

## Communiqué

## ISSUED AT THE END OF THE 2<sup>nd</sup> MEETING OF THE NIGERIA GOVERNORS' FORUM HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 19<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2019 AT THE NGF SECRETARIAT, ABUJA

We, members of the Nigeria Governors' Forum (NGF), at our meeting held today at the NGF Secretariat Abuja, deliberated on several issues and resolved as follows:

- 1. The Forum congratulated and welcomed its new Chairman, Governor Kayode Fayemi of Ekiti State and Vice Chairman, Governor Aminu Waziri Tambuwal of Sokoto State, to the first meeting of the NGF since its election in May. The agenda of the new leadership was set to include security, human capital development, jobs creation, constitutional reform particularly devolution, and strengthening of the NGF Secretariat to support economic advisory, policy advisory, knowledge management and public financial management
- 2. Members pledged to support the new leadership to drive the mandate of the Forum to promote collaboration and consensus among Governors on matters of public policy.



- 3. The Forum resolved to set up a security committee at the National Economic Council level and retain security as a reoccurring item on its agenda for the foreseeable future.
- 4. Members also resolved to relaunch its flagship State Peer Review Mechanism programme designed to assist States foster good governance and accelerate the rate of development through periodic reviews of progress made by State governments.
- 5. The Forum agreed to hold a one-day interactive session with the World Bank and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation on ongoing development engagements across States on June 26<sup>th</sup> 2019. The event will also host an IGR retreat with the Joint Tax Board and Chairmen of the Internal Revenue Service of States.
- 6. Finally, the Forum received a presentation on Sub-national Investment Promotion from Ms. Yewande Sadiku, Executive Secretary/Chief Executive Officer of the Nigerian Investment Promotion Commission (NIPC). Governors pledged to work with the Commission to strengthen investors' engagements and reached a consensus to promote strategic insights into States' competitiveness advantages.



Governor Kayode Fayemi Chairman, Nigeria Governors' Forum 19<sup>th</sup> June 2019