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Editorial

FROM PRESS STRATEGY IN 2016/2017 TO PRAISE STRATEGY IN 2018/2019



The year 2017 has come and gone, and the Service has thus completed its two years of implementing the Start-up Strategy acronym PRESS. We recognized from the very beginning that to run a re-invigorated Kwara State Internal Revenue Service as mandated by the Kwara State Revenue Administration Law No. 6 of

2015 (as amended), and as expected by the government and the people of Kwara requires a strategy that is most suitable and appropriate. Our study however convinced us then, and rightly too, it turned out, that the PRESS Framework would just be the most appropriate. We therefore went out of our conventional approach and chose to serve the people in a non-conventional way. We persuaded and

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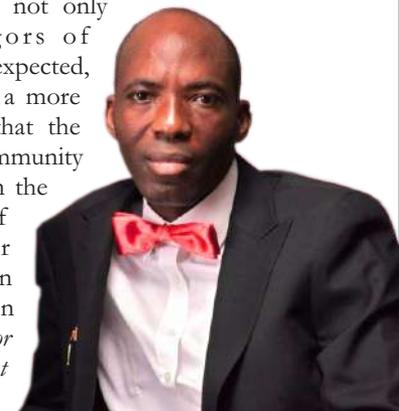
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Therefore, at the early stage of growth, we know that the PRAISE Strategy would be most appropriate as we **praise** (and no longer persuade) and continue to **patronize** the people, **re-enforce** and **re-energize** the stakeholders' commitment, **advocate** and **advance** tax education, **intensify** and **improve** on staff welfare, continue our **sequential** and **systematic** reporting of our activities and performances, and **educate** and **elicit** support for **enforcement** of collections.

With the PRAISE Strategy, we are convinced, the baby KW-IRS will not only survive the rigors of advancing in age as expected, but will grow into a more responsible child that the parents and the community will be proud of in the course of discharging her responsibilities in pursuit of the vision "to mobilize revenue for the strategic development of Kwara State."



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First Tax Club Quiz Competition prizes: promise fulfilled

Doyinsola Akande



All prize promises at the First Annual Tax Club Quiz Completion held in 2016 have been fulfilled. Prizes were given to the top 3 schools (for projects), for students (for scholarship) and for teachers (cash prizes)

The Government Secondary School (GSS) Omu-Aran made history by emerging as winner of the maiden edition of TCQC, while Government Girls Day Secondary School Oko-Erin and Iloffa Grammar School Iloffa emerged as second and third respectively.

The prizes for the best teachers which were cash prizes of N150,000, N100,000 and N50,000 for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd best teachers have all already been redeemed by the beneficiaries after the competition in December, 2017. The scholarship prizes for tertiary education won by students at the values of N250,000, N150,000 and N100,000 for 1st, 2nd and 3rd best. As the students who

represented their schools have begun to gain admission into tertiary institution, redemption of prizes for the students has also commenced.

The prizes for the best schools have all been redeemed. The winning School GSS Omu-Aran won a prize of N1,000,000 while the second and third school won N500,000 and N250,000 respectively. As resolved the two organizing parties KW-IRS, the prize winning were to be used for projects that will add value to the education experience of the students of the school.

The first prize won by GSS was used to furnish the school library, the second prize for Government Girls Day Secondary School Oko-Erin was used to renovate a block of classrooms while Iloffa Grammar School, Iloffa used their winning to furnish the conference room as the third prize.



First Prize: The Furnished Library at G.S.S Ilorin



Second Prize: The newly renovated block of Class Rooms at GGDSS, Oko-Erin



Third Prize: Furnished Conference Room, Illofa Grammar School, Illofa

KW-IRS Hosts Neighbouring SBIRs

Olufemi Oguntokun



Executive Chairman, KW-IRS Dr Muritala Awodun (far right) with some other State Internal Revenue Chairman



Oyo State Internal Revenue Chairman representative



The need for neighboring State Revenue Services to integrate cross border levies and taxes on Agriculture produce and forestry and consolidated emblem in 2018 in order to boost generated Revenue for member states has been brought to the fore during the meeting of the Executive Chairmen of neighboring States to Kwara State at the KW-IRS Head Office, G.R.A Ilorin.

Presiding over the meeting, the Executive Chairman of Kwara State Internal Revenue Service KW-IRS, Dr Muritala Awodun gave some insights on the need for states revenue service near each other to integrate their revenue and provide adequate information on how to assist member SBIRs to increase its revenue. Dr Awodun added that in the present situation of Nigeria where oil revenue is not sufficient for the country, each state must be able to sustain itself through its resources and Internally Generated revenue (IGR) to improve the standard of living of Nigerians.

He advised that the Chairmen should be diligent,





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focused and corporate with other state revenue service in some areas where there is loss of revenue.

Some of the Major Resolutions were;

- 1) That Oyo SIRS is to coordinate the sharing of viewing access to road taxes platform across the member state.
- 2) That suggestions to make voluntary assets and income declaration scheme (VAIDS) more successful such as leadership by example should be raised at the next joint tax board (JTB) meeting
- 3) That each state to design and produce a consolidated emblem that is difficult to fake (i.e with security features) and issue on the platform for road taxes to make it verifiable.
- 4) That a uniform rate on cross boarder levies and taxes on agricultural produce and forestry to be effective from 1st of January 2018 and it should be discussed at the next joint tax board (JTB)
- 5) All states are to review agricultural produce and forestry consultants and ensure that whatever rates, levies, fees or dues the consultant provide adequate and appropriate service for the money collected.
- 6) Member state IRS are to make available information such as structure, staff strength, population, taxable population, breakdown of revenue, etc so that analysis can be made and strategies that work can be shared.
- 7) Issues regarding the liabilities of Federal Ministries, Departments and Agencies (FMDAs) and Nigerian Electricity Liability Management Company (NELCOM) should be raised at the next JTB meeting.
- 8) Henceforth, JTB statistic should be used for comparisons
- 9) All states are to ensure their platforms enable the collection of arrears on vehicle licenses and number plates on or before 31st December, 2017.

Members of the neighboring SIRS include; Kwara State Internal Revenue Service, Oyo State Internal Revenue Service, Ondo State Internal Revenue Service, Osun State Internal Revenue Service, Ogun State Internal Revenue Service and Lagos State Internal Revenue Service.



Group photograph of the KW-IRS Executive Chairman, Directors and Members of Neighbouring SIBRs

BEAUTY FROM ASHES:

HANDING OVER OF THE RECONSTRUCTED 40 BURNT SHOPS

FAREEDAH ABDULWAHAB

24 November 2017 was a day of joy at the Baboko Market in Ilorin, Kwara State, when Market Traders whose shops were previously gutted by fire in April, 2017 were beaming with smiles as they were presented with keys to their brand new shops reconstructed by the Ilorin West Local Government council with support from the Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS).

In his address, the Executive Chairman, KW-IRS, Dr Muritala Awodun reminded the market people that Local Governments are in charge of the maintenance of all Markets in the Kwara State. He advised the Market traders to play their parts in the payment of tax as and when due. He also gave his assurance that the Kwara State Government had the best interest of the residents of Kwara at heart and always sought to make the Market environment conducive for business activities.

