



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

Tuesday, 7th May, 2024

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

PRESENTATION OF BILLS

1. Judicial Office Holders (Salaries & Allowances) Bill, 2024 (SB. 419) - *First Reading*
Sen. Bamidele, Michael Opeyemi (*Ekiti Central-Senate Leader*).
 2. Nigerian Council for Psychologists (Establishment) Bill, 2024 (HB. 610) - *First Reading*
Sen. Bamidele, Michael Opeyemi (*Ekiti Central-Senate Leader*).
 3. African Union Development Commission- New Partnership for Africa's Development (Establishment) Bill, 2024 (SB. 413) - *First Reading*
Sen. Nasiru, Sani Zangon Daura (*Katsina North*).
 4. Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2024 (SB. 414) - *First Reading*
Sen. Oyewumi, Kamorudeen Olalere (*Osun West*).
 5. Child's Right Act (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (SB. 415) - *First Reading*
Sen. Barau, Jibrin (*Kano North*).
 6. National Hospital Act (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (SB. 418) - *First Reading*
Sen. Zam, Titus Tartenger (*Benue North West*).
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ORDERS OF THE DAY

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

1. A Bill for an Act to Establish the National Institute for Educational Planning and Administration and other matters connected therewith, 2024 (SB. 267) - *Second Reading*
Sen. Suleiman, Umar Sadiq (*Kwara North*).
2. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal University of Applied Sciences, Manchok, Kaduna State and for other matters connected therewith, 2024 (SB. 13) - *Second Reading*
Sen. Katung, Sunday Marshall (*Kaduna South*).
3. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Revenue, Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission Act, Cap R7, laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and enact the Revenue, Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission to grant the Commission enforcement powers in the monitoring of accruals to and disbursement of revenue from

the Federation account and bring the Act in conformity with the provisions of the 1999 Constitution (as amended) and for other matters related therewith, 2024 (HB. 471) – *Concurrence*
Sen. Bamidele, Michael Opeyemi (*Ekiti Central-Senate Leader*).

4. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Fire Service Act, CAP. F29, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and enact the Federal Fire and Rescue Service (Establishment) Bill; and for related matters, 2024 (HB. 211) – *Concurrence*
Sen. Bamidele, Michael Opeyemi (*Ekiti Central-Senate Leader*).

MOTIONS

1. Urgent Need to revive and complete the stalled Centenary City Project, Abuja to realize it's economic and development potential.

Sponsor: Sen. Yisa, Ashiru Oyelola (*Kwara South*)

The Senate:

Notes that the Abuja Centenary Economic City project commenced in 2014 through a public-private partnership to develop a modern city in the mold of Dubai to commemorate 100 years of Nigeria's amalgamation celebration;

Also Notes that the original vision for the Abuja Centenary Economic City project was for it to serve as a potential economic hub, with plans to create over 150,000 construction jobs, 250,000 permanent well-paying jobs, residential accommodation for over 200,000 residents, and facilities to attract over 500,000 daily visitors among others;

Further Notes that the original estimated investment for the Abuja Centenary Economic City project was 18.5 billion United States Dollars as of 2014, equivalent to the size of Nigeria's national budget at today's exchange rate;

Aware that the Abuja Centenary City was designated as a free trade zone under the regulatory oversight of the Nigerian Export Processing Zones Authority (NEPZA), without prejudice to other statutory agencies like the Federal Capital Territory Administration (FCTA), Abuja Investment Company (AIC) and Abuja Infrastructure Investment Centre (AIIC);

Observes that significant progress has been made on the similarly ambitious \$6billion Eko Atlantic City development project in Lagos. A 25Km² land reclamation project with varied completed residential towers, an 8-lane boulevard, marinas, water treatment facilities, and power infrastructure among others;

Also observes that the Abuja Centenary City project has stalled for almost ten years since its commencement, with developmental estimates of less than 7% of road construction and other critical infrastructure as adjudged by the report of the independent investigation assessment. (November 2023). This falls drastically short of expectations and the original vision of the project's conception;

Concerned that there is ambiguity in regulatory and implementation issues between the concerned stakeholders leading to neglect of the Abuja Centenary Economic City designs blueprint; and

Recognizes that reviving and completing the Abuja Centenary City project will have immense benefits for Nigeria including job creation, elevating Nigeria's profile as an attractive destination for foreign investment, tourism and events, and overall national development,

Accordingly Resolves to:

- i. *Mandate* the Committee on FCT to urgently investigate the factors impeding the completion of the Centenary's City Abuja project;

- ii. *Specifically* task the committees to review the original public-private partnership agreement and recommend amendments, if necessary, to facilitate smooth and expeditious completion of the project within a defined timeframe; and
 - iii. *Urge* the Federal Government to prioritize the revival of the Abuja Centenary City project by providing appropriate support, resolving regulatory issues, and addressing any other impediments, given its beneficial potential to the economy and people of Nigeria after 10 years of stalled progress.
2. Urgent Need to expedite the completion of Wudil-Gaya-Duste Dual Carriage Road on Kano Maiduguri Road.

