

COMMUNIQUE OF THE FIRST (1ST) TOP MANAGEMENT RETREAT FOR DIRECTORS, HEADS OF UNITS AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF AGENCIES AND PARASTATALS OF FEDERAL MINISTRY OF POWER, HELD AT TRANSCORP HOTEL, CALABAR, CROSS RIVER STATE FROM 6TH TO 7TH DECEMBER, 2019

The First (1st) Edition of the Top Management Retreat for Directors, Heads of Units and Chief Executive Officers of Agencies/Parastatals of Federal Ministry of Power was held at the Conference Hall of Transcorp Hotels, Calabar on the 6th to 7th December, 2019 with the Theme **'Building Synergy for Effective Service Delivery in the Power Sector'**.

2. The Retreat was presided over by the Honourable Minister, Federal Ministry of Power, Engr. Sale Mamman. Also in attendance were the Honourable Minister of State, Hon. Goddy Jedy-Agba, *OFR*, Dan Jarin Nupe, the Director Overseeing the Office of the Permanent Secretary (DOOPS), Engr. Ahmed Abdu, *FNSE*, Directors, Managing Directors/ Chief Executive Officers of Parastatals and Heads of Units in the Ministry.

3. The DOOPS welcomed participants and pointed out that the theme of the Retreat was chosen to encourage synergy and team spirit amongst the Ministry and its Agencies. According to him, the Retreat was to afford participants the opportunity to interact with one another and analyze critical issues affecting the Power Sector, with a view to proffering solutions and charting the way forward. He urged all Top Management staff to develop team working skills and positive attitude for effective task management. He appreciated the support and

cooperation of the Government and the good people of Cross River State for their hospitality and support towards the successful hosting of the Retreat.

4. In his Opening Remarks, the Honourable Minister of State reminded participants that the essence of the Retreat was to address the gaps in operational/administrative relationship that exist between the Ministry and its Agencies and to establish a good working relationship for the implementation of Government policies aimed at achieving the Ministry's mandate.

5. In his keynote address, the Honourable Minister, Engr. Sale Mamman, welcomed participants and thereafter declared the Retreat open.

6. The Retreat received and discussed Five (5) presentations as follows:

- i. Importance of Effective Metering Services in Nigerian Electricity Supply Industry (NESI);
- ii. Overview of the Rural Electrification Agency;
- iii. Building Synergy for Effective Service Delivery in the Power Sector;
- iv. Sustainable Approaches to solving the Power Supply Crisis in Nigeria

RESOLUTIONS: At the end of the Retreat, the following resolutions emerged:

1. There is need for recapitalization of Electricity Distribution Companies to reposition them for effectiveness, efficiency and sustainability;
2. Provision of smart meters will forestall meter tampering, energy theft, improve collection efficiency and liquidity in the electricity market;
3. The Ministry to intervene in the interpretation and clarification of the Electricity Power Sector Reform Act, 2005 and Nigerian Electricity Management Services Agency Act, 2015 regarding inspection, testing and certification of electrical installation in NESI with respect to the mandates of Nigeria Electricity Regulatory Commission (NERC) and Nigerian Electricity Management Services Agency (NEMSA);
4. The Ministry to intervene in ensuring that NERC releases the statutory funds for Rural Electrification to REA as provided for under the EPSR Act 2005;
5. To address the Synergy challenge, the Ministry and its Agencies, are to ensure Coordination, Collaboration and Harmonization in the implementation of their core mandates for effective service delivery;

6. Policy directives by the Ministry should be continuously monitored for effective and efficient performance;
7. Recognizing the Human Capital Development as the hallmark of efficient and effective performance, Departments and Agencies in the Sector are to ensure collaboration and alignment with NAPTIN.
8. To ensure better funding for effectiveness of training in the Power Sector Value Chain, there is the need to bring NAPTIN back as a Market participant under the Multi Year Tariff Order (MYTO).
9. There is a need for the Ministry to fast-track the effective implementation of the “willing buyer, willing seller” policy of the present Administration.

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