

TOWN HALL CONSULTATION:

**2ND REPORT ON OGUN STATE TOWN HALL CONSULTATION ON YEAR 2020
AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

HELD ON

TUESDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER, 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 second town hall consultation with the Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) and Non Governmental Organisations (NGOs) in Ogun State held on 7th September, 2021 after the first one held on 24th August, 2021 to present the State 2020 Audited Financial Statement towards the preparation of the State's 2020 Citizens Accountability Report (CAR)

The Town Hall consultation meeting was attended by various representatives of Non-Governmental Organisations/Civil Society Organisations.

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), Office of the Accountant-General, Mrs A. N. Adetayo, SFTAS Focal Person, Ogun State, Mr. A. O. O. Osibodu, Director of Budget, Ministry of Budget & Planning, Mr A. J. Sulaiman, 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 12.42pm with the arrival of The Accountant General/Permanent Secretary (Treasury), Office of the Accountant-General, Ogun State. The opening prayer was offered by Apostle Tola Adenekan 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 2nd 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 and implored them 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. Mr Adesegun E. Adesina representing Coalition of NGOs in Ogun State requested to know the composition of Other Services on the Statements of Financial performance.
2. Mr Adesola Afariogun, representing AFED Organisation inquired on why the State liabilities and accrual were on the high side
3. Sodiya Damilola representing Positive Outreach Foundation asked for the Revenue Outturn of the State.
4. Mrs Olufunmilayo Olatunji representing Women Advocacy on HIV & AIDS requested for the need of Ogun State Government to partner with the Federal Government on the employment of Midwives to reduce the rate of maternal mortality in the State.

8.0 RESPONSE ON THE COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The Director, Consolidated Accounts in his response mentioned that Other Services are; securities services, office rent, residential rent, cleaning and fumigation services as shown under Note 12 in the Financial Statements.
2. He explained that the State liabilities and accruals as shown under Note 25A & 25B are Withholding Tax and Value added Tax arrears deducted at source and not yet remitted to the appropriate authorities
3. The Director, Consolidated Accounts informed that the Revenue Outturn can be found in the Quarterly Budget Performance Report which had been published online.

4. Mrs. Adetayo in her response informed that the Ministry of Health would be communicated on the request for the employment of Midwives in Ogun State in partnership with the Federal Government.

5. The Director of Budget highlighted some of the citizens' nominated projects for the awareness and corroboration of the Non-Governmental Organisations/Civil Society Organisations present.

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 participate in the Budget Town Hall meeting that would be coming soon in the year in order to make their inputs towards the 2022 Budget.

10.0 VOTE OF THANKS

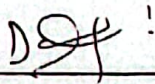
The vote of thanks was given by Mrs. A. N. Adetayo, Ogun State SFTAS Focal Person. She appreciated everyone on behalf of the Accountant General/Permanent Secretary (Treasury), Office of the Accountant-General for attending the meeting and for their valuable contributions and comments. Thereafter, group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

11.0 DOCUMENTATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING

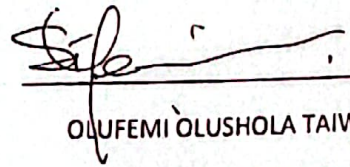
Jointly observed and documented by the African Foundation for Environment and Development (AFED) Ogun West, Women for Peace and Gender Equality initiative (WOPEGEE) Ogun central and Community Development initiative (CDI) Ogun East and others present.

12.0 Names of rapporteurs for the meeting

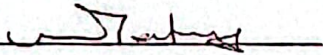
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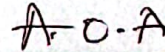
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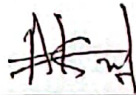
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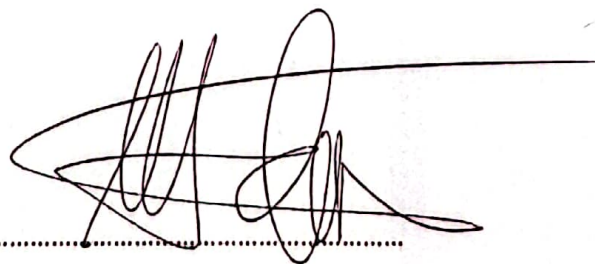
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