

**MINUTES OF THE OGUN STATE TOWN HALL MEETING ON THE 2024 BUDGET
AND MEDIUM-TERM EXPENDITURE FRAMEWORK (MTEF) 2024-2026 IN**

**YEWA DIVISION
(OGUN WEST SENATORIAL DISTRICT)**

HELD ON

TUESDAY, 31ST OCTOBER, 2023

AT

YEWA FRONTIER HOTEL AND RESORT

CHIEF HOST:

**HIS EXCELLENCY, THE EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR OF OGUN STATE
PRINCE DAPO ABIODUN, CON**

1.0. INTRODUCTION:

- 1.1 The Ministry of Budget and Planning having obtained the approval of the Ogun State House of Assembly for the 2024 - 2026 Medium Term Fiscal Framework (MTFF) and Medium Term Budget Framework (MTBF) i.e. the top-down phase of the MTEF process, was poised to move on to the bottom-up phase of the MTEF process.
- 1.2 The bottom-up phase includes the Medium Term Sector Strategy (MTSS), Consultation with Local Government Areas and the Town Hall Meetings.
- 1.3 This year Town Hall meetings in respect of the preparation of the 2024 - 2026 Medium-Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF) and year 2024 Budget commenced on Tuesday 24th October, 2023 with Ijebu division, followed by Remo division on Thursday 26th October 2026 both in Ogun East Senatorial District. The third in the series of four (4) Town Hall meetings which came up on Tuesday 31st October 2023 was the turn of Yewa/Awori division in Ogun West Senatorial District.
- 1.4 The Master of Ceremony, Dr. Adewole Dosunmu of the Ministry of Information and Strategy detailed the gathering on the importance of the meeting while awaiting the arrival of His Excellency.

2.0 ATTENDANCE AT THE MEETING

- 2.1 The Town Hall meeting recorded an average of 1250 participants amongst whom were: Her Excellency, the Deputy Governor of the State, Engr. (Mrs.) Noimot Salako-Oyedele, the Head of Service, Mr. Kolawole Peter Fagbohun, the Deputy Chief of Staff, Dr. Oluwatoyin Taiwo; Onimeko of Imeko, Oba Benjamin Olagbeko, (Representing Olu of Ilaro and Paramount Ruler of Yewa Land, Oba Dr. Kehinde Olugbenle); and other Royal Fathers/Traditional Rulers; Hon. Commissioner for Budget & Planning, Mr. Olaolu Olabimtan, and other Honourable Commissioners; Hon. Kazeem Salako House of Representative Member; Honourable Members of the State House of Assembly; the Body of

Permanent Secretaries, Special Advisers, Chairmen of Parastatals; Professional Bodies, Representatives of Youth Organisations, Religious Leaders, Civil Society Organisations (CSOs), Organised Private Sector (OPS), Market Women, Political Leaders, Artisans, Community Development Association, National Association of Nigeria Students (NANS), Trade Unions and other Stakeholders.

3.0 OPENING

- 3.1 The meeting commenced at 12.17pm on the arrival of Her Excellency, the Deputy Governor of the State, Engr. (Mrs.) Noimot Salako-Oyedele who represented His Excellency, the Governor of the State, Prince Dapo Abiodun CON, with the rendition of the National and the Ogun State Anthems. The Chief Iman of Ilaro, Alhaji Tajudeen Adewunmi and Pastor Adewole Dosunmu thereafter took the opening prayers.

4.0. HIS EXCELLENCY'S ADDRESS

- 4.1 The Deputy Governor welcomed the distinguished Stakeholders and the prominent Personalities amongst whom were Royal Fathers and members of the State Executive Council to the 2024 Yewa/Awori Divisional Town Hall Meeting. She stated that the meeting was the Third in the series of Four Town Hall Meetings arranged for the 2024-2026 Medium Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF) and Year 2024 Budget, and extended the Governor's apology for his unavoidable absence.
- 4.2 Addressing the gathering, the Deputy Governor described MTEF as a multi-year public expenditure plan that sets out the future expenditure requirements for the State's existing services/programmes/projects and assesses resource implication of future policy changes and new programmes. She added that MTEF enhances budget transparency with policy goals clearly set out and resources allocated based on priority without prejudice and sentiment towards delivering democracy deliverables. She also noted that town hall meeting offers opportunities to interact and obtain feedback on social needs of the society in line with the Administration's inclusive style of governance.

