



**SENATE OF THE
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
ORDER PAPER**

Thursday, 11th July, 2019

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ORDERS OF THE DAY

MOTIONS

1. The Urgent Need to Establish a Medical School at Modibbo Adama University of Technology, Yola and to Upgrade the Federal Medical Centre, Yola to a University Teaching Hospital.
Sen. Aishatu Dahiru Ahmed (*Adamawa Central*)

Co-Sponsors:

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| Sen. Yusuf, Abubakar Yusuf (<i>Taraba Central</i>) | Sen. Goje, Mohammed Danjuma (<i>Gombe Central</i>) |
| Sen. Adamu, Abdullahi (<i>Nasarawa West</i>) | Sen. Ishaku, Elisha Cliff (<i>Adamawa North</i>) |
| Sen. Yaroe, Binos Dauda (<i>Adamawa South</i>) | Sen. Isa, Shuaibu Lau (<i>Taraba North</i>) |
| Sen. Bwacha, Emmanuel (<i>Taraba South</i>) | Sen. Alkali, Saidu Ahmed (<i>Gombe North</i>) |
| Sen. Amos, Bulus Kilawangs (<i>Gombe South</i>) | Sen. Bulkachuwa, Adamu M. (<i>Bauchi North</i>) |
| Sen. Jika, Dauda Halliru (<i>Bauchi Central</i>) | Sen. Gumau, Lawal Y (<i>Bauchi South</i>) |
| Sen. Kyari, Abubakar Shaib (<i>Borno North</i>) | Sen. Ndume, Mohammed Ali (<i>Borno South</i>) |
| Sen. Shettima, Kashim (<i>Borno Central</i>) | Sen. Bomai, Ibrahim Mohammed (<i>Yobe South</i>) |
| Sen. Gaidam, Ibrahim Alhaji (<i>Yobe East</i>) | Sen. Barau, I. Jibrin (<i>Kano North</i>) |
| Sen. Gaya, Kabiru Ibrahim (<i>Kano South</i>) | Sen. Shekarau, Ibrahim (<i>Kano Central</i>) |
| Sen. Ahmad, Babba Kaita (<i>Katsina North</i>) | Sen. Mandiya, Bello (<i>Katsina South</i>) |
| Sen. Barkiya, Abdullahi Kabir (<i>Katsina Central</i>) | Sen. Kwari, Suleiman Abdu (<i>Kaduna North</i>) |
| Sen. La'ah, Danjuma Tella (<i>Kaduna South</i>) | Sen. Sani, Uba (<i>Kaduna Central</i>) |
| Sen. Nnamani, Chimaroke Ogbornia (<i>Enugu East</i>) | Sen. Oloriegbe, Yahaya Ibrahim (<i>Kwara Central</i>) |
| Sen. Adetunmbi, Olubunmi Ayodeji (<i>Ekiti North</i>) | Sen. Abdullahi, Aliyu Sabi (<i>Niger North</i>) |
| Sen. Bamidele, Micheal Opeyemi (<i>Ekiti Central</i>) | Sen. Ubah, Ifeanyi Patrick (<i>Anambra South</i>) |
| Sen. Apiafi, Betty Jocelyn (<i>Rivers West</i>) | Sen. Ekwunife, Uche Lilian (<i>Anambra Central</i>) |
| Sen. Tinubu, Oluremi Shade (<i>Lagos Central</i>) | Sen. Oko, Rose Okoji (<i>Cross River North</i>) |
| Sen. Egwu, Samuel Ominyi (<i>Ebonyi North</i>) | Sen. Eyakenyi, Akon Etim (<i>Akwa-Ibom South</i>) |
| Sen. Dimka, Hezekiah Ayuba (<i>Plateau Central</i>) | Sen. Suswam, Gabriel Torwua (<i>Benue North East</i>) |
| Sen. Okorocho, Anayo Rochas (<i>Imo West</i>) | Sen. Tofowomo, Nicholas Olubukola (<i>Ondo South</i>) |
| Sen. Shehu, Tambuwal Abubakar (<i>Sokoto South</i>) | Sen. Gyang, Istifanus Dun (<i>Plateau North</i>) |

The Senate:

Notes that Adamawa and Taraba States which are homes to about 4 million and 3 million people respectively are the only states out of the 6 states that made up the Old North Eastern State that do not have a Medical School and a University Teaching Hospital;

