



**REPORT OF THE MEETINGS ON CITIZENS' ENGAGEMENT ON THE YEAR 2019 BUDGET  
HELD AT THREE(3) SENATORIAL DISTRICTS OF THE STATE OF OSUN, FROM TUESDAY  
22<sup>ND</sup> TO THURSDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2018.**

**1.0 INTRODUCTION**

1.1 In its continual efforts to ensure inclusiveness, sustainable and all round development of the State of Osun, the Ministry of Economic Planning, Budget and Development rolled out three days interactive sessions with stakeholders on socio-economic development of the State. The need for the engagement became imperative with belief that government exists for the people and the limited resources available should be efficiently allocated to meet yearnings of the citizenries.

1.2 The meetings also created a platform to engage the citizens of the State and harvest their inputs towards the preparation of 2019 Budget. For Osun East and West Senatorial Districts, the meetings were held at Damol Events Centre Ilesa and CEE BEE Hotel Iwo respectively, while that of Osun Central was held at Ideal Nest Hotel, Osogbo.

**2.0 ATTENDANCE**

The participants invited across the three Senatorial Districts of the State (Osun East, West and Central) were Traditional Rulers, Religious Organisations, Civil Society Organisations (CSOs), Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs), Market Women Associations, Market Men Associations, National Association of Road Transport Workers, Okada Riders' Association, Youths Organisation, representative of Political Parties, Media Groups, representatives of Ministries, Departments & Agencies (MDAs) of government, Labours' Unions, Organized Private Sectors (OPSS), Farmers, Religious Leaders (Christians & Muslims) and other relevant stakeholders, farmers religious leaders (Christians, Muslims and Traditional religious).

Among the dignitaries were:

- Dr. Olalekan Yinusa-----Hon. Commissioner, Min of Econ.Planning, Budget & Development.
- Mr. Segun Olorunsogo-----Permanent Secretary, Min of Econ.Planning, Budget & Development.
- Mr. Lawrence Arojo -----Chief Registrar, High Court of Justice.
- Mr. Wahab Oyeniyi-----SSA ( Planning)
- Mr. Muideen Lawal-----SSA (Budget)
- Mr. Kunle Akinola----- Director(Budget)

- Mrs. Yetunde Esan----- Director(Planning)
- Mr. BiodunOlalere-----Former State Chairman of NUJ
- Comrade AdebowaleAdekola----Chairman (TUC)
- Chief ( Mrs) Asindemade----- Iyalode of Osogbo/Iyaloja General (State of Osun)

### 3.0 OPENING

3.1 Throughout the periods, the meetings commenced at 10am.

3.2 **Welcome Remarks:** In his welcome remarks, the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Economic Planning, Budget and Development, Mr. Segun Olorunsogo explained that the stakeholders' meeting was a part of the government's vision to bestow upon the State a legacy of inconclusive governance where people will always be carried along in the Budget Process. He appreciated the participants for their sacrifice and unflinching support toward the betterment of the State.

3.3 He spoke further that citizen consultative meeting was an avenue for people to have inputs in the programmes and projects of government to be captured in Year 2019 Budget. He therefore charged the participants to contribute meaningfully because their inputs are germane to successful implementation of 2019 Budget. He therefore wished participants fruitful, peaceful and successful deliberations.

3.4 **Opening Remarks:** In his opening remarks, the Hon. Commissioner, Ministry of Economic Planning, Budget and Development (MEPBD), Dr. Olalekan Yinusa thanked the Executive Governor of the State; Ogbeni Rauf Adesoji Aregbesola for the visionary style of governance in the State. He recognised and appreciated the participants especially the religious leaders, former State Chairman of NUJ, State Chairman of TUC, Iyalojas, and Chief Registrar of High Court of Justice, CSOs, NGOs, Media Groups, and representatives of MDAs that were present.

