

**MINUTES OF ONE-DAY TOWN HALL MEETING HELD AT THE INTERNATIONAL
CONFERENCE HALL, MUSA USMAN SECRETARIAT ON THURSDAY, 12TH
SEPTEMBER, 2019:**

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

1. His Excellency, Prof. (Engr.) Babagana Umara Zulum, fnse, mni, the Executive Governor of Borno State,
2. Hon. Alhaji Abdulkarim Lawan, Speaker, Borno State House of Assembly ably Represented by the Deputy Speaker, Hon. Engr. Abdullahi Musa Askira.
3. His Lordship, Justice Kashim Zannah, the Chief Judge of Borno State ably represented by His Lordship, Justice Babagana Karube.
4. Alhaji Usman Jidda Shuwa, fwc, the Secretary to the State Government,
5. Members of Borno State House of Assembly,
6. Members of Borno State Executive Council and Special Advisers,
7. His Eminence, Alhaji Abubakar Ibn Umar Garbai El-Amin Elkanemi, the Shehu of Borno ably represented by the District Head of Maisandari, Alhaji Abba Bukar,
8. Alhaji Mohammed Hassan, the Head of Civil Service, Borno State.
9. Alhaji Ali Bukar Dalori, Party Chairman, All Progressives Congress (APC),
10. Alhaji Bulama Mali Gubio, mni, Chairman, Borno State Civil Service,
11. Permanent Secretaries,
12. Chief Executives of Extra-Ministerial Departments and Agencies,
13. Amb. Ahmed Shehu, Executive Director, Network of Civil Society Organizations and Members of Various Social Groups,
14. District Heads and Community Leaders.
15. Over 1,000 other Invited Guests, full list of which is attached at the end of this Minutes of Meeting.

The meeting commenced with the arrival of invited guests and participants from 9.00 a.m. and their registration. The Town Hall Meeting was preceded by the Swearing-in ceremony of three Members of Borno State Executive Council designate immediately on the arrival of His Excellency Professor (Engr.) Babagana Umara Zulum, fnse, mni, at 10.00 a.m.

2. Immediately after the Swearing-in ceremony, the Town Hall Meeting proper commenced at about 10.30 a.m. with the welcome address delivered by the Honourable Commissioner, Ministry of Finance, Budget and Economic Planning. The Honourable Commissioner welcomed His Excellency, Professor (Engr.) Babagana Umara Zulum, fnse, mni to the Town Hall Meeting which he described as first of its kind in the long history of Borno State. He said the organization of the Town Hall Meeting was one of the many reforms being undertaken by Government in order to make the Budget Process in the State as Transparent as possible in tune with the Global Best Practices and the Policy Thrust of the Present Administration which emphasizes on Fiscal Transparency, Accountability and Sustainability.

3. The Honourable Commissioner further added that one of the key demands of the International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS) is the involvement of the citizenry in the Budget Process. He said Government is about people hence their involvement in the Budget Process is a must going by the long standing philosophy of "Government of the people, by the people and for the people". The Honourable Commissioner enumerated the participants at the Town Hall Meeting to include all stakeholders of the State including the Political Class being led by the Leader, His Excellency the Executive Governor of Borno State, State and Local Government functionaries – the executors of the budget, traditional and community leaders and the Network of Civil Society Associations in Borno State. He urged participants to openly discuss the Budget Process with the sole aim of capturing the basic requirements of the people for the purpose of imputing same in the State's Development Plan strategy to be implemented beginning from 2020 Budget, tagged the "the Citizens Budget" and subsequent budgets in the years ahead over a 10-year Development Plan period. The outcome of the Town Hall Meeting, Honourable Commissioner said, would ensure the Citizen's ownership of the Budget and thus will enable them to follow their Budget. He concluded his Keynote Address by announcing the existence of a dedicated Website of Borno State Government www.bornostate.gov.ng/budget. The Website, he said, has a feedback mechanism on which Government and Interested Parties could interact freely.

4. The Honourable Speaker, Borno State House of Assembly made the first presentation soon after the Keynote Address by the Honourable Commissioner, Ministry of Finance, Budget and Economic Development. The Honourable Speaker, first and foremost congratulated the newly Sworn-in Members of the Borno State Executive Council and wished them a successful tenure. The Honourable Speaker also congratulated the Government for organizing the Town Hall Meeting by bringing along all stakeholders to discuss freely and contributing their views to be captured in the 2020 Citizens Budget. He said the greatest handicap of Government was paucity of funds against numerous competing demands of the people. The Honourable Speaker advised participants to explore all avenues aimed at improving the internally generated revenue (IGR) as the meagre resources accruing to the State from the Federation Account could no longer meet the requirements of the State, badly affected by the activities of insurgents for over a decade. He urged Government both at Federal and State levels to intensify efforts to bring to an end the insurgency. The Honourable Speaker concluded his presentation by assuring the gathering that the Honourable House of Assembly would co-operated with the Executive Arm of Government to ensure speedy consideration and approval of the 2020 Appropriation Bill as soon as it is submitted to the House.