Speaking on behalf of the Senate President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Dr Bukola Saraki, the Mandate Director-General, Hon. Wahab Issa who relayed the greetings of Dr Saraki to the market people saying the Senate President sympathized with victims of the fire incident.



Debris of shops burnt at Baboko Market

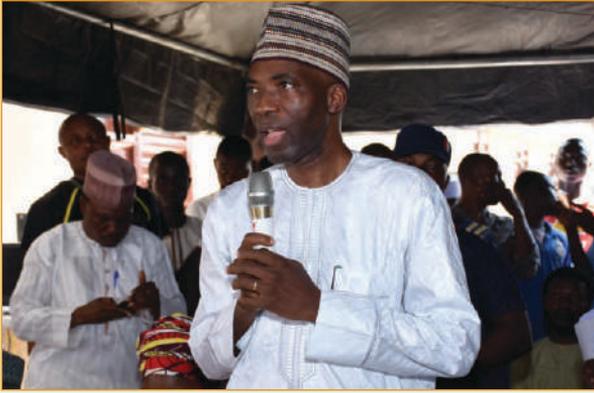


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Commissioning of the newly constructed shops at Baboko Market, Ilorin

Presentation of cheques to the affected shop owners at Baboko Market



KW-IRS:

Hallmark of Kwara State Infrastructure Development

Habibah Aiyelabegan

Infrastucture is a basic element to quantify the growth of a given society or the basic structures and facilities necessary for a country or an organization to function effectively. These include- water, buildings, road and energy resources. In general terms, it refers to the economic and social facilities which are provided by the government, or by private sector operators but especially for the socio-economic development of the individuals and the society at large.

Scholars have debated the role of physical and social infrastructure in development without reaching a definitive consensus on their importance relatively to other dynamics in human development. It cannot be denied that there is a high positive correlation between a developed infrastructure and sustained high rates of economic growth and trade activities coupled with a significant reduction in poverty, inequality.

Kwara State Government is passionate about infrastructure development to improve the economic activities and the lives of the residents of the State. Road construction is a pinnacle to the development as it will ease the movement of goods and services from one place to another.

Under the Infrastructure Fund Kwara (IF-K) model which requires a monthly deduction of N500 million from Internally Revenue Service (IGR) mobilized by the Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS) The government has achieved giant strides as many projects have been and are being carried out under this model.

These projects include:

- 1) Light up Kwara- installation of solar powered street lights to all major roads across the State.
- 2) Diamond-split underpass at Geri Alimi
- 3) Dualisation of General Hospital- kulende-sango-UITH-Oke Ose
- 4) Aduralere- Isale Koko- Sanu Sheu Road

- 5) Gerewu Phase I Road
 - 6) Oloro Palace Way
 - 7) Mission Road, Lafiagi in Edu Local Government
 - 8) Oko Bridge, Oro Ago Ifelodun
 - 9) Henry George- Mini-Campus- Queen School Road
 - 10) Agbooba Road
 - 11) Erin-Ile – Ilemona road
 - 12) Anilererin road Offa
 - 13) Irra Road in Oyun Local Government
 - 14) Aran Orin Township Road in Irepodun
 - 15) Abayawo- Guniyan Road
 - 16) Sango – Oke Andi- Taoheed Road
 - 17) Idofin- Igbana Road in Oke Ero
 - 18) Babanloma Township Road in Ifelodun
 - 19) Ogbondoroko Township road in Asa.
- Among others.

Therefore, Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS) as established by law will continue to collect and improve collections of tax for sustainable development of Kwara State.





Some of the completed and on-going projects in the State

KW-IRS HOSTS END OF YEAR MEDIA PARLEY

Fareedah Abdulwahab & Obafemi Onabanjo



Executive Chairman, KW-IRS Dr Muritala Awodun addressing the Press Men

The Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS) in collaboration with the Ministry of Information and Communication (MOIC) hosted the end of the year media conference with Kwara State Correspondence Chapel on the 16 January, 2018. The Honorable Commissioner Ministry of Information and Communications, Alh Mahmud Babatunde Ajeigbe, flagged off the event. In his opening remarks, he said, the essence of the media parley is to harmonize KW-IRS and the Media in terms of information and other revenue related matters that concerns the populace in Kwara State. He commended KW-IRS for its commitment to making sure the press doesn't lack tangible information. He stated that interacting with the media has taken the order of the day on formal and informal grounds. He advised and encouraged all stakeholders on the need to support the service by reporting concise, precise, correct information about



Hon. Commissioner MOIC delivering his address



Dignitaries at the Media Parley

the activities of KW-IRS and Kwara State Government.

The Executive Chairman KW-IRS, Dr Muritala Awodun in his speech started with a brief of the assignment given to KW-IRS as enshrined by the Kwara State Revenue law in 2015. He said, so far the service has operated fully for two years, while appreciating God for the success recorded, he stated that there is need to look ahead and learn from the past by intensifying efforts on various engagements by the service at all levels. Dr Awodun said that in 2016 the Internally Generated Revenue (IGR) moved upward from 7.2 Billion in 2015 to 17.4Billion in 2016, and in 2017 with a tentative figure of 19.94Billion.

Dr Awodun also referred to the first two years of KW-IRS existence as startup period, during inception, the organization adopted the PRESS strategy. It is imperative if an organization would maintain its standard it must adopt different strategies. Therefore, the PRESS strategy will be replaced with PRAISE strategy which means Praise & Patronize, Reinforce & Retain, Advocate and Advance, Intensify & Improve, Systematic Reporting, Engaging to Enforce Compliance. He said as far as the State is concerned, it is expected that the full potential is actualized, quoting that, 'Rome was built in a day' and the potentials will be identified and worked upon. He added that the service won't have achieved great success without the support from the press.

Several questions were raised by various media outlets as regards the activities of KW-IRS as well as the amount payable as Personal Income Tax (PIT) by those in the categories of the artisans, traders etc. In response to this questions, Dr Awodun said the service will continue to intensify efforts, because the service have done it in such a way that as far as Personal Income Tax (PIT) is concerned Kwara State pays the least in the Federation because the Informal Sector category of taxpayers pay as low as N1,500 annually, N125 monthly and there's nobody in the formal sector that pays less than N12,000 per annum. Ab initio what the law stipulates as payable amount by the Informal Sector is a minimum of N6,000, but after engaging with various stake holders in Kwara State, it is what they say is convenient for them to pay that we collect from them and he also promised Kw-irs would begin to tell its own story more.

He addressed the issue of matching up the amount



Members of the Press at the Parley



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generated and the projects being done, he broke down how this revenue is being generated, tertiary institutions for example generate about 8Billion of the revenue, this money is used to pay their salaries and so as to avoid future problems of non-salary payment, while the rest goes into infrastructure, abandoned projects and new projects that were being introduced, The Government has created a law to channel the revenue generated into infrastructure i.e (the **geri-alimi under pass, kulende, UITH road, campuses of kwasu that is being constructed in 3 different locations of the State**). All these projects are possible only because the Government has dedicated funds for Infrastructure. The Geri-Almi underpass has been given a stipulated period for completion which is 18 months and the pace the contractor are going, they should finish by the end of the year, addressed Dr Awodun.

