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#### From the Editor-in-Chief

nsuring the socio-economic well-being of all Nigerians has been a fundamental objective of this administration. Various sustainable economic diversification programmes under the Economic Recovery and Growth Plan, ERGP, have been implemented pursuant to this sustainable policy.

Among them were the SME clinics for farmers and traders; the Social Inclusive Programmes of N-Power, Conditional Cash Transfer, School Feeding Programme, Trader moni, Youth Empowerment, Provision of relief and empowerment to IDPs.

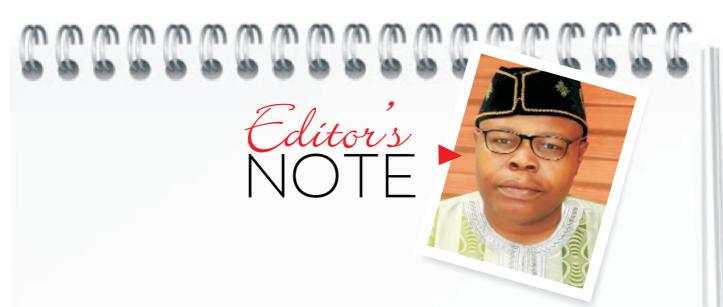
The Federal Government recently extended these empowerment initiatives to cover more citizens in the informal economy, through the launch of the Micro-Pension plan. A continuation of the administration's social inclusiveness programme, it is designed to complement other measures in enhancing the wellbeing and dignity of all citizens, from birth through working age to retirement in old age; guaranteeing a life of comfort.

Engaging traditional and religious leaders in a consistently positive and participatory manner in decision-making has had a salutary, beneficial and appreciable impact on the efforts of Government to promote religious tolerance and national cohesion. It has indeed carved a well-deserved role for the custodians of our national values and culture in the nation's deepening democratic system of Governance. Government has worked closely with the Inter-Religious Council to address the menace of widespread drug and substance abuse, particularly amongst young people.

Government's commitment to effectively eliminating corruption from the socio-economic fabric of the nation is integral to its commitment in improving the wellbeing of the people. Corruption has been the bane of all development efforts since independence. Hence, the resolve of the administration to tacking it in all its ramifications.

It is logical to suggest that the re-election of Mr. President for a second term is an approbation of his understanding of the problems of the country, and the strategies for solving them, in an holistic and transparent manner.

The appointment of the Secretary to the Government of the Federation, Boss Mustapha as the Chairman of the 2019 Presidential Inauguration Committee is a tribute to his high level of patriotism, political acumen and administrative finesse in steering the affairs of the Office of the Secretary to the Government of the Federation at a critical time in the life of this administration. The office will continue to provide dedicated and selfless service in the coordination, articulation, and implementation of Government policies; policies and strategies required to remould and transform our country to the next level in sustainable socio-economic transformation.



since the return of democracy in Nigeria in 1999, every four years where elections are organized, there is always tension, palpable fear and suspicion. 2019 was no exception as some people had fear for their lives and thought the country will implode.

Political pundits made predictions as to which political party would win. Campaign adverts rent the air: from North to South, East to West. Outdoor post bills were everywhere. The new media, also known as, social media was pervasive. Both the old politicians and the new entrants embraced the technology. It was more than fun!

At the end of it all, the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) announced the results. President Muhammadu Buhari was announced the winner and given a fresh mandate of four years to govern the country.

Our cover page gives attention to the re-election of President Muhammadu Buhari as the Secretary to the Government of the Federation, Boss Mustapha, aptly refers to it as "proof of citizen friendly government."

The issue of pension has always been a thorny one in the country. Those in the organised Private sector and others who are self-employed have been agonising over this vexed issue for years now.

But the government of President Muhammadu Buhari has shown his good intentions to expand the coverage of the contributory pension scheme to include individuals in the private sector and millions of self-employed Nigerians. This is a readers' delight.

The SGF in this edition doles out stern warning to contractors who are in the habit of undertaking shoddy jobs and fired them a red card!

During the period, the Secretary to the Government of the Federation, Boss Mustapha, used the opportunity of the visit by the British High Commissioner to Nigeria, Her Excellency, Ms. Catriona Laing to strengthen ties with the United Kingdom.

The issue of the reduction in road crashes in the country is giving the Federal Road Safety Corps a serious headache. The Corps Marshal, Dr. Boboye Oyeyemi is working assiduously to stem the tide. In this regard, the United Nations, Economic Commission for Europe was in the country to build capacity of stakeholders on acceded legal instruments covering the 1968 Conventions in Road Traffic and Road Signs and Signals.

Also, the Office of the Secretary to the Government of the Federation, was blessed to have newly appointed Permanent Secretaries posted to it. They are Babatunde Lawal, Cabinet Affairs Office and Engr. Festus Narai Daudu, Special Duties Office.

The Permanent Secretary, General Services Office, Olusegun Adekunle Esq. on behalf of the SGF made bold the commitment of the Federal Government to boost road transportation in the country. Its partnership with the Road Transport Employers Association, RTEA was concretised as the first phase of fleet of vehicles were inaugurated.

Finally, enjoy the Photo Splash section where five hard working staff of the OSGF were given the 2019 Epic Award by the Head of the Civil Service of the Federation, Mrs. Winifred Ekanem Oyo-Ita.

It is a quarter packed with interesting events and stories. Happy reading!

**Willie Bassey** Editor



### **Buhari Deserves Victory** -SGF

he re-election of the President Muhammadu Buhari, for a second term in office is well deserved, in the estimation of the Secretary to the Government of the Federation, Boss Mustapha.

The SGF, reacting to the official proclamation of Buhari as winner of the February presidential election by the Independent National Electoral Commission, said the victory over the leading opposition candidate, Alhaji Abubakar Atiku, clearly demonstrates the faith Nigerians have in the ability and leadership style of President Buhari in his first term.

"As you can see and feel the excitement in their celebration nationwide; it is a big victory for democracy and for Nigeria and Nigerians. The people of Nigeria have spoken through their votes, this victory has renewed their faith and trust in the person of Buhari, having seen how he piloted the affairs of this country in the last three and half years," said Mustapha.

He assured Nigerians that the three promises made by President Buhari on security, fight against corruption and diversifying the economy are well on track even as he admitted the protracted nature of the challenges of insecurity. "This administration inherited insecurity in its first term. In 2015, about 17 Local government spread across three states of the North-east geo-political zone were under the control of Boko Haram, but at present, peace has been restored to those affected areas with the assurance from the President that the whole country will be secured," he explained.

He said effort at economic diversification is yielding results and specifically listed interventions as N-Power, the conditional cash transfer, the school feeding programme and Trader Moni as social infrastructures that have impacted positively in the lives of Nigerians.

Mustapha promised that the new minimum wage will be implemented with the ratification of the National Assembly; adding that President meant well and desires to give the working class a wage that is reasonable.

"You recall that President has been a state governor, a minister of petroleum resources, chairman of Petroleum Trust Fund and a former military head of state. He is so broad in his livelihood and not given to any conspicuous consumption. You don't find this type of people as they come very rare in a generation. You can see the drive in his person," said the SGF.



# BUHARI LAUNCHES MICRO PENSION PLAN

#### **Promises Nigerians Decent Living after Retirement**

etermined to pursue sustainable economic diversification, the Buhari Administration has expanded coverage of the contributory pension scheme to cover individuals in the private sector, especially millions of self-employed Nigerians.

In demonstration of his commitment to the welfare of all, President Muhammadu Buhari in March, personally launched the Micro Pension Plan at the Aso Villa, Abuja, where he bemoaned the exclusion of millions of traders, farmers and other entrepreneurs in various cottage industries from hitherto existing pension schemes.

