

TOWN HALL MEETING:

**REPORT ON OGUN STATE 2020 BUDGET AND MEDIUM TERM EXPENDITURE
FRAME WORK (MTEF) 2020 – 2022**

HELD ON

THURSDAY 10TH OCTOBER, 2019

AT THE

**OGUN EAST SENATORIAL DISTRICT, BISI RODIPE HALL, IGBEBA GRA,
IJEBU-ODE, OGUN STATE**

CHIEF HOST:

HIS EXCELLENCY, THE EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR OF OGUN STATE

PRINCE (DR.) DAPO ABIODUN MFR

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

In line with international best practices, the Government of Ogun State under the amiable leadership of His Excellency, Prince (Dr.) Dapo Abiodun MFR, observed a major mile stone during the preparation of the State's year 2020 Budget and Medium-Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF) by bringing the Town Hall Meeting closer to the populace in the State to further enhance citizens' participation in governance. This was the first time the Town Hall Meeting would be conducted in all the three (3) Senatorial Districts in the State in order to obtain inputs from relevant stakeholders. In view of the foregoing, the **Ogun East Senatorial District town hall meeting was held in Ijebu-Ode on Thursday, 10th October, 2019**. This was a symbolic representation of the Administration's commitment towards inclusiveness, people-centred and participatory governance in view of the Administration's mantra of **"Building Our Future Together"**. Through the conduct of the town hall meetings across the 3 Senatorial Districts, some challenges attributed to long distance travelling to get to the meeting point experienced especially by women and youth organisations have become a thing of the past, with the introduction of the conduct of the meetings in each Senatorial District, thus achieving Goals 10 and 17 of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), targeted at Reduced Inequalities and Partnership for the Goals, respectively.

The Town Hall meeting held in Ogun East Senatorial District was attended by various dignitaries and stakeholders which included various Women Groups, Youth Organisations, Trade Unions, Trade Associations, Community Development Associations (CDAs), Professional Bodies, Local Government Councils, Non-Governmental Organisations/Civil Society Organisations, Religious and Student Bodies, senior citizens, etc.

The State held her Town Hall Meeting on year 2020 Budget and MTEF for 2020 – 2022 **in Ogun East Senatorial District, Ijebu-Ode on Thursday, 10th October, 2019. This was the first town hall meeting to be held by the Prince Dapo Abiodun, MFR, led Administration,** in view of presentation of year 2020 Executive Budget to the State House of Assembly for passage into law.

2.0 ATTENDANCE AT THE MEETING

A wide range of dignitaries and stake holders attended this meeting as follows: the number one citizen of the State, His Excellency, Prince (Dr.) Dapo Abiodun, MFR; the Deputy Governor of Ogun State, Engr. (Mrs.) Noimot Salako-Oyedele; Speaker of Ogun State House Assembly, Rt. Hon. Olakunle Oluomo, the Secretary to the State Government, Mr. Olatokunbo Talabi; the Chief of Staff to the Governor, Alhaji Shuaib Salisu, the Chief Economic Adviser to His Excellency, Mr. Dapo Okubadejo; Consultant on Budget and Planning, Mr. Olaolu Olabimtan, Special Advisers and Consultants to His Excellency; the Chairman of the House Committee on Finance and Appropriation, Hon. Kunle Sobukonla; Members of the Ogun State House of

Assembly; Ogun State APC Party Chairman, Chief Yemi Sanusi; Former Deputy Governor of Ogun State, Senator Sefiu Adegbenka Kaka; Paramount Ruler of Ijebuland, His Royal Majesty, Kabiyesi Oba Kayode Adetona, represented by the Dagburewe of Idowa, Oba Yinusa Adekoya; the Paramount Ruler of Remo land, His Royal Majesty, Kabiyesi Oba Babatunde Ajayi; Royal Fathers and other traditional rulers; Permanent Secretaries; Heads of Parastatals/Agencies; Representatives of the Nine(9) Local Government Areas in Ogun East Senatorial District Religious Leaders and Leaders of Political Groups; Civil Society Organisations and Non-Governmental Organisations, etc.

Others in attendance included Association of Retired Permanent Secretaries, Heads of Tertiary Institutions State Chapter of Nigerian Union of Pensioners, Various Women Groups, Christian Association of Nigeria (CAN), Bankers, Trade Associations and Unions, Community Development Associations; National Association of Nigerian Students (NANS), Artisans; Technicians' Associations, Women and Youth Organisations;

3.0 OPENING

The meeting commenced at 3.42pm with the arrival of His Excellency, the Executive Governor of Ogun State, Prince (Dr.) Dapo Abiodun, MFR. The opening prayers were offered by Alhaji Saibi Gbadegeshin, Chief Imam of Ijebuland and the Rt. Reverend (Dr.) Adetubo Adesoji, Bishop of Ijebu East Diocese following the rendition of the National and State Anthems.

