



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

Wednesday, 18th October, 2023

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

PRESENTATION OF BILLS

1. Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2023 (SB. 189) - *First Reading*
Sen. Akpabio, Godswill Obot (*Akwa-Ibom Northwest*)
2. National Institute for Electoral Studies (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (SB. 190) - *First Reading*
Sen. Akpabio, Godswill Obot (*Akwa-Ibom Northwest*)
3. Public Complaint Commission Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (SB. 76) - *First Reading*
Sen. Mpigi, Barinada (*Rivers South East*)
4. Federal Lands Registry (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (SB. 178)
- *First Reading*
Sen. Aliyu, Wadada Ahmed (*Nasarawa West*)
5. Agriculture Research Council of Nigeria Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (SB. 179) - *First Reading*
Sen. Jimoh, Ibrahim Folorunsho (*Ondo South*)
6. Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2023 (SB. 182) - *First Reading*
Sen. Moro, Abba Patrick (*Benue South*)
7. Agriculture Research Council of Nigeria Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (SB. 184) - *First Reading*
Sen. Okpebholo, Monday (*Edo Central*)
8. Federal University of Agriculture and Entrepreneurship Bama (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (SB. 185)
- *First Reading*
Sen. Kaka, Shehu Lawan (*Borno Central*)
9. Federal College of Education (Special) Karaye (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (SB. 187) - *First Reading*
Sen. Abdurrahman, Kawu Suleiman (*Kano South*)
10. Cybercrime (Prohibition and Prevention) Act 2015 (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (SB. 188) - *First Reading*
Sen. Buba, Umar Shehu (*Bauchi South*)

ORDERS OF THE DAY
EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS

1. **Confirmation of Nomination.**
Confirmation of the Nomination of Mrs. Halima Shehu for Appointment as National Coordinator and Chief Executive Officer of the National Social Investment Programme Agency.
Sen. Bamidele, Michael Opeyemi (*Ekiti Central-Senate Leader*).
- That the Senate do consider the request of Mr. President, Commander – in - Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, for the confirmation of the nomination of Mrs. Halima Shehu for appointment as National Coordinator and Chief Executive Officer of the National Social Investment Programme Agency in accordance with Section 14 (1) of the National Social Investment Programme Agency Establishment Act 2023
- (*Committee of the Whole*)

2. **Confirmation of Nominations.**
Confirmation of the Nomination of the following persons for Appointment as Chairman and Secretary of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC)
Sen. Bamidele, Opeyemi Michael (*Ekiti Central-Senate Leader*)
-That the Senate do consider the request of Mr. President and Commander – in - Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria on the confirmation of the nomination of the following persons for appointment as Chairman and Secretary of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) in accordance with the provisions of Section 2 (3) of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) Establishment Act 2004.- (*Committee of the Whole*)

S/N	NAME	POSITION
1.	Mr. Ola Olukoyede	Chairman
2.	Mr. Muhammad Hassan Hammajoda	Secretary

MOTIONS

1. **Urgent Need for the settlement of critical Judgment Debt owned by the Federal Government, Ministries, Department and Agencies with Promissory Notes to avoid Garnishee Orders on Federal Government.**

Sponsor: Sen. Saliu, Mustapha (*Kwara Central*)

The Senate:

Aware that various MDAs of Government have incurred substantial judgment debts totaling the sum of \$556,754,584.81, £98,526.17, and N226,281,801,881.64, which put a significant burden on the nation's finances;

Concerned that the judgment debts are top-priority obligations that require prompt resolution to ensure the financial stability and reputation of the government;

Cognizant that many of the entities with enrolled judgment debt orders against the Federal Government have initiated further legal actions that have led to securing Garnishee Order Absolute against the CBN and by extension the Federal Government, seeking the enforcement of the judgment sums directly through the accounts of the Central Bank of Nigeria;

Aware that continued legal proceedings on these matters will further put the country's debt profile in jeopardy as interest and other contingencies charges may be incurred that will give further rise to the already bloated debt burden of the Federal Government; and

Notes also that it is essential to resolve all matters of judgment debt amicably without further hindrance and address these judgment debts responsibly and transparently,