5. The Women Representative, Barrister Fatima Shehu made the second presentation of the day. She thanked His Excellency, Professor (Engr.) Babagana Umara Zulum, fnse, mni, for creating a space for the women in Borno State to provide their inputs into the 2020 Citizens Budget. She said women in Borno State were honoured and highly appreciative of the gesture. The Women Representative conveyed to His Excellency, the key demands of women in Borno State which include the need to have a gender sensitive budget that recognize and appreciate gender dimensions. Women in Borno State demand not only a seat but representations at the decision making platforms and that the 2020 budget should address livelihoods and empower women who, as a result of the activities of insurgency, have become heads of their households. She therefore prayed to Government to make adequate provisions in the 2020 budget aimed at supporting such women to take care of their families. The Women Representative also brought to the gracious attention of His Excellency, the Executive Governor of Borno State

the issue of the United Nations Child Rights Act (UNSCR) 1325 which had been domesticated in the State and National Action Plan (NAP) developed but unfortunately it was not included in the previous budgets of the State. The five (5) Pillars in the NAP, she emphasized, will help in the process of peace-building within our destroyed communities. The Women Representative, at the end of her presentation presented a copy of Citizen's Charter, a compilation of the Citizens needs developed by the Network of Civil Society Organizations (CSOs). The document, she said, contains all requirements aimed at improving the lives of women in particular and the good people of Borno State in General.

6. At this juncture, the Secretary to the State Government invited His Excellency, Professor (Engr.) Babagana Umara Zulum, fnse, mni, to deliver his address.

7. His Excellency, the Executive Governor of Borno State, while delivering his address expressed his happiness on the organization of the Town Hall Meeting. This forum, he said, avails all stakeholders the opportunity to discuss freely the requirements of their respective communities with the ultimate aim of capturing the same views in the 2020 Citizens Budget and any other developmental documents such as the proposed 10-year State Development Plan. His Excellency recalled that few days from the beginning of his tenure, he commissioned stakeholders to go to their communities to carry out need assessment of their people and present same to Government for consideration. This Town Hall Meeting and earlier directives to stakeholders on the same issue, no doubt symbolizes the ideals of participatory democracy or in short, the making of Government of the people, by the people and for the people. His Excellency assured the gathering that his administration's 10-Pact Agenda would be implemented religiously and effort would be made to develop suitable and realisable budgets under his tenure that would be tailored towards meeting the need assessments of the people. His Excellency directed the Department of Budget and Planning to work hand-in-hand with the Ministry of Local Government and Emirates Affairs in order to capture the needs of the people at the grass root. His Excellency further informed the gathering that the dilapidated facilities within the Musa Usman Secretariat and other Government Offices would be rehabilitated to make the places conducive for the

Civil Servants to work comfortably, effectively and efficiently. His Excellency expressed his appreciation for the Citizen's Charter Report presented to him and thanked the Members of the Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) for their invaluable contributions towards improving Budget Process in Borno State. His Excellency similarly thanked the Honourable Commissioner, Management and Staff of Ministry of Finance, Budget and Economic Planning for organizing the Town Hall Meeting and tasked the Ministry of Finance, the Department of Budget and Planning in particular to keep up the good work.

8. The third presentation of the day was made by the State Party Chairman of the All Progressives Congress (APC), Honourable Ali Bukar Dalori. The Chairman commenced his presentation with the expression of profound gratitude to His Excellency, the Executive Governor of Borno State, Professor (Engr.) Babagana Umara Zulum, fnse, mni, for making it possible for the convocation of the Town Hall Meeting aimed at developing the Citizen's Budget 2020. He described the occasion as first of its kind. The Chairman said that the Town Hall meeting was a welcome development and it came at the right time. The Chairman recalled that during their electioneering campaign, their Party made a lot of promises and assurances to the good people of Borno State and this forum would enable the citizens to clearly determine what they want the Government to do for them. The Chairman used the opportunity to congratulate His Excellency, the Executive Governor of Borno State for successfully executing numerous people oriented projects within the first 100 days of his tenure. His Excellency, he said, had proven his capabilities of executing people-oriented programmes and projects throughout his tenure through his well-thought out 10-Pact Agenda and Citizens Budget 2020. The Chairman said that going by His Excellency's hard work and good governance posture, he is confident that in no distant future, Borno State would be turned into a comfortable and peaceful place for the good people of the State. The Chairman concluded by making fervent prayers for peace to reign in Borno State in particular and the Nigerian Nation in general.

