

MINUTES OF THE INAUGURATION OF PLATEAU STATE COMMITTEE ON EXPORT PROMOTION
SUB-COMMITTEES HELD AT THE CONFERENCE HALL, PLATEAU STATE MINISTRY OF
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, JOS ON THURSDAY, 31ST MARCH, 2022.

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2.0 OPENING

The meeting commenced at about 10:15am with a recitation of the second stanza of the National Anthem as the opening prayer, after which, members of the high table were constituted and all members present introduced themselves.

3.0. WELCOME ADDRESS BY THE NORTH CENTRAL REGIONAL COORDINATOR, NIGERIAN EXPORT PROMOTION COUNCIL, MR. SAMSON A. IDOWU

The RC expressed great pleasure and honour to welcome all Stakeholders of the Plateau State Committee on Export Promotion. The meeting he said, was convened not only to fulfill the statutory requirement of holding SCEP quarterly meetings but to intensify the drive towards the realization of the One-State-One-Product (OSOP) initiative in the state.

He stated that, the meeting was particularly remarkable as Stakeholders the day has been set aside for the inauguration of Sub-committees of the Plateau State SCEP. He continued that, the composition of the sub committees has been statutorily assigned in order of the relevance of the members (Agencies/Associations) to the designated roles of each sub-committee so as to ensure effectiveness for maximum output.

Furthermore, he stated that, the terms of reference will be given to each sub-committee and they are expected to work with timelines for completion so as to track progress of export activities as well as decide the action plan or seek possible ways improvement as the case may be.

He further stated that, the inauguration has been long overdue as Plateau SCEP has not been active for a while but thankful for the reawakening through the last Quarter meeting held in December 2021. With the right mindset, hard work, cooperation and dedication of the Sub-committees, great feats can be achieved in the non-oil export sector in the State and even over take States that are seemingly ahead at the moment.

He also said that, Plateau State has keyed into the implementation of zero oil plan by adopting potatoes and horticulture as both OSOP and alternate One-State-One-product (OSOP) of the Plateau. The questions that must be agitating our mind include how many tonnes of potatoes and horticulture have been exported. The obvious is that painfully not much is being done.

He continued that, though over 265 farmers have been trained in effective production of potatoes. Additionally, NEPC has organized capacity building programs on good agricultural practice on wheat, strawberry, acha among others . Some exporters' products have also been certified in HACCP, FDA and so on. He added that some potential and existing exporters had benefitted from the grant administered by the Council in 2021 .

He said that, through the instrumentality of effectively functional Sub-committees of SCEP, he was confident the non-oil export sector of the State will be revolutionized and boosted. He urged all hands to be on deck to achieve the laudable feat of making the State an export hub.

4.0. KEYNOTE ADDRESS BY THE HON. COMMISSIONER, PLATEAU STATE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, MR IDRIS GAMBO.

In his speech, the Hon. Commissioner expressed gratitude to all Stakeholders and especially the role of NEPC in building the State and Nation at large through export activities. He added that, NEPC have thrown a challenge to the State Government and it is a welcome development.

He informed the meeting that the State government has bought the Inland Dry Container, Hypan, Jos which will boost export activities in the State and in the near future. Thus making Plateau State an export hub for all forms of products in the North Central and other parts of the Country. He further stated that Plateau State has one of the most favourable climate in the country which is an added advantage.

Furthermore, he suggested that the Council should look into expanding the One-State-One Product to cover all the Local Governments in the State as every Local Government is blessed with unique products. He said if the program is expanded, Plateau will have about seventeen products or more to export and not just two. He concluded by thanking all participants once again for their efforts in making the meeting a success and prayed for happy deliberations.

5.0 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 7th December, 2021 were read and corrections were made accordingly. Thereafter, Engr. Kutman Hosea (Min. of Mines & Steel) moved for a motion to adopt the minutes. He was seconded by Mr. Gyang D. Choji (Min. of Commerce & Industry Jos).

6.0. MATTERS ARISING

6.1 INAUGURATION OF SCEP SUB-COMMITTEES

The RC announced that the resolution on the review of roles of the SCEP in non-oil export development, especially as it affects One-State-One-Product (OSOP): a tool to drive implementation of the Zero-Oil Plan of the Nigerian Export Promotion Council was adopted by the National Council on Industry, Trade and Investment at its last meeting held in Abeokuta, Ogun

State, from 24th-28th October, 2016. Therefore, the additional mandates of the SCEP as endorsed by the National Council on Industry, Trade and Investment were as follows:

- Serve as a “think tank” for OSOP implementation strategy and monitoring;
- Work with the NEPC Smart Offices to structure production and marketing activities of grassroots population in Cooperative Societies with a view to attract finances.
- Collaborate with the NEPC to identify and give recognition to off-takers that will be assigned produce/products in the States for coordinated production and export.
- Introduction of representative of the Governor’s Office into SCEP
- Introduction of representative of States’ Youth Council,
- Creation of Sub-committees into SCEP

