

THE SENATE
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

**COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL IDENTITY CARD
AND NATIONAL POPULATION COMMISSION**

**REPORT OF THE SCREENING OF FIVE(5)
COMMISSIONERS FOR NATIONAL POPULATION
COMMISSION**

TUESDAY 15TH NOVEMBER, 2016

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1.0 MEMBERSHIP

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INTRODUCTION

- 1.1** On Tuesday 27th September, 2016, the request for the confirmation of appointment of five (5) Commissioners for the National Population Commission was sent to the Senate by the President Federal Republic of Nigeria for screening.

1.2 POWER OF THE SENATE

In compliance with the constitutional provision, of section 154(1) of the 1999 Constitution (as amended) President Mohammed Buhari, GCFRN, Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces, Federal Republic of Nigeria, on Tuesday 27th September 2016 forwarded the list of 5 nominees to the Senate for confirmation as commissioners.

After the announcement of the Nominees by Senate President, at plenary, The Senate Committee on National Identity Card and National Population Commission was mandated to commence screening of the nominees and report back to the Senate.

2.0 METHODOLOGY/ASSESSMENT YARDSTICK

a, Data Collection

Prior to the date of the Screening exercise the Committee obtained the Curriculum Vitae, Tax Clearance Certificate, Code of Conduct acknowledgment slip, Police and DSS report on each of the 5 Nominees

b, Physical Presence

The Committee invited all the nominees who appeared before it for assessment in tune with the following thus:

- i. Appearance
- ii. Composure and Presentation
- iii. Special Skills
- iv. Issues bordering on knowledge of National Population Commission
- v. General Knowledge

Other conditions the Committee considered are the following:-

- (a) Federal Character
- (b) Gender parlance
- (c) Specialized relevance
- (d) Competence

The committee sat on Tuesday 15th November, 2016 from 10.00hrs in the morning – 14.00hrs in the afternoon and screened the nominees as follows:-

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| 1. | Dr. Eyitayo O. Oyetunji | – | Oyo State |
| 2. | Gloria Fateya Izonfuo | - | Bayelsa State |
| 3. | Dr. Haliru Bala, FCE, FNIMN | - | Kebbi State |
| 4. | Engr. (Chief) Benedict Ukpong FCSE- | | Awka Ibom |
| 5. | Barr. Kupchi Patricia Ori Iyanya | - | Benue State |

2.1 REQUIREMENTS FOR APPOINTMENT AS COMMISSIONER

All the 5 nominees acquired the Minimum standard of education that qualified them for appointment as commissioners. They were equally cleared by the Nigeria Police and the Department of Security Services, as persons eligible for appointment as Commissioners of the National Population Commission of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

Each of the nominees submitted a three (3) years tax clearance, as well as, acknowledgement slip from the code of conduct Bureau.

3.0 CONFIRMATION HEARING REPORT

1. **EYITAYO OYEKUNLE OYETUNJI-** **Oyo State**

- a. Dr. Eyitayo Oyekunle Oyetunji is from Oyo State and was born on 10th December, 1958. He is married with children.
- b. After his first school leaving certificate at ECWA primary school Karu in 1970, he attended Nasarawa Secondary School Keffi where he obtained his O'level WASC Division 11 in 1975 and proceeded to the University of Ibadan (UI) in 1975 for his Bachelor's Degree in Political Science in 1979.
- c. The nominee joined the National Population Commission as Secretary to the Commission in the year 2007 and later became the Acting Director General in the year 2013.
- d. During the course of screening, the nominee was calm, confident and eloquent. He responded to issues raised on the challenges of census enumeration in the past, he gave a graphic picture of how modern day census exercise can be achieved through the use of satellite imagery.
- d. He displayed his readiness to bring his wealth of experiences to bear in the assignment if confirmed by the Senate.

Recommendation

The Committee hereby recommends **Dr. Eyitayo Oyekunle Oyetunji** to the Senate for confirmation.

2. MRS GLORIA IZONFUO, mni - Bayelsa State

- a. **Mrs Gloria Izonfuo** was born on 20th August, 1962 in Egbebiri, Biseni Local Govt Area of Yenagoa, Bayelsa State, and she is married with four (4) children.
- b. The nominee obtained a B.Sc in Health Care Management from St Peters College Jersey City, New Jersey, USA, and went to National Institute of Policy and Strategic Studies, Kuru, Jos in the year 2010. She served as the first female Head of Service to the Bayelsa State government in the year 2011.
- c. She performed exceptionally well. She was composed, confident and responded to issues with eloquence. She has vast knowledge of Nigeria Civil Service. Her performance indicated her ability to serve in any Commission as a Commissioner of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

Recommendation

The Committee hereby recommends **Mrs Gloria Izonfuo mni** to the Senate for confirmation.