Also notes that a Medical School is prerequisite for a University Teaching Hospital and is the reason for the absence of a University Teaching Hospital in Yola;

Further notes that establishing a Medical School in the Modibbo Adama University of Technology, Yola will allow the establishment of a University Teaching, Hospital;

Further notes that the provision of an effective healthcare delivery is a basic ingredient necessary for the survival and sustainable development of every society;

Aware that the Medical Specialists especially in the areas of Consultant Cardiology, Pathology, Oncology, Hematology, Ophthalmology, etc are grossly inadequate in Adamawa and Taraba States;

Also aware that the availability and the complementary functions of a Medical School and a Teaching Hospital in Yola will permanently solve the problem of chronic shortage of Specialists in Adamawa and Taraba States;

Further aware that the host community is positioned to benefit much from the presence of a Medical School and a Teaching Hospital by way of improved health care and quality of life;

Observes that Adamawa and Taraba residents have over the years been subjected to travelling a distance of over 400km or 344km to access special health care in Maiduguri (Borno state) and Bauchi (Bauchi State) respectively or even Abuja (FCT) which is about 800km from Adamawa State.

Encouraged that Medical Schools and University Teaching Hospitals were established in Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University, Bauchi, a University was established the same time with Modibbo Adama University of Technology, Yola Adamawa State.

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. *Urge the Federal Government to give special consideration to the Modibbo Adama University of Technology Yola to establish a Medical School.*

2. **Urgent Need to address the sorry State of Computer Education by providing Training for Teachers and Basic Computer Facilities in Public Schools.**

Sen. Akon Eyakenyi (*Akwa Ibom South*)

Co-Sponsor:

Sen. Abdullahi, Yahaya Abubakar (*Kebbi North*)

Sen. Abaribe, Enyinnaya Harcourt (*Abia South*)

Sen. Suswam, Gabriel Torwua (*Benue North East*)

Sen. Dahiru, Aishatu Ahmed (*Adamawa Central*)

The Senate:

Aware that the National Policy on Education recognizes the importance of computer education and ICT by providing for the training of teachers and provision of basic facilities for teaching computer knowledge in primary and secondary schools;

Aware that computer knowledge is been taught in primary and secondary school across Nigeria;

Observes that computer knowledge is a practical subject that must be practiced for effective understanding;

Further observes that most public schools in Nigeria lack competent teachers in computer knowledge and the basic facilities to properly teach pupils and students in primary and secondary schools computer knowledge; and

Notes that almost all aspect of Nigerian and global sectors is now ICT based and our future generation are not been prepared for the future, reminded that Education (inclusive of computer education) is a fundamental right.

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. *Urge* the Federal Government and all stakeholders in the education sector to address the sorry state of computer education by providing computer training for teachers in public schools and basic computer facilities for the proper training of pupils and students in computer knowledge;
- ii. *Urge* the Federal government to formulate a policy for the building and equipping of a computer lab in primary schools; and
- iii. *Mandate* the committee on Education when constituted to liaise with all stakeholders in education to comply with the policy.

3. The increasing rate of Dropped Calls and other unwholesome practices by Telecommunication Network Operators in Nigeria that have robbed Nigerians of their hard earned Billions of naira.
Sen. Buhari, Abdulfatai (Oyo North)

Co-Sponsors:

Sen. Folarin, Teslim Kolawole (Oyo Central)	Sen. Tinubu, Oluremi Shade (Lagos Central)
Sen. Egwu, Samuel Ominyi (Ebonyi North)	Sen. Adeola, Solomon O. (Lagos West)
Sen. Yusuf, Abubakar Yusuf (Taraba Central)	Sen. Wamakko, Aliyu M. (Sokoto North)
Sen. Ordia, A. Clifford (Edo Central)	Sen. Abdullahi, Aliyu Sabi (Niger North)
Sen. Ogba, Joseph Obinna (Ebonyi Central)	Sen. Melaye, Dino (Kogi West)
Sen. Gumau, Lawal Y (Bauchi South)	Sen. Hadejia, Hassan Ibrahim (Jigawa North-East)
Sen. Abaribe, Enyinnaya Harcourt (Abia South)	Sen. Oduah, Stella Adaeze (Anambra North)
Sen. Barau Jibrin (Kano North)	Sen. Manager, James Ebiowou (Delta South)
Sen. Alimikhena, Francis Asekhome (Edo North)	Sen. Utazi, Chukwuka Godfrey (Enugu North)
Sen. Shettima, Kashim (Borno Central)	Sen. Ahmad, Babba Kaita (Katsina North)
Sen. Amosun, Ibikunle Oyelaja (Ogun Central)	Sen. Kyari, Abubakar Shaib (Borno North)
Sen. Sekibo, George Thompson (Rivers East)	Sen. Suswam, Gabriel Torwua (Benue North East)
Sen. Omo-Agege, Ovie Augustine (Delta Central)	Sen. Mandiya, Bello (Katsina South)
Sen. Boroffice, Robert Ajayi (Ondo North)	Sen. Mustapha, Olalekan Ramoni (Ogun East)
Sen. Adamu, Muhammad Aliero (Kebbi Central)	Sen. Sani, Uba (Kaduna Central)
Sen. Goje, Mohammed Danjuma (Gombe Central)	Sen. Mohammed, Sabo (Jigawa South-West)
Sen. Kwari, Suleiman Abdu (Kaduna North)	Sen. La'ah, Danjuma Tella (Kaduna South)