President Buhari said economic inclusiveness will be achieved when government creates the

enabling environment for farmers, entrepreneurs and those engaged in small and medium enterprises. Such conviction has shaped government policies in the past three years, with the provision of grants, concessionary loans and technical support through SME clinics to farmers, traders and small enterprises.

While thumping his chest on the impact of these initiatives, the president identified the Micro Pension Plan as the natural next step because "it guarantees that when these hard working citizens retire, they can still live in dignity and comfort."

President Buhari also described the scheme as a "pension product for self-employed Nigerians and those working in the informal sector of our

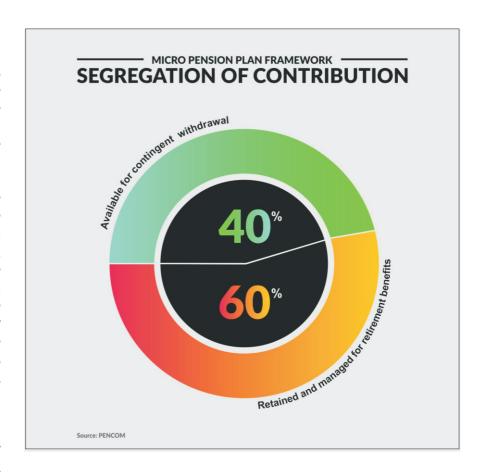
# PMB: Self-employed, Others Target of New Pension Scheme

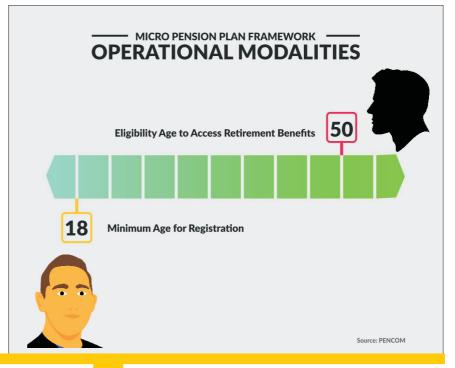
economy" even as he urged trade associations, non-governmental organizations and sundry stakeholders in the informal sector to embrace the plan and also enlighten their members and the general public on its benefits.

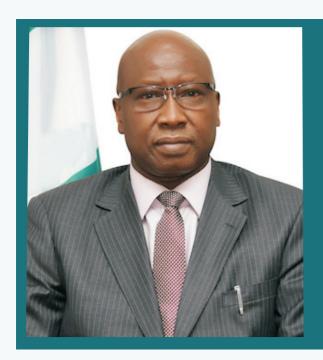
He promised a hitch free implementation of the scheme by the National Pension Commission to ensure a successful roll-out of the product by the pension operators and directed the Financial System Strategy 2020 to support this initiative within the framework of its activities especially as it relates to financial inclusion.

"In addition to this program, we are also working tirelessly to sanitize some of the rot within the pension system we inherited. I want to assure all Nigerians that this Government remains committed to resolving all pending issues on pension payment in the federal public sector despite the lean resources of government.

"The dignity of retired public servants who sacrificed their lives for this country will be restored. We will ensure all hard working Nigerians in the private sector, both formal and informal, can retire without fear," the President assured.







# FG Warns Contractors Against Shoddy Jobs

ontractors who cut corners while handling jobs issued by the Federal Government must now have a rethink as government will henceforth blacklist such behavior.

Secretary to the Government of the Federation, Boss Mustapha, has warned that payment will not be made for any zonal intervention and constituency projects not executed satisfactorily according to specifications. He spoke at the opening of a stakeholders interactive forum on the implementation of zonal intervention and constituency projects, in Abuja.

The forum brought together stakeholders to discuss critical issues emanating from previous verification, monitoring and evaluation of constituency projects across the country.

Represented by the Permanent Secretary, Special Services Office, Dr. Amina Bello Shamaki, the SGF said that contractors handling the various projects will only be paid after passing the litmus test on monitoring, evaluation and verification by the OSGF.

The SGF also canvassed collaboration among stakeholders to ensure synergy in the selection, execution, monitoring, evaluation and verification of constituency projects which he described as avenues to speedy grassroots development.

"Payments for the contracts under the Zonal intervention/Constituency projects will be made

based on satisfactory performance in order to ensure value for money.

"Furthermore, contractors handling Zonal intervention/ Constituency projects shall only be paid upon authorization by the OSGF. I will seek your co-operation to carry out this important exercise diligently and effectively, bearing in mind that the whole essence is to ensure accountability and transparency," the SGF explained.

The SGF observed that the supervision of the Constituency projects by the OSGF is aimed at ensuring that these projects are not abandoned even when members of the National Assembly who facilitated them leave office.

Permanent Secretary, Special Duties Office, Engr. Festus Daudu, reiterated the need for collaboration between members of the National Assembly and the Executive in the implementation of the intervention and constituency projects.

He urged members of National Assembly to ensure deep commitment to the projects, as they were veritable tools of spreading democratic dividends to the grassroots.

The government had last year warned that sanctions will be imposed on Ministries, Departments and Agencies who pay for constituency projects without clearance from the Office of the Secretary to the Government of the Federation.



The Secretary to the Government of the Federation, Boss Mustapha, and stakeholders of Nigeria Inter-Religious Council, NIREC, at the 2nd Quarterly Meeting in Abuja.

# FG Praises NIREC for Promoting Tolerance

he Federal Government recognizes the role of religious leaders in promoting peace and tolerance among the diverse tribes, cultures and interests across the country.

Secretary to the Government of the Federation, Boss Mustapha, while opening the second quarterly meeting of the Nigeria Inter-Religious Council, NIREC, in Abuja, praised the efforts of religious leaders in minimizing political disturbance after the last general elections.

"I have no doubt in the sincerity of our religious leaders in their resolve to influence the politicians of all faiths, to grow, promote and sustain a united Nigeria," the SGF said and challenged the council to foster a peaceful and united Nigeria.

He urged NIREC to pay attention to

repositioning Nigeria in promoting "the common good of the nation and not the contest for supremacy between different religions" and also preach against the use of drugs and substance abuse, especially amongst young people..

He promised that his office will continue to collaborate with all various faith-based organisations and traditional rulers through the Council to address challenges facing the country.

The SGF thanked the President-General of the Nigerian National Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs, Muhammadu Sa'ad Abubakar 111; the President of the Christian Association of Nigeria, Rev. (Dr.) Samson Ayokunle and the Executive Secretary of NIREC, Prof. Cornelius Omonokhua for institutionalizing the roles of religious leaders.



### Nigeria, UK Must Sustain Ties, says Mustapha

t is mutually rewarding for Nigeria and the United Kingdom to nurture and sustain their longstanding relationship spanning many decades, the Secretary to the Government of the Federation, Boss Mustapha has advised.

Receiving the Director for Africa, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, United Kingdom, Her Excellency, Harriet Mathews, who came on a courtesy visit, Mustapha said such visits will further strengthen the bond between the two countries. He recalled that Nigeria, a former British colony, has enjoyed collaborative efforts and support, hence the need to keep the ties.

Mustapha thanked the British Government for identifying with the re-election of President Muhammadu Buhari, a feat made possible by his tremendous achievements in the last three years. He listed them as the degrading of Boko Haram insurgents



Secretary to the Government of the Federation, Boss Mustapha and Her Excellency, Ms. Catriona Laing, British High Commissioner to Nigeria during a courtesy call on Tuesday March 26, 2019.

in the North East; the success story on the anti-corruption crusade with huge recovery and the government's economic diversification policy which has positively boosted agricultural production.

The SGF noted that the agricultural policy of the Buhari Administration has made Nigeria one of the major producers of rice in Africa adding

that, with the population of about 250 million, Nigeria believes in contributing directly to investment globally.

