

**MINUTE OF THE MEETING OF STATE COMMITTEE ON EXPORT  
PROMOTION HELD AT CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE MINISTRY  
OF COMMERCE SOKOTO, 20<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2024**

**01 Opening Prayer**

The meeting commenced at 11:00pm with opening prayer led by a member from Sokoto Chamber of Commerce.

**02 Chairman Remarks:**

In his opening remarks, the chairman of the committee who is the Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Commerce has expressed his appreciation to the members for attending the meeting as scheduled despite with other official assignments in their respective organizations. He implored the members to be punctual at all times whenever the meeting was summoned. He further said this type of committee is very critical considering the present administration desire in promoting non-oil; business to international markets. After a brief remarks he directed the Secretary of the committee to read out the agenda of today's meeting thus:

**03 Hosting of 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition of Solo Agric Exhibition at Niamey in Niger Republic**

The Sokoto State Committee on Export Promotion in collaboration with Sokoto Chamber of Commerce is planning to conduct 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of Solo Exhibition Agricultural Product and made in Sokoto State products, scheduled to hold between 10<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2024 at Niamey in Niger Republic.

The main objectives of the exhibition is to promote free trade of Agricultural products, and made in Sokoto products in order to enhance bilateral trade between Sokoto and Niger Republic as well as to pave way for inflow of domestic products, foods and animals between the neighbouring countries.

#### **04 Construction of Onion and Garlic market**

The chairman had briefed the members that, the State Government has earmarked a suitable and befitting site for the constructions of Onion and Garlic Market, which is situated at More Area, along Achida - Illela junction, in order to allow free movement of trucks and other heavy duty vehicles to the market. This idea was reached during a joint meeting of stakeholders on Onion value chain actors with Hon. Commissioner, Ministry of Commerce, Sokoto.

#### **05 One-Stop Shop**

The chairman further expressed dismay over the situation of One-Stop Shop which was completely destroyed by fire incident last year. He had recalled back that, the complex was sourced by the State Government to in-house, State and Federal Government agencies who had a stake in promotion and development as well as certification and documentation of business in the State.

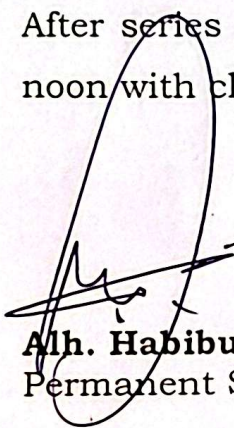
The chairman urges the members to exercise patience, the government is desirous in putting the office into use. All the

relevant agencies would move to the office immediately after the completion of the renovation.

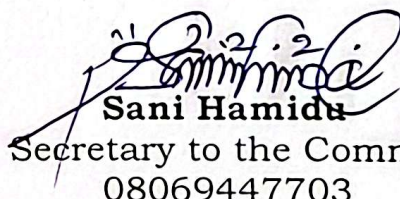
**06 Excessive harassment of security agencies while Transporting Onion and Garlic to other West African Countries.**

The committee have received complain from Onion Producers and Marketers Association of Nigeria (OPMAN) Sokoto State Branch. It was resolved that the committee will pay a courtesy visit to the appropriate security agencies such as Commissioner of Police, Customs, Immigration etc. to ascertain the actual facts of their complain for onward transmission to the concern authorities for their intervention and necessary action.

After series of deliberations the meeting comes to an end at 12:30 noon with closing prayer led by a member.



**Alh. Habibu Isah**  
Permanent Secretary/Chairman



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