Notes that telecommunication services have gradually become an integral part of the Nigerian Economy, as well as an important tool in the social-economic life of Nigerians, over the last decade:

Observes that the Nigerian Mobile Telecommunication Subscribers have of late;

- a. Experienced a disturbing and yet increasing rate of dropped calls;
- b. Encountered incomprehensible speech and voice quality that sounds like speaking from the bottom of a fish tank;

- c. Do not have the power to control bundle usage, nor the choice to restrict browsing to the resources which they have allocated resulting in a sudden and unexplained expiry of data bundle and the network automatically switches to a pricier airtime option when surfing/ browsing the internet;
- d. Lost hard earned billions of Naira through network related call disconnections;

Worried that all the G.S.M operators in Nigeria have recently been experiencing terrible congestions on their networks, thus, denying subscribers the benefits of getting value for their resources and hampering their ability to make or receive calls successfully;

Observes that operators also have an unfair advantage with dropped calls from per-minute users as callers end up paying for an entire minute if a call drops in between, especially within the first few seconds;

Worried also, that subscriber's expectations that the quality of service delivery proffered by a G.S.M. Network Operator improves as the Network matures have been ruined;

Further observes that despite the warning issued by the Nigerian Communications Commission on the activities of telecom operators using the dropped call mechanism to defraud Nigerians by deducting money from phone users illegally, no serious sanction / penalty has been issued against any operator to date;

Concerned that though service providers have continue to expand their network coverage beyond what their existing infrastructure could carry, no adequate effort has been made to enhance the experience of their customers. A recent investigation shows that the four (4) major operators namely MTN, Airtel, Etisalat and Globacom could not provide the rate of drop calls on their networks; and appears not to see the reason to compensate their customers for disconnected calls or address their frustrations; and

Disturbed that operators in the telecommunication industry have not invested substantially on their network to improve the quality of service rendered. Clearly investment has not kept pace with the usage.

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. *Strongly condemn* the inefficiency of GSM Network providers in Nigeria resulting in poor service delivery;
- ii. *Urge* the Nigerian Communication Commission to invoke the appropriate provisions of the Law and other extant agreements, to protect consumers where necessary and to refund them henceforth for disrupted calls caused by network issues and allow them have more control over their usage of data bundles as it's done by telecom operators in countries like Kenya (Safaricom), South Africa, etc;
- iii. *Urge* Nigerian Communications Commission; the Federal Competition Commission and Consumer Protection Council; the Standards Organization of Nigeria and other regulatory agencies to carry out an effective supervision of the Telecoms service providers to ensure regulatory excellence; operational efficiency and sterling service delivery;
- iv. *Direct* Nigerian Communications Commission and other relevant agencies to carry out a thorough investigation of the causes of dropped calls in the GSM network and come up with innovations that will improve customer experiences; and
- v. *Direct* its Committees on Communications and Trade when constituted to further look into the issues raised in this Motion.

