



## **18TH EMERGENCY TELECONFERENCE MEETING OF THE NIGERIA GOVERNORS' FORUM HELD ON THURSDAY, 24TH SEPTEMBER 2020**

The single agenda emergency meeting was convened to deliberate on the NLC & TUC call for a nationwide industrial action over the deregulation of the petroleum and power sectors.

Governors confirmed during the meeting that an industrial court had barred labour from embarking on its planned industrial action but nevertheless decided to use the intervening period to mediate between the stakeholders.

Governors expressed concern over the call for a national strike action by the Nigeria Labour Congress (NLC) and the Trade Union Congress (TUC) and after a long and arduous deliberation the Forum resolved to intercede with the labour unions, the Federal Government and other stakeholders and especially call labour to exercise caution on the call for a strike action, noting that any such action will worsen the already deteriorating economic situation of the workers brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Forum resolved to set up a committee made up of the Governors of Jigawa (Chairman), Nasarawa, Ogun, Kwara, Gombe, Abia and Bayelsa States to interface with the National Economic Council, the Labour Unions and relevant stakeholders for the overall interest of the nation. The NGF Secretariat will provide relevant support to the Committee on the details of the mechanism for deregulation put in place by the federal government. An emergency NEC meeting is to be called for as soon as the Committee comes up with a common position on the deregulation of both the petroleum and power sectors and the figures laid bare for all to see.

Members advised that any position taken by the Forum should not be seen to be contrary or injurious to the position State Governors have always maintained in support of deregulation. Governors insisted that subsidy in the petroleum sector, apart from promoting corruption in petroleum pricing and



distribution, brings about loss of revenues to the three tiers of government and loss of jobs to the populace.

The meeting was chaired by Governor Aminu Waziri Tambuwal of Sokoto State, Vice Chairman, Nigeria Governors' Forum. It held from 6pm – 7:30pm.

**Signed**  
**Rt Hon Aminu Waziri Tambuwal**  
**Governor of Sokoto**  
**Vice-Chairman, Nigeria Governors' Forum**