4.0 REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS

The turnout of participants at the event was highly impressive. Over 3,000 participants attended the meeting, comprising of those who registered their names and addresses on the attendance sheets provided and those who did not register formally on the attendance sheets.

5.0 WELCOME ADDRESS

The Consultant on Budget and Planning to the Governor, Mr Olaolu Olabimtan, FCA, welcomed all the guests to the Town Hall meeting which was the first in the series of interactions His Excellency would be having with the good people of Ogun State in a bid to engage the Citizens and obtain inputs in view of the year 2020 Budget.

In his welcome speech, Mr. Olabimtan noted that the current Administration was committed to governance and efficient service delivery to the masses of the State which were very essential for good governance. He stated that one of the essentials of good governance was having world class public financial management system which entailed engaging the citizens and taking their inputs to have a sound Framework that addresses the yearnings of the populace. He further

stated that this was the first time this gathering would be happening outside the State capital and that it would be held in the remaining two Senatorial Districts, namely, Ogun West and Ogun Central.

While thanking His Excellency for his leadership and his commitment to international best practices, he informed that all relevant stakeholders had been invited to interact with His Excellency and engage him first-hand which will provide a sincere and important discussion about the way forward.

In essence, he said the purpose of the meeting was to sensitize the citizens about Government's plans and priorities for 2020 – 2022 in furtherance of the mantra; "building our future together" and to obtain stakeholders' thoughts and contributions to the MTEF 2020 – 2022 in view of preparation for year 2020 budget.

The Consultant once again welcomed everyone to the meeting and enjoined them to make it a success for overall development of the State.

6.0 OPENING REMARKS

The Executive Governor of Ogun State, His Excellency, Prince (Dr.) Dapo Abiodun MFR began his opening remarks by specially welcoming all the dignitaries and stakeholders to the Town Hall Meeting in Ogun East Senatorial District which was one in the series of three Town Hall Meetings that would be held in all the three Senatorial Districts of Ogun State as part of processes towards the preparation for 2020 fiscal year.

His Excellency noted that the conduct of the consultative meetings with the citizenry would equally create the opportunity for Government to achieve *strategic allocation of resources* towards the projects and programmes that would have high impact on the people enabling the State to achieve sustainable development in all sectors of the economy.

His Excellency made it clear that his Administration would be run based on the popular definition of democracy "government of the people, by the people and for the people", by Abraham Lincoln, a former President of the United States of America. According to His Excellency this was the underlying factor behind the Administration's mantra of "***Building our Future Together***".

His Excellency informed the stakeholders that the Town hall meeting was a symbolic representation of his Administration's commitment towards inclusiveness, people-centred and participatory governance while stating that governance should be a participatory process and

inclusive in order to achieve the Ogun State of our dreams. He noted that the process required the inputs of the governed to have their rightful place in the governance process.

As a further demonstration of building our future together mantra of this Administration, His Excellency revealed that all primary schools, primary health-centres, and the roads that Local Governments and communities have selected and considered most important would be accorded attention in each of the 236 wards across our dear State, in line with the priorities of the people. This would be in addition to government's identified projects that would be spread across the three Senatorial Districts of our dear State.

His Excellency assured that all the comments, recommendations, proposals and even critiques, during the interactive session would be noted and **all views and inputs will be incorporated into the year 2020 Budget proposals in order to bring about desired outcomes in each of the three Senatorial Districts.** Thereafter, His Excellency mentioned some achievements recorded by the current Administration since assumption of Office which included, the rehabilitation of the Ogun State University Teaching Hospital, free education policy, teachers' promotion, on-going construction of mass buildings in Abeokuta which will also spread across the State, etc.

Having stated the above, His Excellency urged all relevant Stakeholders to continue to cooperate with the Government so as to achieve the Ogun State of our collective dream. He also enjoined the people of the Ogun Central and Ogun West Senatorial Districts to look forward to a similar town hall meeting and be prepared to take maximum advantage of the platform by coming out in large numbers to express their views and aspirations.

His Excellency concluded his speech by appreciating everyone for their attendance and contributions and requested that the interactive session should commence.

7.0 SALIENT COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE PARTICIPANTS:

1. Oba Y.O. Adekoya, Dagburewe of Idowa delivered the goodwill message of the Awujale and Paramount Ruler of Ijebu Land Oba Dr. Sikiru Kayode Adetona. He appreciated his Excellency for organising the Town Hall Meeting in Ijebu East Senatorial District. He said Kabiyesi Awujale pleaded for the rehabilitation of Ijebu-Ode – Idowa – Ibefun – Itokin road, Ijebu Ode – Alagbohun -Ketu-Epe road. He advised the Government on the use of Cost-Benefit Analysis and Management by Objective and to also provide welfare package for Traditional Rulers.

