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REPORT ON THE STAKEHOLDERS' CONSULTATIVE FORUM FOR THE PREPARATION OF 2026 CITIZEN'S BUDGET

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A stakeholders' consultative forum was held at the Nembe Local Government Secretariat, Nembe (Ogbolomabiri) on Tuesday, December 2, 2025, at about 2:00pm. Invitations were made for the participation of all strata of people from various wards (13) of the Local Government Area. However, due to adversities in the mode of transport from the remote communities, not all invitees turned up for the meeting. 132 stakeholders were in attendance and participated.

The object and focus of the session was to solicit citizens/ stakeholders' inputs to form the core budget of the budget. This was done in conformity with the principles of bottom-top approach to public budgeting. Therefore, stakeholders were urged to make suggestions/presentation on their preferred projects and programmes that could enhance sustainable developments in the communities of the Local Government reflecting of the Assured Prosperity Mantra of the State (Bayelsa) and the Renewed Hope Agenda of the Federal Government.

MAJOR RESOLUTIONS:

The interactive process was concluded with the following resolutions:

1. Inclusive Government and Participatory Decision Making:
The Local Government shall involve relevant stakeholders in making major decisions meant to shape the development of the communities and enhance the living standards of the people of the Local Government Area.
2. Various strata of leadership in the communities should identify their roles and responsibilities and ensure active participation in the decision-making process (Budgetary process) when contacted by the government.
3. Stakeholders should know their obligations in providing tax income, when required to encourage and enhance effective implementation of budget that will provide development for all.
4. The decisions reached shall form major component of the 2026 Budget proposal.
5. Youth empowerment through skills acquisition initiatives:
 - The Local Government shall provide opportunities for youth enrollment in skill acquisition programmes in the Skill Acquisition Centers/Institutions.

Starter packages shall be provided for graduands of various trades such as welding, carpentry/furniture making, Hair styling/Hair dressing,



- Bricklaying/Masonry, Tailoring/Dressmaking, etc. that are relevant for youth capacity development.
 - Artists and other talented youths will be provided opportunities for self enhancement and engagement in agencies that require the skillful services.
 - Provision of employment if the ban on employment is lifted: qualified youths will be employed if the ban on Local Government is lifted.
1. Women Empowerment/Intervention Programme:
 - Provision shall be made to ensure efficient issuance of soft loans for small and medium scale traders and business women.
 - Fishing equipment and fishing gears shall be provided to diligent fisher women to encourage productivity.
 - Women will be provided training on fish-farming/fish production to increase the supply of fish in the Local Government Area; and fingerlings and other inputs shall be provided them to boost productivity.
 2. Back to the Land Programme:
 - Small and medium scale farmers will be encouraged on crop production based on comparative advantage Of the soil in the area.
 - Cassava, Bush mango (Akpakpa Ogbein), Soursop, Plantain, Potatoes etc. production will be encouraged among the farmers and seedings will be provided to practicing farmers in the Local Government Area.
 3. Preservation Facilities for Produce: Through Public/Private partnership, the Local Government shall collaborate with relevant agencies to build cold room and preservation facilities to reduce decay and wastage of produce and encourage production.
 4. Road Construction: The Local Government shall ensure completion of all concrete roads under construction in the various communities of the Local Government Area and initiate new ones in the areas that need roads.
 5. Educational Development and School Infrastructure: Massive renovation of primary school buildings and building of teachers' quarters will be priorities of the 2026 Budget.
 - The Local Government will ensure more enrollment of students in the Senior School Certificate Examination and the Universities/Tertiary Matriculation Examination (UTME), by paying for their registration fees.
 - Encouragement of Teacher's Welfare: In collaboration with the Education Board(s), teachers' promotion and implementation of teachers' promotion shall be upheld to encourage effective service delivery from teachers.
 6. Sports and Cultural Development:
 - Sporting events shall be encouraged to harness sport skills among youths.
 - The Nembe Cultural Heritage shall be revived to showcase its resourcefulness to the world.
 7. Maintenance of Peace and Security for the well-being of the citizenry: The Local Government shall continue to collaborate and synergize with the Security Agencies and community leaderships to maintain and sustain the peace enjoyed in the Local Government Area.
 8. Campaigns/ Programmes against Vices: Sensitization campaigns against Drug-Abuse, Cultism and Vandalism of public property will be held regularly to discourage youth involvement in such vices.

