National Association of Ondo State Students (NAOSS).

4.0. OPENING REMARKS

- 4.1. The Director Budget, Mr. Stephen Aworere, welcomed the participants to the round-table meeting. He remarked that the consultative meeting was called to discuss the needs and longings of the people as inputs into the year 2021 budget.
- 4.2. He stated that the meeting sought to bring everyone on the same to page on what the State government was doing; what it should do and what it should desist from doing.

- 4.3. Concluding his remarks, he enjoined all stakeholders to listen carefully and contribute meaningfully to the discussion of the meeting so as to have a robust, people-oriented post COVID-19 budget.

5.0. KEYNOTE ADDRESS

- 5.1. The Permanent Secretary, Mr. Bunmi Alade on behalf of the Commissioner for Economic Planning and Budget, Pastor Emmanuel Igbasan, thanked the Executive Governor of the State, Arakunrin Oluwarotimi Odunayo Akeredolu, *SAN*, for ensuring transparency and accountability in the State. He welcomed all the participants to the thought-provoking parley. While acknowledging the presence of the various Women Organizations, the Youth Groups, and the Students Bodies in the State, he remarked that they were the engines of peace and progress that the State sought to achieve.
- 5.2. He stated that, in line with global best practices, the State had taken a radical, bottom-up approach to budgeting process and that the engagement was necessary to foster relationship between the Government and the people so as to take ownership of the process.
- 5.3. The Permanent Secretary while commenting on what the present administration had done with respect to the issues raised by the Women and Youth of the State at the last year's consultative meeting. The following were mentioned:
- That soft loans disbursed to the People by Micro Credit Agency was still low, the Permanent Secretary (PS) informed the gathering that the State government had disbursed over N3 billion and would still do more;

- That most youths in the State were unemployed; Government through the Ore-Linyi Industrial park warehoused seven companies that have engaged over 7000 workers;
- That there was shortage of teaching staffs in both the primary and secondary schools in the State; the PS said the government was about completing the process of engaging 1000 new teachers into the public primary schools to complement existing teachers;
- That some Officers in the Pension Board engaged in extortive demand for gratifications from the Retirees for processing of their retirement benefits, he responded that the state government had through the Head of Service reformed the Civil service to curb such ignominious acts;and
- That the absence of Long-term Development Plan for the State was not beneficial to the State and her people, he said Mr. Governor had approved the constitution and inauguration of the Ondo State Joint Planning Council, which would had been saddled with the responsibility of crafting a long-term plan for the State.

5.4. While concluding his address, he enjoined the participants to speak dispassionately and make insightful contributions, as their aspirations, desires, requests and feedbacks would be presented to Mr. Governor to see how many of those desires would be accommodated in the 2021 budget.

6.0. BUSINESS OF THE DAY

6.1.0 PRESENTATION ON BUDGETING AND THE NEED FOR ENGAGEMENT OF STAKEHOLDERS

6.1.0. Mr. Aworere Stephen, the Director Budget began his presentation with the analysis of 2020 revised budget performance. He x-rayed the extent of revenue performance of the 2020 revised budget vis-à-vis the expenditure profile of the State. Total inflow/revenue from all sources stood at N100,48 billion as at September, 2020. Expected target within same period was N113.58 billion, short fell by 11.54%.

6.1.1. Speaking on the 2021-2023 MTEF, the Director briefed the meeting that, having taken into cognizance all macroeconomic indices as contained in the Federal Government of Nigeria's 2021-2023 MTEF, and also after the consideration of revenues to the State from all sources in the coming year 2021, the State had proposed a total budget of ₦131.076 billion for year 2021.

6.1.2. He made mention that the 2020 budget had been radically reviewed to focus on MEDAs that were worse hit by COVID-19 pandemic. This post COVID budget now been proposed would be allocated to thirteen (13) sectors in the State. The table below shows the details of the sectoral capital allocation.

PROPOSED SECTORAL ALLOCATION OF 2021 CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

S/N	Sector	2021 Allocation	% 2021
1	ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE	341,816,149.82	1.25%
2	AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT	5,408,457,749.79	19.85%
3	EDUCATION	3,898,776,053.11	14.31%
4	ENVIRONMENT AND SEWAGE MANAGEMENT	3,073,299,238.62	11.28%
5	GENERAL ADMINISTRATION	1,251,523,054.88	4.59%

6	HEALTH	1,283,611,842.81	4.71%
7	INFORMATION	214,175,941.98	0.79%
8	INFRASTRUCTURAL DEVELOPMENT	3,364,520,604.04	12.35%
9	LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION	293,139,799.37	1.08%
10	PUBLIC FINANCE	2,208,885,563.56	8.11%
11	REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT	4,633,511,025.29	17.00%
12	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	584,116,205.39	2.14%
13	TRADE AND INDUSTRY	695,530,963.08	2.55%
	Total	27,251,364,191.76	100.00%

6.1.3. Mr. Aworere explained that the expenditure projection as depicted in the table above showed that the budget size of N131.075 Billion would be financed with only 26% coming from the Internally Generated Revenue in the State, this exemplified the financial dependence of the State on revenue from Federal Allocation.