He ended his speech by appreciating the media by supporting Government of Kwara State and particularly KW-IRS, we won't have gotten this far without the support of the press, the press has played significant role to the growth of the organization and such support would be welcomed years to come. Dr Awodun also urged the press to improve in their continuous advocacy of the Service by encouraging people to pay their taxes and have positive value that would project the State.

Also Present at the event were the Commissioner

for Information and Communication, Alh Mahmud Ajeigbe, The Permanent Secretary, Mrs Rhoda Funmilayo Ajiboye, Director, Information Services, Mrs F. Oludipe, The Executive Chairman KW-IRS, Dr Muritala Awodun, KW-IRS Directors, The Special Assistant to the Executive Governor on Revenue, Mr Yinka Alabi, General Manager of various media outlets and representatives of various media outfits including National Moonlight, Thisday, Herald, National Pilot, AIT Ilorin, Guardian, Harmony FM, etc.



Directors of KW-IRS at the Media Parley



Members of the Press at the Parley





Cypriot Parliament and Tax Authority release guidance on implementation of VAT on immovable property

Further to the amending Value Added Tax (VAT) legislation, on building land and immovable property leasing, the Cyprus House of Parliament and Tax Department have released Regulations and Circulars respectively, clarifying the applicability of VAT imposition on non-developed land as well as on the taxation of commercial rents.

Implementation of VAT Amendments

Building land

Transfers of non-developed building land by persons performing an economic activity are subject to 19% VAT as from 2 January 2018. Such land taxation is determined by the following factors:

- Classification of land type (subject to exemptions like agricultural-outside development zone land)
- Economic activity of seller according to general and case criteria
- Frequency of transactions
- Nature of the supply

Commercial property leasing

Property leasing, entered into as from 13 November 2017, to persons performing VATable business activities is subject to 19% VAT unless an opt-out right is exercised by the lessor. The recent Circular has clarified among other issues:

- The option for non-imposition of VAT is permanent following the mandatory submission of a declaration form within 10 days from agreement conclusion
- Renewal and rent rise clauses in existing agreements do not create new contracts subject to VAT
- easing to partially-exempt lessees performing taxable activities over 90% of their total income is subject to VAT
- Sub-leasing VAT treatment

- The potential to recover input VAT on capital goods adjustment

Business considerations

Natural and legal persons affected by the recent amendments taking steps to ensure VAT compliance with the new rules and minimize VAT leakages will need to:

- Consider whether they perform a VATable or exempt economic activity when selling building land
- Review existing and prospective leasing contracts to comply with VAT application and formulate commercially beneficial agreements
- Perform an indirect tax evaluation considering both VAT and land transfer fee implications
- Recognize the new opportunities of input VAT recovery

Implications

Affected entities should consider the following to ensure compliance with VAT obligations and simultaneously enhance the company's VAT position including:

- a. Performance of a VAT cost-benefit analysis
- b. Application of VAT provisions to entity circumstances
- c. Contractual VAT arrangement review and structuring planning
- d. Working with local tax advisors on VAT planning and compliance advisory
- e. Meeting with the VAT authorities regarding VAT treatment in immovable property transactions



Ghana launches Tax Stamp policy

Ghana's Minister of Finance and Economic Planning, Mr. Ken Ofori-Atta, has launched Ghana's Tax Stamp policy in Accra.¹ The main objective of the policy is to help address the counterfeiting of products on the Ghanaian market and to improve revenue generation of the Government.

The Minister launched the policy in Accra on 31 August 2017. He indicated that the Government will lead a campaign aimed at sensitizing the general public on the effects of purchasing unapproved excisable products. The campaign is expected to begin once the Tax Stamp policy has been adequately rolled out. The Tax Stamp policy is

expected to be implemented on 1 January 2018. The Minister also reiterated that all excisable products which do not have the tax stamp, after the implementation of the policy, will be removed from the Ghanaian market and appropriate sanctions shall be imposed on the offenders.

The Minister also emphasized that the Government is currently engaging traders and manufacturers of excisable products to finalize the arrangements for the affixing of the tax stamps.

The Commissioner-General (C-G) of the Ghana Revenue Authority (GRA), Mr. Emmanuel Kofi Nti, on his part clarified during the launch that the Tax Stamp is not an introduction of a new tax law but rather a new way of administering the existing *Excise Stamp Act 2013*, (Act 873). The C-G also stated that the GRA will mount an intensive public education campaign on the implementation of the new policy and would also encourage local manufacturers and importers of excisable products to register with the GRA to enable them obtain the tax stamp. He further cautioned that persons who display, sell or distribute excisable goods without a stamp at the end of the transition period shall be sanctioned. The prescribed sanction refers to a fine not exceeding 300% of the duties and taxes involved or to a term of imprisonment of not more than five years or both.

While the *Excise Stamp Act 2013*, (Act 873) requires businesses to bear the cost of the stamp, the Government has decided to bear the entire cost of the stamp for the first half of the year 2018 and thereafter transfer half of the cost to local manufacturers and importers of excisable products from the second half of the year. The Government will review its position on the cost burden of the tax stamps after 2018.



Namibia establishes Revenue Agency

The *Namibia Revenue Agency Act*, Act 12 of 2017 (the NRA Act) was gazetted on 12 December 2017. The NRA Act provides for the establishment of the Namibia Revenue Agency (NRA) and the powers, functions and management of the NRA.

The NRA is established as a legal person and may *inter alia* sue and be sued, enter into agreements, hold property and appoint staff. The NRA is established as an agent of the State for the assessment of tax and collection of State revenue under the supervision and direction of the Minister of Finance. Its powers and functions include the authority to:

- Assess and collect taxes and duties on behalf of the State
- Receive and record all State revenue on behalf of the State
- Enforce the revenue, customs and excise laws, with respect to the collection of revenue as provided by those laws
- Levy penalties and interest on overdue accounts, collect unpaid taxes and impose liens over properties, as provided by revenue laws
- Provide customs and excise services that facilitate trade, maximize revenue collection and protect Namibian borders from illegal importation and exportation of goods
- Improve service delivery to taxpayers and promote compliance with the revenue laws
- Provide information to and to advise the Minister of Finance on all matters relating to the administration and collection of revenue in terms of the laws set out below
- Ensure that all revenue collected on behalf of the State is, as soon as reasonably practicable, deposited into the State Account
- Perform any other functions in relation to revenue collection as the Minister Finance may direct in writing

The NRA will administer the following tax laws in Namibia:

- *Customs and Excise Act, 1998* (Act No. 20 of 1998)
- *Export Levy Act, 2016* (Act No. 2 of 2016)
- *Income Tax Act, 1981* (Act No. 24 of 1981)
- *Petroleum Taxation Act, 1991* (Act No. 3 of 1991)
- *Stamp Duties Act, 1993* (Act No. 15 of 1993)
- *Transfer Duties Act, 1993* (Act No. 14 of 1993)
- *Value Added Tax Act, 2000* (Act No. 10 of 2000)