9. At this juncture at about 11.30 a.m., His Excellency, the Executive Governor, owing to demands requiring his attention on other important State matters, excused himself and mandated the Secretary to the State Government,

Alhaji Usman Jidda Shuwa, fwc, to Chair the occasion on his behalf. His Excellency also directed all Members of the Executive Council and other State and Local Government functionaries to remain and participate actively till the end of the occasion.

10. The fourth Presenter of the day was the Representative of the Shehu of Borno, His Eminence, Alhaji Abubakar Ibn Umar Garbai El-Amin Elkanemi and that of other traditional Rulers in Borno State. First and foremost, the Representative congratulated His Excellency, the Executive Governor for a successful first 100 days in office and his successful achievements during the same period. He said the Traditional Rulers had noted with delight that His Excellency, within that short period had resuscitated the State and Local Government Civil Authorities. The Representative expressed the concern of the Traditional Institution over the lack of clear Constitutional provision or mandate on their role in the Society. He said the Traditional Rulers play significant roles within the Society in terms of maintaining law and order, education of their subjects and development of agriculture. Other area of concern for the Traditional Rulers was the issue of Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs). He said IDPs are desperate to return to their respective communities. The Traditional Rulers commended the efforts of the security Agencies so far and also appealed to Government to intensify efforts to, not only curb the activities of insurgents but also fast-track the reconstruction, rehabilitation and resettlement of all affected communities to enable IDPs return. Furthermore, the Traditional Rulers reminded Government that Borno is home for prayers and therefore the culture of engaging the services of Ulamas and Clerics to pray for lasting peace to reign in Borno State in particular and the Nigerian Nation in general must be sustained. The Traditional Rulers further appealed to Government to invest massively in the area of Agriculture since farming is the mainstay of the generality of the people of Borno State. Conducive atmosphere in terms of security and provision of farm implements must be made available to enable the people engage on their farming activities. The Traditional Rulers noted with deep sadness, the high numbers of out of school children roaming the streets. The current effort of Government of constructing schools at various locations must be sustained and that the schools must be equipped with sufficient teaching

materials and good teachers. More Skills acquisition Centres must be established to train the multitude of youths and women, victims of insurgency who are made vulnerable. Such people must be supported with soft loans to kick-start their livelihoods. The Traditional Rulers concluded their presentation by informing the gathering that detailed "needs assessment" of communities in the Local Government Areas had been compiled for on-ward submission to the Ministries concerned for consideration by Government through capturing same in the 2020 budget and other instruments of development such as the State Development Plan.

11. The fifth Presenter, Executive Director Network of Civil Society Organizations in Borno State, Amb. Ahmed Shehu, congratulated His Excellency, Professor (Engr.) Babagana Umara Zulum, fnse, mni, the Executive Governor of Borno State for his first 100 days in office and expressed the appreciation of the Citizens of Borno State for providing them a ground breaking opportunity for citizen's inputs into the 2020 budget. He said, the rare feat had provided the common man with great hope and expectations which would translate into all-inclusive governance and effective service delivery to the citizens. The Civil Society in the State, he said, had been advocating for citizen's budget for the past decade. The actualization of our aspiration materialized only during the present administration of His Excellency. The CSOs in Borno State, he said, is very grateful.

12. The Civil Society Organizations in Borno State assessed the overall impact of the conflict of insurgency in Borno State, now in its 10th year, on infrastructure and social services to be in the region U.S. \$6.9 billion. This signifies the gravity of the situation and the importance of prioritizing the reconstruction, and stabilization of the citizen's demand. The CSO in Borno State, for the first time in the history of Borno State presented to the Government, the citizen's charter, compiled through mobilization of its members from various clusters, platforms, groups and Community Based Organizations (CBOs) in conducting needs assessment in various communities and constituencies across the three Senatorial Zones of the State. The Executive Director, CSOs in Borno State acknowledged the support of their partners, Engaged Citizens Pillar (ECP PERL) for the success in the compilation of the Citizen's Charter. In addition, the meeting was informed that the Civil Society had recorded a milestone in sensitizing the citizens on budgetary

process through organization of a Town Meeting in partnership with the Borno State Department of Budget and Planning, Traditional and Religious Rulers. Furthermore, partnership between the citizens group and media had led to more informed citizen's engagement on budget and governance in Borno State.

