SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
ORDER PAPER

Thursday, 5th May, 2016

1. **Prayers**
2. **Approval of the Votes and Proceedings**
3. **Oaths**
4. **Announcements (if any)**
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PRESENTATION OF BILLS

1. Federal Audit Service Commission Bill, 2016 (HB. 107) –*First Reading.*
   Sen. Ali Ndume *(Senate Leader)*

2. Capital Expenditure Budget Roll-Over Bill, 2016 (HB. 164) –*First Reading.*
   Sen. Ali Ndume *(Senate Leader)*

3. Chartered Institute of Finance and Control of Nigeria (Est., etc.) Bill, 2016 (SB. 172) –*First Reading.*
   Sen. David Umaru *(Niger East).*

4. National Institute of Credit Administrators (Est., etc) Bill, 2016 (SB. 153) –*First Reading.*
   Sen. Ben Bruce Murray *(Bayelsa East)*

5. National Health Insurance Act CAP 2003 (Repeal and Re-enactment) Bill, 2016 (SB. 278) –*First Reading.*
   Sen. Olanrewaju Tejuoso *(Ogun Central)*

ORDERS OF THE DAY

MOTIONS

Financial Inclusion: A tool for Socio-Economic Development and Stability.
Sen. Mustapha Bukar *(Katsina North).*

The Senate:

Notes with dismay that the impact of the National Programs for socio-economic development and the associated CBN interventions have been negligible and ineffectual due to poor conception, insufficient coverage, lack of awareness, poor implementation framework, lack of stakeholder buy-in commitment, and dearth of rural infrastructure to support the strategy, amongst others;

ware of the strong correlation between poverty, gender, literacy and financial inclusiveness, and that the lk of financially excluded reside in remote locations of which 60% of them are female, while 40% have e or no formal education;

er recalls that the National Financial Inclusion Strategy (NFIS) was launched on 2nd October, 2012 and rious CBN-anchored interventions towards improving the levels of financial inclusion in the country lready come on stream;

Observes that achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), adopted by Nigeria alongside 193 other countries in September 2015, will not be attainable by the 2030 timeline if a significant proportion of our population have little or no access to financial services that support economic empowerment;

Equally aware that financial inclusion contribute to National Economic Development by boosting savings, investments, exports, foreign exchange earnings, production of goods and services, viability of the financial services industry, thereby promoting social security and stability;

Worried that locally-driven social initiatives and programmes will fall significantly short of achieving their objectives if the primary targets who are mainly in the financially excluded segment of society are unable to access such benefits, thereby pushing them further into poverty.

Accordingly Resolves to:

i. *Urge* the Federal Government to invest in enabling infrastructure in the Telecommunication and Power sectors to facilitate extending financial services to the Financially Excluded segments of the society;

ii. *Direct* the Committees on Banking, Insurance and other Financial Institutions and Industries to liaise with the relevant Federal Government Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) to prioritize financial Inclusion by designing suitable programmes and strategies to extend the current frontiers of Financial Inclusion to cover all regions and segments of the society;

iii. *Urge* the CBN to take proactive measures to enhance financial inclusion through increased rural banking and financial services, especially in the disadvantaged states and local governments, by specifically requiring all Deposit Money Banks (DMBs) to develop and extend suitable products and channels to financially excluded segments of the society within 24 months; and

iv. *Direct* the Committee on Constitution Review to consider enshrining Financial Inclusiveness as a basic citizens right under Chapter IV of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (As Amended).