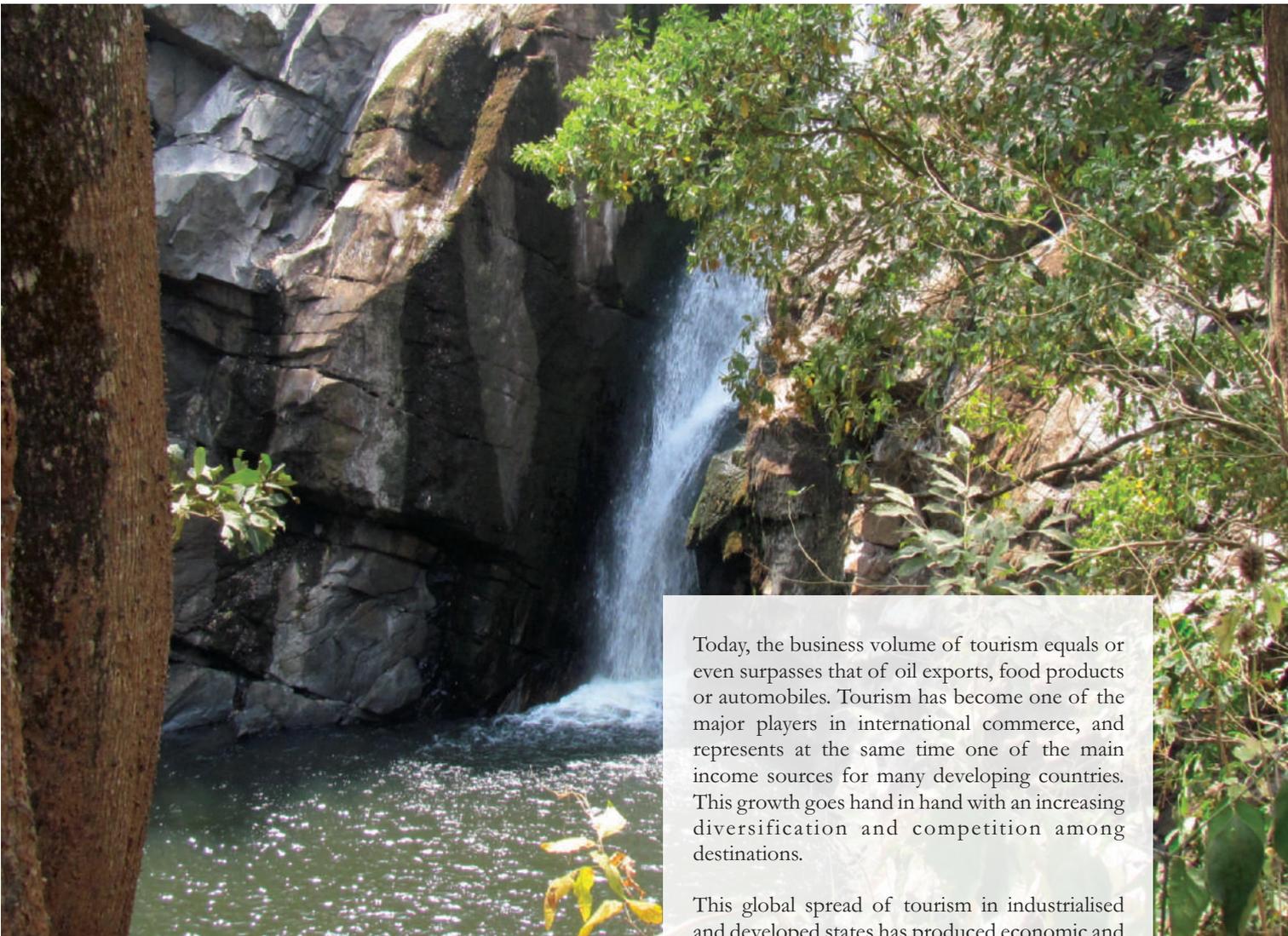
The NRA will be headed by a Commissioner. The Minister of Finance appoints the Commissioner for a period of five years. The Commissioner may not be appointed for more than two terms.

The NRA Act will only become effective on a date determined by the Minister of Finance by notice in the *Government Gazette*.

Tourism

An Economic and Social Phenomenon

Bolaji Abdullahi



Today, the business volume of tourism equals or even surpasses that of oil exports, food products or automobiles. Tourism has become one of the major players in international commerce, and represents at the same time one of the main income sources for many developing countries. This growth goes hand in hand with an increasing diversification and competition among destinations.

This global spread of tourism in industrialised and developed states has produced economic and employment benefits in many related sectors - from construction to agriculture or telecommunications. The contribution of tourism to economic well-being depends on the quality and the revenues of the tourism offer.

Worldwide, the tourism industry has experienced steady growth almost every year. International tourist arrivals increased from 528 million in 2005 to 1.19 billion in 2015. Figures were forecasted to exceed 1.8 billion by 2030. Each year, Europe

Over decades, tourism has experienced continued growth and deepening diversification to become one of the fastest growing economic sectors in the world. Modern tourism is closely linked to development and encompasses a growing number of new destinations. These dynamics have turned tourism into a key driver for socio-economic progress.

receives the most international tourist arrivals. It also produces the most travellers: with approximately 607 million outbound tourists in 2015, the region had more than double that of the second largest tourist origin, the Asia Pacific region.

In 2015, global international tourism revenue reached approximately 1.26 trillion U.S. dollars, having almost doubled since 2005. That year, China had the largest international tourism expenditure, followed by the United States and Germany. The leading city in international visitor spending was Dubai, where tourists spent more than 31.3 billion U.S. dollars in 2016.

Nigeria as the largest economy in Africa has all it takes to command enormous revenue from tourism perhaps more than some countries across Europe and the rest of the world if she makes revenue from tourism a priority. Many states in Nigeria are endowed with tourist centres which is not comparable to what exists in the other part of the world. As insignificant as some tourist sites abroad, reasonable amount of money are realised for transforming and improving the economy of those states. These stride

has so far placed this cities on the pedestal of recognition today in the world. The easiest thing is for Nigeria tourism if adequately utilized will be seen as one of the top tourist centres rating in the world aside the likes of United States of America, Germany, China, Brazil etc.

In Oke-Ero town, Idofin Igbaman, Kwara State, lives Ero-Omola water fall which has the highest volume rush amongst others in the country. A water fall with more than five different angles of flow with a chilly temperature at any weather and season. The Local Government specifically got its name from the river, 'ERO RIVER'. It tapped its source from different roots, especially from Osun River, Ekiti and ends in River Niger, Lafiagi. Some Countries, Nations or Society succeeds only through tourism and it became stamped as a formidable source of generating revenue. Such development made those places a leading economy states in the world. On the other hand in our great State, inculcating such initiative will boost our economy as a state as well as add values to our environment and to the economy of the country at large.



TAXPRENEURSHIP: INNOVATIVE MARKETING STRATEGIES

Marketing has been viewed from different perspectives that all have become more conventional, and some of these conventions are being broken down by innovation. Marketing is now all about making your brand and your products more visible to a wider audience. Under the conventional theory of marketing, we are tricked into believing that what we want to achieve by marketing is more sales, more leads and more customers. In reality, however, innovative marketing has revealed that what we really want to achieve is more profits and not more sales, more calls and not more leads, more people to buy our products and not more customers. We want more people to come back again and again, and talk more about our products to their friends such that the bottom line is affected positively.

