

GOVERNOR ABDULRAHMAN REAPPOINTS SHADE OMONIYI AS EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN, KW-IRS



The Kwara State Governor, Mallam AbdulRahman AbdulRazaq has approved the reappointment of Shade Omoniyi as the Executive Chairman, Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS), for another tenure. According to the statement issued by the Chief Press Secretary to the

Governor, Rafiu Ajakaye, Shade Omoniyi's reappointment is based on her excellent performance in the last four years, evident in growth of the Internally Generated Revenue and development of the State, since her assumption of office in 2019.

The statement added that the reappointment of Shade Omoniyi takes immediate effect.

While congratulating the reappointed Kwara Revenue boss, the Management and Staff of KW-IRS, wish its Executive Chairman, Shade Omoniyi, the wisdom and sound health required for the office and greater achievements as she begins another tenure of office.

DRIVING EASE OF DOING BUSINESS IN KWARA, KW-IRS HOLDS MAIDEN 3-DAY WORKSHOP, TRAINS SCORES OF KWARA MARKETERS ON FINANCIAL RECORD KEEPING



As it is its mandates to maintain the integrity of the tax laws and processes, stimulate voluntary tax compliance and assist the State Government to attain specific economic, social policies, systems and targets, the Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS) hosted the maiden edition of sensitization workshop for traders and marketers across the State, under the auspices of Kwara State Association of Marketers (KWAM). The training sessions, held between Wednesday 4th and Friday 6th October 2023 at the corporate head office of KW-IRS in Ilorin, brought together diverse business owners within the informal sector of Kwara State.

In her opening remarks, the Executive Chairman, KW-IRS, Shade Omoniyi, welcomed all participants, stating that the sessions aimed at educating, and training marketers on ways to keeping adequate record of various business transactions, describing the initiative as a panacea to major business and tax payment difficulties.

Describing the importance of members of the informal sector to the growth of economy of the nation, Shade Omoniyi commended the leadership of the State Association of Marketers at various levels, for their show of commitment in collaborating in developing the State, evident in the encouraging number of participants at the workshop.



The 3-day workshop, conducted in English and local languages, had resource persons drawn from within KW-IRS, with presentations on topics around Record Keeping in Business (Practical and Theory), Running a Successful Business, and Business Registration.

Taking turns to make their presentation, the Director, Income Tax, Mohammed Usman and Director, Accounts and Finance, Omolari Ojulari, emphasized benefits of good record keeping to businesses, noting that members of the informal sector play critical roles in the economic, hence all participants are required to impact the lessons of the workshop on their various businesses, and members; and by so doing, would be collaborating in the promotion of business knowledge and tax compliance.

In their separate paper deliveries, the Head, Tax Audit, Kabiru Rufai; Head, Corporate Planning, Mohammed Audu; Head, Corporate Tax, Kuburat Yinusa; Hassan Abdulkadir and Rachael Adeyemi of KW-IRS, explained factors responsible for loss of capital and manpower invested in businesses and proffered workable solutions, among which include proper business organization, detailed record keeping, analyzing competition, identifying risks and rewards, exploring creativity, prioritizing education, accepting change, good customer relationship, data gathering, among others to participants, describing them as bedrock to achieving steady business growth.



The capacity building training highlighted gains of good record keeping to include, prevention of fraud, and theft, management of cash flow and inventory, good business decisions, time management, cost saving, and provision of easy access to loans, and several others.

It further stated that business registration, defining short-medium and long-term business goals, plans, good customer service, initiating profitable partnerships, documentation, monitoring, and mentoring are activities that could promote businesses development.

Participants were taken through documents needed for good record keeping such as receipt, invoice, ledger, inventory card, store issuance voucher, purchase record book, expenses record book, among others, with emphasis that KW-IRS will not relent in providing needed support to businesses in the areas of tax advice and guidance to both informal and formal sectors towards ensuring conducive business environment for all in the State.

Giving their remarks, the top executive members of the Kwara State Association of Marketers, Alhaji Abdullahi Saad, Alhaja Muibat Olumo, and Alhaja Sidikat Akaje, commended the State Governor, Mallam AbdulRahman AbdulRazaq for his continuous support to marketers and growth of the State, and also appreciated KW-IRS for always putting in place, sensitization avenues on tax matters and business development.

