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**REPORT ON THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
INTERACTIVE SESSION WITH CIVIL
SOCIETY ORGANISATIONS**

**ON THE

2016 BUDGET**

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1. INTRODUCTION

The National Assembly deems it necessary to explore alternatives, especially through an honest engagement with concerned and interested parties. We believe that adopting a multi-stakeholder participatory approach where through partnerships with Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) can boost the process of linking lawmakers with the people at home and abroad; which in-turn provides feedback on policy, legislative projects and program matters that can produce shared prosperity for Nigerians.

The leadership of the country has a history of constructive engagement with stakeholders, hence it is important to continue in the same vein, with the goal of promoting good governance. If members of the civil society are able to point out the strengths and weaknesses of the leadership, such information could be built upon to increase efficiency. Such an engagement is healthy, particularly that it commences while the 2016 budget is yet to be approved. Hence, CSOs can contribute and align their strategies with the National Assembly leadership.

The Maiden National Assembly Interactive Session on the 2016 Budget with Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) and other stakeholders has been convened by His Excellency, Senator (Dr.) Abubakar Bukola Saraki (CON), the President of the Senate, Federal Republic of Nigeria. His Excellency the Senate President took initiative, working in collaboration with His Excellency, Hon. Yakubu Dogara, the Speaker, House of Representatives. By working together, the National Assembly took the bold step of admitting that it was critical to bring together CSOs and other stakeholders to ensure the policymaking process is inclusive.

In the past, there has been mutual distrust between both sides. Hence, the involvement of the civil society displays our increased transparency, openness and equally the inclusiveness of civil society in policymaking. Similarly, it is of utmost importance to bridge the gaps of knowledge between both sides, which in turn improves trust. Through our willingness to share information and details of the budget, this would create the atmosphere for further collaboration and constructive engagement with parliamentarians. Having CSOs involved in the budget discussion, you can effectively contribute crucial information on the needs of the public, which then allows us to focus on stronger policy choices.

The main goal behind such a discussion is to increase and facilitate public participation in the governance processes by ensuring that NGOs are an equal discussion partner for the in decision-making process. The National Assembly has devised a public engagement model for integrated, coordinated and quality

decision-making at all levels. Participants are expected to share their innovative ideas towards promoting citizen participation in decision-making, social inclusion, and volunteerism.

Towards achieving the desired goals, the decision making process must be structured in such a way that the interested parties (CSOs) and stakeholders are involved, so as to stand a reasonable chance of having real success. Cooperation between our civil society and the National Assembly will play a vital in improving our democracy. The agreements we make today will form the basis for strengthening the civil dialogue and the involvement of Nigerian citizens in the decision-making processes.

2. METHODOLOGY

Theme of the Event:

“Strengthening and Building a Sustainable Partnership on Annual Budget Hearings and Monitoring between the National Assembly and Civil Society Organizations”

Taking into consideration the past difficulties in operating an effective leadership agenda with genuine, inclusive and respectful two-way partnership between the government and its citizens, the goal of this event was to build a new era of unflinching trust in the relationship between the National Assembly & the general public (as represented by the CSOs) who have shown extreme willingness to participate in policy making. It also aimed to establish the 8th senate’s commitment to operating with transparency and openness in executing its duties.

At the opening, the host, Distinguished Senator Rose Oko (*Chairman, Senate Committee on Diaspora & Non-Governmental Organisations*) gave the opening remarks and an Overview of the Role of Civil Society Organisations in Decision Making, in Nigeria. This was followed by the Keynote Address, given by the Senate President and Chairman of the Event, His Excellency, Senator (Dr.) Abubakar Bukola Saraki. The floor became opened for Civil Society Organisations to make their inputs afterwards.