4. Nigeria's Membership of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AFCTA).
Sen. Barau, Jibrin (Kano North)

Co-Sponsors:

Sen. Abdullahi, Yahaya Abubakar (Kebbi North)	Sen. Adamu, M. Aliero (Kebbi Central)
Sen. Tofowomo, Nicholas Olubukola (Ondo South)	Sen. Yakubu, Oseni (Kogi Central)
Sen. Adeola, Solomon Olamilekan (Lagos West)	Sen. Ahmad, Babba Kaita (Katsina North)
Sen. Akpan, Albert Bassey (Akwa-Ibom North East)	Sen. Akwashiki, Godiya (Nasarawa North)
Sen. Alkali, Saidu Ahmed (Gombe North)	Sen. Al-Makura, U. Tanko (Nasarawa South)
Sen. Amos, Bulus Kilawangs (Gombe South)	Sen. Amosun, Ibikunle O. (Ogun Central)
Sen. Ashiru, Oyelola Yisa (Kwara South)	Sen. Bamidele, M. Opeyemi (Ekiti Central)
Sen. Bassey, Gershom Henry (Cross River South)	Sen. Barkiya, A. Kabir (Katsina Central)
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Sen. Isah, Jibrin (Kogi East)	Sen. Jika, Dauda Halliru (Bauchi Central)
Sen. Kalu, Orji Uzor (Abia North)	Sen. Kwari, Suleiman Abdu (Kaduna North)
Sen. Mandiya, Bello (Katsina South)	Sen. Musa Mohammed Sani (Niger East)
Sen. Omo-Agege, Ovie Augustine (Delta Central)	Sen. Sani, Uba (Kaduna Central)
Sen. Sankara, D. Abdullahi (Jigawa North-West)	Sen. Shekarau, Ibrahim (Kano Central)
Sen. Tinubu, Oluremi Shade (Lagos Central)	Sen. Ubah, Ifeanyi Patrick (Anambra South)
Sen. Wamakko, Aliyu Magatakarda (Sokoto North)	Sen. Mohammed, Sabo (Jigawa South-West)
Sen. Mustapha, Olalekan Ramoni (Ogun East)	Sen. Suswam, Gabriel T. (Benue North East)
Sen. Urhoghide, M. Aisagbonriodion (Edo South)	Sen. Abdullahi, Yahaya A. (Kebbi North)
Sen. Tofowomo, Nicholas Olubukola (Ondo South)	Sen. Yakubu, Oseni (Kogi Central)
Sen. Sen. Gobir, Ibrahim Abdullahi (Sokoto East)	Sen. Yusuf, Abubakar Yusuf (Taraba Central)
Sen. Abdullahi, Aliyu Sabi (Niger North)	Sen. Hadejia, Hassan Ibrahim (Jigawa North-East)

The Senate:

Notes with delight that after the long expectation, Nigeria at the weekend signed the agreement to formally become a member of the African Continental Free Trade Area, (AFCTA);

Observes that the President, Muhammadu Buhari signed the agreement at the 12th Extraordinary Summit of the African Union holding in Niamey, Niger Republic, thus, ending the heightened expectations of Nigerians on the desirability or otherwise of the Country's membership of the continental body;

Delighted that the country's membership of the African Continental Free Trade Area came into existence in March, 2018 following the adoption of the phase 1 (one) of the agreement by Head of state and government at their 10th Extraordinary Summit in Kigali, Rwanda;

Recalls that Nigeria declined to sign the agreement in Kigali because of the agitations and apprehensions by the private sector in Nigeria. On the premise that membership of the African Free Trade Area would make Nigeria a dumping ground for goods and services from other African countries;

Further notes that the consent of Nigeria followed the recommendations of the Presidential committee set up to make wider consultations on the benefits or otherwise of Nigeria's membership; and

Concerned that not a great number of Nigerians understand the profound benefits of the Free Trade Area agreement in the light of the rather intricate interplay of economic theories and their applications as they affect the common man.

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. Commend President Muhammadu Buhari, for his strong political and economic will in accepting to sign the agreement in spite of earlier misgivings which have been put to rest by the Presidential Technical Committee on the matter;

- ii. Urge the federal government to enlighten the Nigeria business community to leverage on the immense benefits of the Agreement;
- iii. Urge the federal government to continue its current policy of improving our infrastructure such as electricity, roads, and other basic necessities in order to bring about reduction in the cost of production and thus make products produced in Nigeria globally competitive; and
- iv. Urge the Federal Government to be the main driving force for the success of Nigeria's membership by ensuring that policies and programmes are in large part consistent with the mission and vision of the Agreement.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

1.	Screening NCC & NIPPS (Ad-Hoc)	Thursday, 11 th July, 2019	2.00pm	Meeting Room 211 Senate New Building
2.	Use of Avastin Injection (Ad-Hoc)	Thursday, 11 th July, 2019	8.00am	National Eye Centre Kaduna