The association through its leaders confirmed that the lessons derived from the three-day training had not only exposed attendees to better understanding of business management in the informal sector, but had added significantly to knowledge of growing and sustaining their various businesses, pledging continuous support to the State in sensitizing others on tax compliance and its benefits to the State.

Highlights of the workshop were questions and answers sessions, group photographs, and presentation of certificates to over 300 participants.

Kwara Concludes 2023 Tax Club Quiz Competition, Winner Gets N2.5m



The 2023 Tax Club Quiz Competition organized by Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS) for Secondary Schools in Kwara State in collaboration with the Ministry of Education and Human Capital Development was concluded on Thursday, November 2nd, 2023 with Stepping Stone College, Agbabiaka, Ilorin emerging the overall winner of the grand prize of N2,500,000.00 (Two Million, Five Hundred Thousand Naira only), having displayed exceptional brilliance over five other schools that competed at the final stage of the competition. The annual tax event was held at the Kwara State Banquet, Hall, Ilorin.

A strong competitor and winner of last year's edition of the annual tax quiz competition, Eucharistic Heart of Jesus Model College, Ilorin, could not retain their top spot, emerged 1st Runner up of this year's competition, and won a cash prize of N1, 500,000.00 (One Million, Five Hundred Thousand Naira, while Government Secondary School, Lafiagi clinched the 3rd spot and got the sum of N1,000,000.00 (One Million Naira, only) for schools' projects.





Students in the 1st, 2nd and 3rd positions got prizes of N400,000, N300,000 and N200,000 respectively, while rewards for the teachers category; prizes of N150,000, N100,000 and N50,000 were given.

Eighteen (18) secondary schools across the three senatorial districts of Kwara State qualified to the semi-final round of the competition and after rounds of intensely contested Computer-Based Test (CBT), Six (6) schools advanced to the final rounds of the competition.

The six (6) schools are Apostolic Faith Secondary School, Egosi-Ile, Baptist Model High School, Kaiama, Eucharistic Heart of Jesus Model College, Ilorin, Government Secondary School, Lafiagi, Stepping Stone College, Ilorin, UMCA Secondary School, Share.

In his opening address at the grand finale ceremony, the Governor of Kwara State, Mallam AbdulRahman AbdulRazaq, represented by the Secretary to State

Government, Alhaji AbdulKadir Mahe Aliyu, congratulated participants across the State for their dedication since the commencement of the competition and also commended KW-IRS and the Ministry of Education and Human Capital Development for initiating the program, aimed at fostering tax education, awareness and compliance.



Mahe said the program is crucial to the socio-economic advancement, promotion of needed taxation skills and understanding amongst the younger generation in the State.

The governor assured that his administration is devoted to the advancement of education sector of the State and will not relent in empowering the youth and creating enabling environment to learn and compete at various levels.



The Executive Chairman, KW-IRS, Shade Omoniyi while delivering her opening remarks welcomed all participating schools, and special guests present at the ceremony. She explained that the motive behind the Tax Club Quiz Competition is to nurture a generation of tax-compliant citizens and create notable taxation awareness in the growing population at various stages.

Omoniyi thanked the Kwara State Governor, Mallam AbdulRahman AbdulRazaq for his commitment to the growth of the State at all levels.



She congratulated all schools that expressed interest in this year's edition, adding that all participants are winners.

Giving her remarks, the Honourable Commissioner for Education, Hajiya Sa'adatu Modibbo-Kawu stated that the Tax Club Quiz Competition is a program that continuously impacts lives of secondary students in the State since its commencement. She described the initiative as a quality catch-them-young-top tax education program that will continue to bring about improvement in the promotion of civic responsibility. The Commissioner of education expressed the Ministry's keenness to continue to support KW-IRS in all needed areas, appreciating the governor of Kwara State, Mallam AbdulRazaq for his interest and investment in education of the State, since he assumed office.

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In their separate goodwill messages, Mr. Taiwo Oyedele, the Chairman, Presidential Committee on Fiscal Policy and Tax Reforms and the President and Chairman of Council, Chartered Institute of Taxation (CITN), Mr. Samuel Agbeluyi, represented by Dr. Mrs. Biola Adimula, commended the AbdulRahman led administration for all its laudable initiatives in developing the economy.