The occasion hosted over 200 participants from 106 organisations. Organisations that indicated interest to speak and sent in submissions before the event day were Action Aid, Reading Hamlets, BudgIT, Health of Mother Earth Foundation (HOMEF), Active Citizen, Initiative for Sound Education, Relationship & Health (ISERH) and Centre for Social Justice (CENSOJ). These

organisations spoke as well as a few others recognised on the floor. Organisations such as the ONE Campaign and Association for the Advancement of Family Planning (AAFP) sent in their submissions electronically, following the conclusion of the event.

Reading Hamlets and BudgIT drew a lot of applause from the audience with eloquent, well-presented speeches from Mrs. Christina Ude and Mr. Stanley Achonu, respectively. The event was calm, engaging and a sign of the start of a better, transparent relationship between the National Assembly leadership and the Civil Society. Many called for an open budget with less borrowing. Most issues pointed out were related to the budget allocations for the Federal Ministry of Education and Health and the repetition of projects across MDAs. The CSOs highlighted the fact that an inclusive budget for all should reflect their views before the passing of the budget. On that issue, the President of the Senate reassured participants that future engagements will reflect the views of the public.

The session ended with Legislators and CSOs agreeing upon a draft resolution.

3. ATTENDANCE

The following Civil Society Organisations were in attendance at the Interactive Session:

1. Action Aid
2. Active Citizen
3. Adamu, Ahmed, Ibrahim & Co.
4. Africa Middle East Progressive Initiative (AMEPI)
5. Africa Youth Alliance
6. Angels Discovery Circles Research Network (ADCRN)
7. Annual Festival of Nigeria Choirs (AFNC)
8. APC Youth Forum Nigeria (APYF)
9. Arms of Comfort Foundation
10. Association for the Advancement of Family Planning (AAFP)
11. Association of Women Professional Financial Managers (AWPFM)
12. Beautiful Eves of Africa
13. Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF)
14. Bloomington Care Foundation
15. Brain Builders International
16. BudgIT
17. Build a Heartful Smile Foundation

18. Centre for Development Support Initiative (CEDSI-NIGERIA)
19. Centre for Global Leadership, Research & Training
20. Centre for Global Solutions and Sustainable Development (CENGSSUD)
21. Centre for Public Health
22. Centre for Social Justice (CENSOJ)
23. Civil Society Action Coalition on Education (CSACEFA)
24. Civil Society Scalling-Up Nutrition in Nigeria (CS-SUNN)
25. Community Enlightenment & Development Initiative (CEDI)
26. Community Research and Development Centre
27. Concerned Stakeholders
28. Connected Development (CODE)
29. Corporate Social Responsibility Awareness and Advancement Initiative (CSR-in-Action)
30. Development & Integrity Intervention Goal Foundation (DIG Nigeria)
31. Dewdrops Care Development Foundation
32. Digital Media Development Initiative (DMDI)
33. Enough is Enough Nigeria (EIE NIGERIA)
34. Entrepreneurship Development and Support Initiative
35. Environmental Rights Action/Friends of the Earth Nigeria (ERA/FOEN)
36. Exclusive Network for Youth Empowerment Initiative
37. Federal Public Administration Reform Programme (FEPAR)
38. FHI 360
39. Fire Disaster Prevention and Safety Awareness (FDPSAAN)
40. Food Basket Foundation International (FBFI)
41. Foundation for Environmental Rights, Advocacy & Development (FENRAD)
42. FXYear
43. Global Alliance Against Poverty (GAAP)
44. Gas to Health Initiative
45. Girl Child Concerns (GCC)
46. Girls Education Mission International
47. Global Agenda for Total Emancipation (GATE)
48. Global Race Against Poverty and HIV/AIDS (GRAPH)
49. Global Rights Nigeria
50. Health of Mother Earth Foundation (HOMEF)
51. Hillcity Foundation
52. Initiative for Sound Education, Relationship & Health (ISERH)
53. Initiative for Sustainable Development Empowerment (ISDE)
54. International Centre for Energy, Environment & Development (ICEED)
55. International Vaccine Access Centre (IVAC)
56. Junior Chamber International (JCI) Nigeria
57. Kathy Life Builder Foundation
58. Kebetkache Women Development Resource Centre

