

**STAKEHOLDERS' MEETING/DISSEMINATION EVENT ON THE 2021 AKWA IBOM STATE AMENDED BUDGET, HELD ON FRIDAY, 24<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2021 AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND IBOM DEEP SEAPORT.**

**OPENING:**

The meeting commenced at 12pm with an opening prayer by Mr. Udoma Sunday Akpan.

**INTRODUCTION:**

Members of the high table and representatives of Civil Society Organizations were introduced by the Information Officer.

**WELCOME REMARKS:**

The Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Economic Development Mr. Effiong Ekpenyong, welcomed everyone to the meeting. He encouraged the participants to air their opinions on pertinent issues as all inputs will be taken into consideration.

**GOODWILL MESSAGES:**

In their goodwill messages, the Commissioner, Ministry of Economic Development, Mr. Akan Okon, who was represented by the Permanent Secretary, Mr. Effiong Ekpenyong, Accountant General of the state, Pastor Uwem Andrew Essien represented by Mr. Edim Uwatt, Chairman AKSCSO Forum, Pastor Harry Udoh and Senior Special Assistant to the Governor on Multilateral and Donor Agencies, Mr. Ndianabasi Udom applauded the state Citizens Budget forum for organizing a dissemination event in order to explain as well as obtain feedback on the amended 2021 Budget. They commended the state government for ensuring the citizens are fully involved in the preparation and evaluation of government budget in order to enhance the welfare of the citizens.

**CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS:**

The Honourable Commissioner of Economic Development and Ibom Deep Seaport, Mr. Akan Okon welcomed every participant to the meeting. He noted

that the aim of the meeting was to interact with members of the Civil Society Organizations, Traditional institutions, Civil Liberty Organizations, Youth groups, People living with disabilities as well as Women groups to obtain feedback to appraise the amended 2021 budget and also satisfy SFTAS requirements.

## **INTERACTIONS**

### **FEEDBACK ON AMENDED 2021 BUDGET**

**Mr. Edward Nnakee, S2S** suggested that community projects should be included in the budget. He appealed to the Civil Society Organizations to break down the total budget size for proper understanding and assimilation by the communities.

**Mr. Mfon Gabriel, Policy Alert** opined that the citizens budget be produced in simple terms as well as info graphics, to be easily understood by the citizens. He added that the citizen's budget booklet should be produced in large quantities for maximum reach.

**The Chairman AKSCSO Forum, Pastor Harry Udoh** commended the Ministry of Economic Development and Ibom Deep Seaport for organizing the dissemination event. He asserted that citizens' inputs should always be recognized and prioritized as that wasn't reflected in the amended budget. He also emphasized on the need for transparency in budget planning and implementation processes to enable citizens, as beneficiaries to play an active role in the plan that concerns them.

**Joshua Nya, Women United for Economic Empowerment (WUEE)** stressed on the importance of the women as well as the youth of the state in the budget process. He was of the opinion that the women and youth should be involved in government programmes and policies for transparency and accountability.

**The Secretary-General, State Joint Association of persons with Disabilities (JONAPWD), Prince Akaninyene Isidore** appealed to the state government to make specific budget allocation to persons with disabilities (PWD) in the state to give them a sense of belonging in the scheme of things. He disclosed that

accessible facilities in schools for persons with disabilities were lacking in the state, hence there is need for public schools to be remodeled.

#### RESPONSE

**Mr. Akan Okon, Hon. Commissioner for Economic Development and Ibom Deep Seaport** expressed his gratitude to all participants for their vibrant suggestions and contributions. He assured all that by next engagement, there will be positive improvement.

#### VOTE OF THANKS

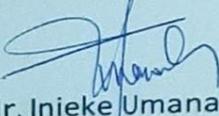
**Mrs. Eme-ete F. Imuk (PS, Ministry of Finance)** complimented all participants for the impressive attendance and valuable contributions. She assured them that their inputs will be taken into consideration.

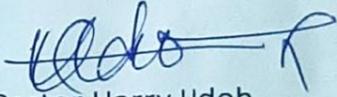
#### CLOSING REMARK:

**Mr. Effiong Ekpenyong (PS, Ministry of Economic Development)** thanked the participants for an impressive attendance. He said all contribution has been taken note of and there is room for improvement.

#### CLOSING:

**Mr. Samuel Inyang , Director, Administration and Supplies** led the closing prayer and the meeting closed by 1.05pm.

  
Mr. Inieke Umanah  
Secretary

  
Pastor Harry Udoh  
Chairman, AKSCSOs' Forum

**ATTENDANCE SHEET**  
**DISSEMINATION EVENT ON THE 2021 AKWA IBOM STATE AMENDED BUDGET**  
**HELD ON 24<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2021**

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