REPORT OF A ONE DAY PRE 2021 BUDGET PREPARATION CONSULTATION MEETING HELD AT THE SULTAN MACCIDO INSTITUTE FOR QUR'AN AND GENERAL STUDIES CONFERENCE HALL SOKOTO, SOKOTO STATE ON 25TH SEPTEMBER, 2020.

The Sokoto State pre- Budget consultation meeting with NGOs, CBOs, FBOs, representatives of community members, Small and medium enterprise, women groups and people with disabilities was organized by the Ministry of Budget and Economic Planning at sultan Maccido Institute, Sokoto, Sokoto State on the 25th September, 2020. The meeting was attended by delegates of all the highlighted stakeholders. The welcome remark which was based on the theme of the meeting: "People's Views Matters" was given by the acting Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Budget & Economic, Arzika Usman Bodinga.

- 2. In his Welcome Speech, the acting Permanent Secretary highlighted the gains of the reforms effort of the Government which include the consolidation of the democratic culture, good governance, value-re-orientation and most importantly, a sustained campaign from several fronts to eradicate poverty. He stressed the present Administration's efforts in strengthening the reform and pledged the Ministry of Budget & Planning commitment in the task of effectively coordinating the State policies, projects and programmes. He therefore enjoined participants to focus their attention on discussions that would help consolidate the gains and further improve the planning & Budgeting machinery, public service delivery, and good governance.
- 3. He finally urged the participants to continue to make meaningful contributions that will resuscitate and improve the relevant institutions and administrative procedures for economic planning and management to achieve overall State economic objectives within a reasonable time. According to him, people have a very critical role to play in transforming a society for socio-economic development.
- 4. The consultation proper commenced immediately after the presentation made by the acting Permanent Secretary and the following recommendations were made for inclusion into the State 2021 Budget.

5. (i)The Ministry going forward should the consultation to all the 23 Local Governments of the State and or the 3 Senatorial of the State. This will ensure all-inclusive participatory process to address the over-arching goals of poverty reduction, wealth creation, employment generation, value re-orientation and

capacity building at the community level

- [ii] Adequate provision should be made to cushion the impact of Covid-19 Pandemic.
- iii). Adequate budgetary provision should be made to Agricultural sector particularly irrigation farming to boost food production.
- [iv] Modernization of rural areas through social mobilization and partnership for development of physical, wealth creation through community capacity building/enhancement at the three tiers of Government.
 - vi) private sector-led rural industry development and provision of off-season jobs;
 - vii) Rural development through micro-finance schemes, entrepreneurial development and access to market information.
 - viii) Rural development through social protection and safety nets.

CONCLUSION

6. Participants thanked the Ministry of Budget & Planning for organizing the meeting and expressed profound gratitude to State Government for hosting the meeting.

Arzika Usman Bodinga,

Acting Permanent Secretary,

Budget & Economic Planning.



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PARTICIPANTS' REGISTRATION FORM

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