2. Oba Muibi Lasisi Gisanrin, Odofin of Soyindo representing Akarigbo and Paramount Ruler of Remo Land congratulated His Excellency for all the programmes put in place. He stated that he

was not happy with the present situation of the Local Governments and that majority of the roads in Ogun East Senatorial District has been abandoned for over 8 years. He then advised his Excellency to include rural roads in the 2020 Budget. He stated that a position paper on the request of the Remoland will be forwarded to His Excellency.

3. Hon. Muiyiwa Idowu from Odogbolu Local Government complained about the bad roads in Okunowa-Obalanwe and other areas in Odogbolu and pleaded that the Governor should help them to repair the roads.

4. Mr. Sam Durojaye from Ijebu North-East Local Government noted that there were issues concerning security which needs urgent attention of the State Government. He also requested that Government should encourage Agriculture, rehabilitate schools, establish Quarries in Ijebu North-East and make provision of electricity to be connected to the National Grid.

5. A former Commissioner in the State, Chief F.A. Sabitu, from Ogun Waterside called for the reinforcement of security in Ogun Waterside Local Government Area to arrest the spate of kidnapping and crimes, while efforts should be geared towards tapping of all available Natural Resources to improve IGR especially reviving the Olokola Deep Sea Port and rehabilitation of schools and Hospital in Ibiade as well as provision of adequate teaching staff in the area to boost the quality of education in the area.

6. Alhaji Sanni, Ogijo CDC Chairman complained about the bad condition of Sagamu – Ogijo road and other roads in Ogijo and want them repaired.

7. Rt. Rev. (Dr.) Adetubo Adesoji, Bishop of Ijebu East Diocese commended His Excellency on free education. He pleaded that the Governor should extend kind gestures to Tertiary Institutions as regards Schoolfees as well as address the present issues in Tai Solarin College of Education.

8. Mr. Keshinro Olaitan, a representative of the physically challenged and Disabled people disclosed that there were about 850 physically challenged persons in Ogun East Senatorial District and implored the Governor to make good provision for them and to establish a Ministry to oversee the affairs of the disabled. Government should also provide more wheel chairs for them.

9. Chief Okuboyejo from Ijebu-Ode urged Government to give Agriculture more attention especially in Aqua culture in order to create employment and reduce poverty. He also urged the Government to repair the GRA road in Ijebu-Ode and put structures in place to implement the Anchors Borrowers' programme.

10. Representative of the Hunters' Association pleaded that the Governor should empower the Hunters and engage them to fight crimes in collaboration with the Police. He requested for a date to visit his Excellency.

11. Student Union President implored His Excellency to provide more jobs for the Youth.

12. Chief Bisi Rodipe called on Government to declare a state of emergency on roads in the State, particularly in Ijebuland and resuscitate the Local Governments.

13. Chief Imam of IjebuLand requested for enough Teachers to teach religious studies in Government Schools in order to curb cultism in public schools.

14. Mr. Adeyemi Samson, National Association Nigeria Students (NANS)'s Secretary complained about lack of infrastructure and subventions in schools, non-conducive environment, salary arrears problems of Lecturers and College of Health Technology, Ilese road that is not motorable and appealed to His Excellency to address them.

15. Prince Oduleye representing the National Youth Council (NYC), Ijebu East requested for the provision of adequate security in Tertiary Institutions, introduction of Entrepreneur and Vocational studies in schools at all levels to promote Entrepreneurship and separation of Ministry of Youth from Sports.

16. The representative of Women Association told His Excellency to make provision for good roads, quality education, good health facilities and Adult Education Literacy Programme in the 2020 Budget, so as to have a better life for people of Ogun State.

17. Representative of Timber Association complained about the arrest of their trucks in the Forest Reserves and the rationale behind it.

18. Ijebu Congress requested for the followings in the MOU:

- Rehabilitation of Roads: Ajebandele – Araromi road, Erunwon – Atan – Ijebu Igbo, Idowa – Ala – Omu – Ketu – Ejirin road, Ibefun – Eyinwa – Odogbolu road.
- Resuscitation of Apoje farm in Ijebu-Igbo and creation of such farm settlement in each Local Government Area of the State.
- Conversion of Apoje Farm Settlement to Ogun State School of Agriculture be affiliated to Olabisi Onabanjo University.
- Establishment of Cargo Ports for Agricultural produce in Ijebuland.
- Revamping of Olokola LNG.
- Creation of Jetty at Ogun Waterside and free Trade Zone in the Area. Connection of Rail line will be an advantage.