13. The Civil Society advocated for the improvement of internally generated revenue (IGR) in the State in order to place the Government on a sound financial position to fund larger percentage of its budget, particularly in the face of dwindling income from Federation Account. It further advocated for stronger partnership between the Government, MDAs and Civil Society in order to collectively achieve the ultimate goal of greater Borno.

14. On a final note, the Civil Society appealed to Government to appoint a Senior Special Assistant on Civil Society and Community Engagement as that would ensure fruitful interaction between Government and the Citizens.

15. Ms Amina Adam made the sixth Presentation on behalf of the Girl Child in Borno State. She said as a result of the insurgency, many Girl children had fallen victims of molestation leading to many of them devastated and traumatized. Specific funds should be allocated under the budget to take care of the girl child through establishment of Development Centres for girl child. Furthermore, she advocated for the domestication of the Child Rights Act and also establishment of outfits for the prevention of gender-based violence, exploitation and abuse. The Representative of Girl child also recommended the provision of funds in the 2020 budget aimed at improving sanitary hygiene of the girl child through distribution of free sanitary pads to girl child in Schools, IDP Camps and Homes. She also made mention of public toilets for the females.

16. The seventh Presentation was made by the Representative of the Youth in Borno State. The Representative commenced his presentation with the congratulation of His Excellency, the Executive Governor of Borno State on the successful execution of over 120 people-oriented projects within the first 100 days of his assumption of office. The Youth Leader said that Borno State is endowed with over 1 million youth. He suggested the provision of adequate funds in the 2020 budget for human capital development targeting the youth. An investment on the

Youth now, he said, would have greater potentials for accelerated development of Borno State in no distant future.

17. The eighth Presenter of the day was the Representative of persons living with disabilities. The Presenter made several appeals aimed at improving the lives of persons living with disabilities in Borno State. He suggested the upgrading of the Special School for the disabled to effectively cater for the training of multitude of persons living with disability roaming the streets begging for alms to sustain their livelihoods. Their training on various skills would make them self-sufficient, give them sense of belonging and provide them with sustenance that would keep them out of the streets.

18. The Head of Civil Service made a goodwill address during the occasion. He congratulated the Government and particularly the organizers of the Town Hall meeting which he described as welcome development and timely. He said budget compliance had suffered greatly in the past. The HOS cautioned the Executors of the Budget that once a State budget is approved by the Legislature and duly accented by the Executive Governor, it becomes an Appropriation Law that must be complied with to the letter by all Civil Servants and Public Officers. Any infringement would be a violation of the Law capable of attracting appropriate sanctions under the Law. Now that Government is advocating for Citizens participation in the Budgeting Process, makes them the owners of the State Budget and thus its sanctity must be respected by all. With the brief goodwill address, the HOS once again congratulated the organizers of the Town Hall meeting and wish them successful deliberations.

19. The Secretary to the State Government who stood for His Excellency, the Executive Governor of Borno State while making his concluding remarks, reiterated that Budget is no longer an annual ritual of gathering inputs from MDAs and developing a document tagged the budget. State Budget is an Appropriation Law hence any violation attracts punishment under the Law. He therefore advised Members of the Executive Council to always study the budget and cite appropriate economic codes while requesting for approval for the expenditure in respect of any project under their Ministries. The Budget Department should be consulted when

in doubt. The Secretary to the State Government further advised the Ministry of Finance, Budget and Economic Planning to establish a Budget Performance and Implementation Unit if one is not in existence already. He said, His Excellency, Professor (Engr.) Babagana Umara Zulum, fnse, mni, the Executive Governor of Borno State being a respecter of the Law, all and sundry must equally respect the Appropriation Law.

20. The Permanent Secretary, Department of Budget and Planning, Ministry of Finance, Budget and Economic Planning, Hajiya Mairo Bunu Lawan, fcpa, fcna, while giving her Vote of thanks, first and foremost, thanked the Almighty for granting good health and wisdom to His Excellency, the Executive Governor of Borno State to steer the affairs of the good people of the State. She also thanked His Excellency, the Executive Governor, his Deputy Hon. Alhaji Umar Usman Kadafur, His Eminence the Shehu of Borno and the entire participants at the Town Hall Meeting for finding time to grace the occasion. The Permanent Secretary described His Excellency's stewardship as an epitome of accountability. She said Accounting is the only profession that is practiced in the Heavens going by the fact that every being will account for his deeds in the hereafter.

