

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE FEDERAL MINISTRY OF POWER ON BEHALF OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OF
NIGERIA
AND
THE NORDIC EMBASSIES IN ABUJA

ON
COOPERATION IN THE ENERGY SECTOR AND
ENERGY PROJECT DEVELOPMENT**

1. The Nordic-Nigerian Forum on Energy was initiated by the Federal Ministries of Power, Environment and Water Resources on behalf of the Federal Government of Nigeria in collaboration with the Embassies of Sweden, Finland and Norway, and organized in full collaboration with the key agencies, para-statals and other stakeholders. The Forum was held from 18 – 22 October 2010 at the Nicon Luxury Hotel in Abuja. The main objective of the Forum was to provide a platform for the interchange of information among stakeholders and the Nordic team on energy issues, with a view to establishing partnerships, investment and technical advice leading to the formulation of this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).
2. A common communiqué was approved at the end of the forum containing a description of the event including the courtesy call to His Excellency, the Vice President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Arc. Mohammed Namadi Sambo, GCON at the State House and the opening ceremony where the Honourable Minister of State for Power, Arc. Nuhu Somo Wya delivered a keynote address and the Honourable Minister of water Resources, Chief Obadiah Ando delivered the goodwill message while the Honourable Minister of Environment addressed the forum. The communiqué states several recommendations which were approved and which are reflected in this MoU.
3. The forum was a follow-up visit by a Nigerian delegation to the Nordic countries led by Mr. President, His Excellency, Dr. Goodluck Ebele Jonathan, GCFR in May 2009 when he was the Vice – President and a return visit by a Nordic delegation in November 2009.
4. During the forum, in depth presentation of Nigeria’s energy sector and the newly launched “Roadmap for Power Sector Reform” was outlined. Several concrete projects and business opportunities were presented and important contacts were established between the Nordic delegates and the Nigerian authorities and private sector.
5. Arising there from, it was agreed to continue the good and close co-operation within the energy sector and the following areas were identified:

- Co-operation, collaboration and information sharing should be strengthened between Nigeria and the Nordic energy sector.
- Co-operation, collaboration and information sharing should cover the whole range of modes of commercial and scientific activity, including technology transfer and capacity building, in the energy sector, from production and generation to distribution, from commercial supply of technology, products, processes and services to investments.
- Aiming to develop the various options for investment opportunities in the Nigerian power sector, including PPP (Private Public Partnership), BOO (Build-Own-Operate), BOT (Build-Operate –Transfer) and EPC (Engineering-Procurement-Construction).
- Initial focus on projects which will give results in the short term.
- In particular, without excluding any other forms of energy production, power generation or distribution, or any parts of the energy sector:
 - a. With the aim to develop renewable energy as well as waste-to-energy projects.
 - b. With the aim to develop the hydropower potential connected to existing dams and irrigation schemes to multipurpose usage.
- Particular attention on the energy sector in the States where the Governments have proven commitment for example by making land available for boosting waste-to –energy projects as well as hydropower projects.
- The Nordic countries should therefore avail themselves of the opportunities opened to them through this Forum and try to establish a presence in the Nigerian power sector as quickly as possible.

6. As a strategy for effective follow-up:

- Focal points from the Federal Ministry of Power and the Nordic Embassies to be designated to enhance the contacts and follow-up.
- A delegation from the Nigerian side should undertake a visit to the Nordic region for follow up meetings during 2011.
- Meetings of this working-group to be held at least twice a year in alternated venues to be mutually agreed; these meetings should discuss issues such as delegation-visits and related events focused on the energy sector.
- Information sharing concerning the major developments in the Energy Sector, forthcoming projects and tendering processes, developments in the Nordic and Nigerian know-how and facilitation of business-relations should be at the core of the agenda of this working group.
- The working-group could explore other ways of cooperating in the energy sector and this work could involve any relevant ministry, agency and para-statal.

7. This memorandum does not create any rights or obligations under international law. Nothing in this Memorandum will affect the rights and obligations of the Participants deriving from any treaties, conventions or regional or international agreements.


This memorandum will come into operation on the day of the signing of the MoU by all participants.

The present MoU may be amended by mutual agreement between the participants in writing.

Any participant may, by written notice to all participants, declare that it will no longer participate in the MoU.

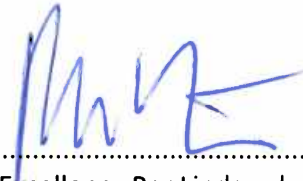
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