The above position informs the perspective from which the Kwara State Internal Revenue Service is approaching its Growth Strategy that is being rolled out for the year 2018/2019. Having started operation in January 2016, the Revenue Service commenced by adopting a Start-up Strategy based on the PRESS Framework. That strategy was apt for the 2016/2017 years of operations, the two years that captured the start-up activities of the Service. In the two years of start-up, the Service learnt to cry, to talk, to sit, to crawl, and to walk. Like a new born baby, the Service was also protected appropriately and shielded from the harsh environment with coverage from the parent (the Kwara State Government) to ensure that it survives the start-up years.

With the desire to stabilize the Service and grow the baby KW-IRS into adulthood, the Service is changing the PRESS Strategy that brought it thus far to a PRAISE Strategy that is expected to drive it for the years 2018/2019. We are therefore focusing our attention on things that will grow the Service and widen the tax net such that more taxpayers can be brought into the net. In Kwara State, it is estimated that there are about one million potential taxpayers out of the estimated population of about 3.5 million people. What and how did we come about this figure? About 35 percent (1,225,000) of the population is put at above the age of 65 which we use as the retirement age that may render most

of the people in this bracket unable to earn any form of direct income again. Another 30 percent (1,050,000) of the population is put at below the age of 25 years majority of those in this bracket are either still in school or out of school and yet to be employed. The statistics of unemployment shows that about 225,000 (approximately 19% of the active population are unemployed thus leaving us with just about 1 million people in one form of employment or the other.

For us to grow our revenue, the revenue base must be properly captured. This explains why the innovative

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marketing strategies to ensure that more taxpayers are brought into the tax net becomes very appropriate. Thus, our PRAISE Strategy carefully put together is expected to:

- Praise and Patronize the people of Kwara State for the cooperation thus far, and for future cooperation
- Re-enforce and Re-energize Stakeholders' support for the activities of the Service
- Advocate and Advance for Tax Education at all levels
- Intensify and Improve on Staff Welfare
- Sequential and Systematic Reporting of activities of the Service for accountability to the government and the people
- Educate and Elicit Enforcement of Collections of Due Taxes

The above constitutes our innovative marketing strategy for growth.

Muritala Awodun, PhD
Executive Chairman
KW-IRS

TAX PERSONALITY

JUSTICE MASSOUD ABDULRAHMAN

OREDOLA, JCA

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

Justice Massoud Abdulrahman Oredola was born on the 6th February, 1949 in Kaduna State, Nigeria. His hobbies includes traveling, writing and reading. In his early life he attended Baptist Day School, Kaduna from 1955 to 1961. After his Primary Education he proceeded to Arabic Training Centre, Agege, Lagos in 1963 – 1966. He attended Sheikh Abubakar Gumi Memorial College, Sokoto (Formerly, College of Arts and Arabic Studies, Sokoto) from 1967 – 1971. He attended the University of Ibadan, where he obtained Certificate in Arabic and passed with distinction in 1973. He gained admission to the Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria in 1974 and graduated with a 2nd Class Upper Division for his Bachelor of Laws degree with Specialization in Islamic Law in 1977. He was called to the Nigeria Bar at the Nigeria Law School, Victoria Island in 1978. Few years later, Justice Oredola went back to his alma mater for his master's programme which he completed with flying colors in 1984.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Justice Oredola started his working experience as a Primary School Teacher in Kaduna in 1972. He was an Arabic studies /Religious Knowledge Tutor, Barewa College, Zaria from 1973 – 1974. He practiced extensively as a Legal Practitioner, Sharia Consultant and Notary Public all over Nigeria in 1979. He was appointed as the Grand Khadi, Sharia Court of Appeal, Ilorin, Kwara State, Nigeria from 1995 to 2008. In 2000 he was appointed as the Deputy Chief Justice Zanzibar, Zanzibar, East Africa. He is the Justice, Court of Appeal from 2008 till date and he is happily married with Children.

POSITIONS HELD

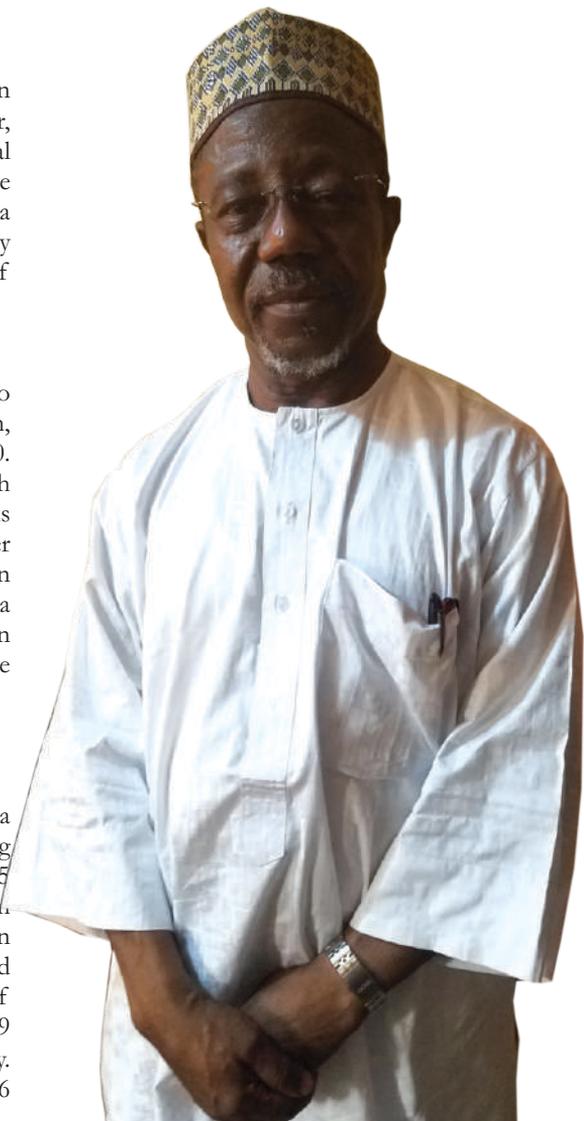
Justice Oredola was the President Debating and Drama Society, Sokoto C.A.A.S from 1969 – 1971, in 1969 he became the Captain Table-Tennis Team, Sokoto C.A.A.S. He was a prefect in Forms 4 and 5 at Sokoto C.A.A.S in 1970. He was appointed as the Chairman Nigerian Bar Association, Kaduna Branch from 1989 – 1991. He became the Chairman Kaduna State Election Petitions Tribunal Zones V and VII from 1991 to 1992. Justice Oredola was a Member of Zango Kataf (Market) Riots Judicial Commission of Inquiry, Kaduna in 1992. He was appointed as Notary Public for Nigeria in 1992. In 1998 he was a Member National Assembly/Governorship and Legislative Houses Election Tribunals (Enugu State, Kebbi State, Rivers State, Zamfara State, Imo State and Ondo State).