3. Dr. Haliru Bala , FCE, FNIMN - Kebbi State

- a. **Dr. Haliru Bala** was born on 17th December, 1959 in Birnin Kebbi Local Government of Kebbi State. The nominee is married with children.
- b. He had his primary Education at Central Primary School Birnin Kebbi, Kebbi State Nigeria 1970 -1976 and obtained Grade 2 Teachers Certificate in 1981. He later moved to Usman Danfodiyo University where he obtained his B.Sc (Management Studies) in 1991 and Masters in Business Administration in 2005 and Ph.d (Doctor of Philosophy in Business Administration) in 2008.
- c. He was a Chief Lecturer Sokoto State Polytechnic, Acting Director, General Studies, Kebbi State University of Science and Technology

and have served in several capacity under the Kebbi State Government.

- d. The nominee showed confidence in response to issues during the exercise. His eloquent explanation on current national issues in Nigeria stood him out. He demonstrated on how we can use swot analysis in solving problems arising from census enumeration, In his words "to understand human nature we must understand the social economic characteristics of the individual that make up a population".

Recommendation

The Committee hereby recommends **Dr. Haliru Bala, FCE, FNIMN** to the Senate for confirmation.

4. ENGR. (CHIEF) BENEDICT UKPONG, FNSE -Akwa Ibom State

- a. Engr. Benedict Ukpog, FNSE was born on 9th August, 1962 in Urue-Offong/Oruko in Akwa Ibom State. He is married with 5 children.
- b. He had his First School Leaving Certificate from St Patrick Primary School Mbokpu Eyokan Oron in 1974, and his West African School Certificate at Methodist Boy's High School Oron in 1980. He proceeded to University of Nigeria, Nsukka and obtained his B.Eng Civil Engineering in 1986, MBA Business Administration, Olabisi Onabanjo University Ago Iwoye 2004, M.Sc Water Resources and Environmental Engineering, Ahmadu Bello University Zaria 2006
- c. He started his working career in the year 1986 with Plateau State Government. He later joined Federal Capital Development Authority (FCDA) Abuja in August 1990 as a Senior Civil Engineer and rose to the position of Deputy Director in January 2009.
- d. He is also a member of All Progressive Congress (APC) and contested as a Deputy Governor's Candidate Akwa Ibom State, in the 2015 general election.

- e. The nominee appeared calm and responded to questions raised to the satisfaction of the committee. He displayed a good understanding of the political aspect of census activities in Nigeria history as an accomplished Engineer.

Recommendation

The Committee hereby recommends **Engr. Benadict Ukpog, FNSE** to the Senate for confirmation.

6. BARRISTER KUPCHI PATRICIA ORI IYANYA (MRS.)- BENUE STATE

- a. Barrister Kupchi Patricia Ori Iyanya is from Benue State and was born in November 23rd 1963. She is married with children.
- b. She attended St Louis college, Jos 1980 where she obtained her West African Examination Certificate (WAEC), school of basic studies Makurdi in the year 1985 GCE O 'Level and proceeded to Ahnadu Bello University, Zaria 1985, Bachelor of Laws, Nigeria Law School, Lagos 1988 – 1989 and was called to Bar in 14th December, 1989.
- c. She has held many positions and presently Special Adviser to the Executive Governor of Benue State on Employment and Labour matters from 21st July, 2015 to date.
- d. The nominee was calm confident and eloquent. She responded to issues raised on how to avert the problems associated with manipulation of population figures in the past census exercise, She displayed her readiness to bring her wealth of experiences to bear in the assignment if confirmed as a Commissioner of the National Population Commission by the Senate.

Recommendation

The Committee hereby recommends **Barrister Kupchi Patricia Ori Iyanya** to the Senate for confirmation.

4.0 RECOMMENDATION

The Committee having carefully and thoroughly conducted the screening exercise was satisfied with the qualification and general performance of the 5 Commissioners/nominees. Accordingly, the Committee hereby recommends all the 5 nominees for confirmation by the Senate as follows:

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| 1. | Engr. (Chief) Benedict Ukpong FCSE- | AwkaIbom |
| 2. | Gloria Fateya Izonfu | - Bayelsa State |
| 3. | Barr. Kupchi Patricia Ori Iyanya | - Benue State |
| 4. | Dr. Haliru Bala, FCE, FNIMN | - Kebbi State |
| 5. | Dr. Eyitayo O. Oyetunji | - Oyo State |

4.1 PRAYER

That the Senate do confirm the nomination of all the 5 Commissioners/Nominees for confirmation of their appointment as Commissioners of the National Population Commission.

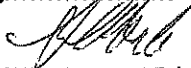
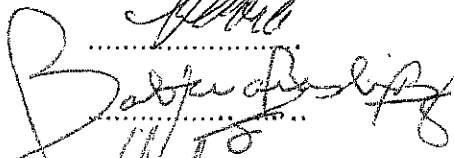
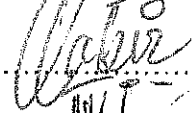
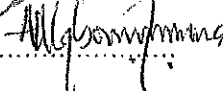
5.0 CONCLUSION

The Committee appreciates the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria for the opportunity given to serve.

We so submit

1. SENATOR SULEIMAN O. HUNKUYI CHAIRMAN
2. SENATOR ABUBAKAR DANLADI – VICE CHAIRMAN
3. SENATOR JOSEPH G. DADA - MEMBER
4. SENATOR BABA KAKA BASHIR GARBAI-MEMBER
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