



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

Tuesday, 3rd October, 2023

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1. Prayers
 2. Approval of the Votes and Proceedings
 3. Oaths
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BUSINESS OF THE DAY

PRESENTATION OF BILLS

1. Compulsory Free Universal Basic Education Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (SB. 31) - *First Reading*
Sen. Kalu, Orji Uzor (*Abia North*)
2. Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (SB. 39) - *First Reading*
Sen. Garba, Musa (*Kebbi South*)
3. Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (SB. 56) - *First Reading*
Sen. Aliyu, Wadada Ahmed (*Nasarawa West*)
4. Solid Mineral Producing Area Development Commission (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (SB. 62) - *First Reading*
Sen. Ogoshi, Onawo Mohammed (*Nasarawa South*)
5. Environmental Restoration Agency Bill, 2023 (SB. 99) - *First Reading*
Sen. Asuquo, Ekpenyong (*Cross River South*)
6. Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (SB. 105) - *First Reading*
Sen. Joel, Onowakpo Thomas (*Delta South*)
7. Internal Audit Agency (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (SB. 115) - *First Reading*
Sen. Mohammed, Bomai Ibrahim (*Yobe South*)
8. Nuclear Safety Security and Safeguard Bill, 2023 (SB. 116) - *First Reading*
Sen. Jonah, Williams Eteng (*Cross River Central*)
9. Federal Polytechnic Kabo (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (SB. 125) - *First Reading*
Sen. Barau, Jibrin (*Kano North*)
10. Federal University of Education Bichi, (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (SB. 126) - *First Reading*
Sen. Barau, Jibrin (*Kano North*)
11. Federal University of Education Jamare (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (SB. 127) - *First Reading*
Sen. Barau, Jibrin (*Kano North*)

12. Investment and Security Bill, 2023 (SB. 128) - *First Reading*
Sen. Bamidele, Opeyemi Michael (*Ekiti Central*)
 13. South East Development Commission (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (SB. 129) - *First Reading*
Sen. Ubah, Patrick Ifeanyi (*Anambra South*)
 14. Retirement Age of Magistrates Bill, 2023 (SB. 130) - *First Reading*
Sen. Bamidele, Opeyemi Michael (*Ekiti Central*)
 15. Public Private Partnership Regulatory Commission Bill, 2023 (SB. 131) - *First Reading*
Sen. Ndubueze, Patrick Chiwuba (*Imo North*)
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ORDERS OF THE DAY

MOTIONS

1. Amendment of the Standing Orders of the Senate pursuant to Order 109 of the Senate Standing Orders, 2022 (As Amended).

Sponsor: Sen. Bamidele, Michael Opeyemi (*Ekiti Central-Senate Leader*).

The Senate:

Recall that the Senate Standing Rule was amended on the Saturday 5th August 2023 to create new Committees and other sundry Amendments.

Aware that there are number of issues that require further Amendments to provide for the creation of additional Committees of the Senate in response to emerging developments that will enhance rules of procedure for a sound legislative practice;

Aware that these developments have made it imperative to further amend the Standing Orders of the Senate 2022 (as amended) occasioned by the creation of additional Senate Standing Committees and to have their functions and jurisdictions reflected in the Standing Orders of the Senate;

Further aware that the amendments have been circulated to Senators in accordance with Order 109 Rule 2 of the Senate Standing Orders,

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. *Urge the Senate to consider and approve, as it deems fit, the proposed amendment;*
 - ii. *Enter into the Committee of the Whole to consider the proposed Amendment;*
 - iii. *Approve the proposed amendment as contained therein; and*
 - iv. *Direct the Rules and Business Committee to reprint the Senate Standing Orders with the new amendments.*
2. Urgent Need to Resettle the Displaced People of Gwer-West, Makurdi and Guma Local Governments to their ancestral habitat and to avert imminent humanitarian crisis in Benue State.