PUBLISHED WORK

Some of Justice Oredola published works includes:

(i) Publication for LL.M. Thesis “The Right of Private Defence in Nigeria Law” 1984, (ii) Sharia: Alternative Legal System in Nigeria. 1995 (iii) Moving Nigeria Forward: The place of Shari'ah in the 1995 Draft Constitution. 1995 (iv) Islam and the Muslims Today: What hope for the future? 1995 (v) Islam and Politics in Historical Perspectives. 1997 (vi) Constitutional Negotiation in a Multi-religious Society. 1997 (vii) Polygamy: Misconceived, Mis-represented and Abused by Muslims and Non-Muslims. 1998 (viii) Advocacy and Rules of Procedure in Sharia Court of Appeal. 1998 (ix) War Against Corruption. 1999 (x) The Relevance of *Yinusa V. Adesubokan* in a Multi-Religious Society. 2005 (xi) Sharia Law: Practice and Procedure in Sharia Courts of Appeal. 2006

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INFECTIONS OR DISEASES THAT COMES WITH HARMATTAN AND THE SOLUTIONS

Fareedah Abdulwahab

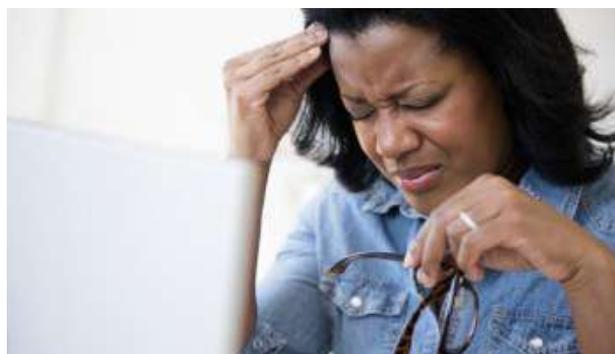
Harmattan period usually comes with dryness and dust because there is little amount of water in the atmosphere (low humidity), this increases the spread of infections or diseases such as dry skin, cold, cough, catarrh, asthma, bronchitis and pneumonia.

Cold: is a viral infection of the upper respiratory tract that affects the nose. Coughing, sore throat, runny nose, sneezing and fever are signs of the disease. And you know the weather can be cold during Harmattan, so it is very important to wear appropriate clothing to keep you warm and keep the cold out.

Dry Skin: This condition is very common during Harmattan. You know your skin feels very dry and rough. To prevent this uncomfortable feeling, avoid using very harsh soaps this period, apply moisturizers frequently on your skin that can protect the skin from dryness and make sure you drink lots of water.

Catarrh: This is an unpleasant nasal congestion with a build-up of mucus, usually in the nose, throat, or chest. Ensure you take lots of fruits and vegetables with Vitamin C to help boost your immunity and protect you from this infection. And for those who have catarrh already, just take fruits with Vitamin C and inhaling steam from a bowl of hot (but not boiling) water also helps.

Asthma: *Asthma* is a chronic lung disease that inflames and narrows the airways in the lungs. Symptoms include coughing, shortness of breath, and chest tightness. they usually have a lot of attacks during this period because of the Harmattan dust. Wear appropriate clothing; do not expose yourself to dust or cold, Avoiding things that worsen your asthma (asthma triggers). However, one trigger you should not avoid is physical activity. Physical activity is an important part of a healthy lifestyle. Talk with your doctor about medicines that can help you stay active.



Cough: This is a reflex action, that helps clear your airways of mucus and irritants such as dust or smoke which aren't alien to the Harmattan period. To prevent this, you could wear a nose mask when out and about in town. And for those of you who might already have it, just increase your fluid intake. What this does is to keep the mucus thin and helps you cough it up.

<http://www.informationng.com/2015/12/5-infections-that-comes-with-harmattan-and-how-to-preventhandle-them.html>

KW-IRS EMERGE AS MOST INNOVATIVE GOVERNMENT AGENCY IN 2017

Olufemi Oguntokun

The Kwara State Internal Revenue Service has received recognition as the most innovative government agency in Kwara State for 2017 at the 3rd Kwara Live Awards Night. The Event tagged: **MADE IN KWARA-3** had various categories of awardees to recognize their contributions to Kwara State.

In the Most Innovative Government Agency, the Kwara State Internal Revenue Service KW-IRS was selected to win the award for the achievement of the Service in mobilizing revenue for the development of Kwara State and the Community Impact Program the Service is embarking on which is touching lives Kwarans positively.

Presenting the award to the Executive Chairman of KW-IRS, Engr Joe Amosun said Kwara Live is a project which was established to uplift the standard of living of kwarans and also as a platform to project artisans' contact to prospective customers. He commended the efforts of the Executive Chairman of the service Dr Muritala Awodun for transforming the revenue drive of the state to what we have today.

Responding, the Executive Chairman of Kwara State Internal Revenue Service, Dr Muritala Awodun appreciated the organizers of the award for recognizing the effort of the service and advised the Director of the KWARA LIVE project to take the idea to a national level. He said the country need data base of artisan, hotels etc for economic planning.



Executive Chairman, KW-IRS, Dr Muritala Awodun



Presentation of the Award by KWARA LIVE



Souvenir presentation to KWARA LIVE by Executive Chairman

RESEARCH & INTELLIGENCE DEPARTMENT EMBARK ON COMMUNITY IMPACT PROGRAM



The Department of Research and Intelligence of the Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS) embarked on Community Impact Program (CIP) to proffer a solution to the identified issues relating to a girl child.

The schools included- Government Girls Day Secondary School, (GGDSS) Oko Erin, GGDSS, Oke Suna, Government Day Secondary School, (GGDSS) Alore and GGDSS, Pakata.

At all the schools visited, the female staff of the Department sensitized the girls on Menstruation (Menstrual Cycle), Ovulation, female Reproductive System, Fertilization, Hygiene and Sanitary Pad usage and disposal.

Also, a health awareness campaign was carried out at New Shao Garage to give the drivers a health talk, conduct free Blood Pressure (BP) test and enlightenment about Body Mass Index (BMI) with the assistance of a nurse. The test was conducted on about a hundred people including women and students.



CROSSWORD PUZZLE

By: Fatimah Jaji

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YUSUF OLAWALE IYANDA

Yusuf Iyanda, an Executive Assistant of the Directorate of Admin and Operations has been nominated as deserving the hall of fame spotlight for the month of January, 2018. Yusuf is the Head of the Logistics Unit of the Admin Department, he is in charge of all KW-IRS Drivers, fuelling of all the Official Cars and the maintenance of the Cars.

Yusuf is honest, hardworking, diligent and dedicated to his job. Since he began handling the fuel imprest, the Admin Department always had reserve because of his managing ability and sincerity. He also manages all the Drivers of the Service well that issues of sharp practices, pilfering and excesses previously recorded in managing the Cars was reduced greatly.

The Entire Kwareve Team congratulates you.

Taxpedia

Abdulwahab Fareedah

TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY TAX

Transient occupancy tax (TOT) is charged in most of the United States, including California, to travellers when they rent accommodations (a room, rooms, entire home, or other living space) in a hotel, tourist home or house, motel, or other lodging unless the stay is for a period of 30 days or more. The tax is to be collected at the time that payment is made for the accommodation, and it is then remitted by the lodging operator to the city or county. It can also be called hotel occupancy tax, in places like New York City and Texas. Despite its name, it generally applies to the same range of accommodations.