3.5 He explained that the reasons for calling the meetings were to allow citizens to:

- have inputs in year 2019 Estimates;
- make year 2019 Estimates as all inclusive as possible and
- act as a monitoring stakeholders so that government can have adequate feedback.

3.6 The Hon. Commissioner further reiterated the unwavering determination of the Governor-elect of the State of Osun, Mr. Gboyega Oyetola to socio-economic development of the State.

3.7 He said the implementation of the 2019 Budget would provide an overall policy framework for sectoral implementation and service delivery. According to him, the Budget intended to provide a comprehensive framework for sustaining the development in the State of Osun in the next 365 days. He explained further that



the programme was also designed to reduce poverty, provide more infrastructural development and efficient management of resources in the State.

- 3.8 He stressed that engagement of the citizens in policy formulation would further help the State to identify the priority programmes and projects needed to be initiated for people of the State. He then charged all stakeholders to support the government to achieve its goals, adding that everyone has role to play in securing a brighter and sustainable future for the State. He therefore congratulated the participants for being part of the historic events.

#### 4.1 Osun East Senatorial District (Ilesha):

S/N	Observations/ Comments	Responsible MDA
1	Efforts towards having continuity on existing projects in the State should be sustained.	MEPBD, All MDAs.
2	There is need for households and other statistical surveys to be carried out in the State because the issues of accurate and reliable data are very important to the formulation and implementation of Budget and other strategic Plan documents.	SBS, MEPBD.
3	Effective and proper implementation of State Fiscal Responsibility Law (2012) so as to promote inclusiveness in budget formulation and preparation.	MEPBD, Executive
4	Fast-tracking the establishment of functional websites of the MEPBD so as to create interactive platform that would promote Openness, Accountability and Transparency in governance in the State.	MEPBD & MIST
5	There is need to address the counter-productive information on Agricultural practices in the State.	MAFS, Min. of Information & Strategy.
6	Efforts towards increasing IGR from informal sectors should be intensified.	OIRS
7	There is need to sensitize and re-focus teeming youths of the State against cheap-money making syndrome (Sogundogoji) and needs to be involved in subsequent meetings.	Min. of Information & Strategy, Ministry of Empowerment and Youth Engagement
8	Welfare of State and Local governments' employees are paramount; therefore adequate provision should be made for staff welfare and promotion of Staff in 2019 Budget.	MEPBD, MHRCB & all MDAs.
9	There is need to address the issue of Consultancy services in both Civil Service and Public Sector so as to reduce cost of governance incurred on service provided by the Consultants.	Executive, MEPBD and all MDAs



10	There are need to identify the factors hindering effective implementation of strategic planning and budget.	MEPBD.
11	There is need for campaign on values and ethics changes deterioration in the State.	Min. of Information & Strategy, MCDWA.
12	Effective and total implementation of TSA in the State of Osun.	MOF, OAG, OIRS, All MDAs.
13	Renovation of Atakunmosa market and construction of three big new markets at Ilesa metropolis.	Min. of Commerce.
14	There is need to develop and prepare Local Government Development Plans.	Min. of Local Govt. and Chieftaincy Affairs, MEPBD.
15	Resuscitation of Agricultural Extension Services in all nooks and crannies of the State.	OSSADDEP, MOAFS.
16	Efforts towards improving storage facilities for Agricultural products should be sustained.	MOAFS.
17	There is need to re-develop and restructure mining activities in the State so as to promote local content and to reduce havocs arise from mining activities.	Office of Mineral Resources and Forestry.
18	Special Education and Vocational Training Centre for physically challenged needs urgent attention.	Min. of Education, Board for Technical
19	Establishment of Artist Building/Centres in the State.	Office of Arts and Culture, Office of Culture and Tourism.
20	Women and Youth Empowerment Activities should be highly placed on priority in 2019 Budget.	Office of Wealth Creation, Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Cooperatives, MCWSA.

