



COMMUNIQUE

ISSUED AT THE NIGERIA GOVERNORS' FORUM MEETING HELD ON 26TH

JANUARY, 2009. AT KWARA STATE GOVERNOR'S LODGE.

1. The Forum acknowledged the challenges of instability of the crude oil price which further decline will critically affect implementation of states budget and agreed on the need to discuss this at tomorrow National economic council meeting. How do we manage these challenges, the forum agreed on the need for more transparency on the management of Excess crude account?
2. The Forum expresses full support towards their members who are in Supreme Court with the Federal Government over illegal deductions from Federation account and agreed that going forward all the states will eventually join in the suit and other matters that affect members.
3. The Forum adopted a Memorandum on the appointment of a Director-General Mr. Asishana Bayo Okauru as the Director –General of the Forum and two Executive Directors: Abdulateef O.T Shittu (Strategy & Research) and Mohammed Abubakar Jibia (Finance & Administration).

4. The Forum listened to a presentation by the Hon. Minister of Health on qualitative primary health and threat of polio epidemic. The Forum agreed to partner with the ministry to ensure polio is eradicated and primary health care improved-A number of measures were agreed upon which include: a new motto – Keep my state polio free, promote strong leadership at state level and encourage LGA to provide leadership to lead the campaign monthly and provide monthly polio data at SEC. The Forum agreed to partner with FGN on the midwifery scheme. Lastly agreed to buy in the community health insurance.