He solicited the support of the United Kingdom in the provision of hardware, the empowerment of the IDPs, the repatriation of stolen funds stashed away in foreign banks and institutional capacity to enable Nigeria's institutions fight corruption effectively.

Ms Harriet Mathews congratulated President Buhari for securing a second term in office. She identified the North East as an area of concern to the Commission which is poised to offer humanitarian services to the Internally Displaced Persons.

She said the Foreign and Commonwealth Office is a department of the government of the United Kingdom with the core mandate of protecting and promoting British interests worldwide.

The British High Commissioner to Nigeria, Her Excellency, Ms. Catriona Laing promised to sustain the existing bilateral relations with Nigeria.



Secretary to the Government of the Federation, Boss Mustapha, presents a souvenir to Her Excellency, Harriet Mathews, Director for Africa, Foreign & Commonwealth Office, United Kingdom while Her Excellency, Ms. Catriona Laing, British High Commissioner to Nigeria looks on.

## New Micro Pension Plan, Bid to Cover the Informal Sector - SGF

he micro pension scheme launched recently by President Muhammadu Buhari is aimed at capturing the informal sector in pension administration and expanding sources of investible funds to drive economic development.

Secretary to the Government of the Federation, Boss Mustapha, at the occasion in Abuja, said the innovation will enable workers in the private sector with less than three employees as well as self-employed individuals to participate as contributors under the Contributory Pension Scheme in line with guidelines of the National Pension Commission, PenCom.

"The Micro Pension Plan is an initiative under the Contributory Pension Scheme developed with the strategic objective of expanding the pension coverage to the informal sector of the Nigerian economy," he explained.

The launch signifies the beginning of marketing and enrolment of participants into the Micro Pension Plan by licensed pension operators. In a few years the scheme is expected to cover more Nigerians and "boost the quantum of the pool of long-term pension assets available for economic development," said Mustapha.

"This narrative aligns perfectly with this Administration's policy on refocusing the economy on the path of diversification and sustainable growth," said the SGF who described the occasion as another important milestone in the development of Nigeria's pension system.

Mustapha thanked President Buhari for lending political support to the scheme with his attendance and formal launch of the product



developed by the PenCom in line with the provisions of Section 2(3) of the Pension Reform Act 2014.

The guidelines for Micro Pension Plan, already issued by the commission, established a uniform set of rules for the operational modalities of the Pension Plan, defined roles and responsibilities of stakeholders and outlined the minimum requirements for participation by licensed Pension Fund Administrators and Custodians.

The guidelines established eligibility criteria for participation and the process of registration of prospective contributors, defined the process of remitting contributions, provided the criteria for managing the Micro Pension Fund and also outlined the mode of accessing benefits under the plan.

It is recalled that in 2004, Nigeria adopted the Contributory Pension Scheme due to the obvious advantages of the model, including its sustainability as a system, robust legal and institutional framework that eliminates incentives for corruption.

## **Daudu Advocates Responsive, Smart Agencies**

undry issues impacting the smooth operations of agencies under the Special Duties arm of the OSGF will be handled promptly in line with the tenets of Servicom, the Permanent Secretary, Special Duties Office, Engr. Festus Yusufu Narai Daudu has promised.

At an interactive forum with the management of agencies under his supervision shortly on assumption of office, Engr. Daudu urged every public officer to think as a manager in tackling the challenges of service delivery. He asked the managers of the three agencies to embrace team building and cooperate with the Special Duties Office.

The chief executives of Nigerian National Merit Awards, National Lottery Regulatory Commission and National Commission for Refugees, Migrants and Internally Displaced Persons congratulated him on his new appointment while agreeing to work with him for the overall development of the country.

A number of issues were raised during the interactive sessions. It was resolved that the National Lottery Trust Fund will explore all avenues to generate more revenue as a moneyspinning industry.

Besides, Engr. Daudu called for



Engr. Festus Yusufu Narai Daudu

the revision of the action plan/road map of the National Lottery Regulatory Commission and the National Lottery Trust Fund for smarter regulation of the industry in the area of tax remittances to the Federal Government in order to move the sector forward. He also advocated for harmonization of the roles of both agencies to avoid conflicts.

The permanent secretary suggested a proactive public and media relations offensive by the two agencies to enhance public awareness through aggressive media campaigns in order to get the buy-in of the general public.

The chief executives identified office accommodation, inadequate funds, need for the revision of policies in the establishment of the agencies as major challenges hindering the performance of their agencies.

Present at the various briefing sessions were the Chief Executive of the National Lottery Trust Fund, Alhaji Bello Maigari; Ag. Secretary of NNMA, Mr. Namadi Ibrahim; Federal Commissioner of National Commission For Refugees, Migrants and Internally Displaced Persons, Hajia Sadiya Umar Faroug in the company of their management staff.



The Secretary to the Government of the Federation, Boss Mustapha, receives UN Team from Geneva who are in Nigeria to conduct Capacity Building Programme for road traffic stakeholders...recently.

# SGF Restates Commitment to Road Safety

n demonstration of deep commitment to global road safety management, Abuja recently hosted the Second National Workshop on Activation of International Legal Instruments on Road Safety.

Secretary to the Government of the Federation, Boss Mustapha, while opening the workshop emphasized the zeal to build effective transport policies and strengthen the framework for sustainable road safety system in the country.

The forum is part of global drive and conviction that by end of next year, efforts would be concentrated on stabilizing and then reducing global road traffic fatalities by half.

This is consistent with the United Nations General Assembly resolution 64/255 of March 2010 which dedicated the year 2011-2020 as UN Decade of Action for Road Safety.

Mustapha recalled two decades of deliberate efforts, through the Federal Road Safety Commission towards controlling, coordinating and supervising road traffic. These have greatly minimized conflicts, congestions and crashes with the attendant injuries, deaths and other ugly consequences on the roads.

"It is a fact that the FRSC, from inception in 1988,

adopted a combination of education campaigns and other multi-dimensional best practice initiatives to progressively reduce the rate and severity of road traffic crashes in Nigeria.

"Credible statistics reveal that road traffic crashes across the country have been brought down from 25,792 at inception to 9,383 at the end of 2017. Crash fatality in the country has equally plummeted from 9,077 to 5,121 within the same period. Nigeria is comfortably on course towards achieving the Decade of Action mandate to reduce the projected national road crash fatality by 50% by the end of 2020 using year 2010 baseline figure of 6,052," revealed the SGF.

He disclosed efforts to produce the second edition of Nigeria Road Safety Strategy (NRSS) 2018-2022, a document designed to strengthen a comprehensive and coordinated national approach aimed at harmonizing the efforts of various road safety stakeholders in the country.

While enumerating experiences gained in last five years, the SGF said implementation of the first NRSS (2014-2018) have been insightful and highly rewarding and expressed delight in the fruitful partnership with the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe on capacity building.

Mustapha promised that Nigeria will live up to its

responsibilities in discharging its obligations by complying with all relevant international conventions, treaties and agreements.

"We particularly understand the importance of capacity building for global best practices on activation of the UN Road Safety Legal Instruments acceded to by Nigeria," said Mustapha who also identified the accession to five legal instruments as a giant effort that now places Nigeria on an enviable position as the 12th country in Africa and 78th the world who have endorsed the UN Conventions on Road Safety.

"The Instruments signed by President Muhammadu Buhari in October, last year, was promptly deposited at the UN Chief Treaty Office of Legal Affairs. It is pertinent to add that the accession to these legal instruments, places Nigeria on an enviable position as the 12th country in Africa and 78th the world over to have acceded to 11 UN Conventions on Road Safety," he said.

