



SOUTHERN IJAW LOCAL GOVERNMENT



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MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC INTERACTIVE SESSION FOR THE PREPARATION OF THE 2026 CITIZENS/ANNUAL BUDGET OF SOUTHERN IJAW LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA (SILGA)

Held on Tuesday, 2nd December 2026

Venue: Oporoma

Time: 1:35pm – 3:10pm

1. Opening

The meeting commenced at 1:35pm with an opening prayer said by the Executive Chairman of Southern Ijaw Local Government Area, Hon. Target Isaiah Segibo.

2. Attendance

Prominent stakeholders present included:

1. Hon. Target Isaiah Segibo: Executive Chairman, Southern Ijaw LGA
2. Hon. Josphine Akade: Vice Chairman, Southern Ijaw LGA
3. Hon. Obolo Monday Bolou: Member, Bayelsa State House of Assembly (Constituency 2)
4. Mr. Andrew Egade: RDA Head
5. Mr. Keseye
6. High Chief Agobiri Francis: Chairman, Ogoin North
7. Hon. Gboluseri Lovenah: Chairman, Elders Forum, SILGA
8. Hon. Oweila Edward: Leader, SILGA Legislative Assembly
9. Hon. Saturday Seconde
10. Mrs. Beabelemo Birikigi

3. Goodwill Message by Hon. Obolo Monday Bolou

Hon. Obolo stated that the purpose of the interactive session was to identify key challenges faced by communities across Southern Ijaw for inclusion in the 2026 Citizens Budget.

He emphasized the importance of the State House of Assembly in the budget approval process, noting that he would sign the final stage of the document as Leader of the relevant subcommittee.

He reminded participants that Oporoma, being the headquarters of Southern Ijaw, deserves priority development such as:

- Construction of a modern market square
- Construction of inner roads
- Beautification of the community

He appreciated the Executive Chairman for the road extended to Oporoma by the Prosperity Government and urged continued collaboration.

He encouraged all traditional rulers, youth leaders, and women's groups to present their community challenges for inclusion in the 2026 budget.

4. Chairman's Address (Hon. Target Isaiah Segibo)

The Executive Chairman welcomed all attendees and reiterated that the purpose of the Citizens Budget is to:

- Promote transparency and accountability
- Encourage public participation
- Simplify the budget for better public understanding
- Improve decision-making and governance outcomes

He assured stakeholders that the Assured Prosperity Administration of Governor Douye Diri remains committed to addressing community concerns through responsive policies.

Stakeholders raised issues including:

- Staffing gaps in primary healthcare and education
- Security challenges in volatile areas such as Ukubie

The Chairman appreciated the contributions and assured them that their concerns would guide the 2026 budgeting process.

5. Remarks from the Commissioner for Budget and Economic Planning

The Commissioner encouraged all communities to clearly outline their development challenges. He noted that if the Chairman aligns with the advice given in his address, the 2026 budget would effectively cover major developmental projects across the LGA.

6. Remarks from Stakeholders

a. Vice Chairman, Traditional Rulers Council

He lamented that many communities particularly those in the Atlantic area remain far behind in development and appealed for the construction of healthcare centres.

b. Mrs. Gbolusari Lovenah

She appealed for:

- Revitalization of primary schools
- Construction of teachers' quarters
- Provision of electricity and borehole water
- Improvement of school infrastructure for quality learning

c. Leader, SILGA Legislative Assembly (Hon. Oweila Edward)

He emphasized that education goes beyond reading and writing; it includes preserving cultural heritage.

He pledged to liaise with councillors to:

- Sponsor a bill for the SISO School in Oporoma
- Support renovation of healthcare centres
- Collect ward-level educational and health-related challenges for inclusion in the budget

d. Hon. Saturday Seconde

He stated that the session is meant for communities to freely express their challenges, assuring them that all inputs would be captured in the 2026 Citizens Budget.

e. Representative, National Council of Women Societies (Bayelsa - SILGA Chapter)

She advocated for:

- Free education
- Improved maternal healthcare
- To reduce child and infant mortality.

f. Mr. Stephen Beke Flower

He highlighted:

- Severe shortage of teachers (most schools have only headmasters)
- Need to complete the MTN mast project in Inewari
- Extension of the road from Inewari to Opua-Ama (1.6 km)
- Construction of a landing jetty for easier movement across neighbouring communities

g. Paramount Ruler of Neingiana

Requested:

- Completion of a 1 km road leading to the community (important due to its proximity to the Polytechnic)

- Construction of a hospital
- Construction of a community auditorium

h. Fekepre Woko: President, SILGA Federated Youths

He emphasized:

- Youth employment
- Implementation of skill acquisition programs
- Absorption of trained youths into multinational companies, especially in ICT

i. HRH Prophet Abigidi Akpolo (Ukparatrubu)

Requested the provision of potable water for his community.

j. Amananaowei of Oweikorowa Community

Requested:

- Renovation of their health facility
- Reconstruction of school buildings
- Addressing road flooding during heavy rainfall

7. Vote of Thanks

The Vice Chairman, Dr. Josphine Akade, gave the vote of thanks. She noted that communities in Constituency 4, being close to the sea, require:

- Clearing of footpaths for easier movement
- A police station
- Establishment of a SILGA Cultural Day


She thanked God and all participants for a successful meeting.

8. Closing

The meeting ended at 3:10pm with a closing prayer led by Hon. Loveth Asari, Councillor representing Ward 10.



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