Sponsor: Sen. Zam, Titus Tartenger (*Benue North West*)

The Senate:

Notes that the peace loving and great farmers of Gwer-west, Makurdi and Guma Local Government Areas of Benue State have been sacked and displaced by bandits masquerading as herders in the last 7 (seven) years; as a result the people have taken abode at camps under deplorable and excruciating conditions at Naka, Agagbe, Abagena North Bank, Daudu, Umenger, and Gbajimgba of Gwer-west, Makurdi and Guma Local Government Areas respectively;

Also notes that the continued stay of the people at the camps potentially expose them to humanitarian crisis of outbreak of diseases and other health challenges;

Further notes that, statistics from Benue State Emergency Management Agency (BENSEMA) indicated that as at September, 2022, the number of Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) in Benue State had totaled 1, 597,000 persons;

Worried that catering for this huge population is beyond the financial strength of Benue State Government;

Also worried that, between January and October, 2022, 560 (Five Hundred and Sixty) Children living in Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) camps scattered in Gwer-West, Makurdi, Guma and other parts of Benue State were reported by Benue State Emergency Management Agency (BENSEMA) to be malnourished; and

Notes that the immediate past Vice President Prof. Yemi Osinbanjo paid a sympathy visit to Benue State in 2018 as elections were approaching. During the visit, the Vice President promised the people of Benue State the sum of N10, 000, 000, 000.00 (Ten Billion Naira) for the resettlement of the displaced people. A promise that was unfortunately kept in breach,

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. *Direct* the Chief of Defence Staff to immediately facilitate and supervise the quick return of all displaced persons to their ancestral homes and as well provide a sustainable security corridor to all flash points within the affected communities;
 - ii. *Also direct* the Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs and Disaster Management to provide medical, food and other relief materials to the displaced persons; and
 - iii. *Urge* the Federal Government to redeem the N10, 000,000,000.00 (Ten Billion Naira) promise made to the people of Benue State to rebuild the destroyed communities.
3. Urgent Need to end attacks and killings of Security Operatives in Nigeria.
Sponsor: Sen. Nwebonyi, Onyeka Peter (*Ebonyi North*)

The Senate:

Notes the incessant attacks and killings of security operatives by terrorists, bandits, unknown gunmen, insurgents and kidnappers in various parts of Nigeria which has persisted for too long a time;

Further notes that on the 19th of September 2023, about six security operatives comprising soldiers, policemen, and personnel of other security agencies were gruesomely murdered and burnt to ashes in Imo State by unknown gunmen, an act which is utterly condemnable;

Concerned that some of the reasons the country's security operatives suffer such casualties from the men of the underworld are poor equipment and low morale; and

Further concerned that the Imo carnage, as well as other similar occurrences result from the fact that the security operatives had not armoured personnel carriers and superior fire power,

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. *Urge the Federal Government to purchase ten armoured personnel carriers for each of the 774 LGAs and Area Councils in Nigeria for effective security surveillance and proper policing of the country;*
- ii. *Also urge the both the three tiers of government, critical stakeholders, and public officials to make tangible contributions towards realising this objective; and*
- iii. *Further urge Political Office Holders to make personal sacrifices towards achieving this goal.*

4. Unravelling the myth in the Nigerian Oil and Gas Industry.

Sponsor: Sen. Mpigi, Barinada (Rivers South East)

The Senate:

Notes with concern the report of Nigeria Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (NEITI) that over US\$15bn and another ₦200bn are missing and unaccounted for between 2020 and 2021;

Also notes the rising unremitted revenues due to the Federation to the tune of \$9.85bn, total crude Oil and Gas revenue of ₦23.04bn, representing a 13% increase from the total 20.45bn realized in 2020;

Further notes that the unremitted revenues of \$278.81mn earned by the Federation from trial marketing under first exploration and production JV, \$7.61mn from OML 116 operated by Nigeria Petroleum Development Company, and \$5.85bn proceeds from the sales of domestic crude oil including about \$871.15mn unremitted domestic crude sales as of 31st December, 2021;

Aware that during the year under review, a total of 54 companies accounted for a total metered crude oil production of 634.60mn barrels. Out of this, 68.47m barrels were lost to production adjustments, measurement error, and theft/sabotage, leaving a balance of 566.13mn barrels as fossilized production for 2021, which include both crude oil and condensates;

Worried that what government actually received into its coffers from all revenue streams from the Oil and Gas during the period under review is far less deserving; and

Concerned that the inability to unravel the myth in Oil and Gas industries will lead to cynicism, suspicion, and eventually citizens' distrust about the ability of the government to combat high-level official corruption, deter foreign investment and limit growth and development,

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. *Mandate the Committees on Gas and Upstream Petroleum to scrutinize the NEITI report with a view to unravelling the wrought in the oil and gas sector; and*
- ii. *Conduct a holistic investigation into the issues raised in the report.*