He praised the support of the UN Secretary General's Special Envoy on Road Safety; the Sustainable Transport Department of the United **Nations Economic Commission for** Europe, UNECE; as well as the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, UNECA, for their continuous support to road safety efforts in Nigeria even as he expressed optimism that the workshop "will provide adequate insights that will be beneficial to Nigeria for implementing the newly acceded legal instruments covering the 1968 Conventions on Road Traffic and Road Signs and Signals; 1958, 1977 and 1998 Vehicle Regulation

#### Road Safety Management:

# Nigeria Ready to Comply With International Agreements

Agreements; and the 1957 Agreements on the Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road."

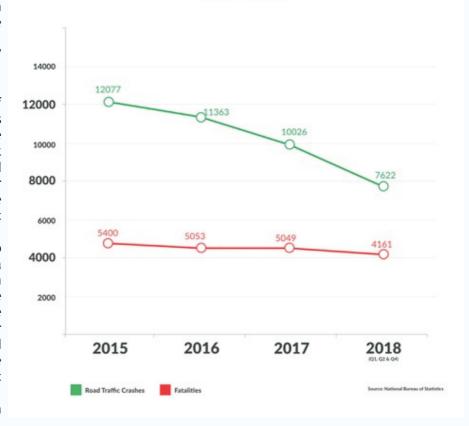
Mustapha sought further international assistance and expert guidance of the Special Envoy, UNECE, UNECA, and the World Bank for the actualization of the African Treaty on Road Safety.

He also emphasized the cooperation of all state governments on the establishment of Traffic

Management Agencies to enable Nigeria consolidate on the efforts towards a solid national road safety system.

"It is also advisable for other States of the Federation to emulate the foresight and proactive disposition of the Federal Capital Territory Administration to the periodic vehicle testing and inspections by establishing Automated Vehicle Inspection Centre," the SGF said.

#### Road Traffic Crashes (RTC) Cases 2015 - 2018





Participants of the Executive Intelligence Management Course 12, Institute of Security Studies during their visit to the OSGF.

# SGF Blames Regional Conflicts on Scarce Resources

he need for capacity building on modern trends in security operations, administration and management cannot be overemphasized considering the spate of insecurity facing the nation and the sub-region, the Secretary to the Government of the Federation, Mr. Boss Mustapha has advised.

Such challenges require devising more robust and effective tools for handling emergent issues already in focus by The Institute for Security Studies, which members came calling recently to the OSGF.

The Permanent Secretary, Special Services Offices, Dr. Amina M. B. Shamaki, who received members of the Executive Intelligence Management Course 12, of the institute on behalf of the SGF emphasized the linkage between good governance and the assignment of the group. It is working on "Transhumance and International Migration: Challenges of Good Governance, Peace and Sustainable Development in Sub-Saharan Africa".

"It goes without saying that good governance is germane to sustainable development, peace and security of any nation. Accordingly, policies and programmes of government should be inclusive, participatory, transparent and accountable," said Dr. Shamaki.

She said the frequent clashes between farmers and herdsmen in Nigeria as in most West African countries depict the contemporary security challenges across the country and the sub-region even as she identified ingredients fuelling the conflicts as reduction of surface water resources, reduced grazing areas, population growth and competition between crop farmers and livestock producers. These factors, she explained, induce the cross-border transhumance which negates peace, security and good governance.

"To address some of these challenges, innovative local initiatives are being developed in many parts of West Africa in order to facilitate and protect livestock mobility", she disclosed and listed steps taken by the Federal Government to mitigate the conflicts. These include: increasing stakeholders consultation towards the development of the identified 450 grazing reserves being provided with facilities and security; rehabilitation of the victims of the communal clashes in some parts of the country; and increased surveillance and operations to deal with the challenges.

Dr. Shamaki also identified poverty induced by bad governance as a catalyst for emigration, even as she praised the Buhari Administration for embarking on various development efforts which should discourage the crave for seeking greener pastures in developed countries. "The rapid economic growth experienced in the last three years and with resolve of its sustenance by the current administration, prospective migrants would be encouraged to remain at home," she reasoned.

# SGF: Scarce Resources Cause of National and Regional Conflicts

She listed some of the growth drivers of the economy undertaken by this administration as diversification of the economy from reliance on crude oil, to developing other sectors like solid minerals, agriculture, manufacturing, tourism and entertainment; massive provision of critical infrastructure including construction of roads and rails as well as power generation project; scaling up efforts aimed at the ease of doing business to encourage foreign investors who in turn, provide employment opportunities for our youths; issuing various Executive Orders (EOs) especially, EO:05 to encourage the engagement of local professionals particularly, in the execution of contracts and the patronage of local products.

Dr. Shamaki also praised the Buhari Administration for: Revolution in Agriculture where Nigeria is moving towards food sufficiency.

Nigeria's import of rice for instance, has reduced considerably, and we have overtaken Egypt to become number one in rice production in Africa with attendant implication on employment, productive capacity and poverty reduction.

Various Social Intervention Programmes such as N-power, Tradermoni, Government Enterprise and Empowerment Programme, Presidential Youth Empowerment Scheme, School Feeding Programme, and Graduate Employment Programme.

Similar feats are being gradually, recorded in the educational, health, telecommunications and



From left: Permanent Secretary, Cabinet Affairs Office, Mr. Babatunde Lawal; Permanent Secretary, Special Duties Office, Engr. Festus Yusufu Narai Daudu; Permanent Secretary, Special Services Office, Dr. Amina M.B. Shamaki and Director, Institute for Security Studies, Ayodele Adeleke when members of the Institute of Security Studies visited the OSGF.

other sectors of the economy; Collaboration between the lead agencies - National Commission for Refugees, Migrants and Internally Displaced Persons and the National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons as well as the National Orientation Agency, in conjunction with State Governments in sensitizing, educating and discouraging illegal migrations.

Collaboration between lead agencies and the International Organisation for Migration and other international bodies, to deal with the domestication of policy and international protocols on migrations.

While recognizing the existence of regional and international efforts on migration and human trafficking, Dr. Shamaki identified gaps in legislations and protocols which are impacting the attainment of the Sustainable Development Goals. She offered some suggestion on how to reverse the trend.

These include stemming brain drain by governments in Sub-Sahara Africa; mainstreaming the E C O W A S regulating to the implementation of cross-border Transhumance between ECOWAS Member States; and identifying, developing and implementing cross-border regional programs on transhumance infrastructure along identified transhumance corridors in Sub-Sahara Africa.

"Government has the strong desire to reduce the spate of the worrisome levels of security and economic challenges occasioned by the transhumance and international migration phenomena," the permanent secretary disclosed and advised the group to brainstorm on the determinants of international migration in order to establish the driving factors of migration and also embark on a specific study on range-based livestock systems including pastoralism and ranching to address the frequent clashes between herders and farmers.



From left, Chairman of the Presidential Advisory Committee on the Elimination of Drug Abuse, Brig-Gen Buba Marwa (rtd); Permanent Secretary, General Services Office, Mr. Olusegun Adekunle and other members of the committee with officers of the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency.

#### DRUG ABUSE: TACKLING A GLOBAL SCOURGE

he menace of drug abuse is not limited to Nigeria. Indeed, successive governments have evolved strong and effective measures to tackle it; now, it has become a global challenge with a frightening dimension. Statistics have shown that young people in their prime age and in their millions all over the world are victims of this scourge.

Media reports also show that huge resources have been spent with a view to eliminating this unwholesome lifestyle. Governments, civil society organizations, the traditional institution and the society at large have shown deep concerns and have crafted better ways to root out the cankerworm.

In our country today, despite the previous productive approaches that were rolled out by government and its target institutions saddled with the responsibility to reduce drug abuse, there are many cases of new entrants moving in droves into the den of drug and substance abuse in different states of the federation. In sincere commitment, the present administration under the leadership of President Muhammadu Buhari, last year banned the consumption of Tramadol and Codeine, and has constituted a two-tier Presidential Intervention Structure on the Elimination of Drug Abuse.