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. *Mandate* the Senate Committee on Finance to comprehensively investigate the veracity of the judgments and exact total debt yet to be liquidated;
 - ii. *Liaise* with all relevant Agencies such as the Federal Ministry of Finance, CBN, the Creditors and others to ascertain the causes of the delays in discharging the judgment orders; and
 - iii. *Finding* lasting solution to the issues of judgment debts and ensure transparency and accountability in the process, recommends ways forward as to liquidating the debts and report back to the Senate within two (2) weeks.
2. Urgent Need to Address the Recurring Issue of Flood-Induced Damages caused by the willful release of water from the Lagdo Dam in Cameroon: The Need for a permanent solution to the problem and restitution for the communities ravaged by the phenomena.

Sponsor: Sen. Binos Dauda Yaroe (*Adamawa South*)

Co-sponsors: Sen. Barinada Mpigi (*Rivers South East*)

Sen. Suleiman Kawu Sumaila (*Kano South*)

Sen. Jarigba A. Jarigbe (*Cross Rivers North*)

Sen. Sunday Stephen Karimi (*Kogi West*)

Sen. Haruna Manu (*Taraba Central*)

Sen. Titus Tartenger Zam (*Benue North West*)

Sen. Abba Moro (*Benue South*)

Sen. Isa Jibrin (*Kogi East*)

Sen. Henry Seriake Dickson (*Bayelsa West*)

Sen. Ubah, Patrick Ifeanyi (*Anambra South*)

Sen. Aminu Iya Abbas (*Adamawa Central*)

Sen. Shuaibu Isa Lau (*Taraba North*)

Sen. Solomon David Jimkuta (*Taraba South*)

Sen. Udende M. Emmanuel (*Benue North East*)

Sen. Ohere Sadiku Abubakar (*Kogi Central*)

The Senate:

Recalls the recent announcement by the Director-General of National Emergency Management Agency that recent release of water by Lagdo Dam in Cameroon will cause more flood disaster downstream the Benue River, which will affect eight States, i.e. Adamawa, Taraba, Benue, Kogi, Anambra, Edo, Delta and Bayelsa States;

Notes that a large portion of the land mass of Adamawa, Taraba, Benue and Kogi States lie within the River Benue trough, which is flooded every rainy season occasioned by natural run-off and discharges mainly from Lagdo Dam;

Notes further that the communities living in the aforementioned River Benue plains engage in the cultivation of different crops both in the wet and dry seasons;

Concerned that the frequency and intensity of hydrological hazards such as flood as being experienced annually from unregulated releases most especially from Lagdo Dam will continue to cause various forms of catastrophic outcomes unless a lasting solution is implemented;

Concerned further that the discharges of water from Lagdo Dam whenever it reaches its critical level often brings about the overflowing of the banks of River Benue inundating flood plains downstream the dam thereby causing great destruction to farmlands, infrastructure and even often resulting in loss of lives;

Notes that the major reason adducible to this malaise is the low channel capacity of River Benue that will allow it hold large volume water due to the high degree of siltation of the river;

Aware that the incessant flooding negates the efforts of thousands of farming population in crop production in the Benue trough, especially the dry season farms, located in the flood plains, such as the Adamawa State Government Dam Irrigation Scheme in Demsa Local Government;

Notes that the aforementioned problems would have been ameliorated if the River Benue was dredged and appropriate Receptors or Buffer Dams in the Upper Benue Region of Nigeria were constructed, into which the

unregulated discharge from Lagdo Dam could be channelled and thereafter released gradually in order to minimize the flooding of the downstream communities;

Notes also that the areas at severe risk of flooding consequent upon the releases from the Lagdo Dam and the natural surface run-off are the riverine local governments in Adamawa, Taraba, Benue, Kogi, Anambra, Edo, Delta, Rivers and Bayelsa States;

Recalls that in 2012, 2015, 2018, 2019, 2022 and this year high incidences of flood along the River Benue trough all the way to Bayelsa State severely affected the communities in the States listed above and this year torrential rains and releases of water from Lagdo has severely flooded and submerged many communities and farmlands rendering many families homeless and helpless;