2. Fire Incident involving victims of insurgency from Nigeria in Gagamari Refugee Camp, Diffa State, Niger Republic.

Sen. Abubakar Kyari *(Borno North)*

Co-Sponsors:
Sen. Ali Ndume
Sen. Baba Kaka Bashir Garbai

The Senate:

Aware that the current insurgency in the North-East has led to massive dislocation of the populace who are in several Internally Displaced Persons' (IDPs) camps nationwide and in Niger Republic, Chad and Cameroon since 2009;

Recall that attacks by Boko Haram insurgents increased dramatically from mid 2014 causing an unprecedented displacement of over 3 million people who were forced to flee to other parts of the country and at least about 150,000 persons have taken refuge in neighbouring Chad, Niger and Cameroon as refugees;

Saddened that the refugees, majority of whom are women and children are faced with a range of threats to their physical safety and restrictions on their freedom of movement. Their homes, businesses and farms have been destroyed with nowhere to go, causing them to live and scramble for the limited resources with the host community;

Aware that the efforts of the Federal Government to contain the insurgency has been largely successful, a the Internally Displaced People have started going back to their areas of abode;

Saddened that on Monday, 25th April, 2016 at about 4:00 pm, there was a fire incident that razed the whc Gagamari Refugee Camp, Diffa State, Niger Republic where over 4,000 Nigerians were further displac living without shelter, food, water, etc.;

Saddened further that in the inferno, three Nigerian children lost their lives with an aged woman sustaining severe injuries among the over 120,000 Nigerians refugees currently in Niger Republic; and

Notes further that the Governor of Diffa has paid a solidarity visit and provided some relief materials.

Accordingly resolves to:

(i) *Urge* the Federal Government to provide immediate relief materials such as food, shelter, clothing, water, etc. to the affected Nigerians in Gagamari refugee camp;

(ii) *Urge* the Federal Government to galvanise the public and private sector to relocate the refugees back to their homes in Nigeria; and

(iii) *Urge* the Federal Government to sustain the tempo of the fight against terrorism to bring an end to the Boko Haram insurgency.

3. The demise of six (6) prominent medical doctors and their driver from Ekiti State in a ghastly motor accident along Abuja - Kaduna road.
Sen. Duro Faseyi *(Ekiti North)*

The Senate:

Notes with grief, the demise of six medical doctors and their driver, from Ekiti State, in a ghastly motor accident on Sunday 24th April, 2016, on their way to the 54th Annual conference of the Nigerian Medical Association in Sokoto State;

The six doctors who lost their lives in active service to mankind were:

Dr. Aladesanmi of the Federal Medical Centre (FMC), Ido-Ekiti;

Dr. Ojo Taiwo of Ekiti State University Teaching Hospital (EKSUTH);

Dr. Akinyele Lexy, Secretary, NMA;

Dr. Ogunseye of Ekiti State Health Management Board (HMB);

Dr. Olajide, President, EKSUTH Association of Resident Doctors (ARD);

Dr. Adeniyi James of the Federal Medical Centre (FMC) Ido Ekiti; and

Mr. Ajibola, their driver.

Disturbed that road accident remain the leading cause of death in Nigeria year in year out;

Further disturbed that this unfortunate incident involving a 13 - Seater passenger bus happened almost at the same spot where Mr. James Ocholi (SAN), a serving Minister of the Federal Republic of Nigeria died alongside his wife, son and driver recently in a motor accident. This is indeed one loss too many;

Worried that lack of proper emergency response, facilities for critical trauma cases and the non - availability of medical doctors on hand at Doka General Hospital, where they were rushed to, resulted in the regrettable and premature death of these doctors; and

Alarmed that this incident has further cast a huge shadow over the entire health sector in the country, as this incident happened at a time where all medical facilities in the country are short of well trained personnel, bearing in mind that the deceased doctors are all experts in different field of medical practice.

Accordingly resolves to:

i. Observe one minute silence in honour of the departed medical doctors and their driver;

ii. Condole with the families of the departed, the government and people of Ekiti State, Nigerian Medical Association and also pray for the quick recovery for the survivors;

iii. Urge the Federal government and relevant government Agencies to set up ambulance services along our major highways;

iv. Urge the Federal Road Safety Corp (FRSC) to step up public enlightenment campaign on the rules of the highway codes and safe motoring; and

v. Mandate the Ministry of Works and FERMA to ensure that a renewed vigour is directed to the maintenance and reconstruction of all portions of our roads that have become more or less a death trap to the motoring public.