21. The Permanent Secretary assured the gathering that the 2020 Budget would capture all the inputs from the Citizens, incorporate His Excellency's people oriented 10-Pact Agenda and religiously implement the 10-year State Development Plan (SDP). The SDP, she emphasized, would form the basis on which the development of the State would be carried out. Furthermore, she assured the people of the State that the present administration's policy thrust would not only ensure transparency, accountability and sustainability in governance but would also free the citizens from the shackles of poverty. She further extended the appreciation of the Government and people of Borno State to the Executive Director Network of Civil Society Organizations and his entire membership for adding value to the budgeting process in Borno State and urged them to continue the synergy between them.

22. At the end of her Vote of thanks, the Permanent Secretary congratulated His Excellency for his successful achievements during his first 100 days in office.

She concluded her Vote of thanks by reiterating the existence of a Borno State Government's dedicated website where citizens and indeed all interested parties can follow the budget on www.bornostate.gov.ng/budget. She said the website has a feedback mechanism on which people can interact freely with Government. She further informed the gathering that the public finance management website will soon be harmonized and the address would be made known to the general public soon.

23. The Town Hall meeting was declared closed at about 1.30 p.m. with closing prayers offered by Alhaji Bulama Mali Gubio, mni, Chairman of the Borno State Civil Service Commission.



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**HAJIYA MAIRO BUNU LAWAN
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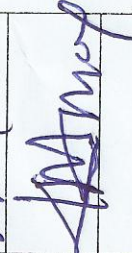
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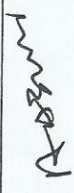





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**PROGRAMME OF EVENT FOR TOWN HALL MEETING HELD ON
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HALL MUSA USMAN SECRETARIAT MAIDUGURI, BORNO STATE**

Time: 11:00am

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EVENTS

9:00am	Arrival of Members of Organizing Committee and Police Band Borno State Command
9:35am	Arrival of Invited Guest ""
9:40am	Arrival of Executive Members of Political Parties
9:45am	Arrival of Chairmen Caretaker Committee LGA
9:50am	Arrival of Special Advisers, Senior Special Assistants and Special Assistant to His Excellency, the Executive Governor of Borno State.
9:55am	Arrival of Permanent Secretaries, Chairmen of Commissions, Chief Executives of Federal and State Boards and Parastatals "
10:00am	Arrival of Members of State Executive Council
10:05am	Arrival of Members of the Borno State Security Council
10:10am	Arrival of Prominent Borno Elders
10:15am	Arrival of the Hon. Members of the Borno State House of Assembly
10:20am	Arrival of Honourable Chief Judge and Grand Qadi of Borno State
10:25am	Arrival of APC State Chairman Hon. Ali Bukar Dalori
10:30am	Arrival of Rt. Hon. Speaker Borno State House of Assembly Hon. Abdulkarim Lawan
10:35am	Arrival of Members of the National Assembly

- 10:40am** Arrival of His Royal Highness the Shehu of Borno **Alh. (Dr.) Abubakar Ibn Umar Garbai Al-Amin El-Kanemi** cfr Accompanied by other Emirs
- 10:45am** Arrival of His Excellency, the Deputy Governor of Borno State **Alhaji Umar Usman Kadafur**
- 11:00am** His Excellency, **Prof. Babagana Umara Zulum** mni FNSE the Executive Governor of Borno State accompanied by Secretary to State Government, HOS, COS and entourage arrive.
- NATIONAL ANTHEM/OPENING PRAYER-**
- 11:05am** Welcome address and key note address by the Hon. Commissioner Min. of Finance Budget and Planning **Hon. Alh. Adamu Lawan**
- 11:15am** Brief address by the Head of Service
- 11:25am** Speech by 1st speaker: APC State Chairman
- 11:35am** Speech by 2nd speaker: Hon. Speaker BOHA
- 11:45am** Speech by 3rd speaker: Traditional Rulers Representative
- 11:55am** Speech by 4th speaker: Chairman Network of CSOs
- 12:00pm** Speech by 5th speaker: Girl Child Representative
- 12:05pm** Speech by 6th speaker: Youth Representative
- 12:10pm** Speech by 7th speaker: Women Representative
- 12:15pm** Speech by 8th speaker: Person living with disabilities Rep.
- 12:20pm** Address by His Excellency, **Prof. Babagana Umara Zulum** mni FNSE the Executive Governor of Borno State
- 12:35pm** Vote of thanks by the Permanent Secretary Budget and Planning

-CLOSING PRAYER / NATIONAL ANTHEM-