- 4.3 Noting that the removal of oil subsidy had resulted in high cost of living, Her Excellency stated that the present Administration moved swiftly to cushion the effects by paying N10,000 each to the serving public workers and pensioners in the State and by distributing food items (palliatives) to the vulnerable. She added that to further relieve people of the high cost of transportation, the State Government on Monday 30th October 2023 launched the Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) Mass Transit Buses which was the first in Nigeria adding that efforts were in top gear to launch e-mobility.
- 4.4 Speaking further, Her Excellency revealed that Yewa is at the forefront of the socio-economic development of Ogun State because it hosts the largest number of industries and industrial estates including the Guandong Free Trade Zone (FTZ) in Agbara hence the State's status as the next industrial hub of Nigeria. The division sharing of boundary with the Republic of Benin at Idi-Iroko justifies the State's appellation as the "Gateway State". The Deputy Governor added that His Excellency, Vice President Shettim Kazeem GCOn was in Agbara few days ago to launch the Light-Up Nigeria Project in the area. The project aimed at reducing high cost of electricity consumption, motivating the existing industries to continue operation in Nigeria and attracting new ones.
- 4.5 While noting the infrastructure deficit in the division, the Deputy-Governor assured the gathering that His Excellency, Prince Dapo Abiodun CON would complete all the ongoing projects in the axis. Regarding the Abeokuta-Sango-Ota-Lagos road, Her Excellency revealed that several attempts by the State Government to take over the reconstruction of the road from the Federal Government during the last Administration did not yield; still, the State Government did not stop palliative works on the road. She however expressed joy that President Bola Ahmed Tinubu GCFR had released the road for reconstruction by the Ogun State Government. She also assured that the Administration would execute new projects apart from the ongoing projects stating that the Local Government Council Chairmen had been directed to consult with royal Fathers and other Stakeholders to submit a list of priority roads for their local government areas. As a stop gap arrangement, Her Excellency stated that

the Ogun State Public Works Agency had been empowered to carry out regular palliative works on the State's roads to make them passable.

4.6 Speaking on the Social Welfare and Well-being achievements, Her Excellency stated the present Administration had drilled and constructed several Solar Powered Water Boreholes with steel stanchion across the State's communities. It had also improved town facilities such as Primary Healthcare Centres (PHCs); reconstructed and supplied furniture items to schools; distributed Electricity Transformers and disbursed operational grants to Medium and Small Enterprises (SMEs) in the State.

4.7 Expressing gratitude to all the Royal Fathers and Community Leaders for strengthening the bond of peaceful co-existence and unity in Ogun West, Her Excellency assured them of the Administration's commitment to providing a safe environment and support for the security agencies towards securing lives and property in our dear State.

4.8 Her Excellency enjoined the gathering to remain supportive, compliant, collaborative and prayerful for the Administration successful implementation of the **"Building our Future Together"** Agenda in Ogun West and Ogun State at large.

4.9 Rounding off, Her Excellency thanked all participants for coming; urged them to express their opinions freely so that all of us would jointly build the Ogun State of our collective dreams and invited the Honourable Commissioner for Budget and Planning for his presentation.

5.0 PRESENTATION BY HONOURABLE COMMISSIONER FOR BUDGET AND PLANNING

5.1 The Honourable Commissioner for Budget and Planning, Mr. Olaolu Olabimtan, standing on the established protocols extended the apology of the Chief Economic Adviser/Honourable Commissioner for Finance, Mr. Dapo Okubadejo.

5.2 In his presentation, he reiterated the essence of the programme, which essentially was citizens' engagement/participation/feedback and gathering of

citizens' needs for consideration during the budget preparation in line with the State Fiscal Responsibility Law, 2020 (as amended).