#### 4.2 Osun West Senatorial District (Iwo)

S/N	Observations/ Comments	Responsible MDA
1	Strengthened of empowerment activities like soft loans to petty Traders, women and physically challenged persons.	Min. of Commerce, Ind. & Coop.,
2.	There is need for creating a platform for mid-term assessment of programmes and projects.	MEPBD, All MDAs.
3	Infrastructure should be prioritized in the Senatorial district for instance; Osogbo to Iwo road and other roads need urgent attention.	Ministry of Works, Osun Road Maintenance Agency



4	Upgrading of Rural roads for easy access to the agricultural produce.	RAMP, Ministry of Works
5	Salaries and wages should be paid as and when due, while citizens should also reciprocate by the way of taxation.	Ministry of Finance, Office of the Accountant General
6	Provision of Silos and other storage facilities for agricultural products is essential for value-chain additional process and to reduce wastage in agriculture products.	MOAFS
7.	Programmes and projects for vulnerable groups such as widows need to be sustained in the State.	MCWA.

#### 4.3 Osun Central Senatorial District (Osogbo)

S/N	Observations/ Comments	Responsible MDA
1	Conscious effort be made to align 2019 Budget with the goals of State Development Plan (2019-2028)	MEPBD
2	Osun is an Agrarian State, there is need to tap on the strength with a view to advancing Agricultural productivity and providing jobs for the teeming youth.	MAFS, OSSADEP, OSSADEC.
3	There is need for revitalization of LGAs/LCDAs and institutionalization of the plan in the Local Governments of Osun.	Min of Local Govt. and Chieftaincy Affairs.
4	Acceleration of processing of C of O in order to enhance ease of doing business in the State.	Ministry of Lands and Physical Planning, Surveyor General Office, and Office of the Governor.
5	State and Local Governments was advised to set aside 1% of the total budget for financing micro credit activities in the State.	MEPBD, Min of Local Govt. and Chieftaincy Affairs, and Ministry of Finance.
6	There is need to carry all the stakeholders along during the implementation of Budget. Also, it was suggested that CSOs, NGOs and Media Groups should be part of M&E teams during monitoring and evaluation of programmes and projects.	MEPBD and all MDAs.
7	The MEPBD was advised to make relevant documents available for proper assessments.	MEPBD & MIST.
8	The State Government should focus on Human Capital Development.	All MDAs
9	There is need for upgrading and establishment of	Ministry Of Justice,




	Juvenile Courts in the State.	High Court of Justice, MWCSA.
10	The finance of the State Budget should not be based on Federal Allocations alone; hence there is need to expand tax net and revenue profile of the State.	OIRS, MOF, & All MDAs.
11	It was suggested that the coordinating Ministry i.e. MEPBD should facilitate quarterly interactive forum with CSOs and NGOs in the State.	MEPBD
12	There is need to address the decadence in Primary Health care facilities in the State.	SPHCB, MOH, All LGAs/LCDAs.
13	Encouragement of youth participation in the State to boost agricultural productivity by providing basic amenities that will attract these youths.	MOW, MOAFS.
14	Adult Education needs to be highly prioritized.	Ministry of Education
15	There is need for establishment of special clinic centers for elderly people in the State.	MOH, OSHMB.
16	There is need for Survey on vulnerable groups in the State.	State Bureau Statistics and MEPBD
17	Proper dissemination of government activities to the people so as to create social trust.	Min. of Information and Strategy.
18	Efforts towards engaging Local Contractors in execution of State's projects should be sustained.	All MDAs, Executive
19	There is need to intervene on the prevalent drug addict among youths of the State.	MCWSA.

## 5.0 CLOSING

5.1 After answering the questions and clearing of grey areas identified from the participants by the Hon. Commissioner for Ministry of Economic Planning, Budget and Development (MEPBD) and the Permanent Secretary, the meetings ended at 2:30 pm. each day. The votes of thanks were delivered by SSA (Planning) and SSA (Budget) respectively in the three-day programme.

  
 Dr. Olalekan Yinusa  
 Hon. Commissioner, MEPBD.

  
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