9. Provision of Primary Health Care:
 - The Local Government shall uphold the Routine Immunization Exercise carried out by Primary Health Care Development Agency in the state.
 - The Local Government shall ensure the renovation of Primary Health Care Centers that have faulty structures.
 - Primary Health Care equipment/tools, drugs etc. shall be provided to the Health Centers to encourage service provision.
 - Moribund Primary Health Centers will be reactivated to provide services to their host communities and environs.
 10. Renovation of Community Markets: Markets in major communities shall be renovated to encourage trading in the communities and the Local Government Area.
 11. Provision of Portable Water: The Local Government shall collaborate with the Bayelsa State Ministry of Water Resources to ensure the adequate provision of portable water in major communities of the Local Government Area.
 12. Revenue Generation: The Local Government shall collaborate with leaderships of the communities and various stakeholders to enhance Internal Revenue Generation that will encourage budget performance that will enable the provision of the needs of the people.
- As part of the resolutions, participants of the Budget Interactive Forum also identified some areas of intervention including:
- Scholarship Programmes
 - Youth Dialogue
 - Entrepreneurial Development Programmes
 - Agricultural Development
 - Target project for persons living with disabilities
 - Establishment of parks and gardens

INTRODUCTION:

The Nembe Local Government Stakeholders Consultative Forum was held on December 2, 2025, primarily to encourage citizens participation in the budgeting process through their sincere inputs of expressing their preferred needs/projects and programmes. 132 persons from various strata of leadership and organizations participated in the sessions meant to explain the procedure for preparing a citizen budget proposal that would become operational in 2026.

EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS:

The Executive Chairman, Hon. David A. Alagoa, through his Vice, Hon. Inikio Daniel, welcomed the stakeholders and appreciated their attendance and commitment to the cause of development of the Local Government Area. He hinged the reason of the Interactive Session on the Preparation of a People's Oriented Budget that conform to modern Global Best Practices. He emphasized that the budgetary process is organized in compliance with the provisions of the Fiscal Responsibility Law and the SIFTAS to ensure transparency and accountability in government revenue and expenditure. He therefore elicited meaningful suggestions of productive ideas, programmes

and projects from them as stakeholders that would determine the successful budgeting and effective implementation of the proposals for the overall development of the Local Government Area. He further informed them that the budget needs their revenue input as well to enable the provision of their desired projects and programmes. Also, he pre-informed them that, though as stakeholders, they have to nominate projects for inclusion in the budget proposal, not all projects nominated maybe captured in one Fiscal year; hence some might be rolled over to a subsequent year. The Executive Chairman, finally presented projects embarked upon by the Nembe Local Government in the current year as follows:

1. Completed Projects:

- PROJECTS EXECUTED IN MINI-IKENSI RDA

✓ **Project Title:**

Construction of Six Room Concrete Public Toilet Building*

Project Location: Biokponga Town

✓ **Project Title:**

Installation of Solar Powered System Enabled Borehole and Water Reticulation

Project Location: Okoroba Community

✓ **Project Title:**

Renovation of Staff Quarters

Project Location:

Agrisaba, Headquarters of Mini-Ikenshi RDA

2. Ongoing Projects:

PRESSSENTATION OF THE MEDIUM-TERM EXPENDITURE FRAMEWORK (MTEF):

The Head of Local Government Administration, Comrade Godson Jim-Dorgu, highlighted how the budgetary process has changed to include citizens' / stakeholders' participation, unlike the old process, which did not incorporate citizens' participation. He explained that the 2026 budget would be derived from Medium-Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF) designed to be operational for three (3) year-span. He therefore urged stakeholders to make inputs that could be achievable within the period.