59. Koyenum Immalah Foundation
60. Lady Chy New World Order Foundation (LACHYNWOF)
61. National Association of Nigeria Traders (NANTS)
62. National Democratic Institute (NDI)
63. National Immunization Financing Task Team (NIFT)
64. National Youth Agenda
65. New Era Educational and Charitable Support Foundation
66. Nigeria Labour Congress (NLC)
67. Nigerian Conservation Foundation (NCF)
68. Nigerian Network of NGOs (NNNGOs)
69. Ogoni Solidarity Forum-Nigeria
70. ONE Campaign
71. Open Society Initiative for West Africa (OSIWA)
72. Oxfam
73. Peace and Life Enhancement Initiative International
74. Phelyn Skill Acquisition Center (PSAC)
75. Policy and Legal Advocacy Centre (PLAC)
76. Prisoners Aid Foundation
77. Publish What You Pay Nigeria
78. Reading Hamlets
79. Re-orientation Advocates of Nigeria
80. Skills Outside School Foundation
81. Social Development Integrated Centre (Social Action)
82. Society for Economic Rights & Social Justice (SERSJ)
83. Society for Women & Girl-child Empowerment (SWOGE)
84. Sympathy Worldwide Foundation
85. The Grassroots Development and Advocacy Centre
86. The New Nigeria Group
87. The Nigerian Youth Parliament
88. The Wellbeing Foundation Africa
89. The Zariah Elizabeth Foundation
90. Trade Union Congress (TUC) Nigeria
91. Traffina Foundation for Community Health
92. Trippinz Care Inc
93. Triumphant Health and Development
94. United Nations Youth Association of Nigeria
95. Value Re-orientation and Developmental Initiative Africa (VARDI AFRICA)
96. Voters Awareness Initiative
97. Women Advocates for Vaccine Access (WAVA)
98. Wordsworth Limited
99. World Impact Group
100. Yoruba Women Association

101. Young Elites Foundation
102. Youth Awareness Association of Nigeria
103. Youth Fix Nigeria Group
104. Youth Initiative for Advocacy, Growth and Advancement (YIAGA)
105. Youth Initiative on Global HIV/AIDS and Peace
106. Zenith Agroethanol Nigeria Limited

4. PRESENTATIONS

I. AGRICULTURE

Submissions: ONE Campaign, Action Aid Nigeria

Presentations: Action Aid Nigeria, ONE, National Association of Nigerian Traders (NANTS)

- a. **Action Aid** – The organisation pointed out that the allocation given to this ministry was lower than it should have been. The proposed 2016 budget for agriculture needs to be reviewed in order to support the growth of the smallholder farmers. Further details should be provided showing how smallholder farmers will be supported. Furthermore, Action Aid called for the Maputo Declaration by allocating 10% of the entire budget to agriculture, in order to help in the diversification of the economy and the creation of wealth.
- b. **National Association of Nigerian Traders (NANTS)** – NANTS commended the increase in the budget for agriculture even though the Headquarters was given 73% of the total capital budget. The organisation also mentioned that the low allocation dishonours the Maputo agreement. In addition, there is no mention of a growth enhancement scheme or cassava bread initiative in the 2016 budget, signalling the lack of continuity.
- c. **ONE Campaign** - The 2016 proposal shows a trend of the federal government's refusal to honour the 2003 Maputo Declaration of 10% of the entire Budget for agriculture. The extravagant sum amount allocated for research and development should be pushed towards improving the productivity of smallholder farmers, helping them to develop cheap and reliable technologies which suit their capabilities.