Similarly, the Emir of Ilorin, Alhaji Ibrahim Sulu Gambari, represented by the Balogun Alanamu, Alhaji Abubakar Jos, the Olupo of Ajase-Ipo, HRH. Oba (Barr). Ismail Bolaji Yahaya, the Emir of Ilesha Baruba, Professor Halidu Ibrahim Abubakar, represented by the Marafa of Ilesha Baruba, Alhaji Abubakar Sani Muhammed, and the Olomu Omupo, HRH. Oba Yakubu Buari, (FCTI) and several distinguished guests at the events delivered their goodwill messages in commendation of the worthy ingenuity of the Kwara State Government and KW-IRS.

The convener of KW-IRS Tax Club Quiz Competition, Titilayomi Ogunwale, who doubles as head of Corporate Affairs department of KW-IRS, recounted that the competition aside imparting tax knowledge and creating tax awareness, also rewards active and excellent performance.

She highlighted the journey so far, by a recap of prizes given to past winners of the competition, and completed school projects

The Head Corporate Affairs Department of KW-IRS, also said that the Service ensures delivery of all cash prizes to schools, students, and teachers who win in different categories as promised and as and when due and does needed supervision of funds disbursed for school projects.

Highlights of the event include presentation of prizes to winners in all categories of schools, students and teachers by KW-IRS, presentation of educative materials to all participants, and group photographs.

The event, attended by government functionaries, stakeholders within and outside the State, Heads and representatives of various MDAs, institutions, societies, groups, captains of industries, representatives of various media organizations, Management and Staff of KW-IRS also witnessed donation of additional cash prizes of N400,000, N300,000, N200,000 to students in 1st, 2nd and 3rd positions and N100,000 to students in 4th, 5th and 6th positions of the competition by Compumetrics Solution Limited.

KW-IRS VISITS MINISTRIES OF HEALTH, FINANCE, PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, SEEKS CONTINUOUS COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS IN DEVELOPING KWARA



In continuation of her familiarization visit to Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) of the State, the Executive Chairman, KW-IRS, Shade Omoniyi, on Tuesday 10th October 2023 extended her duty call to the offices of the Honourable Commissioner for Health, Dr. Amina Ahmed El-Imam, Honourable Commissioner for Finance, Dr. Hauwa Nuru, and Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Planning and Economic Development, Alhaji Yaqub Umar Jaja. The meeting which has Permanent Secretaries and Directors of the Ministries in attendance, discussed ways to improve the long-standing relationship among stakeholders in the State; harnessing technical expertise, manpower, and available resources towards quality service delivery and enhanced internally generated revenue.

Acknowledging continuous efforts of Governor AbdulRahman AbdulRazaq in reforming all sectors, the visits called for more productive and symbiotic working relationship and unwavering support of all, in not only moving the State forward but also in making Kwara, an envy of all, in all ramifications.



KW-IRS Meets Ministry Of Environment, KWEPA, Seeks More Collaboration on Cleaner Environment, Optimal Revenue Mobilization for Kwara

The Executive Chairman, Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS), Shade Omoniyi in company of some members of staff of the Service, paid a courtesy visit to the Commissioner, Ministry of Environment, Alhaji Ndanusa Usman in his office in Ilorin on Friday, 27th October, 2023.

Omoniyi congratulated the Honourable Commissioner on his appointment and stated that there is need for more synergy among all State MDAs towards efficient service delivery and revenue collection for the development of Kwara State. The Commissioner applauded the thoughtfulness and continual support of KW-IRS, promising to ride on existing collaboration and working on initiatives that would address challenges hampering cleaner Kwara and improving IGR collections for the State.

In attendance at the meeting were the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry, Hajia Afusat Ibrahim, Directors of Environment, Forestry and PFS, representative of KWEPA and staff KW-IRS.



TOWARDS IMPROVING KWARA IGR: KW-IRS HOLDS ONE-DAY STRATEGIC REVENUE MOBILIZATION RETREAT FOR MDAS STAFF

As part of continuous efforts to improve revenue generation for the development of Kwara State, the Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS), held a one-day retreat for staff of Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) Directorate of the Service.

The retreat, which was held on Wednesday, 25th October, 2023 at the KW-IRS Corporate Head Office in G.R.A, Ilorin, had in attendance no fewer than sixty-five (65) selected staff of MDAs Directorate.