INTERACTIVE SESSION FOR THE CITIZENS BUDGET 2026:

1. Primary Health Care Workers:

Representative: Comrade Adolphus Pulemote (Medical and Health Workers Union of Nigeria (MHWUN)).

Suggestions:

- Renovations of Primary Health Centres in the Local Government Area.
- Construction of staff quarters in Primary Health Care Centres for staff.
- Provision of equipment, tools and furniture for the Primary Health Centres.
- Activation of moribund Health Centres.
- Construction of Primary Health Care Centres in all major communities of the Local Government Area.

Executive Chairman's Response:

- Acknowledged the need for renovation of Health Centres in major communities.

- Considered the provision of equipment to Health Centres
- Acknowledged the need for construction of staff quarters within the premises of the Primary Health facilities.

2. Primary Education:

Representative: Dimonu Canus (Local Government Education Authority)

Suggestions:

- Renovation of Education Authority buildings.
- Construction of Conference Halls for Education Authority.
- Provisions of office equipment and furniture.
- Renovation of Primary Scholl buildings.
- Provision of furniture to schools.

Executive Chairman's Response

- Acknowledged the need for renovation of the Education Authority buildings.
- Indicated the provision of office equipment and furniture.
- Considered the construction of Conference Halls for Education Authority.
- Promised renovation of Primary Schools.

3. Road and Bridge Construction and other Infrastructures:

Representative: H. H. Ikalanyu Jacob (Amadabo of Igopiri)

Suggestions:

- Construction of concrete internal roads.
- Construction of link bridges.
- Concrete flooring of Town Squares.
- Construction of link roads between communities.
- Roofing of Community Squares.

Executive Chairman's Response:

- Acknowledged the need for construction of concrete roads.
- Promised construction of link bridges.
- Considered the building of Town Squares.

4. Skills Acquisition Centres and Programmes:

Representative: Iyalla Captain (Community Development Committee (CDC))

Suggestions:

- Establishment of Skill Developmental Centres.
- Training youths on useful skills.

Executive Chairman's Response:

- Promised upgrading of the Skill Development Centres.
- Promised training youths on skills development.

5. Construction / Renovation of Community Market:

Representative: Comrade Adolphus Pulemote

Suggestions:

- Construction of community markets to enhance rural trading.

- Renovation of dilapidating market structures to encourage traders use of the market.

Executive Chairman's Response:

- Acknowledged the importance of constructing and renovating markets for traders.
- Promised provision of solar lights in markets to encourage evening trading.

6. Sporting and Cultural Programmes:

Representative: ThankGod Ezekiel Ayebanoa (Vice Chairman, Nembe City Youth Congress)

Suggestions:

- Annual sports festivals to encourage youth development.
- Reviving of Nembe Cultural Heritage

Executive Chairman's Response:

- Promised encouraging sports development among youths.
- Confirmed, Nembe Cultural Heritage Revival on course.

7. Agriculture / Farming:

Representative: Umbu Promise (HOD, Agriculture)

Suggestions:

- Acquisition of land to establish Farm Village / Settlement.
- Establishment of cassava farm, plantain farm and vegetable farm.
- Livestock farming to boost meat production for the teeming population.
- Hatching of black soldier fly to provide feeds for fish farms.
- Mushroom planting and processing.
- Provision of seedling, fingerlings and other inputs to boost agricultural production.

Executive Chairman's Response:

- Acknowledged the proposal for land acquisition for Agriculture / Farm Village.
- Promised the establishment of crop farms.
- Hatching of black soldier fly is already in progress.
- Livestock production already in progress but will be expanded.
- Promised provision of farm inputs to farmers.