Sponsor: Sen. Kawu, Suleiman Abdulrahman (*Kano South*)

The Senate:

Notes that the Kano-Maiduguri expressway, a critical artery for transporting people and agricultural goods across several states including Jigawa, Bauchi, Yobe, and Borno, was awarded a dualization contract by the federal government 17 years ago under Chief Olusegun Obasanjo's administration. However, successive administrations have failed to complete this vital project;

Also notes that in 2018, the President Buhari-led administration's commitment to improving road transportation led to the award of so many road contracts to restore many of the dilapidated roads in the country. Among these projects was the renewed contract for the dualization of the Kano-Maiduguri Road;

Aware that a major transportation upgrade is on the horizon! A brand new two-lane highway will be built, along with improvements to the existing road. To tackle this ambitious project, it's been divided into five manageable sections. The first section focuses on the Kano-Wudil-Shuarin Road, while subsequent sections cover progressively connect Shuarin to Azare, Azare to Potiskum, Potiskum to Maiduguri, and finally, Maiduguri to Benishek

Also aware that Section one is the most extensive, spanning roughly 202.73 kilometers. It involves constructing a brand new, up-to-standard two-lane carriageway. This new highway begins in Kano and travel through Wudil and Gaya local government areas (both in Kano State) before reaching its endpoint in Shuarin, Jigawa State;

Cognizant that as an international route linking Nigeria to Chad, Niger, and Cameroon, the Kano-Maiduguri road facilitates cross-border trade. A functional road will lower transportation costs, encourage regional trade partnerships, and attract foreign investment;

Also cognizant that Dantata and Sawoe Construction Company Nigeria Limited was awarded the contract for Section 1. Unfortunately, despite initial work, the project appears to be behind schedule. A large section of the road remains incomplete, stretching from Wudil and Gaya in Kano State all the way to the Jigawa State border;

Worried that the unfinished section between Wudil and Gaya in Kano State is particularly dangerous. Only one lane of the planned dual carriageway is complete, forcing drivers to navigate a single lane in both directions. This significantly increases the risk of accidents;

Also worried that the unfinished section between Wudil and Gaya in Kano State poses a grave danger to drivers. With only one lane completed on a planned two-lane road, it forces vehicles traveling in both directions to navigate a single lane. This is a recipe for disaster, and immediate action is required to finish construction and ensure driver safety;

Disturbed that in a concerning development, all the way back in July 2023, the House of Representatives took action due to the stalled progress on Section 1 of the Kano-Maiduguri road. Following a motion by Yusuf Shittu Galambi highlighting the long delay (the project was originally approved in October 2006!), a committee

was established to investigate the contractor's abandonment of the project. However, it's now May 2024, and there's still no official word from the government regarding the steps taken or planned to address this critical issue. This lack of transparency is deeply worrying for the communities affected by the unfinished road;

Also disturbed that while the other four sections of the road stand complete, Section 1 remains in a shocking state of disrepair. This unfinished stretch poses a constant threat to commuters;

Shocked that this section of the Kano-Maiduguri Expressway has become a notorious hotspot for accidents. These crashes are not just statistically frequent, they are devastatingly tragic. Hundreds of lives have been lost here, and the human cost is immeasurable. The material damage is staggering as well, with accidents causing millions of naira in property loss. Just last month, in April 2024, a horrific accident claimed the lives of 21 people. The victims were burned beyond recognition, a stark reminder of the severity of these incidents. To make matters worse, this dangerous environment provides a haven for criminals who prey on unsuspecting travelers,

Accordingly resolves to:

Mandate the Committee of Works to interact with the Honorable Minister of Works, to address the crux of this motion and any other thing which, in his opinion, can facilitate achieving the objectives.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

No.	Committee	Date	Time	Venue
1.	Review of the 1999 Constitution	Tuesday, 7 th May, 2024	2.00pm	Meeting Room 204 Senate New Building
2.	Interior	Tuesday, 7 th May, 2024	3.00pm	Meeting Room 211 Senate New Building
3.	Solid Minerals Development	Tue. 7 th - Thu. 9 th May, 2024 (Investigative Hearing)	2.00pm	Conference Room 231 Senate New Building
4.	Health (Secondary & Tertiary)	Tue. 7 th - Thu. 9 th May, 2024 (Oversight visit to South South)		
5.	Public Accounts	Tue. 7 th - Thu. 9 th May, 2024 (Public Hearing)	2.00pm	Hearing Room 4 White House
6.	Joint Committees on Health (Secondary & Tertiary) & Education (Tertiary Institutions & TETFUND).	Monday, 13 th May, 2024 (Public Hearing)	12.00noon	Conference Room 231 Senate New Building
7.	Power	Monday, 13 th May, 2024	12.00noon	Meeting Room 439 Senate New Building
8.	Culture, Art and Creative Economy	Tuesday, 14 th May, 2024 (Interactive Meeting)	2.00pm	Meeting Room 204 Senate New Building
9.	Health (Secondary & Tertiary)	Thur. 16 th - Sat. 18 th May, 2024 (Oversight visit to South West)		
10.	Petroleum Resources (Upstream)	Friday, 17 th May, 2024	11.00am	Meeting Room 204 Senate New Building

11.	Petroleum Resources (Upstream)	Thursday, 23 rd May, 2024	3.00pm	Conference Room 231 Senate New Building
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