II. EDUCATION

Submissions: Reading Hamlets, Action Aid Nigeria, Initiative for Sound Education, Relationship & Health (ISERH), OXFAM

Presentation: Reading Hamlets

- a. **Action Aid** – The organisation pointed out the duplications on several projects which had the same descriptions, with no detailed explanation. The organisation pointed out that there were too many repetitions which often were wrongly classified. Furthermore, the figures seem to be exaggerated, with the main cause seen as the lack of auditing of key stakeholders of the country's education system. Action Aid called upon the legislative arm of government to work harder to make the budgeting process more inclusive in subsequent years.
- b. **Reading Hamlets** - The organisation presented a document which captured countless duplications and projects with outrageous allocations. While speaking, a representative of the organisation focused on several Federal Government Colleges which had projects such as the construction of fences and purchase of hiluxes which had different, staggering prices for apparently the same quantities.
- c. **Initiative for Sound Education, Relationship & Health (ISERH)** - ISERH was impressed by the allocation given to the Federal Ministry of Education, citing the need for an overhaul due to the absence of quality in our educational system. The organisation however points out that the government fails to provide the adequate facilities to properly train teacher, and put the available graduates into use despite the huge allocations. ISERH emphasized that students need to be empowered from a young age.

III. ENVIRONMENT

Submission: Health of Mother Earth Foundation (HOMEF)

Presentation: Health of Mother Earth Foundation (HOMEF)

- a. **Health of Mother Earth Foundation (HOMEF)** - HOMEF alluded to the necessity of the Federal Ministry of Environment doing a better job on maintaining the natural environment. The high levels of pollution caused by oil fields and the companies which run them were highlighted. The organisation made mention of the National Oil Spill Detection and Response Agency (NOSDRA), which its claims lacks the necessary capabilities to deal with spillage. HOMEF pointed out that the budget allocation for the Ministry failed

to provide for the crucial equipment required to stop the degradation of our environment.

IV. HEALTH

Submissions: ONE Campaign, International Vaccine Access Centre (IVAC), Association for the Advancement of Family Planning (AAFP), Action Aid Nigeria, OXFAM

Presentations: Association for the Advancement of Family Planning (AAFP), International Vaccine Access Centre (IVAC), Action Aid Nigeria.

a. **Association for the Advancement of Family Planning (AAFP)** - The first point made was that Maternal and Newborn Child Health records more deaths than no other country in the world except India. The AAFP noticed the gradual reduction in the healthcare aspect of the health budget. The African Union (AU) stipulates that every African state should budget 15% towards healthcare. However, Nigeria has never allocated more than 9%. Furthermore, the staff of the National Public Health Commission are complaining about the failure to pay their salaries, and also that money is not being released for family planning. With all this going on, National Primary Health has a budget of 11 billion just for logistics – which is very vague. The AAFP expects that the budget should reflect a progression under healthcare, to take care of vaccine purchases when subsidies from other countries stop coming in. The Federal Ministry of Health's budget is too small; hence you find that most of the money was allocated to their other parastatals.

b. **International Vaccine Access Centre (IVAC)** - IVAC commended the Federal Government's progress on immunizations, however, also highlighted the losses being counted in the under-five mortality rate. The organisation mentioned a staggering figure of about 750,000 Nigerian children who die before their fifth birthday, terming it as a tragedy that must be stopped. IVAC listed the leading causes of child deaths as pneumonia, diarrhoea, meningitis, and measles, which are all vaccine preventable. In the same vein, the organisation is in support of the financing vaccine programs which it deems necessary towards the improvement of health, economy and social benefits in the country. IVAC called for state governments to be involved in any immunization process.

c. **Action Aid Nigeria** – The allocation for capital projects is less than 30% of the health budget. However, N30m was set aside for the renovation of a guest house and a liaison office. The organisation also made mention of the Medical

Centre in the Presidency which was not captured in the health budget, nonetheless, there is an allocation of N3 billion for the purchase of ‘equipment’.

d. **ONE Campaign** – ONE Campaign said that Nigeria remains one of the worst places to be born in the world, having a health sector which has been underfunded for the past few years. The organisation called for provisions to be made which cover vaccine programs and the implementation of strategic plans on nutrition across the country, citing the need to close the funding gap.