The objective of the retreat was to address the challenges of revenue mobilization in the State's MDAs so as to meet and surpass the IGR target for the year, and strategize ahead of the coming year 2024.

In her opening address, the Executive Chairman, KW-IRS, Shade Omoniyi welcomed everyone present at the strategic meeting and stated that it was necessary to hold the retreat in order to address the challenges hindering efficient revenue mobilization across MDAs in the State.

Speaking further during her paper presentation, the KW-IRS boss revealed the actual collections of each Department under MDAs Directorate from January till September 2023, while emphasizing the roles the Directorate has to play in the overall performance of the State.



In a separate paper presentation, the Head, Corporate Planning, Mohammed Audu took staff through the performance survey of the MDAs Directorate from 2016 to September, 2023, analyzing the IGR generated by the Directorate over the years till present, while also proffering some solutions to the grey areas.

In the same vein, the Head, Ministries, Maimunat Amasa in her paper presentation charged the staff to be professional on their job and ensure that each and every member of staff works smart in contributing their quota to the 2023 target of the Service.

The interactive meeting welcomed various suggestions from staff on reasons why certain revenue lines may be lagging behind and how to improve on them.

The Executive Chairman in her closing remarks, appreciated all staff and charged them to always be vision-driven as everyone works together as a team towards achieving the goal of building the Kwara of our dream.

TOWARDS AN IMPROVED PROPERTY TAX ADMINISTRATION: KW-GIS VISITS KW-IRS, COMMITS TO BENEFICIAL PARTNERSHIP, DEVELOPMENT OF KWARA



The newly appointed Executive Chairman of Kwara State Geographic Information Service (KW-GIS), ESV. Abdulkareem Sulyman in company of the Acting Administrative Secretary of the Agency, Mrs. Motunrayo Adaran paid a courtesy visit to the Executive Chairman, Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS), Shade Omoniyi on Monday, 6th November 2023.

ESV. Sulyman stated that the familiarization visit was necessary to strengthen the existing relationship between the two sister agencies of government, and to synergize on improving the processes involved in property tax-related matters and enhancement of IGR for the State.

Receiving the visiting team, the Executive Chairman, KW-IRS, Shade Omoniyi congratulated the new KW-GIS Executive Chairman on his appointment, and wish him a remarkable tenure of office.

Omoniyi stressed that the Service is ever willing to collaborate with all agencies and stakeholders in ensuring appropriate and suitable processes that will aid achievement of the developmental goals of the State are in place and embraced by all.



The meeting had in attendance the Director, Legal and Compliance of KW-IRS, Shehu Abdullahi, and some members of staff of both KW-GIS and KW-IRS.



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KW-IRS COMPLETES 2ND ISO SURVEILLANCE AUDIT, DISPLAYS COMMITMENT TO AN IMPROVED MANAGEMENT SYSTEM



Kwara State Internal Revenue Service, (KW-IRS), on 1st December, 2023, concluded the 2nd ISO Surveillance Audit for the year 2023, in preparation for another recertification exercise of its two standards, renewable every 3 years.

Discussing the Audit Findings with staff of KW-IRS after the exercise, the Auditor from Management System Evaluation Certification Board (MSECB), Innocent Atasié commended the Service for its show of understanding and commitment to maintaining the two certifications; Quality Management System (ISO 9001:2015) and Business Continuity Management System (ISO/IEC 22301:2019), and in continuous improvement on all its business processes across the State.

The MSECB Auditor enjoined KW-IRS to ensure conformity to all ISO requirements certified into by applying the requirements to business processes, driving continuous compliance and in displaying outstanding performances on the management systems across departments of the Service. He charged the Service to remain conscious of the importance of the certification to the Service and individual staff.

Delivering her remarks at the closing meeting of the Surveillance meeting, the Executive Chairman, Kwara State Internal Revenue Service, Shade Omoniyi, represented by Director, Accounts and Finance, Omolara Ojulari, appreciated the cooperation of staff throughout the audit exercise and applauded professionalism of the auditor in ensuring a robust and adequate audit process.





The Audit exercise further reiterates objectives of Quality Management System (ISO 9001:2015) and Business Continuity Management System (ISO/IEC 22301:2019), which aimed at delivering continuous quality and satisfactory tax administration services to taxpayers, even in the most challenging times.