- 5.3 Recalling the vision and mission statements of the Administration, he revealed the Administration's Strategic Thrust, which are Strategic Pillars (i.e. ISEYA), Strategic Allocation of Resources and Even Distribution of Resources amongst the State's Divisions (Remo, Ijebu, Yewa and Egba). He added that factors like completion of ongoing projects, projects with revenue potential, projects consistent with priorities articulated in the State Economic Development Strategy and projects that could enhance employment generation, influence the strategic allocation of resources through ISEYA Developmental Pillars.
- 5.4 Taking the gathering through the pictures of the developmental projects carried out in the division through ISEYA Strategic Pillars in the past Twelve (12) months, the Honourable Commissioner stated that a sum of 203 projects were implemented in all the Five (5) Local Government Areas of Yewa division. The project statistics per Local Government Area are Yewa South (52), Yewa North (31), Ado-Odo/Ota (45), Imeko-Afon (32) and Ipokia (28).
- 5.5 Rounding off the presentation, he informed that 95% (i.e.188) of the inputs collected during the 2023 Town Hall Meeting were included in the Year 2023 Budget adding that the remaining 5% (i.e. 10) would be considered in the outer years of the medium term.
- 5.6 On this note, the Honourable Commissioner encouraged the good citizens of Yewa division (Physical & Virtual) to feel free in contributing their needs and requirements for consideration in the preparation of the 2024 – 2026 Medium Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF) and Year 2024 Budget vide the link or email address provided below:

<https://bit.ly/3z9FYe3> or tomiwaosibodu@ogunstate.gov.ng

6.0. INTERACTIVE SESSION WITH SELECTED STAKEHOLDERS

- 6.1 **Onilobi of Ilobi, HRH Oba Soliu Ajibade** appreciated His Excellency, Prince Dapo Abiodun **CON** for the opportunity of town hall meeting and stated that the

development of Yewa/Awori Land particularly the construction of roads and provision of light in rural areas were paramount in the mind of Royal Fathers in the division. He specially requested for the construction of Oke-Erija-Erija-Ilobi-Ereko 9km road.

6.2 HRM Oba Dr. Kehinde Olugbenle Represented by HRH Oba Benjamin Olagbeko, Onimeko of Imeko commended His Excellency's strides in Yewa/Awori division of the State. While noting that good roads and light are key to economic development of any society, he requested for the rehabilitation of Ejila-Awori road, which connects about twelve (12) communities in the area and links Lagos State. Other requests include completion of Imasayi-Iboro-Ayetoro road, rehabilitation of Old Frontier road from A'pa/Oja-Odan-Ijohun-Imeko-Ilara-Badagary-Egua-Ilase-Ipokia, Ibese-Ilaro-Owode road, Atan-Lusada-Agbara road, Iwoye-Imeko-Afon road and construction of Odo-Afon and Odo-Oyon bridges connecting Abeokuta.

6.3 Honourable kazeem Salako appreciated His Excellency for the developmental projects and spread of democratic dividend in the region. He thereafter pleaded for the completion of Atan-Luzada-Agbara road, rehabilitation of Sango-Ota township roads, and provision of affordable housing scheme in Yewa/Awori land as it were in other zones. Other requests include rehabilitation of Atan-Alapoti road, Sango-Ijoko-Akute-Berger (alternative) road, construction of Mopin-Iyesi road, Improvement of road network in Ota GRA, rehabilitation of Agbara township roads, construction of additional classrooms in Sango High School, Anglican Grammar School. Lastly, he requested for the completion of Ota public water scheme.

6.4 Honourable Tolu Bankole while comparing the present development in Yewa-Awori division with the past, he encouraged people to appreciate His Excellency for his efforts accomplishments in infrastructure, housing schemes, empowerment and particularly for the appointment of Yewa/Awori indigenes in his cabinet. He noted that construction of concrete roads in view of heavy Lorries plying the axis would enhance the life span of roads in the axis, adding that timely maintenance of roads would save government a lot of cost.