Concerned that on September 12, 2023 the Federal Government, through the National Flood Early Warning System, issued a flood alert that some parts of the country may witness heavy rainfall resulting in the rise of the water levels of Rivers Benue and Niger, which may lead to flooding; and

Regrets that when Lagdo Dam in Cameroon was to be constructed in the 1980s it was agreed that Nigeria will construct a buffer dam in Dasin Hausa in Fufore Local Government of Adamawa State to serve as a buffer dam to contain spills from Lagdo Dam, but regrettably to date the Dasin Hausa Dam has not been constructed,

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. *Urge* the Federal Government to revisit the Dasin Hausa Dam project with a view to commencing or resuming the construction of the dam by making budgetary provisions starting with the 2024 Federal Budget;
 - ii. *Urge* the Federal Government to intervene, through the Ecological Fund Office, to construct some of the flood prevention structures such as dykes, embankments, levees, and flood measuring devices at key points along the Benue River in order to protect farmlands, infrastructure and downstream communities in the Benue trough;
 - iii. *Call* on the Federal Government through the Inland Waterways Authority to dredge the River Benue from Makurdi all the way to Lagdo Dam (in cooperation with the Republic of Cameroon);
 - iv. *Explore* through the Nigerian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and relevant authorities avenues; and
 - v. *Call* on the National Emergency Management Authority, NEMA, to, in consultation with the State Governments listed, urgently carry out a comprehensive assessments of communities affected by flooding with a view to providing them with relief materials.
3. **Urgent Need to Upgrade the Eastern Rail Line (Traversing Port Harcourt-Enugu-Maiduguri) from Narrow Gauge Rail to Standard Gauge Rail.**

Sponsor: Sen. Umeh, Victor Chukwunonyelu (*Anambra Central*)

Co-Sponsors:

Sen. Abaribe, Enyinnaya Harcourt (*Abia South*)
 Sen. Zam, Titus Tartenger (*Benue North West*)
 Sen. Mwakwong, Simon Davou (*Plateau North*)
 Sen. Asuquo, Ekpenyong (*Cross River South*)
 Sen. Mpigi, Barinada (*Rivers South East*)
 Sen. Monguno, Mohammed Tahir (*Borno North*)
 Sen. Nwoye, Tony (*Anambra North*)
 Sen. Nwebonyi, Onyeka Peter (*Ebonyi North*)
 Sen. Izunaso, Osita Bonaventure (*Imo West*)
 Sen. Jonah, Williams Eteng (*Cross River Central*)
 Sen. Etim, Basse Aniekan (*Akwa-Ibom Northeast*)
 Sen. Ubah, Patrick Ifeanyi (*Anambra South*)

Sen. Ahmed, Abdul Ningi (*Bauchi Central*)
 Sen. Nwokocha, Darlington (*Abia Central*)
 Sen. Ndubueze, Patrick Chiwuba (*Imo North*)
 Sen. Onyesoh, Allwel Heacho (*Rivers East*)
 Sen. Chukwu, Chizoba Kelvin (*Enugu East*)
 Sen. Manu, Haruna (*Taraba Central*)
 Sen. Moro, Abba Patrick (*Benue South*)
 Sen. Kalu, Orji Uzor (*Abia North*)
 Sen. Buba, Umar Shehu (*Bauchi South*)
 Sen. Eze, Kenneth Emeka (*Ebonyi Central*)
 Sen. Okechukwu, Ezea (*Enugu North*)
 Sen. Osita, Ngwu (*Enugu West*)

Sen. Onyewuchi, Ezenwa Francis (*Imo East*)
 Sen. Jonah, Williams Eteng (*Cross River Central*)
 Sen. Dankwambo, Ibrahim Hassan (*Gombe North*)
 Sen. Akwashiki, Godiya (*Nasarawa North*)
 Sen. Onawo, Mohammed Ogoshi (*Nasarawa South*)
 Sen. Sampson, Akpan Ekong (*Akwa-Ibom South*)

Sen. Siyako, Yaro Anthony (*Gombe South*)
 Sen. Ndume, Mohammed Ali (*Borno South*)
 Sen. Kaka, Shehu Lawan (*Borno Central*)
 Sen. Aliyu, Wadada Ahmed (*Nasarawa West*)
 Sen. Jarigba A. Jarigbe (*Cross Rivers North*)
 Sen. David, S. U Jimkuta (*Taraba South*)

