

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE STATE COMMITTEE OF THE EXPORT PROMOTION COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 9TH JULY, 2024 BY 11AM AT CONFERENCE HALL, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE, INDUSTRY AND TOURISM DAMATURU.

The meeting was declared open with a prayer led by Alhaji Kashim Alkali Kalli by 11:00 am.

ATTENDANCE.

S N	NAME	ORGANIZATION	GSM	SIGN
1	Kashim Tijjani Kalli	MCIT CHAIRMAN/HC	08033986570	
2	Mohammed Alkali	YBSMSICB	07068696589	
3	Saje Abba	MIN OF AGRIC	08036531664	
4	MAL. Kalli Kachalla	SMRD	07032047243	
5	Suleiman Baba Gimba	MIN OF INFORMATION		
6	MK.Machina	YOCCIMA	08034389884	
7	J.E John	NCS	08027798241	
8	Sani Musa	RMRD	08036549233	
9	Ali Umaru Koli	SON	08068915707	
10	Abubakar Adamu Fika	MSME	08138508752	
11	Hamza Saidu	YICL	08062347777	
12	Usman Ahmed	NEPC	08036977575	
13	Abubakar Hussaini Biriri	NEPC	08062909629	
14	Mustapha Galadima	YOBE SHIPPERS ASS.	08030952634	
15	Amina Ahmed Bello	MANR	07031296090	
16	Ibrahim Umar Ibrahim	MCIT	08068644338	
17	Audu Abubakar Daya	SECRETARY MCIT	07031073812	

OPENING REMARKS

Opening remarks was presented by Alhaji Kashim Tijjani Kalli, the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Tourism who also serve as chair. In his remarks, he highlighted that the primary goal of these committee is to promote the export of Agricultural commodities and other non-oil prospect from Yobe State.

He further explain that, despite the prevailing security challenges, the state government under the able leadership of His Excellency HON. Mai Mala Buni CON has taken proactive measure to create enabling business environment for exportable commodities. Notably, the establishment of sesame seeds plant in Machina LGA (already in operation), and ongoing similar project in Potiskum and Damaturu demonstrates the commitment of this objective.

2-The meeting went ahead for self-introduction of the committee members for proper familiarization.

3-The Committee set up a 9 members committee that will developed export drafting strategy and terms of reference that will guide the implementation of effective export initiatives across Yobe State.

The Permanent Secretary who serve as chair directed the Secretary of the committee to Co-opt the following in the committee due to their relevance.

1-State Focal Person on Export Promotion Council (Chairman)

2-Mnaging Director Yobe Investment Company Limited (Co-Chairman)

3-Focal Person on SMEs

4-Controller General of Nigerian Custom

5-Representative of Ministry of Agric

6-SHIPPERS

7-Representative of Solid Mineral

8-Executive Secretary Small and Medium Scale Credit Board

9-Director of Commerce (MCIT)

4-The chairman asked the committee to think fast and identified way and means for executing its assignment. The meeting urge the committee to identified terms of reference first, through which a line of action can be drawn.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Managing Director Yobe Investment Limited rightly emphasizes the need for precise exportable statistics. He further explain that understanding the exact number and trends

will inform targeted efforts and resource allocation, he suggested to use Sesame seed plant as focal point for statistics in a practical approach.

The CG of Customs encourages leveraging Yobe's agricultural strength. Agriculture remains the cornerstone of the state's economy, and harnessing this potential is essential for sustainable growth.

The ES of Small Scale emphasized the importance of defining clear terms of reference at the outset. This will provide a roadmap for our efforts and ensure alignment.

The President of Yobe Shippers Council highlighted the needs for promoting awareness and sensitization campaign as a tool for yielding substantial returns over time.

The representative of Raw Material Research Center expresses readiness to collaborate with the committee to move the state forward whenever there is need for action.

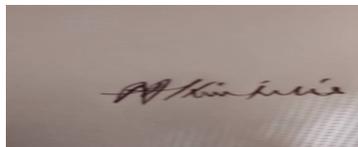
Finally, the Permanent Secretary urge the committee to deliberate further in order to meet our objective of creating a robust and standardized draft constitution, strategy and terms of reference for good strategic implementation.

The meeting was adjourned and next meeting was scheduled on Tuesday 23rd, July, 2024.

The Permanent Secretary moved for the adjournment of the meeting and was seconded by Representative from Ministry of Agric.

The closing prayer was delivered by J.E JOHN at about 12:50pm.

Audu Abubakar Daya
SECRETARY

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