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FEDERAL MINISTRY OF WORKS

COMMUNIQUE OF THE 21ST NATIONAL COUNCIL ON WORKS HELD AT THE DELTA STATE GOVERNMENT EVENT CENTRE, ASABA, DELTA STATE FROM OCTOBER 12 TO 17, 2014

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The 21st Meeting of the National Council on Works with the theme "Funding Road Development In Nigeria: A Paradigm for Economic Transformation" was held at the Delta State Government Event Centre, Asaba, Delta State, from Sunday 12th to Friday 17th October, 2014. The meeting was declared open by His Excellency, the Deputy Governor of Delta State, Prof. Amos Uturuja (SAN) on behalf of His Excellency, Dr. Emmanuel Eweta Uduaghan, CON, Executive Governor of Delta State.

Meeting of the Technical Committees, as well as a meeting of the Permanent Secretaries preceded the Council Meeting which was presided over by Arc. Mka Oziegbe Onolamemen, CON.

Present at the Council meetings were distinguished members of the National Assembly led by the Chairman, House Committee on Works, Hon. Ogiuelli Ozongbachi; the Honourable Minister of Works, Arc. Mka Oziegbe Onolamemen, CON; Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Works, Dr. A. K. Muhammad, OON; Honourable Commissioners of Works and their Permanent Secretaries from the 36 States of the Federation. Others were the Directors in the Federal Ministry of Works, Directors, Officials of other Federal and State Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs), as well as Stakeholders in the Road Sector.

- (17) Council noted that the Contractor-Financ Model of funding road infrastructure has not been fully developed in the country and urged the use of this model for road projects and directed for the review of the provisions of the Construction Policy to promote greater participation of indigenous contractors in the road sector in line with the Local Content Policy.
- (18) Council recognised the importance of data to planning for road development, and accordingly adopted the creation of Road Asset Management System (RAMS) as a tool for project planning, budgeting and prioritization.
- (19) Council recognized tolling of roads and bridges as a veritable source of funding Road Development and noted that the Federal Ministry of Works had already carried out series of sensitization workshops to elicit stakeholders buy in.
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