8. Traditional Rulers:

Representative: Chief Temple Charlie-Okoko (Opu-Nembe Council of Chiefs):

Suggestions:

- Appreciated the convening of the Forum for citizens' active participation in budgetary process.
- Observed a skewed representation of the sections making the Local Government Area.
- Called for wider spread of invitation to cut across all wards of the Local Government Area.
- Requested the provision of public utilities like electricity and portable water.
- Construction of internal concrete roads in communities.

- Maintenance of Primary Health Care Centres.

Representative 2: Chief Kenneth C. Gbalikuma (Nembe City Council of Chiefs):

Suggestion:

- Connection of Nembe to the Turbine Gas light
- Construction of link roads to satellite communities
- Price control measures in the transport sector
- Emphasize Environmental Sanitation
- Maintenance of Local Government Buildings

Executive Chairman's Response: The Chairman promised as follows:

- Improving on the invitation of stakeholders
- He considered the construction of internal and link roads across the communities
- He promised ameliorating the provision of public utilities
- He promised the maintenance health centers and office buildings.
- He promised holding stakeholders meeting with operators of the transport industry on fare-control measures.
- He acknowledged the need for Environmental Sanitation.

Chairman's Additional Commitments:

1. PEACE AND SECURITY:

- Decried burglary and theft in Nembe Metropolis and cautioned youths against vices.
- Frowned at cultism and drug abuse that have ill-shaped the characters of the youth to constitute nuisance and threat to peace and security.
- Condemned hooliganism and cross-border crises among youths that breach the peace of the communities.

2. SOCIO-CULTURAL REVIVAL:

- Cultural Heritage Revival Committee constituted.
- All Okpus (Mausoleums) earmarked maintenance.

3. EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT OF YOUTH:

- Establishment of National Examination Council (NECO) GCE Centers in two secondary schools in the Local Government Area.
- Payment of Examination Registration Fees for Senior Secondary School Certificate Students

4. RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- Holding of regular Prosperity Walk to encourage physical fitness through exercising.
- Provision of sport gears to prosperity walkers.

5. HEALTH AND NUTRITION:

- Constituting of Task Force on Fake Drugs.
- Constituting of Food Security Committee to enhance production and preservation of food.

6. ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION:

- Construction of drainages to control flash flood.
- Planting of crop trees to encourage fruit production.
- Planting of vegetables to boost supply.
- Constituting Environmental Health Sanitation Committee to check filthiness of premises.

7. ENCOURAGE LEGIONNAIRES:

- Provided uniforms for Nigerian Legionnaires.

COLLATION OF PROJECT REQUISITION FORMS EARLIER DISTRIBUTED TO PARTICIPANTS/ STAKEHOLDERS

The project requisition forms designed to elicit nomination of priority projects earlier distributed were collated. the submissions from the forms would form integral component of 2026 Citizen Budget; while important but non-accommodated projects would be rolled over to 2027 fiscal year.

VOTE OF THANKS/ CLOSING REMARKS:

The Secretary to Nembe Local Government, Hon. Abanda Ambrose Tari, thanked the stakeholders for the effective participation in a novel budgetary process that requires their input as the core of the framework.

- He appreciated the traditional rulers for their humility and patience.
- He explained the challenges the management of the Local Government face in Internal Revenue Generation.
- He implored co-operation in aspect of goal congruency that will enable the stakeholders contribute to the development of the Local Government, while, the Local Government provide development-oriented projects and programmes for the citizenry.

CONCLUSION:

- The consultative Forum of stakeholders for the preparation of 2026 Citizens Budget for Nembe Local Government was a success. Representatives from various strata of Leadership and organizations attended. Although representation from remote riverine communities was sparse, the parameters for project development in the rural areas have been captured and will reflect on all major communities in the Local Government Area. It is believed that, the implementation of this new approach to budgeting will fill the gaps created by the old method.



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