



THE SENATE

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Committee on Culture & Tourism
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JOINT RECOMMENDATION ON 2016 BUDGET ESTIMATE (REVISED VERSION) OF NIGERIAN TOURISM DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (NTDC) BY THE SENATE AND HOUSE COMMITTEES ON CULTURE AND TOURISM

**PRESENTED BY THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON CULTURE AND
TOURISM**

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The President of the Senate

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It could be recalled, the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria at its sitting on Thursday, 21st July, 2016 considered the request of Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief (C-in-C) of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria on Revised Version of the 2016 Budget Estimate of Nigerian Tourism Development Corporation (NTDC) and referred same to the Senate Committee on Culture and Tourism for further legislative actions. The Committees of Culture and Tourism of the Senate and its counterpart in the House of Representatives met and harmonized their reports for presentation to their respective Chambers.

Consequently the Senate Committee on Culture and Tourism invited the Hon. Minister of Information and Culture and the Director General of Nigerian Tourism Development Corporation (NTDC) to appear before it for the defense.

PRESENTATION BY THE HON. MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND CULTURE

The Hon. Minister informed the meeting that the Revised Budget Estimate (2016) for The Nigerian Tourism Development Corporation (NTDC) was sent in error. He stated that The Nigerian Tourism Development Corporation (NTDC) Budget Proposal for the year 2016 had earlier followed the due process of appropriation at the National Assembly, through the Committees on Culture and Tourism of the two chambers and passed into law on the assent of Mr. President (C - in -C) and its implementation has reached a high level.

When the Minister was asked to intimate the Committee on the circumstances surrounding the presentation of 2016 Revised Budget Estimate for Nigerian Tourism Development Corporation (NTDC) expenditures, he said that considering the fact that it was not presented as either a virement or supplementary budget, clearly indicated that it was sent in error. He then assured the committee that he will follow up the matter through the appropriate channels and ensure its withdrawal from the National Assembly.

OBSERVATIONS

The Committees made the following observations;

- i) That the presentation of the 2016 Nigerian Tourism Development Corporation (NTDC) Budget Estimate (Revised) to National Assembly was done in error.

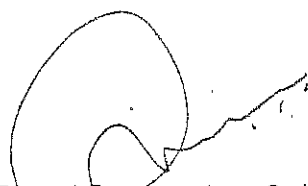
- ii) That the Nigerian Tourism Development Corporation (NTDC) 2016 Budget was passed by National Assembly and assented to by Mr. President (C-in-C) and is presently being implemented.

RECOMMENDATION

- i) That the Minister should facilitate the withdrawal of the 2016 Nigerian Tourism Development Corporation (NTDC) Budget Estimate (Revised) by Mr. President (C- in -C).
- ii) That the National Assembly should discontinue the consideration of the 2016 Budget Estimate (Revised Version) of Nigerian Tourism Development Corporation (NTDC) since the Budget for the Agency had earlier been Appropriated and Passed.



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