The Senate:

Notes that the Eastern Rail Line which serves 4 Geopolitical Zones of South South, South East, North Central and North East, runs from Port Hacourt to Aba, Enugu, Markurdi, Jos to Bauchi, and Maiduguri is the Longest and one of the Oldest Rail Lines in Nigeria;

Notes that the Federal Government resolved in 2017 to modernize and standardize the Nigerian Railway System by building Standard Gauge Rail Lines and the acquisition of Modern Coaches both for passenger movement and goods across the Country;

Also Notes that in 2017 the Federal Government borrowed a loan sum of \$6.8 Billion (US Dollars) for Standardization and Modernization of the Nigerian Railways Network;

Notes Further that in furtherance of this Objective, the Federal Government embarked on Modernization of the following Rail Lines: Abuja-Kaduna, Ajaokuta-Itakpe-Warri, Lagos-Ibadan, Kaduna-Kano and Kano-Maradi in Niger Republic;

Observes that Modernization and Standardization of almost all the above mentioned Rail Lines have been completed or nearing completion and operational with new Coaches, Port Harcourt to Maiduguri Line is the only Narrow Gauge Rail Line in Nigeria;

Further Observes that in April 2022 the Federal Government awarded a failed Contract sum of \$3.2 Billion for Rehabilitation and Reconstruction of a Narrow Gauge Rail Line (instead of Standard Gauge Rail Line) from Port Harcourt to Maiduguri which has been vandalized, abandoned and overgrown with weeds and trees;

Pained that not only that the project failed, but the Chinese contractors partnering with the Federal Government on the project who were expected to provide 85% of the expected funding programme, abandoned the Project without injecting any funds;

Concerned that the Federal Government should as a matter of necessity, national interest and the resultant anxiety of excluding the 4 Geopolitical Zones which the Eastern Rail Line covers, maintain a common Developmental Programme for the country by taking immediate steps to build Standard Gauge Rail Line from Port Harcourt to Maiduguri;

Agrees that the Federal Government should consider involving Public-Private Partnership (PPP) to ensure that modernization and standardization of the Eastern Rail Line is achieved;

Worried that the Federal Government is missing a huge amount of revenue by exclusion of the Eastern Rail Line in the ongoing Railways Standardization and Modernization Programme; and

Convinced that the inclusion of the Eastern Rail Line in the current Modernization and Standardization Programme will enhance sustainable socioeconomic relationships across the Country, and also promote National Integration, and ultimately boost the Economy and give a sense of belonging to all,

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. Call on the Federal Government to upgrade the Eastern Rail Line (traversing Port Harcourt to Maiduguri) from Narrow Gauge Rail to Standard Gauge Rail;*
- ii Call on the Federal Government to make Arrangements for Proper Funding of the Construction of Standard Gauge Rail in the Eastern Rail Line and Acquisition of Modern Coaches; and*

iii **Urge** the Senate Committee on Land Transport to ensure that all the 4 Geopolitical Zone within the Eastern Rail Line Corridor benefit from the ongoing Railways Standardization and Modernization Programme of the Federal Government.

4. **Urgent Need** to investigate the various Turn Around Maintenance (TAM) Projects of Nigerian Refineries in order to uncover waste and forestall further waste of scarce public resources.

Sponsor: Sen. Karimi Sunday Steve (*Kogi West*)

The Senate:

Aware that State owned Refineries in Nigeria have been a serious drain pipe of public finance, depriving the citizens of the joy of being an oil producing nation. Between 2010 to date Nigeria is estimated to have spent ₦11.35 trillion (₦11, 349, 583, 186, 313.40) excluding other cost in other currencies which include \$592, 976, 050.00 dollar, 4, 877, 068.47 Euros and 3, 455, 656.93 Pounds, on renovation of refineries, yet they are unproductive;

