

ACTIVITIES OF ENLARGED NATIONAL FOCAL POINT ON TRADE MATTERS

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Introduction

Effective formulation and implementation of the Trade Policy requires systematic liaison and collaboration among the relevant Ministries, Departments and Agencies;

Continuous dialogue and consultation with key stakeholders.

In this regard, relevant institutions were identified under the Trade Policy formulation process to:

- serve as the focus for systematic consultation and collaboration among relevant Government Ministries, Departments and Agencies and the Private Sector for effective management of Trade Matters.
- provide policy advice on matters relating to trade negotiations, agreements and other trade relations and
- make recommendations for Nigeria's positions on trade negotiation issues through identification and discussion of major concerns bearing on trade and commercial policy.

COMPOSITION OF INTER- INSTITUTIONAL COMMITTEES - ENFP

For Nigeria, the Inter-Institutional Committees (IIC) is the Enlarged National Focal Point (ENFP) on Trade Matters;

- ENFP serves as a forum for systematic consultation and collaboration among relevant Government Ministries, Departments and Agencies and the Private Sector for effective management of Trade Matters;
- It comprises of 54 MDAs, Private Sector Operators, Civil Society Organizations and other relevant stakeholders;
- The 54 members are grouped into fifteen Sub-Committees such as on Goods; Services and Trade-Related Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPs); Trade Facilitation e.t.c basically in line with their competencies and statutory responsibilities.

Summary and Key Recommendations of the Enlarged National Focal Point on Trade Matters

The ENFP has benefitted from trainings, workshops and conferences with assistance of the ECOWAS TNCB

Key recommendations of the ENFP at some of its fora include:

- All stakeholders including NCS, OPS etc. should be sensitized on the CET;
- ECOWAS should promote the use of its passport among key stakeholders to facilitate and improve the free movement of people;
- Plans should be put in place to strengthen the private sector and industries, that can help drive the economy of the Nigeria and other ECOWAS Member States;
- Enhance the production of non-oil products to a massively in order to increase non-oil per capita contribution to GDP;
- Need to ensure that port charges through out ECOWAS States are uniform to avoid transit of traders from their own indigenous ports to foreign ports.

Recommendation (cont'd)

- Strengthen advocacy for increased political will to transform the regional ECOWAS trade;
- ECOWAS to assist in the removal of the existing transit charges at the border posts within the region as this will increase volume of business and benefits to both producers and merchants :
- Need to ensure urgent and concerted efforts towards effective protection of the intellectual property rights of Nigerian Artistes. Nigeria Copyright Commission should be assisted alongside other relevant agencies towards achieving this end.;
- Harmonization of all ECOWAS customs, trade and movement documents for uniformity, and to ease trading and commercial activities within the sub-region

Overview of ENFP Work Programme 2015

ENFP Meeting	2 nd Quarter	N2,200,000:00	To review the outcome of the meeting of all the Sub Committees of the ENFP
	3 rd Quarter	N2,200,000:00	To review the output of the meeting of all the Sub Committees of the ENFP
	4 th Quarter	N2,200,000:00	To review the output of the meeting of all the sub Committees of the ENFP

2015 Work Programme for the Sub Committees of the ENFP

	Time line	Budget	Objective
NAMA Sub Committee	2 nd -4 th Quarter	N1,800,000:00	To review the NAMA draft text; To determine the 70% tariff line to be bound and the 25% that should be left unbound. To critically look at the impact of binding at higher level for industrialization. Clear all significant issues relating to scheduling before the modalities are established. Implication for ECOWAS CET
Services	2 nd -4 th Quarter	N1,800,000:00	Evaluate current Nigeria's initial offer with a view to analyzing the impact on the current existing GATS schedule of commitment on the Nigerian Economy. Look at ways to use the Services sector to diversify the Nigerian Export
Agriculture	2 nd -4 th Quarter	N1,800,000:00	To consider the draft text; To identify and agree on Nigeria's sensitive products and specific areas of interest to Nigeria
Trade Facilitation	2 nd -4 th Quarter	N1,800,000:00	To facilitate work on the preparation of Type A & B Items of the TTA
Rules	2 nd -4 th Quarter	N1,800,000:00	Work on developing Nigeria's trade remedies and measures to address unfair trade practices
Aid for Trade	2 nd -4 th Quarter	N1,800,000:00	Work on establishing a task force on Aid for Trade
TRIPS	2 nd -4 th Quarter	N1,800,000:00	Review and assess the various provisions of the TRIPS Agreement, their implementation and impact in Nigeria; Review and assess the extent of domestication in Nigeria of the TRIPS legal Framework, institutional arrangements and policy instrument measures in Nigeria.
IPA, AGOA, TFA	1 st -3 rd Quarter	N1,800,000:00	AGOA: To strategize on how Nigeria can effectively benefit more from the AGOA initiatives; To create awareness campaign on the AGOA initiatives. TFA: To develop policy reforms that will ensure that Nigeria benefits from TFA. DPA: To identify and recommend policy reforms to ensure that Nigeria benefits from EPA if signed onto.

Assessment of Needs

- Establishment of an effective ENFP Secretariat. This activity entails the provision of basic office tools for the smooth running of the Secretariat.
- Continuous training and re-training of the members of the ENFP as well as support staff of the Ministry on latest trade negotiation and issues through various seminar, courses and workshops.

Priority Activity of MITI

- Periodic consultations with the Executive Secretariat, National focal point ;
- Dissemination of information, studies, data and reports through the website, in soft and hard copy ;
- Continuing feedback of public views and concerns on pertinent trade issues through the workshops in the six geo-political zones
- Institutional capacity building