The authority to collect TOT is granted to the county Tax Collector by the Board of Supervisors by means of an ordinance. The tax paid by visitors helps fund projects that benefit the County as a whole.

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WE RAKED SIGNIFICANT TRANCHE OF IGR DESPITE THE ECONOMIC SITUATION

- Dr Awodun

Bolaji Abdullahi



Dr Muritala Awodun, Executive Chairman
KW-IRS



Directors, KW-IRS at the Field Feed Back



Whatever the setback we may have encountered generating the Internally Generated Revenue in 2017 had only made us better. Kwara State Internal Revenue Service is known for performance driven, anything other than

that is intolerable and unacceptable, and its simply going against the core values of the organization. Several factors like economic inconsistency and the rest in the state and the nation at large, nearly impeded our revenue generation but we were able to manoeuvre through the challenges even though, not meeting our target for the year is not what we envisaged from the beginning, generating N18.5 Billion in the process. Dr MuritalaAwodun, Executive Chairman addressing the staff of KW-IRS at the November 2017 Field Feedback Training session held at the Whitefield Hotels, Ilorin. In his opening remarks, he applauded and appreciated the efforts put in place by the entire staff of the organization to realizing its annual target and urged everyone to be ready for the challenges ahead as it is the further we move, the tougher it becomes.

Dr Awodun further emphasised on the need for maximum cooperation by the entire staff to be able to surmount any potential hurdle and challenges stressing that, the last two years of the organization is considered the start-up year where the service needs to evaluate its



Cross section of staff



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operation and performances, as well as create checks and balances and prepare the organization for the quest of the next two years. He also admonished everyone to make good performance a watchword and priority as well as uphold the core values of the service, as we all are not privy to the process and working template of the organization, reiterating that, underperformance is tantamount to disengagement from the organization.

Benefiting from good performance were the staffs of Property Tax Directorate whom were automatically promoted to the next levels as pronounced by the Executive Chairman, Dr Awodun at the Field Feedback event. Dr Awodun encouraged all to emulate what Property Tax Directorate did to earn themselves the recognition of being promoted by the organization.



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Property Tax Directorate



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Swearing in of KW-IRS TUC Executives



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Anonymous.

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BDO receives automation device



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MDAs AUTOMATION WILL IMPROVE KWARA IGR

- DR AWODUN

Olufemi Oguntokun

The Kwara State Internal Revenue Service KW-IRS for the past two years recorded a level of success in revenue generation for Kwara State through the change in people and process, this has blocked leakages and has improved tremendously in internally generated revenue.

One of the processes the KWIRS aborted was cash transaction to e-payment through online, POS and bank lodgment. The e-payment process aided the tax revenue collection to jerk up from 30% to 80% and this same process if applied to other revenues such as the MDAs there will be improvement.

After the resolution of the Kwara State Executive

Council, it was directed by the Executive Governor of Kwara State, Alhaji Abdulfatah Ahmed asked the chairman of KW-IRS to visit all ministries to intimate them on the newly introduced automation.

Although, two of the collections under the office of the Secretary to the State Government which are; Muslim pilgrimage and Christian pilgrimage as a pilot project have been automated since 2016 and it was successful, these has however prompted the government to fully automate all ministries revenues.

For the effectiveness of the project, Kwara State Internal Revenue Service has on its part has trained and assigned staff known as Business Development officers to all MDAs in the state. The BDOs have been



Office of the Secretary to the State Government



Office of the Head of Service, Kwara State



equipped with gadgets to facilitate the operation of the automation. This equipment is to help any customer/client who may not have access to using a computer or smart phones. The application is simple, flexible and mobile friendly.

The visits was also an avenue for interaction between KW-IRS and ministries on how to drive the revenue to the maximum level and treat issues affecting the revenue drive which has been lingering between 30%-33% performance.

The Executive Chairman of Kwara State Internal Revenue Service KW-IRS, Dr Muritala Awodun gave analysis of the 2016 budget that out of N9.5 billion for Tax Revenue, N8.2 billion was realized, for Ministries

Revenue out o N 9 billion, about N2.7 billion was realized. He added that there is a significant improvement in Tertiary Revenue from 40% to 80%. The improvement in Tax revenue and Tertiary revenue was as a result of the automation process the Service did from inception. He gave assurance that most of the issues identified by each ministry will be presented to the Governor at the Executive Council Meeting.

The KW-IRS Executive Chairman visited various ministry which include, Ministry of Education, commerce and corporative, Agriculture, local government and chieftancy affairs, women and social development, Bureau of lands, Urban and Housing, Energy, works and Transport among others.



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Grand Finale:

Second Annual KW-IRS Secondary School Tax Club Quiz Competition

Habibah Aiyelabegan



Government Girls Day Secondary School, Oko-Erin, in Ilorin West Local Area of Kwara State has emerged the overall winner of the Second Edition of the Senior Secondary Schools Tax Club Quiz Competition (TCQC) organized by Kwara

Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS) in collaboration with the Ministry of Education and Human Capital Development in December, 2017.

Speaking at the event, held at Whitefield Hotels, Ilorin, the Kwara State Executive Governor Alhaji(Dr) Abdulfatah Ahmed, commended KW-IRS for organising the competition. He emphasised the need for people to recognise important of tax payment.

Governor Ahmed, who was represented by his Economic Adviser and the Director General, Kwara Public Private Partnership (KP3), Mr Yomi Ogunsola who expressed delight with the performance of representatives of the

participating schools in the State.

The Executive Governor however advised the students not to relent in their efforts to achieve great things and make meaningful impact in the near future. He described the Competition as a platform for all senior secondary students in the State to develop intellectual abilities, showcase their talents and use the opportunity to win prizes for their schools and themselves by securing their future with the scholarship winnings. Governor Ahmed, also promised to increase the winnings of the next edition of the TCQC.

In his address, the State Commissioner for Education and Human Capital Development, Engineer Musa Ayinla Yeketi, represented by the Deputy Director, School Services, Pastor Kayode Alabi, said the competition was designed to shape the future of the State through the Tax education. He encouraged parents, guardians and teachers to encourage their children to join the global trend of tax.



Government Girls Day Secondary School, Oko-Erin

Also speaking at the event, a Professor of Law at the University of Lagos, Professor Abiola Sanni, applauded KW-IRS for a job well done in organizing the competition and commended the representatives of the participating schools for making it to the final stage of the competition.

Professor Sanni, urged students to seek for more knowledge and be a good ambassador of their respective schools adding that, Tax education is the future as the competition is already on the way of going national. He however urged, every Nigerian to embrace the Tax system, describing it as the only way to ensure rapid development of any nation.

He applauded the Executive Chairman of KW-IRS, Dr Muritala Awodun for initiating the Tax Club in Secondary Schools in Kwara State and encouraged the Management and staff of the Service to sustain the pace as well as standard.



