

KATSINA STATE MINISTRY OF BUDGET AND ECONOMIC PLANNING
MINUTES OF A ONE-DAY TOWN HALL MEETING ON CITIZEN
PARTICIPATION ON 2020 BUDGET REVISION HELD ON 29TH JUNE, 2020 AT
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICE COMMISSION CONFERENCE HALL,
KATSINA

1. INTRODUCTION

The **Ministry of Budget and Economic Planning** organized Citizen Participation conference on the 29th June, 2020 at the **Local Government Service Commission Conference Hall**. The meeting was organized to engage participation of Katsina State citizens in the 2020 Budget Review. The need to engage citizens in budget process cannot be overemphasized. Equally important is the need for MDAs to consider the needs and aspirations of people in order to set priorities in producing coherent, transparent and realistic budget.

The Conference was blessed in attendance and representation from officials across the Ministries, Department and Agencies, community leaders, traditional institutions and Civil Society Organizations.

2. WELCOME ADDRESS

The welcome address was delivered by the Special Guest of Honor, Chairman Appropriation Committee, Katsina State House of Assembly, Rt. Hon. Aliyu Sabi'u Muduru. He expressed his profound gratitude to State Government for organizing the event and engaging all relevant stakeholders in the 2020 budget review. Citizens' involvement in Budget review process demonstrated the commitment of State Government and willingness to work together with every individual or groups in strategic planning in order to articulate policies that will deliver results for developmental purposes, he noted.

The Special Guest of Honor encourages the participants to make positive contributions by participating actively in the review process. Their views he noted

will pave way for addressing issues relating to curative and preventive measures to curve the menace of Covid-19 pandemic in the State.

Finally, the chairman wishes the stakeholders fruitful deliberations.

3. OBJECTIVES OF THE MEETING

- To enable the citizens acquire knowledge on budget formulation process
- To foster understanding of how public funds are utilized.
- To incorporate citizens input in the formulation of budget.
- To serve as a platform for citizens participation in budgeting process.

4. PRESENTATION OF LEAD PAPERS

During the meeting a paper with titled “**THE ROLES OF STAKEHOLDERS IN BUDGET PROCESS**” was presented by the Permanent Secretary Ministry of Budget and Economic Planning, Dr. Salisu S. Ladan. He highlighted the Methods, Processes as well as Stages in Budget preparations from citizens’ consultation, formulation, approval, execution and monitoring. This was thoroughly deliberated by the presenter. He further reiterates the vital role of public participation in budget preparation and the whole exercise was aimed at targeting the views, inputs and contributions from the general public and those inputs are converted during the budget formulation.

The Presenter equally solicited for contributions from all stakeholders either verbally or in writing.

5. REVISED BUDGET BRIEFS

The Hon. Commissioner, Ministry of Budget and Economic Planning, Hon. Faruk Lawal briefed the audience on the genesis which brought about the need for the amendment of the 2020 Appropriation Law. He explained that, the review was necessitated by drastic fall in crude oil prices couple with the emergence of COVID-19 pandemic which negatively affects the economy of the world in general, which Nigeria and Katsina State is not an exception. For These reasons Katsina State Government through the MOB&EP resorted to review its budget in order to embrace the current challenges.

He further reiterated that with the shortfall of revenue realizable from the Federal Allocation, the need for State Government to adjust its operational budget, prioritize essentials services/projects and eliminate/reduce non essentials projects, reduce cost of Governance among others. Capital projects that are yet to mobilize were put on hold except the most critical ones like health, education and those with direct bearing on the economy. He challenge the participants to come up with suggestions on how to improve the Internally Generated Revenue and block leakages to cushion the effect arising from the revenue decline.

The table below highlights the budget summary of Original and Revised 2020 Estimates with Covid-19 Expenditure Allocation.

S/No.	Items	Original Budget 2020 (N)	Revised Budget 2020 (N)	Covid-19 Responsive
Receipts				
1.	Statutory Allocation	74,000,000,000	35,722,245,513	
2.	Other FAAC including Excess Crude Oil	41,507,046,095	-	
3.	Value Added Tax	30,000,000,000	23,127,611,453	
4.	Internally Generated Revenue	11,736,860,000	11,736,860,000	
5.	Other Internal Revenue	30,601,465,865	30,501,465,865	
6.	Forex Equalization (Federal Workers PAYE)	-	7,072,400,744	
7.	Internal Grants including Citizens Contribution	6,326,766,730	10,538,108,874	

8.	External Grants including SFTAS & CARES	12,379,765,305	20,587,765,305	
9.	Internal Loans	-	2,000,000,000	
10.	External Loans	33,255,453,905	31,791,374,173	
11.	Opening Balance	5,000,000,000	5,000,000,000	
12.	Total Receipts	244,807,357,900	178,077,831,927	
Expenditure				
13.	Personnel Costs	34,864,136,515	32,364,136,515	8,368,233,145
14.	Overhead Costs	21,703,057,930	17,613,716,772	749,481,321
15.	Consolidated Revenue Fund Charges	18,926,919,670	18,426,919,670	-
16.	Debt Servicing	7,590,000,000	6,045,000,000	
17.	Economic Sector	46,784,347,930	26,599,837,578	6,364,400,900
18.	Social Sector	46,215,869,840	38,826,940,547	9,307,229,460
19.	Regional Sector	58,303,854,760	33,600,461,640	3,641,650,000
20.	Administrative Sector	9,432,671,255	7,266,230,454	-
21.	Law and Justice	986,500,000	886,500,000	-
22.	Total Expenditure	244,807,357,900	181,629,743,176	28,430,993,926

While making his final remarks, the Hon Commissioner disclosed that, this supplementary budget is expected to introduce certain recovery measures as a result of Covid-19 pandemic both economically and socially. It was on this basis the citizen participation is elicited to formulate citizens' budget.

23. INTERACTIVE SESSION

The contributions and comments were made by various NGOs during the interactive session with representation from:

- Katsina Budget Awareness,
- NUJ Chapter Katsina,
- Gender and Social Inclusion Association Katsina,
- Coalition of Civil Society Organizations,
- Katsina Members of NPower and SPower,
- Religious Associations,
- Health Advocacy Group,
- Welders and Fabricators Association

The participants appreciated the session and thanked the organizers for creating a conducive atmosphere in view of the Covid-19 pandemic and acknowledge the willingness of Government to accept their views, contributions and the way forward particularly in areas like project monitoring and revenue generations.

24. INPUTS INTO THE 2020 BUDGET REVIEW

- The participants appeal for continuous citizens engagement in budget process.
- The participants require proper continuous engagement of CSOs, NGOs by Government in project monitoring.
- Periodic meetings on projects performance review between the Government and NGOs for proper assessment.
- The need for intensive sensitization on revenue collection drive and utilization through enlightenment campaigns was advocated.
- The need for gender sensitivity was emphasize.
- Women and Children needs be given special attention in the revised budget.
- Needs of vulnerable and disable people be considered in the revised budget.

Finally, after the interactive session and deliberations, the Honourable Commissioner noted the contributions made by all stakeholders. He assured them that, all the issues raised will form the basis of the review. He equally, promised continuous engagement of citizens in subsequent budgetary process.

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