5. Urgent Need to Address the Menace of Drug Abuse in Nigeria.

Sponsor: Sen. Babangida Hussain (Jigawa North West)

The Senate:

Note that Nigeria is currently facing a rise in drug abuse which has reached an unprecedented level transforming from a mere transit route in the 1990s, into a country filled with drug abusers and drug traffickers all over its land space, while a population of 30 to 35 million spends approximately \$15,000 and \$30,000 annually on psychotropic drugs and alcoholic beverages, respectively;

Also note that according to a report by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and the European Union on drug use in Nigeria, about 14.3 million Nigerians between the ages of 15 and 64, are drug abusers;

Aware that the report stated that 10.6 million addicts were cannabis users, 4.6 addicts used pharmaceutical opioids and 238 thousand drug abusers used amphetamines;

Also aware that the report further revealed that the prevalence of drug use per geopolitical zone as far back as 2017 shows that the North-West zone accounted for 12% (3,000,000), North-East zone 13.6% (2,090,000), North-Central zone 10.0% (1,500,000), South-West zone 22.4% (4,382,000), South-South zone 16.6% (2,124,000), and the South-East zone 13.8% (1,550,000);

Regret that the main drugs abused in Nigeria are mood altering or psycho active drugs, performance-enhancing drugs, dependency drugs, as well as prescription drugs, whose side effects include addiction, trauma, mental illness and often times resulting in ill health, violence and involvement in criminal activities;

Disturbed that a significant number of deaths from accidents and violent crimes have been traced to the activities of persons under the influence of drugs especially the discovery of more dangerous substances called "Kurkura" in the North and "Umkpromiri" in the South;

Worried that the war against drug abuse carried out by the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency and other relevant institutions of both state and federal governments is not providing the required result, hence the need to include special drug education

Alarmed that the prevalence of drug abuse in Nigeria is a public health challenge which seems to be on the increase despite intervention by international, regional, federal and state bodies through laws, policies and technical supports and will endanger our national development, public safety and family system if urgent action is not taken ;

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. Mandate the Committee on Drugs and Narcotic (when constituted) to engage the NDLEA and NAFDAC to provide updated statistical data on drug abuse in Nigeria;
- ii. Direct the Nigerian Educational Research and Development Council (NERDC) to review the Nigerian Curriculum for basic and secondary education to include special drug education as a compulsory subject in such schools;
- iii. Direct the National Universities Commission (NUC) to make the inclusion of special drug education as a compulsory course in the general studies programme while the National Orientation Agency (NOA) and the Federal Radio Corporation of Nigeria (FRCN) should increase the rate of public campaign against drug abuse in Nigeria.
- iv. Direct the NDLEA to strengthen Regional Cooperation with sister Drug Enforcement Agencies (DEA'S) especially those contiguous to Nigeria (Republics of Niger, Benin, Chad and Cameroon) to stem the inflow of illicit drugs in to the country.
- v. Direct the NDLEA to deepen their engagement and strengthen Inter-Agency collaboration with sister Security Agencies NSCDC, Police, NAFDAC, Immigration and the Military which will foster synergy and effective operational relationship.

vi. Commend NDLEA under the Leadership of General MB Marwa (Rtd) for the renewed vigor and unprecedented successes recorded under his watch; and

vii. Direct Federal Ministry of Health to immediately establish Drug Rehabilitation Centres in all Tertiary Medical Centres across the country.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

No.	Committee	Date	Time	Venue
1.	Trade and Investment	Tuesday, 3 rd October, 2023	2.00pm	Committee Room 221 Senate New Building
2.	Housing and Urban Development	Tuesday, 3 rd October, 2023	2.00pm	Committee Room 301 Senate New Building
3.	Anti-Corruption and Financial Crimes	Wednesday, 4 th October, 2023	2.00pm	Committee Room 211 Senate New Building
4.	Federal Road Maintenance Agency	Wednesday, 4 th October, 2023	4.00pm	Committee Room 107 Senate New Building
5.	Housing and Urban Development	Wednesday, 4 th October, 2023	2.00pm	Committee Room 301 Senate New Building
6.	Petroleum Resources (Upstream)	Wednesday, 4 th October, 2023	2.00pm	Committee Room 204 Senate New Building
7.	Public Accounts	Thursday, 5 th October, 2023 (Inaugural Meeting)	2.00pm	Senate Hearing Room 4 White House Building