6.1.4. Concluding his presentation on the 2021– 2023 MTEF, he stressed that the State Government, though challenged with paucity of fund, would continue to prioritise the needs of the people of Ondo State.

7.0. OBSERVATIONS/COMMENTS/REACTIONS FROM STAKEHOLDERS

7.1. In reactions to the presentations, the participants appreciated the efforts of the State Government for organizing the consultative meeting as a platform for them to air their views. They also applauded Mr. Governor for granting many of their requests presented at the last year's town hall meetings and prayed that their

requests at this year's meeting be included in the 2021 budget. While the Permanent Secretary exhaustively addressed most of their comments and reactions, the followings were noted:

- i. that infrastructural development would be challenged by paucity of fund in the coming fiscal year;
- ii. that credit facilities to the market women and other small-scale business owners attracted high rates;
- iii. that influx of people and firms around the site of Port Ondo as soon as it was declared would put pressure on the existing infrastructure available in the region;
- iv. that Women in Agriculture were still under-funded;
- v. that Study and Work programme which could help some indigent students was unavailable in the state;
- vi. that infrastructural facilities in AAUA were grossly inadequate;
- vii. that the Local Governments in the State were inadequately funded;
- viii. that subvention for the Youth Parliament in Ondo State was not released;
- ix. that engagement of the Youth in governance was seriously low;
- x. That appointment of a Proprietress of a Private School as Special Adviser to Mr. Governor on Market was a misfit;
- xi. That farmers did not have enough agricultural inputs;
- xii. That Primary Health Centres had not keyed into the free health programme of government;

8.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

8.1 The followings were the recommendations:

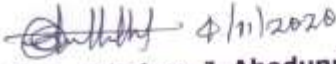
- Government should strive to complete available and ongoing Infrastructural projects and should not engage in new projects because of the envisaged paucity of fund in the coming fiscal year;
- Government should grant Credit facilities to the market women and other small-scale business owners at low rates;
- Government should improve on the available infrastructural facilities around the site of Port Ondo as the influx of people and firms would put pressure on the existing infrastructure available in the region;
- Government should provide more fund for the Women in Agriculture in the State;
- Government should look into helping indigent student with the Study and Work programme;
- Government should provide conducive leaning environment for the Students at AAUA such as Infrastructural facilities;
- Government should allow the Local Governments to independently carry out their functions according to the Law;
- Government should continue to sensitize and encourage the Youth to come into farming;
- Government should endeavor to make fund available for the leadership of the Youth Parliament in Ondo State;
- Government should broaden the engagement of Youth in governance;

- Government should appointment a market woman as Special Adviser to Mr. Governor on Market;
- Government should intensify efforts towards making subsidized agricultural inputs available to farmers; and
- Government should direct Primary Health Centres to key into the free health programme of the government.

10.0. CONCLUSION

10.1. The Permanent Secretary on behalf of the Honourable Commissioner thanked the participants for coming to this year's citizens engagement on the 2021 Budget preparation. He pledged that their contributions, comments and suggestions at the meeting would be accorded the expected attention while crafting the Budget. He as well reiterated the unalloyed commitment of the State Government under the leadership of Arakunrin Oluwarotimi Akeredolu, SAN, to continue to hold trust for the people, service them and give them their desired expectations as the administration commences another term in office.


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APPENDIX I**Revenue Performance as at September, 2020**

REVENUE SOURCES	2020 Revised Budget	Cumulative Target as at September	Cumulative Actual as at September	Performance
	₦	₦	₦	(%)
Statutory Allocation	26,730,614,126.83	20,047,960,595.12	25,110,395,290.85	125.25
Share of Value Added Tax	17,879,043,585.31	13,409,282,688.98	10,589,924,581.05	78.97
Mineral Derivation Fund	10,945,781,929.54	8,209,336,447.16	9,104,225,466.50	110.9
Gain on Foreign Exchange	1,500,000,000.00	1,125,000,000.00	1,461,827,336.67	129.94
Excess Crude/Additional Fund	4,035,917,290.15	3,026,937,967.61	1,647,050,117.80	54.41
Refund on Federal Roads	8,000,000,000.00	6,000,000,000.00	0	0
Forex Account Stabilization/Excess Charges Refund	313,230,745.22	234,923,058.92	163,265,659.83	69.5
Withholding Tax Refund From FGN	1,000,000,000.00	750,000,000.00	0	0
Independent Revenue	24,244,763,854.86	18,183,572,891.15	16,621,226,686.63	91.41
Cash Reserve/Roll-Over Fund	4,081,000,000.00	3,060,750,000.00	706,000,000.00	23.07
Long Term Borrowings	30,161,391,484.60	22,621,043,613.45	29,374,672,137.88	129.86
Grants from Donor Agencies	12,707,484,078.80	9,530,613,059.10	3,197,648,021.25	33.55
Short Term Borrowings/Domestic Loan	9,838,772,904.69	7,379,079,678.52	2,500,000,000.00	33.88
GRAND TOTAL	151,438,000,000.00	113,578,500,000.01	100,476,235,298.46	88.46%