- 6.5 **Chief Mrs. Pastor Matilda Iyabo Apampa representing APEX** appreciated His Excellency for the good work done so far in Education and Health sectors and made a clarion call that people should return to farming, urging the Local Government Chairmen to lead the drive to resuscitate farming activities.
- 6.6 **Hon. Egbetokun Wasiu, Chairman Ipokia LGA speaking on behalf of other LGA Chairmen** from the division appreciated the Governor for his achievements in Ogun West especially Ilaro-Owode road, which was about 80% - 90% completed and pleaded for its completion and commissioning as soon as possible.
- 6.7 **Dr. Femi Dokunmu representing Yewa Think-tank** appreciated His Excellency noting that there was visible government's presence in the division today compared to the past. He however pleaded for more fair distribution of dividend of democracy and requested for completion of all ongoing infrastructure projects apart from taking up new projects e.g. rehabilitation of Oke-Erinja road. Other requests include extension of the affordable housing scheme to other areas of the division and increased attention to education sector and youth empowerment.
- 6.8 **Mr Kayode Salako representing Ilaro Development Association** requested for rehabilitation of Ilaro G.R.A road that leads to the State's Hospital, completion of the ongoing housing project, reinforcement/reconstruction of the Yewa-Ajilete Bridge at Ajilete.
- 6.9 **Imam T. M. Adewunmi representing the Muslim Community in Yewa/Awori division** appreciated the Governor for his commitment to the Education sector and Security of the division. While lending voice to the general request for reconstruction/rehabilitation of roads in Yewa/Awori division, he appealed for the reconstruction of Papalanto-Ilaro road.
- 6.10 **Apostle Emmanuel Idowole representing the Christian Community** thanked the Governor for his continuous support to the Christian Community and implored him to rehabilitate the Itele road and to keep his promise regarding the pilgrimage to Jerusalem.

- 6.12 Lady Evangelist B. A. Popoola, JP representing Women Society Yewa/Awori Division** appreciated the Governor for the appointment of the Head of Service and other Yewa/Awori indigenes. While also thanking him for women empowerment through Okowo Dapo Programme, she requested for provision of Gari and Fufu processing Machines in Ayetoro, Erinja, Ilobi amongst others and pleaded for construction of rural roads e.g. Otun-Ayobo road. Finally solicited for the provision of youth empowerment.
- 6.13 Chief Mrs. Oluwayemisi Abbas, Iyaloja General** lauded the Governor for his Okowo Dapo Initiative and appealed for the inclusion of market women in OSAMCA and the Market Development Boards. She also requested for an increased attention to market centres and rehabilitation of rural roads used by market women to transport goods and materials e.g. Ayetoro-Imeko-Afon road. Other requests include buying of Caterpillars for Local Government Areas for grading of local roads, extension of acceptance of the Health Insurance Scheme Cards at the State's General Hospitals and not only in Primary Health Care Centers, renovation of Ayetoro Housing Estate and more empowerment/credit facilities (soft loans) for market women apart from OSAMCA and Oko'wo Dapo.
- 6.14 Alhaji Zariat Sorongbe represented by Mr. Yaya Ogundare**, from Grinders Association appreciated the Governor and requested for the construction of rural roads especially the Igbogila-Igan-Okoto road. He also asked for the rehabilitation of farm settlements located at Sawonjo, empowerment and provision of credit facilities to farmers as well as employment generation for youths.
- 6.15 Mr. Mulero Makinde representing the People with Disabilities (PWD)** while appreciating the Governor for his laudable achievements especially on road construction, expressed displeasure that special people were neglected in the various appointments of government - Commissioners, Special Advisers, etc. He therefore appealed to Mr. Governor to ensure the representation of the group in his cabinet and solicited support for the completion of PWD's Computer Center building which at present had reached lintel level. He finally called for a minute silence in honour of Late Chief Mrs. Alaba Lawson.