The Surveillance Audit exercise which commenced on Monday 27th November, lasted 5 days, and came to an end on 1st December, 2023, with submission of Audit findings of Zero Minor and Major Non-Conformity, 7 (Seven) Observations and 7 (Seven) Opportunities for Improvement against the 21 (Twenty-One) Observations and Opportunity for Improvement recorded during the last Surveillance Audit carried out in the year 2022.

In attendance at the closing meeting of the Audit, were Directors, Legal and Compliance, Shehu Abdullahi, Admin and Operations, Olatunji Balogun, Income Tax, Mohammed Usman, the CEO, Tenol Alpha, Olumide Ajibawo, Coordinators of both QMS and BCMS, Omolara Ojulari and Maimunat Amasa, all Implementers and Auditors of the Service.

DID YOU KNOW?

1. Did you know that you can easily access any payment through the “SEARCH” option on the SSP Dashboard for faster navigation?
2. Did you know that the Finance Act, 2023 amended Section 3(a) of the CGTA to include digital assets as part of chargeable assets for CGT purposes? The implication is that effective from the date of commencement of the FA 2023, proceeds derived from disposal of digital assets such as cryptocurrency will now be liable to 10% CGT.
3. Did you know that the Finance Act 2023 increased Tertiary Education Tax from 2.5% to 3%?
4. Did you know that President Bola Ahmed Tinubu on July 7, 2023 appointed Taiwo Oyedele as the Chairman, Presidential Committee on Fiscal Policy and Tax Reforms?
5. Did you know, the work of the Presidential Fiscal Policy and Tax Reforms Committee, headed by Taiwo Oyedele, is divided into 3 phases - Quick Wins within 30 days, critical reforms within 6 months and implementation within 1 year?
6. Did you know, one of the recommendations of the Presidential Fiscal Policy and Tax Reforms is to increase Personal Income Tax Exempt Threshold and Personal Relief Allowance?
7. Did you know, the use of technology 'Data4tax' to expand the tax net is one of the recommendations of the Presidential Fiscal Policy and Tax Reforms Committee?

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HEALTH BENEFITS OF CLOVES

Clove is an aromatic herb with a rich brown colour and a distinctive aroma that has been used for many centuries in cooking and medicine. Cloves are the flower buds of the clove tree; they are high in antioxidants and have many potential health benefits.

Cloves contain fibre, omega-3 fatty acids, vitamins, minerals (especially magnesium) and a compound called eugenol, which has been proven to act as a natural antioxidant.

Cloves can be used in a variety of ways, such as adding them to food, making tea, applying the oil to the skin or teeth, etc.

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Some health benefits of cloves include the following:

1. **Aids digestion:** The biochemical present in cloves help to stimulate the digestive enzymes, thereby improving digestion. This can be done by roasting and grinding some clove buds into powdered form and mixing with honey.
2. **Relieves toothache and enhances oral health:** Cloves contain pain-killing properties that provide relief from toothache. Also, the extracts from clove buds control the growth of pathogens that can lead to gum disease, thereby helping to maintain a healthy oral hygiene.
3. **Boosts immunity:** Including clove as a spice or condiment in dishes can enhance the food's immune boosting power. It also increases the white blood cell count which aids in improving delayed type hypersensitivity.
4. **Regulates blood sugar:** The manganese present in clove can help regulate blood sugar levels. Scientists have revealed that extracts from cloves imitate insulin in some ways and help to maintain sugar levels in the body.
5. **Possesses anticarcinogenic properties:** The anticarcinogenic and chemopreventive properties of clove can aid in controlling lung cancer in the early stages.
6. **Treats respiratory infections and common cold:** One of the many health benefits of cloves is that it works as an expectorant and kill pathogens that can lead to throat infections and congestion in the chest. Consuming a bud of clove every day along with two or three buds of black pepper can help to cure common cold naturally.
7. **Treatment of wounds, cuts, and rashes:** Clove oil has healing properties and when applied topically, treats rashes, scabies, cuts, fungal infections, stings, bites, and athlete's foot.

The health benefits of clove are numerous but they are not intended to replace professional medical treatment. It is therefore advised that consultations be made with a health professional to ensure it is safe for you to consume clove in the first place.

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2024 TAX CLUB QUIZ COMPETITION Preliminary Stage