V. PETROLEUM RESOURCES

Submission: Health of Mother Earth Foundation (HOMEF)

Presentation: Health of Mother Earth Foundation (HOMEF)

a. **Health of Mother Earth Foundation (HOMEF)** The lone presentation was made by HOMEF, who expressed shock at an outrageous sum of N200m as allocations for the ‘Passage of the Petroleum Industry Bill (PIB)’ and equally for the ‘Review of Gas Master Plan’. The organisation demanded a detailed breakdown which would give a clearer picture of the allocation’s aims. HOMEF also hinted at the current over-reliance on crude oil revenues, which they termed as a “negative resource”.

VI. POWER

Submission: Health of Mother Earth Foundation (HOMEF)

Presentation: Health of Mother Earth Foundation (HOMEF)

a. **Health of Mother Earth Foundation (HOMEF)** HOMEF highlighted several anomalies in the budget, starting with purchase of 75 pieces of 500 KVA transformers across several states, for the sum of N397m. There is also further procurement of transformers. However, the problem is that the government should not be spending on a company (the now defunct Power Holding Company of Nigeria, PHCN) which has been privatised. Secondly, HOMEF pointed out that the electricity tariff should not have been increased before the service being provided was improved.

VII. WOMEN AFFAIRS

Submissions: OXFAM, Lady Chy New World Order Foundation (LACHYNWOF)

Presentation: Lady Chy New World Order Foundation (LACHYNWOF)

a. **Lady Chy New World Order Foundation (LACHYNWOF)** – The organisation spoke of the need to focus on women and their addition to the society. LACHYNWOF equally pointed out Women Affairs Ministry budget is grossly small while something like the Office of the Secretary to the Federal Government is outrageous.

5. OTHER PRESENTATIONS

Submissions: BudgIT, Active Citizen, Health of Mother Earth Foundation (HOMEF), Initiative for Sound Education, Relationship & Health (ISERH), OXFAM

Presentations: The New Nigeria Group, Nigerian Network of NGOs (NNNGOs), Lady Chy New World Order Foundation (LACHYNWOF), Centre for Social Justice (CENSOJ), Foundation for Environmental Rights, Advocacy & Development (FENRAD)

a. **The New Nigeria Group** – Two important questions asked were ‘who put together the budget’ and ‘how do we prevent such an occurrence next time?’ The group called for a reform and overhaul of the civil service (saying that civil servants are unproductive), and budget officers are incompetent. Furthermore, the government should focus on ending hunger, making agriculture a huge priority, and stop borrowing for consumption. In addition, MDAs need to be held accountable for their spending.

b. **Nigerian Network of NGOs (NNNGOs)** – The NNNGOs asserted that the Executive arm of government need to be reminded that the 2016 budget fails to reflect the UN’s Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), to which Nigeria is a signatory.

c. **Health of Mother Earth Foundation (HOMEF)** – HOMEF made a request for the National Assembly to provide details of its spending, and also a proposal to consider dropping the handling of ‘Constituency Projects’ which are seen to be controversial, and surplus to NASS’ tasks.

d. **Lady Chy New World Order Foundation (LACHYNWOF)** – The organisation pointed out countless duplication in the budget, remarking that 17% is going towards debt servicing, which is an amount deemed too high.

LACHYNWOF believes that encouraging women and their input in agriculture will help to supplement our dwindling resources/dependence on oil.

e. **Active Citizen** – The organisation highlighted too many line items with abnormal variations and then same price for different items. There was no direct link to previous expenditure; hence there is a need for further transparency in order to prevent borrowing.

f. **Centre for Social Justice (CENSOJ)** – CENSOJ made mention of the reckless purchases of vehicles which is against the public procurement law from the Presidency. Furthermore, the organisation remarked on many budgetary line items such as software acquisition, computer purchases and website upgrade which had outrageous prices.

g. **Foundation for Environmental Rights, Advocacy & Development (FENRAD)** – FENRAD focused its attention on two things: the lack of involvement of citizens in the budgetary process, and the need for transparency and accountability.