It comprised an inter-ministerial committee on the elimination of drug abuse, chaired by the Secretary to the Government of the Federation, and the Presidential Advisory Committee on the Elimination of Drug Abuse, a 27-man committee chaired by Brig. Gen. Mohammed Buba Marwa, rtd.

During the inauguration of the committees, President

Muhammadu Buhari said "this is a situation of emergency and we must face and address it as such." He described the use and abuse of drugs by young people as a very disturbing health related phenomena in Nigeria and other parts of the world.

The committees parade men and women with the capacity to generate the much-needed drug policies and also provide strategic direction and guidance on drug issues.

Recently, at a three-day annual workshop of the Civil Society Network on Substance and Drug Abuse in Abuja, the SGF, Boss Mustapha decried the scourge of drug and substance abuse in the country, their serious challenge to the primary health facilities and the negative impact on national welfare and security. He described drug abuse as a plague which affects all segments of the society, but noted that the worrisome aspect of the menace is that youths, who are the future of the nation, are the worse victims.

The Federal Government is not alone in this crusade; the Northern Traditional Institution has lent support to the government in tackling the menace of substance abuse in their respective domains.

Experts are of the belief that if government's efforts will yield results in eliminating the scourge there should be adequate budgetary provision and necessary operational logistics available to agencies saddled with enforcement of relevant laws. Also, there is need to articulate strategies in curbing drug abuse through preventive advocacy, sensitization, treatment and rehabilitation. Indeed, there is a need for research on counter-measures against substance and drug abuse.



Professor Bolaji Owasanoye, Chairman of the Independent Corrupt Practices Commission (ICPC) in a hand shake with the President Muhammadu Buhari at State House, Presidential Villa, Abuja.

# Buhari Inaugurates ICPC Board

orrupt people, promoting corrupt tendencies, will have no respite as long as President Muhammadu Buhari leads Nigeria.

The message was succinctly delivered by the President himself as he gave matching orders to the new board of the Independent Corrupt Practices Commission, ICPC, in February. The President restated the commitment of his administration to the fight against corruption. While describing the constitution of the board was "a milestone in my government's resolve to promote one of the three cardinal programmes of our party which is the fight against corruption."

#### Renews Vow on Anti-graft

He strongly deplored the damage that corruption has inflicted on the country's development aspirations. The wanton looting of the national wealth has eroded the country's values and ethical foundation, he cautioned.

The president regretted that corruption has negatively affected political, economic and social lives across the country and promised that all those opposed to the fight against corruption are those who benefitted from it. He berated such people because "they pretend that they do not know what corruption is but Nigerians know what corruption is. Ordinary people know what corruption is and they support our crusade."

#### Buhari: We Have Laws to Tackle Corruption

He assured the board members headed by Prof. Bolaji Owasanoye, the fourth since in ception, of his administration's readiness to provide them with the resources to fight corruption.

"The ICPC law under which you will operate is robust enough to positively impact our anticorruption agenda especially in assisting government sanitize the public sector of corruption in service delivery, public procurement, diversion of public revenue, deliberate misuse of public funds, etc," the President observed.

He lauded the ICPC for launching its Corruption Risk Assessment training for anticorruption agencies in Africa, which he presided over. He said the initiative was in support of his role as the African Union anti-corruption champion. He called on the commission to distinguish itself as the leading institution in Africa in building capacity to conduct and implement corruption risk assessments. President Buhari described the introduction of Anti-Corruption Transparency Units in Ministries Departments and

Agencies by the commission as an important step towards corruption prevention and ensuring full compliance with government's anti-corruption measures and our laws.

He called on the members to work in harmony to see that corruption is eradicated in the country. Other members of the board include Dr. Grace N. Chinda, Okolo Titus, Barr. Obiora Igwedibia, Mrs. Olubukola Balogun, Justice Adamu Bello. Others are Hannatu Mohammed, Abdullahi Maikano Saidu, and Yahaya Umar Dauda.



After swearing in of Independent Corrupt Practices Commission (ICPC) Board members at the Presidential Villa, Abuja.

# FG Audits Performance in Four years

he Buhari Administration is reviewing its performance in the last four years with a view to fine-tuning programmes and policies for better performance.

A committee to audit all projects, programmes and policies was approved recently by President Muhamadu Buhari for this critical assignment.

Vice President, Prof. Yemi Osinbajo is leading the team which comprised 14 other leading members of the administration. It has five terms of reference, namely: audit and determine the status of implementation of policies, programmes and projects either inherited or commenced by the out-going administration; identify and highlight a residue of works and challenges that may militate against their successful implementation; prepare and produce a detailed working document that would guide the incoming cabinet members on the direction of government regarding policies, programmes and projects; co-opt any organization(s)/person(s) relevant towards the successful execution of the exercise; and make any other recommendation(s) as may be necessary.



Vice President, Prof. Yemi Osinbajo

Other members of the committee are:

- · Chief of Staff to the President
- · Head of Civil Service of the Federation
- · Minister of Budget and National Planning
- · Minister of Finance
- · Minister of Power, Works & Housing
- · Hon. Attorney General & Minister of Justice
- · Minister of Industry, Trade and Investment
- · Minister of Transportation
- · Minister of Agriculture & Rural Development
- · Minister of Water Resources
- ·Governor, Central Bank of Nigeria
- · National Security Adviser
- ·Permanent Secretary, Cabinet Affairs Office
- ·Deputy Chief of Staff to the President

#### Nigerians Must Embrace Reform, says Buhari

he task of reforming Nigeria is a collective one for all Nigerians irrespective of religious inclination, President Muhammadu Buhari has emphasized.

At an Inter-Faith Town Hall meeting held at the State House in February, the President, who was represented by the Secretary to the Government of the Federation, Boss Mustapha, noted the roles played by religious leaders in ensuring that security is maintained across the various communities in the country.

"The role of religious leaders in ensuring that security is maintained within the respective communities cannot be overemphasized", said the President even as he tasked them to be more vigilant; educate and sensitize citizens on security consciousness, religious tolerance and peaceful co-existence.

President Buhari canvassed closer collaboration among leaders to ensure synergy in the fight against corruption.

He promised that no institution, person or arm of government will be spared in the fight against corruption and that anyone found culpable would be held accountable. He lauded the "giant strides and visible progress" of his administration as well as the consistency and sheer determination in the battle against corruption.

The President also disclosed that the administration has strengthened the institutional framework tailored towards prevention of crime and serving appropriate sanctions for commission of crimes.

The President listed efforts at economic revival, including the development of a home-grown Economic Recovery and Growth Plan to drive activities in the agriculture and manufacturing sectors as well as building infrastructure that will support growth. "As part of efforts to touch the lives of ordinary Nigerians, various social intervention programmes have been introduced and these include

School Feeding programme in the educational sector, the N-Power programme for job creation for the youths, the Trader Moni and Market Moni Schemes to support small, medium and micro business as well as Government Enterprise and Empowerment Programme," he said.

President Buhari thanked the religious leaders for their support and sacrifices for the nation through prayers, even as he charged them to preach peace, harmony, honesty in managing public trust and delivery of good governance.

The president said he is aware of the challenges faced by Nigerians and promised to deliver on his mandate. His words: "The road to greater prosperity for Nigeria may be long and rough, but you are assured of a leadership that will not sacrifice the future well-being of Nigerians for any personal or material gains. You can be assured of my commitment to remain focused on working to improve the lives of all Nigerians".



# ICPC Seeks Autonomy for Anti-Corruption Units

he fight against corruption will become more effective when government workers are purged of the cankerworm.