He announced the membership of the Sub-Committee in the State as follows

6.1.1 Committee on Project Implementation Strategy

I. Representative of the Governor’s Office	Chairman
II. CBN representative	-Vice- chairman
III. Manufacturers Association of Nigeria	Secretary
IV. BOI	-Member
V. BOA	-Member
VI. NAIC	-Member
VII. President of PLACCIMA	-Member
VIII. Federal Ministry of Trade& Investment	-Member
IX. Ministry of Agriculture/PAD	-Member
X. Ministry of Commerce	-Member
XI. All Farmers Association of Nigeria	-Member
XII. Nigeria Customs Service (NCS)	-Member
XIII. ANE	-Member
XIV. NEPC	-Member

6.1.2 Committee on production/Cooperative Societies Formation and Operation

1) Ministry of Agriculture	-Chairman
2) NASSI	-Vice- Chairman
3) All Farmers Association of Nigeria	-Secretary
4) Nigeria Customs Service (NCS)	-Member
5) Ministry of Youth, Women and Social Welfare	-Member
6) Department of Cooperative	-Member

- 7) NASME -Member
- 8) PLACCIMA -Member
- 9) TIC -Member
- 10) Ministry of Solid Mineral -Member
- 11) Ministry of Mine and Steel -Member
- 12) Youth Council -Member
- 13) NEPC -Member

6.1.3 Committee on Product Value Chain, Project Monitoring and Evaluation

- I. Ministry of Commerce -Chairman
- II. NAFDAC -Vice chairman
- III. All Farmers Association of Nigeria- -Secretary
- IV. NASSI
- V. Raw Material Research Development Council -Member
- VI. Ministry of Agriculture -Member
- VII. PLASSIMA -Member
- VIII. SON -Member
- IX. Fed. Ministry of Industry, Trade and Investment -Member
- X. Manufacturers Association of Nigeria -Member
- XI. Ministry of Information -Member
- XII. ANE -Member
- XIII. NEPC -Member

6.1.4 Coordinating Committee

- The Honourable Commissioner (Commerce) --Chairman
- Chairman SCEP -Member
- Sub- Committee Excos -Member
- Secretary of SCEP -Member
- NEPC -Member

6.1.5 TERMS OF REFERENCE

S/N	SUB-COMMITTEES	ROLES	MEMBERS
1	Project Implementation Strategy Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggest, review, finalize on product(s) to be adopted by the State • Set target on what volume/ output to achieve 	As stated above

		<p>as may be dictated by the Off-Takers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the requirements to achieve the target: in terms of land cultivation/farm inputs and numbers of small holders required to cultivate the land • Storage/preservation • Engage in processes of securing off-takers (Local & International) • Source available intervention funds for project activities and implementation • Any other tasks would facilitate export 	
2	Production/Cooperative Society Formation and Operation Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify existing cooperative groups (if any) • Create cooperative groups • Link off-takers with producer's cooperative groups • Supervise the operations of each cooperative group in collaboration with NEPC and relevant Off-Taker(s) • Work on best practices for best product quality (capacity building/training in collaboration with NEPC) • Work on product certification (where necessary), in collaboration with NEPC • Any other tasks would facilitate export 	As stated above

3	Production Value Chain/Project Monitoring and Evaluation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create windows of opportunities in selected product value-chain in collaboration with NEPC and Governor’s Office • Develop templates for monitoring and evaluation on progress of the project • Follow up on project time-lines and activities • Any other tasks would facilitate export 	As stated above)
4	Coordinating Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prompt other sub-committees of their mandates and the need to hold regular meeting. • Receive reports from the sub-committees. • Review reports received and step-up actions to be taken. • Brief the Executive Governor on monthly basis about the progress made and intervention(s) required. • Any other tasks would facilitate export 	As stated above

6.1.6 The Chairperson of SCEP declared the Committees inaugurated and solicited for members support so as to achieve on the mandates promoting non oil export in the State.

7.0. AOB

Mr Simon A. Ago (PADP) suggested that, the executives of the committee should be recognized and their existence should be on record so that they would be accountable.

In response to his suggestion, the temporary executives were elected for committees. He further called the chairmen, vice chairmen and secretaries of the various sub-committees that were present for recognition. It was suggested that there should be a timeline for Sub-Committees to

meet so as to give a report in the next meeting. The house agreed that the Committee should meet after Easter, but the date and time will be communicated.

The RC NEPC said that, a platform will be created for all four sub-committees to aid easy flow of communication.

8.0. VOTE OF THANKS

The State Coordinator, Raw Materials Research and Dev. Council, Mr Peter Adegede gave the closing remark, he appreciated all the organizations present, the Council for the commitment towards the success of the meeting and promotion of export. He applauded the Ministry of Commerce for their commitment and all other agencies present stating that, without their presence the meeting won't be possible. He solicited for the support of agencies that formed the various sub- committees to show commitment in moving the export promotion forward.

9.0 CLOSING

In the absence of any other matter to be discussed, the meeting came to a close at 12: 10 pm with motion for adjournment from members.

