

TOWN HALL CONSULTATION:

**1ST REPORT ON OGUN STATE TOWN HALL CONSULTATION ON YEAR 2020 AUDITED
FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

HELD ON

TUESDAY 24TH AUGUST, 2021

AT THE

LAND USE CHARGE AUDITORIUM, MINISTRY OF FINANCE OKE MOSAN, ABEOKUTA

CHIEF HOST:

ACCOUNTANT-GENERAL/ PERMANENT SECRETARY(TREASURY)

OFFICE OF THE ACCOUNTANT-GENERAL

1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Town Hall consultation meeting is organised by the Ogun State Government to present the year 2020 Audited Financial Statements(AFS) towards the preparation of the State's 2020 Citizens' Accountability Report (CAR).

2.0 ATTENDANCE

The Town Hall consultation meeting was attended by top Government Officials led by Mr. M. O. Idowu, the Accountant-General/ Permanent Secretary(Treasury), Mrs A. N. Adetayo SFTAS Focal Person, Ogun State, Mr. A. O. O. Osibodu, Director of Budget, Ministry of Budget & Planning, Mr Sulaiman Ayodele, Director, Consolidated Accounts, Office of the Accountant-General. Also in attendance were various representatives of Non-Governmental Organisations/Civil Society Organisations. They are: Shodiya Damilola Positive Outreach Foundation, Olufemi Olushola Taiwo, Life Agenda Initiatives, Olufunmilayo Olatunji, Women Advocacy On HIV/Aids, Apostle Tola Adenekan Cenghe, Igbodipe Olumide Fidelis, Community Development Initiatives, Adesola Afariogun, Afed Executive Director; Mojisola Akinsanya, Women for Peace Gender Equality; Comfort A. Onifade, Initiatives for Peace and Comfort; Adesegun E. Adesina, Coalition of NGOs in Ogun State

3.0 OPENING

The meeting commenced at 12.00pm with the arrival of The Accountant-General/ Permanent Secretary(Treasury), Office of the Accountant-General. The opening prayer was offered by Mrs. Comfort A. Onifade following the rendition of the National and State Anthems.

4.0 WELCOME ADDRESS

The SFTAS Focal Person, Mrs A. N. Adetayo welcomed all guests to the 1st Town Hall Consultation in furtherance to the publication of the 2020 Audited Annual Financial Statements on the 31st May, 2021 in five National Daily Newspapers (Tribune, Business Day, leadership, This Day and The Nation) and stressed the need for the interaction with the good people of Ogun State in a bid to engage the Citizens and gather useful observations and comments towards the Citizens' Accountability Report.

5.0 OPENING REMARK

The Accountant-General/Permanent Secretary (Treasury) began his opening remarks by welcoming everyone to the consultation meeting and informed the participants that the main purpose of the meeting was to have an in-depth analysis of the Ogun State Year 2020 Audited Financial Statements which was published earlier in five National Newspapers, this he said, placed the State among the very few that published their financial statements online in time.

He implored participants to point out their observations and comments on the Financial Statements

6.0 PRESENTATION OF HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 2020 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Director, Consolidated Accounts thereafter presented highlights of the revenue, expenditure and other components of the 2020 Audited Financial Statements.

7.0 SALIENT COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE PARTICIPANTS:

1. Mrs Mojisola Akinsanya queried the revenue figures in the Statement of Financial Performance, why the revenue for Year 2020 was lower than that of Year 2019.
2. Mr Olufemi O. Taiwo representing Life Agenda Initiatives asked if there was citizens' nominated Projects in the Report
3. Mr. Olumide Igbodipe, representing Community Development Initiatives requested to know the benefits of IPSAS Accrual Financial Statements over the IPSAS Cash Financial Statements.
4. Mrs. Olufunmilayo Olatunji asked why the employee benefits (salaries and wages) for 2020 was higher than 2019.

8.0 RESPONSE ON THE COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Low Revenue: In his response, the Director, Consolidated Accounts said that the revenue short fall was because of Covid 19 Pandemic which resulted into National lockdown. This affected economic activities as revenue drivers like enforcement couldn't be undertaken.
2. The Director of Budget, in his response affirmed that there were citizens' nominated projects, some of which were; Reconstruction and upgrading of Ijebu Ode Epe road, Igbogila/Sawonjo/Igan-Okoto road, Reconstruction of Ray-Power road, Lafenwa/Olorunda/Ayetoro road, Rehabilitation of Erunwon Atan road, Renovation of St James Anglican Primary School, Iperu and so on.
3. In his response, The Director, Consolidated Accounts informed that the benefit of IPSAS Accrual Financial Statements was that it was more comprehensive compared to IPSAS Cash Financial Statement. It gives a clearer picture of Government financial health.
4. The Director, Consolidated Accounts further explained that employee benefits in 2020 was higher than 2019 because the Government paid up some arrears of social benefits, absorbed some Staff and implemented the new minimum wage in that same year

9.0 CONCLUSION

The representatives of Non-Governmental Organisations/Civil Society Organisations appreciated the steps of the State Government on inclusive governance adopted by the Governor, Prince Dapo Abiodun MFR and appealed to the State Government to continue in that trend. The participants were also looking forward to participating in the Budget Town Hall meeting that would be coming soon in the year to make their inputs towards the 2022 Budget accordingly.

10.0 VOTE OF THANKS

The vote of thanks was given by Mrs. A. N. Adetayo, Ogun State SFTAS Focal Person. She appreciated everyone on behalf of the Permanent Secretary/Accountant General, State Treasury for attending the meeting and for their valuable contributions and comments. Thereafter, group photograph was taken to symbolize the event.

11.0 DOCUMENTATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING

Jointly observed and documented by the African Foundation for Environment and Development (AFED) Ogun West, Women for Peace and Gender Equality initiative (WOPEGEE) Ogun central and Community Development initiative (CDI) Ogun East and others present.

12.0 NAMES OF RAPORTEURS FOR THE MEETING

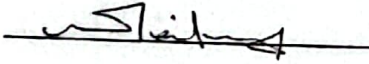
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| 1. Mrs. O. A. Olufemi | SFTAS Office |
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| 3. Mr S. Tovishede | SFTAS Office |
| 4. Miss M.T. Akinwande | Consolidated Accounts Department |



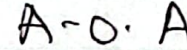
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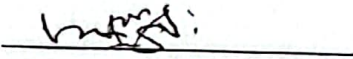
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