The Chairman of the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission, ICPC, Prof. Bolaji Owasanoye, wants the Federal Government to grant Anti-Corruption and Transparency Units, ACTUs, autonomy and sharper teeth. The units are domiciled in all government Ministries, Departments and Agencies are backed by a government white paper to help ICPC fight corruption in MDAs.

Owasanoye, while inaugurating the re-constituted ACTU in the Office of the Secretary to the Government of the Federation recently, urged the SGF, Mr. Boss Mustapha, to prevail on the Head of the Civil Service of the Federation to allow ACTU to function as a unit with full autonomy as stipulated by government circulars of 2001 and 2016.

His message was delivered by the Director, Corruption Monitoring and Evaluation Department, Mr. Abbia Udofia, at the event where he tasked the new leadership of the unit to live above board.

The ICPC boss canvassed the support of the SGF to make ACTU independent rather than subsume its operations in the Special Duties Office, thereby "breaching the confidentiality of information and reports expected to exist between ACTUs, their CEOs and ICPC".

He nonetheless charged the eight-member committee led by Mr. Yakubu Habu to ensure they work in synergy with management to achieve zero tolerance for corruption which is one of the cardinal principles of the present administration. The Permanent Secretary, General Services Office, Mr. Olusegun Adekunle lauded the "monumental works" of ICPC while recalling the training the Commission carried out on Corruption Risk Assessment for Heads of Anti-Corruption Agencies in African Union countries.

He also reiterated the resolution of the Buhari Administration to making the Anti-Corruption Academy of Nigeria, the training arm of ICPC, a renowned institute of learning.

The Permanent Secretary spelt out the job of the unit, principally to guide management and staff on to avoid corrupt tendencies in the OSGF. "One of the cardinal objectives of this administration is to fight corruption, you are therefore advised to adhere to all the regulations that promote probity and accountability", he said.

Specifically, he urged members to ensure strict adherence to Public Service Rules, Financial Regulations and relevant guidelines that promote public accountability in the Public Service.

The new members of the ACTU in the OSGF are Habu (Chairman), Sani Abubakar, Barr. Emmanuel Akissa, Dahiru. A. Bamanga, Nmaya Nmande, Tali Timbyen, Chinedu . Ezekwu and Cyril Chukwuk who is the secretary.

The ACTUs across Ministries, Departments and Agencies are mandated to receive and investigate complaints from members of the public on allegations bordering on corrupt practices, examining the practices, systems and procedures in offices, and where in the opinion of the Unit such practices, systems or procedures aid or facilitate fraud or corruption, to direct and supervise a review of such amongst others.



### **Two Decades of ICPC**

he Independent Corrupt Practices Commission was inaugurated on 29 September 2000 under the watch of President Olusegun Obasanjo. The agency is mandated to receive and investigate reports of corruption and in appropriate cases prosecute the offender(s); to examine, review and enforce the correction of corruption prone systems and procedures of public bodies, with a view to eliminating corruption in public life, and to educate and enlighten the public on and against corruption and related offences with a view to enlisting and fostering public support for the fight against corruption.

The Corrupt Practices and other Related Offences Act 2000 governs the committee's activities. In June 2009 the Senate Committee on Drugs, Narcotics and Anti-Corruption moved to amend the Acts setting up the ICPC and the EFCC so as to

guarantee independence from the executive.

Two of the proposals were to give the EFCC Chairman a legally stipulated tenure of four years, and to require Senate approval for removal of members of either commission. A merger of the two agencies was also considered.

At public hearings on the amendments, Senate President David Mark expressed concern that the EFCC and the ICPC would have too much power without another body supervising their work.

However, the EFCC Chairman Mrs. Farida Waziri argued that it was important for anti-corruption agencies to remain independent of politicians, whom they often investigated. She expressed concern that the proposed amendment would rather limit than enhance the effectiveness of the agencies.

#### **ICPC Chairmen From Inception**



Justice Mustapha Akanbi Chairman (2000 - 2005)



Justice Emmanuel Ayoola Chairman (2005 - 2010)



Professor Uriah Angulu Acting Chairman (March 2011)



**Dr. Rose Abang-Wushishi**Acting Chairman (March - Aug 2011)



Barrister Abdullahi Bako Acting Chairman (August - Nov. 2011)



Barrister Ekpo Una Owo Nta (Ag. Chairman Nov. 2011 - June 2012); Chairman (June 2012 - January 2018)



Bolaji F. Owansanoye Chairman (January 2018 - Present)





# SPEECH BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, PRESIDENT MUHAMMADU BUHARI AT THE SWEARING IN OF INDEPENDENT CORRUPT PRACTICES COMMISSION (ICPC) BOARD MEMBERS, JANUARY 2019

irst, let me congratulate you, Mr. Chairman and Members of the Independent Corrupt Practices Commission (ICPC) for being found worthy to serve our country at this time. Your appointment is a call to service in an important sector and segment of our government's agenda.

Today marks another milestone in my government's resolve to promote one of the three cardinal programme of our party which is the fight against corruption. It is a major cardinal programme of the three leg agenda that I promised to pursue and will continue to pursue as I seek the mandate of Nigerians for a second term.

The fight against corruption is an existential issue for Nigeria. This is why I have often said - if we do not kill corruption, corruption will kill Nigeria.

We are all witnesses to the damage that corruption has inflicted on our development aspirations. Apart from deliberate and wanton looting of our national wealth and common patrimony, corruption has eroded our values and ethical foundation as a nation. Corruption has negatively affected our political, economic and social life.

Those opposed to our fight against corruption berate us for our focus, determination and single mindedness. They pretend that they do not know what corruption is but Nigerians know what corruption is. Ordinary people know what corruption is and they support our crusade.

The abuse of public Office for private gain remains corruption. The circumvention of public policies and processes for competitive advantage and profit remains corruption. The abuse of public Office for personal benefit even if no bribery occurs remains corruption. The diversion of State revenue or miss-application of budgeted funds remains corruptions.

When people entrusted with power abuse it even where they have not stolen money, public trust and confidence is betrayed by the exercise of power and discretion for personal gains. The list is endless.

I am particularly delighted that the ICPC law under which you will operate is robust enough to positively impact our anti-corruption agenda especially in assisting government sanitize the public sector of corruption in service delivery, public procurement, diversion of public revenue, deliberate misuse of public funds, etc.

As I have noted in recent times, despite our anticorruption crusade some agencies of government still divert or refuse to fully account for revenue generated. Rather than obey constitutional provisions and extant rules and regulations, such agencies continue as if nothing has changed.

This government is determined to ensure that every agency of government account for public revenue generated or expended. I am looking forward to ICPC's support both for enforcement of anti-corruption laws and submission of policy measures and directives to prevent revenue leakage and diversion. In this regard, I urge you to collaborate with other government agencies such as Office of the Auditor-General of the Federation towards mitigating corruption in public expenditure. Furthermore, I look forward to anti-corruption recommendations linked to e-Government standards and principles.

As the saying goes - "Prevention is better than cure". Your statutory mandate recognizes this principle. Therefore, I encourage you to come up with strong prevention policy measures and strategies for government's endorsement to take us to the next level of the fight against corruption which is strong prevention measures. I am aware that the ICPC laws empowers you to make proposals to assist government diminish corruption.

Just about a month ago, I opened your Corruption Risk Assessment training for anti-corruption agencies in Africa. That initiative in support of my role as the AU anti-corruption champion is welcome and I look forward to seeing ICPC distinguish itself as a the leading institution in Africa in building capacity to conduct and implement corruption risk assessments. But charity must begin at home. Therefore, your skills and expertise must be demonstrated in identifying MDAs highly prone to corruption and what must be done to improve the situation.

I am aware that you have set up Anti-Corruption Transparency Unit (ACTU) in Ministries Departments and Agencies. This s an important step towards corruption prevention and ensuring full compliance with government's anti-corruption measures and our laws. I encourage you to make effective use of our ACTU in MDAs by receiving reports directly from such Units and taking enforcement measures to assist government realize its objectives of a corruption free public service.