19. Tairat Adekoya from Ijebu-Ode Local Government appealed for financial assistance to rural women.
20. Mrs. Akinwale from Ijebu-Ode Local Government asked Government to review Policy on plank and wood to generate more revenue.
21. Alhaji Idowu Moshood from Ijebu-Ode Local Government appealed for the re-opening of Olokola Deep Sea Port to generate employment for the Youth.
22. Alhaji M.A. Lawal, As-salam Development Association in Ijebu-Ode appealed for the payment of all salary arrears to TASCE Staff and subsequent payment of 100% salary.
23. Mrs. Sanya Adetutu from Ijebu-Ode Local Government asked Government to revive loans disbursement to Farmers and Traders by OSAMCA.
24. Mrs. Rabeeu K.O. from Ijebu-Ode Local Government asked for provision of more special schools and employment of Teachers for Special Education.
25. Comrade Soneye from Ijebu-Ode Local Government asked for provision of Trucks on loan to Mine workers.
26. Ilawole Kehinde from Ogun Waterside Local Government asked for intervention to revive Gateway Industries and Petro-Gas Institute (GIPI), Oni and upgrading of GIPI to Polytechnic status.

8.0 HIS EXCELLENCY'S RESPONSE ON THE COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

His Excellency, Prince (Dr.) Dapo Abiodun MFR recognised and appreciated the people for their robust contributions and suggestions saying that the meeting was in line with his Administration's policy of inclusiveness and to achieve a strategic allocation of resources to projects that would have impact on the people. Highlights of his responses were as follows:

Security Issues: His Excellency explained that a lot of money had been expended on the sector. Examples were buying of pick-ups and motorcycles for easy movement of security officers.

Hunters' empowerment: His Excellency assured the Hunters of getting support from him especially in the aspect of crime control.

Road repairs/reconstructions: His Excellency told the meeting that repair work was already on-going across the State and that the Ogun State Public Works Agency was already working on some roads in all the local government areas of the State. He stated that though there will be no refund of money expended on repair of Federal roads by State Government, he

will still request the Federal Government to transfer work on the Lagos – Ibadan expressway road to the State for repair and commercialisation.

Job creation: His Excellency stated that job portal was available for many businesses and companies operating in the State to recruit their workforce. He promised that there would be vocational training for people in all the three Senatorial Districts of Ogun State and the Model Schools will be converted to vocational centre. He mentioned that the Model School in Kobape had already been converted to Tech-Hub while he also assured the physically challenged people that their matter will be looked into.

Education: His Excellency was aware of state of Infrastructure in Tertiary Institutions and that with the help of Public Private Partnership (PPP), solutions would be found to it so that the Institutions can be in good condition according to his promise. He urged the people to exercise patience while also stating that the issue of Tai Solarin College of Education had been addressed.

Healthcare: His Excellency noted that government appreciates a healthy population and as such, placing emphasis on rural healthcare facilities as well as revamping the existing General Hospitals across the State. He said that he met the Hospitals in the State including the only Teaching Hospital in the State, Olabisi Onabanjo University Teaching Hospital in very bad conditions and that most General Hospitals were already undergoing facelift with the provision of state-of-the-art facilities. He noted that emphasis was being placed on rural health centres in each local government in the state to take care of health challenges of the people. He mentioned that Ilaro Hospital had been rehabilitated and this will also extend to Ibiade Hospital and other Health centres in the state will also be uplifted.

Agriculture: His Excellency assured that lands will be allocated to the Indigenes in the State for agricultural purposes. He stated that are projects that had already been established in Ogun Waterside.

Felling of Trees in forest reserves: His Excellency emphasized that he purposely placed an embargo on indiscriminately felling of trees in the forest reserves, in response to a compliant raised by a participant that tree felling was a trade of some of the indigenes. He noted that a high powered committee was already looking into this issue towards a sustainable green environment. He further said that new trees should always be planted before continuous felling of trees and a model to guide trees felling would be put in place.

Conclusively, after the above responses many questions were asked in written forms which were mostly related to what His Excellency had earlier addressed in the course of his reactions with the people. Most of these questions were directly or otherwise related to provision of basic amenities (road infrastructure, health, education, water, housing).

9.0 CONCLUSION

The people of Ogun East Senatorial District have urged the State Government to place more emphasis on the provision of good roads, rural healthcare, education, security, agriculture and employment generation in the 2020 budget of the State. The Governor noted that all their contributions will be considered in the Budget and similar meeting would be held in the other two Senatorial Districts of the State for inclusiveness so as to rekindle hope, awaken confidence and thereby strengthen the bond between the government and the governed.

10.0 VOTE OF THANKS

The vote of thanks was given by the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Budget and Planning, Alhaji H. T. Adekunle. He appreciated everyone present for attending the Meeting.

NAMES OF RAPORTEURS FOR 2020 BUDGET TOWN HALL MEETING

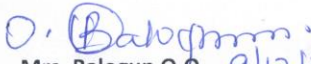
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