- 6.16 Comrade Yusuf Olamilekan representing National Association of Nigerian Students (NANS)** while commending the Governor's achievements, pleaded for his presence in all the NANS' functions and quick fixing of Abeokuta-Sango expressway to aid pleasurable journey on the artery. He also requested for reversion of the increment in tuition fees across all the State's tertiary institutions, rehabilitation of roads leading to the various campuses and extension of the palliatives to the students' constituency.
- 6.17 Comrade Ayannuga representing Labour Unions** commended the Governor for the conversion of 2000 OgunTeach Interns to full employment. The Union thereafter called for complete stoppage of the Contributory Pension Scheme alleging that the scheme was ineffective as retirees experienced financial difficulties with payment arrears of over 15 months. He also for the rehabilitation of Ifonyintedo, Ilara-Ilase, Ijogo, Musaro, Library-Hossana roads. Rounding off, he called for improved welfare for indigenes of the division.
- 6.18 Mr. Taofeek Data representing Nigeria Automobile Technicians Association (NATA)** appreciated the Governor for loan and credit facilities to support NATA members reminded him to fulfil his promise regarding the provision of Solar Street Lights in Mechanic village across the division to boost security. He also pleaded for creation of additional Mechanic Villages in Ayetoro and Ota.
- 6.19 Alhaji Jamiu Balogun representing National Union of Road Transport Worker (NURTW)** while appreciating the Governor's achievements in infrastructure remarked that motorable roads are key to the Group's business. On this note, he pleaded for the reconstruction of roads in Yewa/Awori Axis, (e.g. Ilaro-Papa road, Ayetoro road, Igan Okoto road) including the frontage of the Ilaro Motor Park.
- 6.20 Comrade Damilola Olorunjubelo** representing the Youth Council appreciated the Governor for creating the Ministry of Youth and pleaded for the appointment of Ogun West indigenes as the Ministry's Commissioner and Special Adviser. Other requests include creation of Youth Development Centre, establishment of Ogun Youth Parliament, renovation and inclusion of Gateway Stadium Ilaro in the

list of stadia for National Sport Festival, completion of skills acquisition center in Ayetoro and improved empowerment programmes for youths.

7.0 DEPUTY GOVERNOR'S RESPONSE

7.1 The Deputy Governor of Ogun State, Engr. (Mrs.) Noimot Salako-Oyedele appreciated all participants - the Royal Fathers, members of the State's Council, Religious Leaders, Market Women, members of the Community Development Association (CDA), National Association of Nigeria Students (NANS), Youth Council, People With Disabilities (PWDs) and other Stakeholders for finding time to attend the important programme. She thanked them for the positive feedback and useful inputs.

7.2 Responding to the inputs, comments and requests of various participants regarding road reconstruction in rural and township areas, renovation of schools and supply of furniture, affordable housing schemes, welfare facilities in market centres, food security through improved farming/agricultural activities and supply of garri/fufu processing machines, job opportunities and empowerment for youths and women, improved power supply and rural electrification, improved support for People with Disabilities, improved security, review of tertiary institution fees, provision of solar energy at the mechanic villages, even distribution of dividend of democracy, youth development and recreation centres, etc.

7.3 Her Excellency assured that all would be presented to His Excellency, Prince Dapo Abiodun CON and shall be put into consideration in year 2024 Budget.

8.0. VOTE OF THANKS

8.1 Moving the vote of thanks, the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Budget and Planning, Mrs. Dada Olufunmilayo A. appreciated all Stakeholders for their attendance and meaningful contributions towards the preparation of 2024 - 2026 Medium Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF) and Year 2024 Budget and wished them safe journey to their various destinations.

8.2 The event closed at 3.03pm with rendition of the State's Anthem.

**MINUTES OF MEETING JOINTLY COLLATED BY THE GOVERNMENT SIDE AND
THE CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANISATIONS/NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS
(CSOs AND NGSs)**

Government Side

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| i. | Mr. Ogunyinka Z.O | ii. | Mr. Akintunde O.O |
| iii. | Mrs Olajide A | iv. | Mrs Rufai O. |
| v. | Mr. Akande S.G | vi. | Mrs Akinsanya M |
| vii. | Mr. Oniyide A.A | viii. | Ms Grace S |
| ix. | Mrs Johnson A.A | x. | Mrs Bello M.K.O |
| xi. | Mrs Ogunkanmi | | |

SIGNATURES OF REPRESENTATIVE OF CSO/NGO, YEWA DIVISION

 11/1/24

Mrs Olufunmilayo Olatunji
Women Advocacy on HIV & AIDS
Prevention and other Diseases

 11/1/24

Mr. Obasan Olusegun
Deputy Director, Budget



Mr. Osibodu Akintomiwa
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