Once again, I congratulate you on your appointment. I assure you of my full support in the fight against corruption in Nigeria.





SPEECH BY BOSS MUSTAPHA, SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERATION AND CHAIRMAN, 2019 PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION COMMITTEE, AT THE MAIDEN MEETING OF THE INTER-MINISTERIAL PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION COMMITTEE THURSDAY, 14TH MARCH, 2019

am pleased to welcome you all to this event, which is to flag-off the Inter-Ministerial Presidential Inauguration Committee (PIC-2019).

As you would recall, about four (4) years ago, the Buhari Administration came on board with the promise of Change built on economy, security and anticorruption. The Government has since 2015 committed itself to working hard to achieve sustainable economic growth, as well as a secure and corruption free nation.

As a reward for exemplary leadership and sincerity, Nigerians from different ethnic and cultural backgrounds gave President Muhammadu Buhari a new mandate of four (4) years.

Preparatory to the inauguration of the new Administration, Mr. President approved the constitution of this Presidential Inter-Ministerial Inauguration Committee (PIC-2019) to plan, organize and execute all approved programmes for the series of activities that would be undertaken.

Membership and Terms of Reference (ToR) of the PIC-2019 are as follows:

Secretary to the Government of the Federation - Chairman Minister of Information & Culture Member Minister of Interior Member Minister of Foreign Affairs Member Minister of FCT Member Minister of Defence Member Minister of Health Member Minister of Education Member Member Minister of State (Aviation) National Chairman, All Progressives Congress -Member Inspector General of Police Member Director General (Department State Service) -Member Commander, Brigade of Guards Member Permanent Secretary (State House) Member Permanent Secretary (General Services Office)- Member Permanent Secretary (Political & Economic Affairs Office) - Member/Secretary

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To plan, organize and execute all approved activities for the 2019 Presidential Inauguration; co-opt any organization(s)/person(s) relevant towards the successful execution of the programme;

Document for posterity, all planned activities for the Inauguration; and carry out any other assignment as may be required towards the successful implementation of the programme.

Distinguished Members of the Presidential Inauguration Committee, in the course of the implementation of this assignment, several sub-committees to be headed by Ministers will be constituted. For inclusiveness however, other members would be drawn from, not just the MDAs, but also from the All Progress Congress (our Party), the Presidential Campaign Council, the Buhari Support Organisation as well as Women and Youth Campaign Council.

The mandate of these sub-committees will be clearly spelt out to reflect the purpose for which they have been constituted. Ahead of such constitution, I wish to underscore the need for collaboration and synergy amongst sub-committees while planning and executing the approved programmes.

Finally, let me remind all members of the importance of this assignment and that no stone should be left unturned to ensure that this 2019 Presidential Inauguration Committee delivers on its mandate. We must therefore deploy our wealth of experience and show unwavering commitment to this exercise.

On this note, it is my singular honour and privilege to inaugurate the "2019 Inter-Ministerial Presidential Inauguration Committee (PIC410-2019)". Immediately after this ceremony, we shall proceed with our inaugural meeting.

God bless you all and may God bless the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

### **Lawal Arrives Cabinet Affairs Office**



Babatunde Lawal, Permanent Secretary, Cabinet Affairs Office, OSGF.

abatunde Lawal is a citizen of Lagos State, born in May 28, 1964. He has a Bachelor and Masters degrees in Economics with strong bias in fiscal policy analysis, management and strategic planning.

Lawal joined the Federal Civil Service in October 1987 as a Planning Officer Grade I and was posted to the Federal Ministry of Economic Planning.

Over the past 28 years, Babatunde Lawal has acquired post-graduation and on-the-job training in world class rated institutions at Harvard Kenney School, Korean Institute of Development Studies, University of Amsterdam, the World Bank Institute, and the London High-Brow Institute - The Crown Agents. These institutions have equipped him with expertise in global networking, budget planning and macroeconomics.

Lawal has close to three decades cognate experience in planning and budgeting, budget-plan linkage; macroeconomic policy analysis and management, having worked in several Ministries, Department and Agencies, including the Ministry of Budget and National Planning, formally National Planning Commission, Office of the Secretary to the Government of the Federation and the Presidency.

He has also served as a member of the Federation Accounts and Revenue Allocation Committee; Technical

#### **Babatunde Lawal**

Permanent Secretary, Cabinet Affairs Office

member of the National Economic Management Team; Co-Chair (Public Sector), Nigerian Economic Summit and as a Governing Board member of the National Bureau of Statistics, the Nigerian Institute of Social and Economic Research and the Niger Delta Development Commission.

Over the past ten years, Lawal led and coordinated several strategic actions directly related to the mandate of the Ministry of Budget and National Planning, including the Medium Term Review of the Federal Government's Economic Development Agenda; Inter-Ministerial Team on the Medium Term Sector Strategy; development of Fiscal Policy Paper for the Government; Presidential Committee for the Monitoring and Evaluation of Federal Government Projects; among others.

He led revenue and expenditure forecasting, national growth strategy, employment generation strategy, and the coordination of the development of medium and long term plans, including the development of Vision 2020 and medium term implementation plan. Babatunde Lawal has represented the NPC/MBNP at the World Bank and IMF global and technical sessions since 2000 to date, among other strategic accomplishments.

He has to his credit several publications on plans, budgets and fiscal policy management. Between Fiscal Year (FY) 2012 and October 2018, Lawal made several high-level presentations on budgeting, planning, visioning and socio-economic development issues within and outside Nigeria. He has worked, led and coordinated strategic engagements and activities on core mandates of the then National Planning Commission and indeed the Ministry of Budget and National Planning.

Specifically, he coordinated the technical process on the development of the Strategic Implementation Plan for the 2016 Budget of Change which was a roadmap on key short-term macroeconomic and sectoral policies and programmes implemented in 2016. He also led the technical team that coordinated the development of the Economic Recovery and Growth Plan, 2017-2020 for Nigeria.

He is a member of several professional associations, including the Nigerian Economic Society. Prior to his elevation as a Permanent Secretary, Babatunde Lawal served as the Director (Macroeconomic Analysis) in the Ministry of Budget and National Planning, a position he held since May, 2011.

### **Special Duties Office**

#### Gets New Permanent Secretary

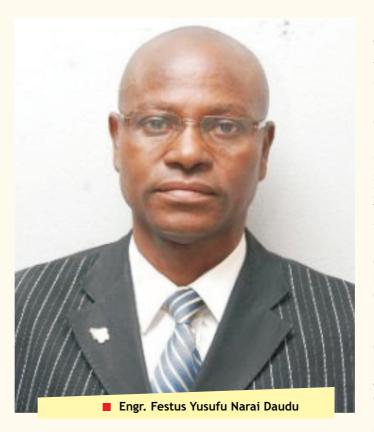
ollowing the swearing in of the newly appointed Permanent Secretaries by President Muhammadu Buhari and their subsequent posting, the Office of the Secretary to the Government of the Federation was blessed to have Engr. Festus Yusufu Narai Daudu assigned the portfolio of the Special Duties Office.

A profile of Engr. Daudu indicates that before this appointment, he was the Director in charge

of the Frequency Spectrum Management Department in the Federal Ministry of Communications. He was the Nigerian Focal Point and Councillor to the International Telecommunication Union, ITU, and African Telecommunication Union.

He represented and led Nigeria delegations to various international fora that had to do with Frequency Spectrum and Satellite Orbital Resources matters, the outcomes, which sometimes were of treaty in nature.

