



**NIGERIA'S EXPERIENCE CONCERNING THE
COLLECTION AND REPORTING OF DEVELOPMENT
FINANCE STATISTICS**



PRESENTATION

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INTRODUCTION:

- ❖ I would like to begin by expressing my appreciation to the organizers of this Workshop for the invitation extended to us.
- ❖ In response to the request by the organizers, it is my pleasure to make this short presentation on my country's experience concerning the collection and reporting of Development Finance.



❖ It is important to note that the Ministry of Budget and National Planning, empowered by the National Planning Commission Act No. 71 of 1993, is statutorily responsible for coordinating external assistance from all multilateral as well as bilateral partners. It ensures that the Federal Government of Nigeria attracts and utilizes assistance within the parameters of national policies and priorities, so that it complements the efforts of the Government in achieving its objectives.



COLLECTION AND REPORTING OF DEVELOPMENT FINANCE STATISTICS IN NIGERIA

- ❖ Nigeria is Partner Country of the International Aid Transparency Initiative (IATI). As you are all well aware, the IATI is a voluntary, multi-stakeholder initiative that provides a format and framework for publishing data on development cooperation activities at the international level.
- ❖ At the national level however, the Government of Nigeria has, since 2011, as part of efforts to address the information gap and data needs of various stake holders, proactively developed the Development Assistance Database (DAD) platform, which is a publicly accessible online single portal that contains all aid related information. This underscores the fact that transparency is an important foundation for effective development cooperation.



- ❖ In practical terms, the Development Assistance Database is designed to improve efficiency and coordination of donor activities in Nigeria. It is also a powerful tool for tracking and analyzing aid flows. The system serves as the main database and data collection and reporting system as it ensures effective access to the Aid data. It is an effective medium to view project data organized into lists, reports, charts and maps in a user friendly fashion. It enables Development Partners to report their development assistance information in Nigeria.
- ❖ The DAD was to complement other existent governmental mechanisms for oversight of foreign aid transactions at both the national and sub-national levels in Nigeria. These include the Public Accounts Committee (which is a legislative committee) and the Office of the Auditor General of the Federation; and to a large extent, the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC). Added to these, are the Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) and to some extent, officially recognized by-laws passed by the National Assembly and State Houses of Assembly, such as the Public Procurement Act.



- ❖ In the further discharge of its statutory functions, the Ministry of Budget and National Planning began, in 2015, the Publication of a Development Cooperation Report (DCR) aimed at ensuring greater aid transparency and mutual accountability. The Report provides the single most comprehensive document in Nigeria that presents and analyses exhaustive Aid information.



- ❖ Nigeria also joined over 80 recipient countries of Development Cooperation in the 2016 monitoring round to measure progress towards achieving the Busan commitments for more effective development cooperation. The outcome is a publication entitled. “Nigeria Monitoring Profile and Summary Report of the 2nd Round Monitoring of Aid Effectiveness 2016 – Making Development Cooperation More Effective”. The Publication contains quantitative and qualitative analysis of Global Aid effectiveness with the aim to enhance transparency and accountability of Aid.
- ❖ Overall, the exercise was in the spirit of a Busan Commitment for Development Partners to improve the availability and public accessibility of information on development cooperation and other development resources in a timely, comprehensive and forward-looking manner.



CHALLENGES TOWARDS EFFECTIVE COLLECTION AND REPORTING OF DEVELOPMENT FINANCE STATISTICS IN NIGERIA

- ❖ The legislative provision specific to Overseas Development Assistance (ODA) management is rather not definitive and lacks robust details relating to the tracking of ODA inflows and utilization, as well as the management and coordination of Development Partners activities in Nigeria.
- ❖ The responsibility for managing external development assistance is in reality fragmented among several Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs). The Federal Ministry of Finance is in charge of the management and coordination of concessional loans, whereas the Ministry of Budget and National Planning has responsibility for grants.



- ❖ The lack of coherent regulations and procedures for handling aid has tended to make donors and individual MDAs both at the central and sub-national levels of government to be seemingly striving to strike quick deals in the face of perceptible needs to meet.
- ❖ Another serious constraint is that so many Development Partners fail to report their activities on the country's Development Assistance Database Platform. For example as at December 2015, thirty-one (31) Development Partners reported four hundred and one (401) projects on the DAD platform in Nigeria. This contrasted sharply with two thousand and fifty-five (2,055) projects in Nigeria reported by seventy-eight (78) Development Partners on the IATI platform.



CONCLUSION

In conclusion, I would like to note that practical steps towards the collection and reporting of development finance assistance in Nigeria began only in 2011 with the development of the Development Assistance Database Platform. The Country's effort in developing this critical element in ODA is therefore modest, so far. There is however a conscious commitment on the part of the Nigerian Government to overcome the various challenges associated with effective collection and reporting of Development Finance Statistics. The ultimate objective is to have a robust mechanism which will allow tracking of project-level information on funding agencies, implementing partners, commitment, disbursement, expenditure, sector and geographical locations.



I thank you for listening

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