6. OBSERVATIONS

During the over four hours interactive session with Civil Society Organizations on the 2016 Budget, the joint committees of the Senate and House of Representatives on CSOs observed the following:

a. AGRICULTURE:

- The proposed 2016 budget for agriculture needs to be reviewed in order to support the growth of smallholder farmers.
- Implementation of the 2003 Maputo Declaration of allocating 10% of the entire budget to agriculture should be considered.

b. EDUCATION:

- Several Federal Government Colleges with projects such as the construction of fences and purchase of vehicles (Hiluxes) had different, staggering prices for apparently the same quantities.
- Allocation to training of teachers was poor, given the increasing need for an overhaul of the quality of education in Nigeria.

c. ENVIRONMENT:

- The increasing impact of climate change and high levels of pollution caused by oil fields and the companies which run them poses a threat to the livelihood of millions of Nigerians.

- The National Oil Spill Detection and Response Agency (NOSDRA) needs to be properly funded to be able to deal with oil spillages, while climate change mitigation and adaptation efforts needs to be matched by adequate funding in line with the recently adopted Paris Climate deal.

d. HEALTH:

- The African Union (AU) stipulation that 15% should be budgeted for healthcare should be implemented.
- Financing for vaccine, anti-retroviral and immunization programs is necessary for improving health, economy and social life of citizens. Currently there is no funding.

e. PETROLEUM:

- An outrageous sum of N200m was allocated for the ‘Passage of the Petroleum Industry Bill (PIB)’ and equally for the ‘Review of Gas Master Plan’.
- There was also a hint at the current over-reliance on crude oil revenues, which they termed as a “negative resource”.

f. POWER:

- There were several anomalies in the budget, starting with purchase of 75 pieces of 500 KVA transformers across several states, for the sum of N397m. The observation here is that government should not be spending on a privatized company (PHCN).

g. WOMEN AFFAIRS:

- There is a great need to focus on women and their addition to the society.
- The Ministry’s budget is grossly small.

h. NATIONAL ASSEMBLY:

- There was a passionate appeal that the National Assembly publishes details of its expenditure.
- They should jettison Constituency Projects.

i. GENERAL:

- Finally, there was a call for prompting the Federal Government to make financial provisions for implementing the recently adopted Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations of which Nigeria is a signatory.

7. DRAFT RESOLUTION

Signatories: [All CSOs present at the Maiden edition of National Assembly Interactive session on the Budget]

Topic: “Strengthening and Building a Sustainable Partnership on Annual Budget Hearings and Monitoring between the National Assembly and Civil Society Organisations”

To all concerned stakeholders,

Declaring the start of a new era of unflinching trust in the relationship between the legislative arm of government and the general public as represented by civil society organizations;

Emphasizing the necessity of this maiden forum, and future editions, with the goal of fulfilling our duties as desired by the Nigerian people;

Recognizing the willingness of the civil society to participate in policymaking, thereby providing a more accurate assessment on the needs of the Nigerian people;

Taking into consideration the past difficulties in operating an effective leadership agenda without an inclusive, genuine, respectful two-way partnership;

Reaffirming the commitment of the National Assembly in operating with transparency and openness;
trust;

Accordingly resolves to:

1. **Call upon** all concerned stakeholders to actively participate in the process of addressing the needs of the general public;
2. **Express** appreciation for the response to the clarion call, encouraging the youth and younger population to actively participate;
3. **Take note** of previous failures and the suggestions put forward, seeking ways to incorporate them in future budgets;
4. **Confirm** the desire and agreement to work on future budgets together, on an annual basis;