APPENDIX II**Expenditure Performance as at September, 2020**

EXPENDITURE DETAILS	2020 REVISED BUDGET ₦	CUMULATIVE ESTIMATE AS AT SEPTEMBER ₦	CUMULATIVE ACTUAL AS AT SEPTEMBER ₦	PERFORMANCE AS AT SEPTEMBER (%)
Personnel Cost	40,059,974,547.92	30,044,980,910.94	24,636,426,924.42	82
Overhead Cost	3,764,833,550.00	2,823,625,162.50	1,606,845,528.98	56.91
Special Programme	12,205,839,307.00	9,154,379,480.25	6,612,809,628.18	72.24
Grants And Contributions	8,340,955,000.00	6,255,716,250.00	3,629,391,891.56	58.02
Social Contributions And Social Benefits	10,650,800,000.00	7,988,100,000.00	7,443,382,482.95	93.18
Total Recurrent Expenditure	75,022,402,404.92	56,266,801,803.69	43,928,856,456.09	78.07
Debt Service	13,000,000,000.00	9,750,000,000.00	13,121,044,769.24	134.57
Total Statutory Transfer	12,060,308,663.19	9,045,231,497.40	4,168,038,440.35	46.08
Capital Expenditure		-	-	
Total Capital Expenditure	51,355,288,931.88	38,516,466,698.91	24,167,693,580.28	62.75
GRAND TOTAL	151,438,000,000.00	113,578,500,000.00	85,385,633,245.96	75.18

APPENDIX III

Revenue Projections

Item	Proposed 2021 Estimates	Proposed 2022 Estimates	Proposed 2023 Estimates
Recurrent Revenue			
Statutory Allocation	33,413,267,658.54	39,427,655,837	46,524,633,888
Net Derivation	11,583,777,563.23	13,016,180,165	15,645,711,512
VAT	12,925,776,175.98	14,187,472,237	15,295,413,282
IGR	34,016,453,000.00	40,819,743,600	48,983,692,320
Total Recurrent Revenue	91,939,274,397.75	107,451,051,839	126,449,451,002
Capital Receipts			
Grants	11,072,286,400	2,772,286,400	2,872,286,400
Other Capital Receipts	16,950,000,000	14,200,000,000	8,200,000,000
Total Capital Receipts	28,022,286,400	16,972,286,400	11,072,286,400
Financing	11,114,300,000.00	7,614,300,000	8,614,300,000
Total Budget Size	131,075,860,797.75	132,037,638,239	146,136,037,402

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Item	Proposed 2021 Estimates	Proposed 2022 Estimates	Proposed 2023 Estimates
Personnel	43,999,913,105	48,327,348,558	53,256,738,111
Overheads	3,794,833,550	3,995,735,378	3,596,161,840
Social Contribution and Social Benefits	11,715,880,000	14,059,056,000	16,870,867,200
Special Programmes	12,205,839,307	15,022,291,541	16,022,291,541
Grants and Contributions	9,175,050,500	8,429,500,000	9,429,500,000
Public Debt Charge	13,632,855,035	13,383,766,564	13,041,772,631
Transfer to Local Government	2,746,258,655	3,266,710,385	3,891,252,462
Transfer to Internal Revenue Services	6,553,866,455.00	8,152,639,746.00	10,071,167,695.20

Total	103,824,496,606	114,637,048,172	126,179,751,481
Transfer to Capital Account	-11,885,222,208	-7,185,996,333	269,699,521
Capital Receipts			
Grants	11,072,286,400	2,772,286,400	2,872,286,400
Other Capital Receipts	16,950,000,000	14,200,000,000	8,200,000,000
Total	28,022,286,400	16,972,286,400	11,072,286,400
Transfer to OSOPADEC	4,633,511,025	5,206,472,066	6,258,284,605
Capital Expenditure	22,617,853,166	12,194,118,001	13,698,001,316
Discretionary Funds	10,816,966,766	1,807,531,601	2,211,414,916
Non-Discretionary Funds	11,800,886,400	10,386,586,400	11,486,586,400
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APPENDIX IV

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