4. Senate Intervention on the Reforms and Strengthening of Local Government Administration in Nigeria
Sen. Abdullahi A. Gumel *(Jigawa North-West)*

Co-Sponsors:
Sen. Monsurat J. A. Sunmonu
Sen. Buruji Kashamu
Sen. Danjuma Mohammed Goje.
Sen. Samuel Anyanwu.
Sen. Athanasius Achonu Nneji.
Sen. Joseph O. Ogba.
Sen. Rufai Ahmed Sani.

The Senate:

Deeply Worried by the flood of petitions from Nigerians and stakeholders in particular on the current situation of State-Local Government Relations (SLR) especially in the light of the rampant dissolutions of elected Council officials and enthronement of unelected "Care-Taker Committees (CTC)", and the long-standing issue of funding for the Councils in line with their constitutional responsibilities;

Aware that various attempts to resolve this SLR impasse via alteration of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria have failed and the matter has not been addressed. This negates and hurts the attainment of the lofty goals of democracy and inclusiveness at the grassroots, which may indeed lead to the collapse of the local government system in some States of the federation;

Concerned that this has already adversely manifested in very low morale, performance and quality of governance at the local government level and its dire detriment effect on the state of infrastructure, welfare, employment and empowerment opportunities of Nigerians, especially those in the rural areas;

Reaffirming the Senate President's enunciation of the 8th Senate Policy Thrust at the Inauguration of Senate Committees, wherein he emphasized his commitment to "pay more attention to the development of institutional capabilities of states and local governments to deliver effective public service";

Conscious of the Senate's commitment that, "....it is now much more important to see the Senate Committee on States and Local Government advise the Senate on how we can elevate the capabilities of the states and local governments to deliver adequate and qualitative public service to Nigerian citizens.....";

Acknowledges the Concern of Mr. President who, in his Inauguration Address on the 29th of May 2015, indeed captured the feeling of Nigerians as he did not mince words in stating that "relations between Abuja (Federal Government) and the States have to be clarified, if we are to serve the country better. Constitutionally there are limits to the powers of each of the three tiers of governments but that should not mean the Federal Government should fold its arms and close its eyes to what is going on in the States and local governments. Not in the least is the operation of the Local Government Joint Account";

Further acknowledges the policy thrust of this administration especially as expressed by the vice president of the Federal Republic of Nigeria at the recent NIPPS workshop on the need to strengthen Local Government Administration operational capacities for optimal performance;

Notes however that the State Governors see the attempts by the Federal Government to interfere with the Local Government System as an aberration;

Notes also that the call for review of Local Government Administration has not only become more strident but now seems to demand urgent attention which are adequately provided for in the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (as amended) which without need for alteration invite legislative exploration to strengthen State-Local Government Relations and indeed enhance their performances; and

Is Determined to utilize its legislative mandate and commitment "to make laws for the peace, order and good governance of the Federation or any part thereof with respect to any matter included in the Exclusive Legislative List" and also" (a) any matter in the Concurrent Legislative List set out in the first column of part II of the Second Schedule to the Constitution to the extent prescribed in the second column opposite thereto; and (b) any other matter with respect to which it is empowered to make laws in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution".

Accordingly Resolves to:

i. Mandate the Senate Committee on States and Local Government to conduct a Public Hearing on the Reforms aimed at Strengthening Local Government Administration in Nigeria within the context of the 1999 Constitution of the Federation of Nigeria (as amended) and other extant laws; and make recommendations.