5. **Express** hope for the maintenance of a cordial, civil partnership built on mutual respect and trust;
6. **Designate** the civil society as watchmen over future budget implementations, returning crucial feedback on the desired and required changes within a specified time period;
7. **Remind** civil society organizations of their commitment to serve the interests of the public in a non-partisan manner;
8. **Trust** all stakeholders will act accordingly and play a huge part in shaping the future of the country.
9. **Initiate** legislative processes towards institutionalizing NASS/Civil Society Organization engagement towards robust inclusiveness in budget preparation, monitoring and appraisal.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Joint Committee of the Senate and House of Representatives hereby recommends:

- (i) **That the Senate adopts the resolution entered on Wednesday, 10th of February, 2016 between Civil Society Organisations and the legislature of the National Assembly;**
- (ii) **That the Senate urges all relevant committees to adopt the submissions made concerning the different sectors in the 2016 budget (Senate Committees on Agriculture, Education, Environment, Health, Power, Petroleum and Women Affairs).**
- (iii) **That in order to strengthen and build a sustainable partnership with Civil Society Organisations, budget hearings with CSOs should be done on an annual basis.**

9. CONCLUSIONS

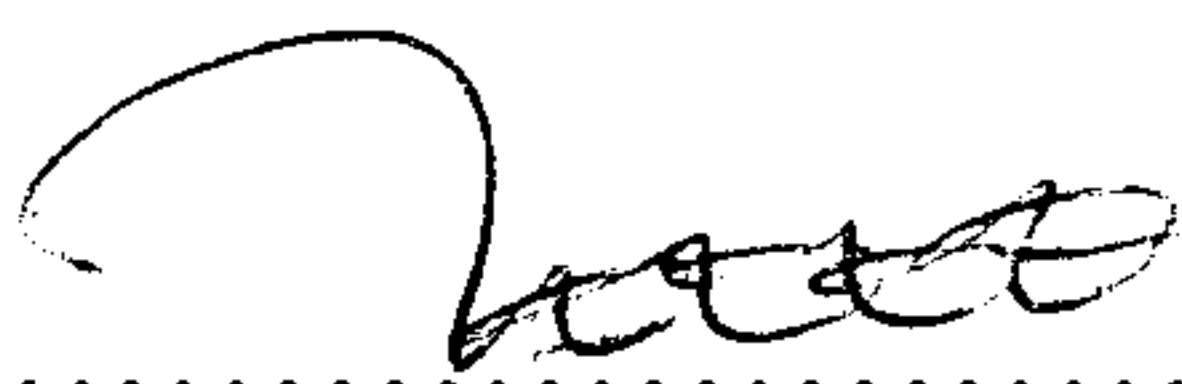
The maiden edition of the National Assembly's Interactive Session with CSOs on the 2016 Budget should be considered a success for several reasons:

Firstly, the conception and planning of the event is a first of its kind, borne out of the National Assembly's desire to engage with the Civil Society on policy making.

Secondly, the civil society representatives present clearly expressed their pleasure at the opportunity to partake in a non-partisan, transparent engagement which let them voice out their displeasures concerning the 2016 budget.

Thirdly, with the commitment of both parties to partner in shaping the future of the country, the National Assembly confirmed that CSOs will continue to be directly involved in the decision-making process, henceforth.

Finally, it is desirable that NASS and CSOs should continue to collaborate in their core mandates of legislation, oversight and representation.



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Prince Yomi Omogbehin
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48.	Ella May Obekpa	Digital Media Development Initiative (DMDI)	✓
49.	Ishola Adebayo	Enough is Enough Nigeria (EIE NIGERIA)	✓
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63.	Engr. (Mrs) Betty Ugonu	Gas to Health Initiative	✓
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98.	Bishop Olivia Umeh	Lady Chy New World Order Foundation (LACHYNWOF) –Women	✓
99.	Mrs. Ada Nkobie	Lady Chy New World Order Foundation (LACHYNWOF) –Women	✓
100.	Nneoma Akomah	Lady Chy New World Order Foundation	✓



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111.	Adeniyi Karunwi	Nigerian Conservative Foundation (NCF)	Karunwi
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