GSS Ilorin (3rd Position)



Lafiagi Secondary School (2nd Position)



Government Girls Day Secondary School, Oko-Erin



GDDSS Oko-Erin with their cheque as 1st best students



3rd Position, GSS Ilorin



GSS, Ilorin with their cheque as 3rd best students



Lafiagi Sec. Sch. with their cheque as 2nd best students



Presentation of trophy and cheques to winners



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When the gauge is finally read

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CORPORATE DIRECTORATE RETREAT



THEME:

ONWARD TO THE NEXT LEVEL

The Corporate Directorate of the Kwara State Internal Revenue Service organized a two days retreat from the 19th to 21st January, 2017 at G Pinnacle Hotels, Ilorin in fulfilment of the promise of the Executive Chairman of the Service, Dr Muritala Awodun for winning the best Directorate of the year award at the 2017 KW-IRS End of the year event.

The retreat was opened with the red carpet session, where KW-IRS directors and head of departments were interacted with. Those present at the event were Director, Corporate, Mr Nuhu Muhammed, Director, Admin and Operations, Mrs Adenike Bbabajamu, Director, Property Tax and Special Duties, Mr Olusegun Olaniyi, Director, Tax Assessment, Mr Lekan Rotimi, Head, Internal Audit, Mr Audu Mohammed, Head, Tax Audit, Mr Umar Alege and all Staff of the Corporate Directorate.

The Director, Corporate Directorate, Alhaji Olaide Muhammad in his opening remarks appreciated the Executive Chairman, KW-IRS, Dr Muritala Awodun for keeping to his promise by granting the retreat gathering all the Directors and all Staff for the success of the event, he said the retreat is one of the best program since the creation of the service, adding that KW-IRS is a performance driven

organisation where all Staff performance are duly recorded and rewarded. He stated that the Directorate is a resting place for him because all his Staff work with one mind and as one big family.

The Executive Chairman represented by The Director Admin and Operations, Mrs Adenike Babajamu in his speech, he advised all Staff at the event to maintain and embrace the culture of the service, adding that there is zero tolerance for non-adherence to policy. He reminded them of the vision and mission of KW-IRS. He said he is proud of the Corporate Directorate, he stated that 2018 is the year of growth and a lot is expected from them. He also briefed them on the creation of Area Officers at Adewole, Offa, Bode Saadu, Omu Aran respectively. He said that movement of staff from one Directorate to the other will be carried out in 2018 which will serve as an avenue for staff learning. He advised them to work tirelessly to achieve the 90% of the Directorate's budget in 2018.

The retreat also had different resource speakers who educated and enlightened the staff and the organisation as a whole. Mallam Yusuf Olaolu Ali (SAN) founder, Ghalib Chambers in his address gave plaudits to KW-IRS as a tax administration in the State stating that there has been fairness in how the service modernised and revamped the tax policy in business sense and professionalism as well as putting human face in its operations which has giving the taxpayers the confidence to operate in their mundane



Directors, KW-IRS at the workshop



Director, Admin & Operations, KW-IRS



Director, Property and Other Taxes, KW-IRS



Guest speaker at the workshop



Cross section of participants at the workshop



Corporate Directorate Director and Staff with dignitaries



activities having without the fear of punishment from the tax authority. He also commended the level of compliant by taxpayers in the state, all credit to KW-IRS having changed the phase of tax administration in the state.

The retreat ended on a high note with the Director Corporate, Alhaji Olaide Muhammad expressing his gratitude to the Executive Chairman, KW-IRS for his continuous support to making sure the Directorate

achieve its targets as well his support to the organisation as a whole. He also expressed his profound gratitude to his co-directors for their support and contributions to the success of the retreat. He ended his thanks by appreciating all staff of Corporate Directorate as well as encouraged his staff urging them to continue to work together and never relent nor rest on their hoars.



Participants at the workshop



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DR AWODUN CALLS FOR NIGERIA TAX REFORM

Olufemi Oguntokun



Dr Muritala Awodun, Executive Chairman, KW-IRS



Mr Lekan Rotimi, Director,
Tax Assessment



Alh., Nuhu Muhamed,
Director Corporates



Executive Chairman Ondo State Board of Internal Revenue,
Mr Tolu Adegbe (Guest Speaker)



Mrs Adenike Babajamu,
Director, Admin & Operations



Mr Alege Umar
Manager, Tax Audit

The Executive Chairman of Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS), Dr Muritala Awodun has called on the Joint Tax Board (JTB) to reform the tax law to enable the Informal Sector tax collection process as easy as that of Pay As You Earn (PAYE) which empowers employers of labor to deduct taxes from the employees and remit to the government.

Dr Awodun made this call during the Annual Seminar/Workshop tagged Guidelines on PAYE Operation and Other Statutory Deductions due to the State Government held at Kwara Hotels, G. R. A Ilorin on 25th January 2018.

The Executive Chairman gave insights on the performance of the Service over the years and gave credit to various public and private sector organisations for assisting the Revenue Service to perform commendably in tax drive and implored residents of Kwara State to support the Government in actualizing it's goals by paying their taxes.

Dr Awodun said there is a need for the Workshop to hold annually to train, update knowledge about changes that may have occurred during the year and to discuss issues that affect remittance of taxes by various organisations. He emphasised that it is an avenue to appreciate account officers of organisations for prompt remittance of PAYE as and when due.

He added that Kwara State is still dependent on the Formal Sector and the strive to increase revenue is still struggling with the Formal organisations.

“I am beginning to see a pattern coming from Informal Sector that will inform some kind of changes that will take place in the future nationally so that the same way that the law empowers organisations to deduct and remit taxes directly, there should also be a way that the various associations in the Informal Sector are empowered to be the one to collect and remit taxes from and for the members of the associations and remit to the Revenue Service” Dr Awodun explained.

The Executive Chairman, KW-IRS emphasized that these associations are organised and have modalities of collecting their dues from their members without chaos and if such associations are empowered by law to collect taxes from their members and remit to the revenue agencies and it will become more convenient for both the revenue agencies and taxpayers. This could be discussed at the next JTB Meeting.

One of the facilitators, the Director of Admin and Operations, Mrs Adenike Babajamu said it is in the interest of KW-IRS to make taxpayers' payments easier and to block leakages at all Ministires, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) by introducing electronic payment platform.

She disclosed that all MDA collections in Kwara State have been fully automated and trained Business Development Officers (BDOs) have been equipped to make transactions easier for taxpayers adding that payment can be done through smart phones and tablets anywhere as long as there is mobile internet. She added that clients who require assistance could also visit the MDAs where they would be assisted appropriately.

The event was attended by the Executive Chairman of Kwara State Internal Revenue Service Dr Muritala Awodun, Executive Chairman of Ondo State Board of Internal Revenue, Mr Tolu Adegbie, Director of Admin and Operations, Mrs Adenike Babajamu, Director of Tax Assessment, Mr 'Lekan Rotimi, Director of Corporates, Alhaji Nuhu Olaide Muhammed, Head of Corporate Affairs, Mrs Habibah Aiyelabegan, Representatives of Corporate Organisations and Staff of KW-IRS.



Exchange of pleasantries at the event



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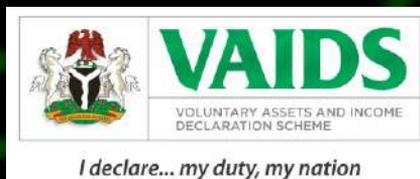
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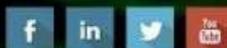
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