5. Need to include Pan- Africanism in Nigerian Secondary Schools Curriculum
Sen. Shehu Sani *(Kaduna Central)*

The Senate:

NOTES that the concept of Pan Africanism started in the 19th Century as an ideology and movement that encouraged the solidarity of Africans worldwide based on the general believe that unity is vital and pertinent to economic, social and political progress of the people of African descent. In 1900, the Trinidadian barrister-Henry Sylvester Williams called a conference that took place in Westminster Hall, London to "protest stealing of lands in the colonies, racial discrimination and deal with other issues of interest to Blacks";

NOTES also that in 1958, Kwame Nkrumah, the first leader of independent Ghana, called a meeting of all independent African states in Accra- these comprises of Sudan, Egypt, Tunisia, Ethiopia, Liberia and Morocco for the purpose of recommitting themselves to support independence of the rest of the continent;

AWARE that as a result of the 1958 meeting in Ghana, by 1963 there were 31 independent nations in Africa and consequently the Organization of African Unity (OAU) was formed in May, 1963 to further galvanize African countries;

WORRIED that the struggle for the unity of Africa, as championed by the founding fathers of the African continent like Chief Nnamdi Azikiwe and others has rapidly evaporated from the psyche of the present and up-coming generation;

CONCERNED that if our children are not inspired about Africanism, the dream of our founding fathers about the unity of Africa will be a mere folk tale and will continue to remain a reference for historical purposes;

COGNISANCE that Julius Kambarage Nyerere, in 1966, while addressing African leaders said -

"---Your Excellencies, we have achieved many things in Africa in recent years, and can look back with pride at the distance we have travelled. But we are a long way from achieving the thing we originally set out to achieve, and I believe there is a greater danger that we might now voluntarily surrender our greater dream of all";

COGNISANCE ALSO that Nigeria as the giant of Africa which has helped many African countries to attain self-rule, calls for the need to inculcate the spirit of Pan- Africanism in the Nigerian child to be nurtured and sustained in order to be "our brother's keeper" and foster the objective of our founding fathers;

CONSCIOUS AND DETERMINED to ensure that we do not voluntarily surrender the dream of the founding fathers of Africa and considering the strategic importance of Nigeria in global affairs in general and Africa in particular.

Accordingly resolves to:

i. *Urge* the Federal Ministry of Education to include Pan- Africanism in Nigerian Secondary Schools curriculum.

ii. *Observe* a minute silence in honor of late Pan- Africanists.

CONSIDERATION OF A REPORT

1. *Report of the Ad-hoc Committee on Import Duty Waivers, Concessions and Grants*
Sen. Adamu Aliero *(Kebbi Central)*
"That the Senate do consider the Report of the Ad-hoc Committee on Import Duty Waivers, Concessions and Grants on the Indiscriminate use and abuse of Waivers".

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

1. A Bill for an Act to establish the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants of Nigeria to provide for the control of its membership and to promote and foster the practice of the Arts and Science of Management Accountancy in the Federation and for other purposes connected therewith, 2016 (SB. 236) –*Second Reading.*
Sen. Barnabas Gemade *(Benue North East)*

2. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Foreign Exchange (Monitoring and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, chapter F34, LFN 2004, establish a Foreign Exchange Market and to provide for the Control, Monitoring and Supervision of the transactions conducted in the Foreign Exchange market and for related matters, 2016 (SB. 181) - *Second Reading.*
Sen. John O. Enoh *(Cross River Central)*

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Committee	*Date*	*Time*	*Venue*
1. Ecology and Climate	Thursday, 5th May, 2016	2.00pm	Committee Room 313 Senate New Building
2. Banking, Insurance and other Financial Institutions	Thursday, 5th May, 2016	1.00pm	Committee Room 107 Senate New Building
3. Special Duties and Establishment and Public Service	Mon., 9th–Tues., 10th May, 2016 *(Public Hearing)*	10.00am	Committee Room 2.31 Senate New Building
4. Army	Tuesday, 10th May, 2016	2.00pm	Committee Room 431 Senate New Building
5. Housing and Urban Development	Tuesday, 10th May, 2016	2.00pm	Committee Room 324 Senate New Building
6. Agriculture and Rural Development	Tuesday, 10th May, 2016 *(Public Hearing)*	12.00noon	Committee Room 022 Senate New Building
7. Downstream Petroleum	Tuesday, 10th May, 2016	2.00pm	Committee Room 204 Senate New Building
8. Tertiary Institutions and TETFUND	Wednesday, 11th May, 2016	2.00pm	Committee Room 431 Senate New Building