Also aware that the Federal Government of Nigeria has spent over N6 Trillion Naira between 2010 and 2020 on fuel subsidy due to Nigeria's Low refining capacity and has spent almost twice the amount on rehabilitating (Turn Around Maintenance Projects) its Refineries in Port Harcourt, Kaduna and Warri between 2010 and 2022. That despite the moribund state of the four refineries, the operating costs of these refineries between 2010 and 2020 is estimated at ₦4.8 Trillion Naira. The refineries are estimated to make cumulative loss of ₦1.64 Trillion within 4years;

Concerned that the Federal Government of Nigeria has carried out rehabilitation projects in Port Harcourt Refinery Company (PHRC) over a period of seven (7) years from 2013-2019 at an estimated cost of ₦12, 161, 237, 811.61 only, in addition, on the 18th March 2021, a rehabilitation Contract was executed between NNPC/PHRC and Tencnimont SPA at a Lump Sum of \$1, 397, 000, 000.00 only (about ₦575Billion Naira) amidst global public criticism. Phase 1 of the Project is expected to be completed in 28th Months after the contract, Phase 2 within 24 months and Phase 3 within 44 months of execution. Despite this, the Port Harcourt Refinery remains a money pit. Going by projections and representations from NNPCCL the renovation works ought to be completed and operations of the Refinery commenced by June 2023;

Perturbed that in a bid to revitalize the Warri Refinery, the Federal Government has injected huge Public funds into revamping Warri Refinery & Petrochemical Company limited to the tune of over ₦28, 219, 110, 067.10 between 2014 and 2019. That particularly, around the 24th June 2022 the Federal Executive Awarded Maintenance Services for Quick Fix Repairs of Warri Refinery to Daewoo Engineering and Construction Limited at \$497, 328, 500.00, yet at the moment the Warri Refinery is inactive. This is different from the 2017 contract award to Saipem Contracting Nigeria Limited for Tech Plant Survey of the Warri and Kaduna Refineries at 2, 025, 000.32 Euros;

Disturbed that the Kaduna Refinery and Petro-Chemical Company (KRPC) has over the past 10years gulped ₦2, 266, 248, 434.00 in the name of rehabilitation, yet the Refinery remains unproductive. Nigerian National Petroleum Company Limited (NNPCL) approved a \$741Million renovation deal with Daewoo Engineering and Construction Limited to renovate Kaduna Refinery in February 2023 and it is intended to restore the refinery to production of 110,000 barrels of petrol per day (at least 60percent capacity) by early 2024; and

Worried that if a thorough investigation of the past and current rehabilitation project is not undertaken by the Senate, the circle of awarding unproductive turn around maintenance contracts may not abate, thereby retaining the *status quo* where rehabilitation contracts have become conduit pipes for siphoning pubic funds, whilst Nigerian citizens continue groaning over the high cost of petroleum products due to the moribund situation of the State owned refineries, even as the World gravitates towards Green/Clean Energy Sources,

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. **Mandate** its Committee on Downstream Petroleum to -
 - a. **Investigate** all Contracts awarded for the rehabilitation of all the State Owned Refineries between 2010 and 2023;

- b. *Ascertain progress on the ongoing works in all refineries in order to forestall waste and corruption and to interrogate the Federal Ministry of Petroleum Resources, The NUPRC, NNPC, BPE on the best approach to commercializing and/or ensuring profitability of the State owned Refineries; and*
- c. *Invite the NNPC, NUPRC and LNG to explain the nation's preparation for Green Energy Sources in line with the Paris Agreement on Climate Change.*

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

No.	Committee	Date	Time	Venue
1.	Health	Wednesday, 18 th October, 2023	2.00pm	Committee Room 327 Senate New Building
2.	Public Accounts	Wed. 18 th & Thur. 19 th October, 2023 (Public Hearing)	2.00pm	Hearing Room 4 White House
3.	Interior	Monday, 23 rd October, 2023	2.00pm	Committee Room 211 Senate New Building
4.	Agriculture Colleges and Institutions	Tuesday, 24 th October, 2023	3.00pm	Committee Room 327 Senate New Building
5.	Communications	Wednesday, 25 th October, 2023	2.00pm	Committee Room 221 Senate New Building
6.	National Security and Intelligence	Wednesday, 25 th October, 2023	2.00pm	Committee Room 211 Senate New Building