He led the African Group to two World Radio Communication Conferences and served as Chairman and Vice-Chairman at a number of African Preparatory Meetings for major



World events. He was Vice Chairman for ITU a d i o communication Bureau Study Group 3 for two study circles from 2007 - 2015. He was Vice Chairman of the ITU 2007 World Radiocommunicati on Conference and became the Chairman of the ITU 2015 World Radiocommunicati. on Conference being the first African in 150 years existence of the ITU to Chair such a unique technical

Conference with delegates of over 3000 participating. The Conference was acclaimed to be the best WRC ever in the history of ITU. The outcome of the conference was of a treaty in nature.

Engr. Daudu joined the Federal Civil Service of Nigeria in year 2000 as Chief Engineer coming from the private sector where he had worked for over 15 years in three different organizations namely Plateau Bottling Company, Jos, Benue Cement Company Plc, Gboko and Jos International Breweries Plc Jos.

A graduate of Ahmadu Bello University Zaria in 1985 with Second Class Upper Degree classification in Electrical Engineering.

He is a registered Engineer in Nigeria, a member

#### Daudu Resumes as

#### **New SDO Permanent Secretary**

of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, USA and Associate Member of the Nigerian Institute of Management.

Engr. Daudu was born on May 2, 1961 in Karu, Karu Local

Government Area of Nasarawa State. He attended the ECWA Transferred Primary School, Karu in the now FCT and the Government Secondary School, Nasarawa where he passed out with Division one

in the sciences.

He had his A-Level education at the School of Basic Studies, Ahmadu Bello University Zaria from where he was admitted to read Electrical Engineering in 1981.

### Responsibilities of the **Special Duties Office**

he Special Duties Office is saddled with the responsibility of overseeing the implementation of Zonal Intervention/Constituency Projects.

The intention of the Federal Government is to ensure that development reaches the grassroots of the nation for the citizens to enjoy the dividends of democracy through the provision of social, economic and infrastructural development. During my tenure as the Permanent Secretary of this office, I intend to achieve the following:

Ensure the complete and proper implementation of the mandate of the Special Duties Office centered on guaranteeing that the Federal Government decisions which has policy programmes and projects across the six geopolitical zones are implemented to the latter.

Ensure that all constituency and zonal intervention projects are completed in order for government to get optimal value for money.

Ensure the annual conduct of the Stakeholders Forum involving all the Ministries Department and Agencies implementing the constituency/zonal intervention projects.

Ensure the effective implementation of Government policies in respect to matters pertaining to decorations and presentation of medals during the National Honours Award ceremony.

To improve and enhance the process of award of decorations and Medals of National Honours Award to deserving citizens of Nigeria and friends of Nigeria in a transparent manner.

Assist President Muhammadu Buhari in granting pardon to deserving prisoners and ex-convicts and re-integrating them back into society through the Presidential Advisory Committee on the Prerogative of Mercy, in addition to working towards quick dispensation of justice in line with international standard and to achieve prison decongestion in Nigeria.

Provide supervision to the Parastatals directly under the Special Duties Office which are Nigeria National Merit Award, National Commission for Refugees, Migrants and Internally Displaced Persons, National Lottery Regulatory Commission and the National Lottery Trust Fund.

The OSGF Service Bulletin wishes Engr. Daudu a successful tenure!





The Secretary to the Government of the Federation, Boss Mustapha, receives the Attah Igala, His Royal Majesty, Dr. Michael Idakwo Ameh Oboni II who paid him a courtesy visit in Abuja.

From left, Chairman of the Presidential Advisory Committee on the Elimination of Drug Abuse, Brig-Gen Buba Marwa (rtd); Permanent Secretary, General Services Office, Mr. Olusegun Adekunle and other members of the committee with officers of the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency.



Permanent Secretary, General Services Office, OSGF, Olusegun Adekunle Esq. with newly inaugurated Board members of the Independent Corrupt Practices Commission in Abuja.



Third from left, Secretary to the Government of the Federation, Boss Mustapha; second left, Enugu State Governor, Chief Ifeanyi Ugwuanyi; third right, Minister of Science and Technology, Dr. Ogbonnaya Onu with winners at the Technology and Innovation Expo 2019, Enugu. From left, Okeke Favour Obianuju, Fafemi Fisayo Daniel and Joshua John Mark.

#### **FG Reiterates Support to RTEAN for Effective Transportation**

he Federal Government has expressed readiness to extend support to the Road Transport Employers Association (RTEAN) in the provision of efficient and effective service delivery in the road transportation sub-sector.

This was disclosed by the Secretary to the Government of the Federation, Boss Mustapha, represented by the Permanent Secretary, General Services Office, Olusegun A. Adekunle Esq. while inaugurating fleet of cars by RTEAN in Abuja.

Mustapha noted that the acquisition of fleet of over 300 vehicles by RTEAN is a major intervention aimed at injecting new life into the Road Transport system by any Trade Union in the country in the last few years.

He observed: "to compliment your efforts in effective and efficient road transportation, the present government has initiated and completed major roads across the country. The government has also stated and commissioned some rail lines to ease the transportation of goods and people across the country."

He commended RTEAN for the bold initiative as it has created more than 5000 direct and indirect jobs to the economy as it would impact greatly on the transportation sector which enhances movement for the Nigerian travelling public.

The SGF implored other Trade Union: "To emulate the worthy example of RTEAN by providing efficient and affordable transport services that boosts economic activities. As

this Administration Plans to take Nigeria to the Next Level, we cannot continue to do things the old way, but rather, bring new innovation to make our country a better place for all of us".

He affirmed government's continued support to promote and create the enabling environment in the provision of good road network, prompt and efficient emergency response system, and develop proper regulations



SGF, Boss Mustapha, represented by Permanent Secretary, General Services Office, Olusegun Adekunle Esq, cuts the ribbon to inaugurate the fleets of vehicles by RTEAN.



Perm. Sec, Mr. Olusegun Adekunle test running one of newly launched RTEAN 300-Bus Mass Transit Support Scheme in Abuja.

necessary for the success of Road Transport business in Nigeria.

Earlier in a welcome address, the National President RTEAN, Osakpamwan Eriyo thanked the government for the massive support from the government of President Muhammadu Buhari in partnering with his organisation in making life easy for the Nigerian people.



Some of the fleets of vehicles inaugurated.

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#### Office of the Head of Service of the Federation



Bar. Emmanuel Elisha Akissa, Legal Adviser, OSGF, receives Award of Excellence from Head of the Civil Service of the Federation, Winifred Oyo-Ita at the OSGF 2019 Epic Award.

#### FIVE OUTSTANDING STAFF OF THE OSGF RECEIVES 2019 EPIC AWARD



Aisha Mohammed Bello, Assistant Chief Admin Officer. Cabinet Affairs Office, OSGF, receives award of Excellence from Head of the Civil Service of the Federation, Winifred Oyo-Ita at the OSGF 2019 EPIC Award.



Mr. A. M. Oyinloye, AD Economic & Finance, Cabinet Affairs Office, OSGF, receives Award of Excellence from Head of the Civil Service of the Federation, Winifred Oyo-Ita at the OSGF 2019 EPIC Award.



Mr. David Attah, Director, Special Services Office, OSGF, receives Award of Excellence from Head of the Civil Service of the Federation, Winifred Oyo-Ita at the OSGF 2019 EPIC Award.



Mr. Patrick Ekun, Special Services Office, OSGF, receives Award of Excellence from Head of the Civil Service of the Federation, Winifred Oyo-Ita at the OSGF 2019 EPIC Award.



#### **ICPC Board Members with Permanent Secretary, GSO**



















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Perm. Sec; General Services Office, OSGF, Olusegun Adekunle Esq. and Perm. Sec; Ecological Fund Office, Dr. Habiba Muda Lawal at the 1st Quarter 2019 Public Service Lecture.

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