

OFFICE OF THE ACCOUNTANT-GENERAL

**REPORT ON OGUN STATE GOVERNMENT PUBLIC CONSULTATION
WITH CITIZENS ON YEAR 2021 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

HELD ON

WEDNESDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER, 2022

AT THE

**MINISTRY OF FINANCE'S CONFERENCE ROOM, OKE MOSAN,
ABEOKUTA**

CHIEF HOST:

ACCOUNTANT-GENERAL/ PERMANENT SECRETARY (TREASURY)

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Town Hall consultation Forum/Meeting was organised by the Ogun State Government to present the year 2021 Audited Financial Statements(AFS) towards the preparation of the State's 2021 Citizens' Accountability Report (CAR) and for the sustainability of the SFTAS Program for Result.

2.0 ATTENDANCE

The Town Hall consultation meeting was attended by top Government Officials led by Mr. Tunde Aregbesola, the Accountant-General/ Permanent Secretary (Treasury), Mrs Arinola .N. Adetayo Director of Treasury/SFTAS Focal Person, Ogun State, Mr. Adesina M. Towolawi, Director, Compliance and Initiatives Department, Ministry of Finance, Mr. Akintomiwa O. O. Osibodu, Director of Budget, Ministry of Budget & Planning, Mr Ayodele Sulaiman, Director, Consolidated Accounts, Office of the Accountant-General, Mr Taofeek A. Adebayo, Office of the Auditor-General for Local Government, Mr Abdufatah Odusanya, Director, Information Technology, Office of the Accountant-General and SFTAS secretariat. Also in attendance were various representatives of Non-Governmental Organisations/Civil Society Organisations/Community Based Organisations. They were: Shodiya Damilola, Positive Outreach Foundation; Olufemi Olushola Taiwo, Life Agenda Initiatives; Apostle Tola Adenekan, Cenghe; Adesola Afariogun, Afed Executive Director; Adesegun E. Adesina, Coalition of NGOs in Ogun State, Adetutu Babatunde, Youth Network on HIV; Olayinka Osonuga, Aishat Hariat Rashedat Foundation and Oluranti Soneye, WAHPOD, Ayetoro.

3.0 OPENING

The meeting commenced at 12.30pm with the arrival of The Accountant-General/ Permanent Secretary (Treasury), Office of the Accountant-General. The opening prayer was offered by Mrs. O. F. Bosede following the rendition of the National and State Anthems.

4.0 WELCOME ADDRESS

The SFTAS Supervisor, Mrs Olubukonla. A. Olufemi welcomed all guests to the Public Consultation in furtherance to the publication of the 2021 Annual Audited Financial Statements 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 see how the State had fared through the in-depth analysis of

the Ogun State Year 2021 Audited Financial Statements which is part of SFTAS requirement and a follow up to the financial statements published on 22nd June 2022 on the State's website, hard copies of which had been sent to relevant stakeholders. He further mentioned that hard copies will be presented to all the bodies in attendance. He appreciated participants for the support accorded the State Government and desired more collaboration in the future. He implored participants to point out their observations and comments on the Financial Statements at presentation.

6.0 PRESENTATION OF HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 2021 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Director, Consolidated Accounts thereafter presented highlights of the revenue, expenditure and other components of the 2021 Audited Financial Statements during the meeting.

7.0 SALIENT COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE PARTICIPANTS:

1. Mr Adesegun E. Adesina, representing coalition of NGOs in Ogun State asked for what contributed to increase in revenue in year 2021.
2. Mr Olufemi Olusola queried why workers are embarking on strike even though the State is faring well.
3. Mrs Osonuga Olusola requested to know whether the capital expenditure performance was as a result of non-release of fund.
4. Mrs Soneye Oluranti queried if the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology being among the top ten revenue generating agencies, generates funds from students who are supposed to be enjoying free education.
5. Babatunde Adetutu wished to know how well the budgetary process had fared since the inception of the present administration
6. Mr Afariogun Adeshola commended the State Government on Ota-Agbara road which is under construction and encouraged that the road be completed.
7. Mr Afariogun Adeshola inquired if the session would continue after the SFTAS program.

8.0 RESPONSE ON THE COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Increased Revenue: In his response, the Director, Consolidated Accounts said that the revenue increase was attributable to the State Government's aggressive revenue drive in the State vis-a vis automation of payment and collection system introduced to the revenue management in the period.
2. In his response, Mr Ayodele Sulaiman, Director, Consolidated Accounts informed that the State Government was able to take steps to address workers' agitation because the State fared well as rightly observed by the questioner.

3. Mr Ayodele Sulaiman, Director, Consolidated Accounts further explained that the capital expenditure performance for year 2021 was better at N82b as compared with N30b of year 2020.

4. Mr Ayodele Sulaiman, Director, Consolidated Accounts explained that Revenue from Education sector was not only made up of tuition as acclaimed by the questioner but included licence renewals and registration fees of private schools among others.

5. Mr Akintomiwa Osibodu, Director of Budget responded that the Budget process is faring well, the State Government is following due process as at when due and that the SFTAS program had impacted positively on the process. He informed that the activities for 2023 budget has begun and all hands are on deck to ensure efficiency and effectiveness.

6. The Supervisor of the SFTAS office, Mrs. Olubukonla A. Olufemi responded that the SFTAS program had officially ended in June 2022. However, the approval and conduct of the Citizens' Consultation Forum on year 2021 Citizens' Accountability Report on September 2022 signalled sustainability of SFTAS Program for Result in the State.

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.

10. VOTE OF THANKS

The vote of thanks was given by Mr. Adesina Towolawi, Director, Compliance and Initiatives Department. He appreciated everyone on behalf of the Permanent Secretary/Accountant General, State Treasury for attending the meeting and for their valuable contributions and comments and admonished them to visit the State website for more information. Photographs were taken to symbolize the event.

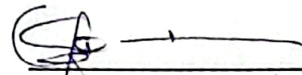
11.0 DOCUMENTATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING

Jointly observed and documented by the African Foundation for Environment and Development (AFED) Ogun West, Centre for Grassroot Education Ogun central and Aishat Hariat Rashedat Foundation Ogun East and others present.

12.0 NAMES OF RAPORTEURS FOR THE MEETING


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| 1. Mrs. Olubukonla Olufemi | SFTAS Secretariat |
| 2. Mrs. Olubusola Fabusoro | SFTAS Secretariat |
| 3. Mr Samson Tovishede | SFTAS Secretariat |
| 4. Miss. Oluwasewa Bosede | Consolidated Accounts Department |


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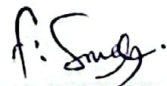
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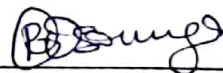
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