

KW-IRS ORGANIZES TAX EDUCATION WORKSHOP FOR EMPLOYERS OF LABOUR IN KWARA STATE

In line with its commitment to ensuring continuous taxpayer sensitization, the Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS) organized a Tax Education and Awareness Workshop for employers of labour in the State on Wednesday, 15th January, 2025, at the Kwara State Banquet Hall, Ilorin.

The workshop themed "Enhancing Tax Compliance through Stakeholder Sensitization and Engagement," served as a vital platform for bringing together es, and adhere to payment deadlines.

designated employers, offering essential insights on filing of annual tax returns and streamlining tax payment processes.

Delivering her keynote address at the workshop, the Executive Chairman, KW-IRS, Shade Omoniyi, emphasized the critical role of taxation in driving economic development; describing it as the foundation for financing essential public services such as infrastructure, education, and healthcare.

While acknowledging persistent challenges associated with tax compliance in the State, the KW-IRS boss outlined the need for collaborative strategies and active stakeholder engagement to foster a transparent and efficient tax system. She highlighted issues bordering on the KW-IRS harmonized bill, implications of non-compliance, and the 2024 Withholding Tax Regulations alongside the proposed tax reforms in Nigeria, and urged participants to embrace voluntary compliance, register unlisted businesses, file tax returns promptly, declare all income source.

The workshop featured five paper presentations from staff of KW-IRS on topics relating to tax compliance. In his presentation, the Director, MDAs, Omotayo

Ayinla, highlighted the importance of the harmonized bill which consolidates the multiple tax types collectible by the Service into a single document, ensuring clarity, and simplifying the taxation process for both taxpayers and the tax authority.

Muhammed Audu emphasized that filing Annual Returns is mandatory, and non-remittance of taxes is punishable under relevant laws. He further explained that non-compliance attracts serious consequences, including legal penalties, financial losses, reputational damage, and potential operational disruptions.



During his presentation, Mohammed Kabiru Rufai provided a practical guide on filing annual returns for both corporate organizations and individuals, using the KW-IRS Self Service Portal. Participants were allowed to file their annual returns following the step-by-step guide provided, and prizes were won by those who were able to submit their returns on the spot. Rufai underscored the importance of submitting employees' nominal roll and annual tax returns by employers to ensure accurate reconciliation of remittances for each organization.

Kuburat Yinusa made an extensive presentation on payment options and platforms provided by the Service. She raised awareness on the seamlessness of tax payments through the Self-Service Portal, highlighting it as a key component of the State's automation goals.



Abdullahi Gegele, in his presentation on Withholding Tax Regulations and the Proposed Tax Reforms, highlighted key aspects of the new tax reforms, including streamlined processes, improved taxpayer database, and stricter compliance requirements. He stated that these reforms aim to promote efficiency, transparency, and convenience for both individuals and organizations.

The workshop addressed frequently asked questions about the harmonized bill, annual returns filing, and the proposed tax reforms.

Wrapping up the event, the KW-IRS Director, Income Tax, Mohammed Usman, expressed appreciation to participants for their time and support in ensuring tax compliance and contributing to the growth of Internally Generated Revenue (IGR) in the State.

The workshop had in attendance management and staff of KW-IRS and representatives from various organizations across the State.

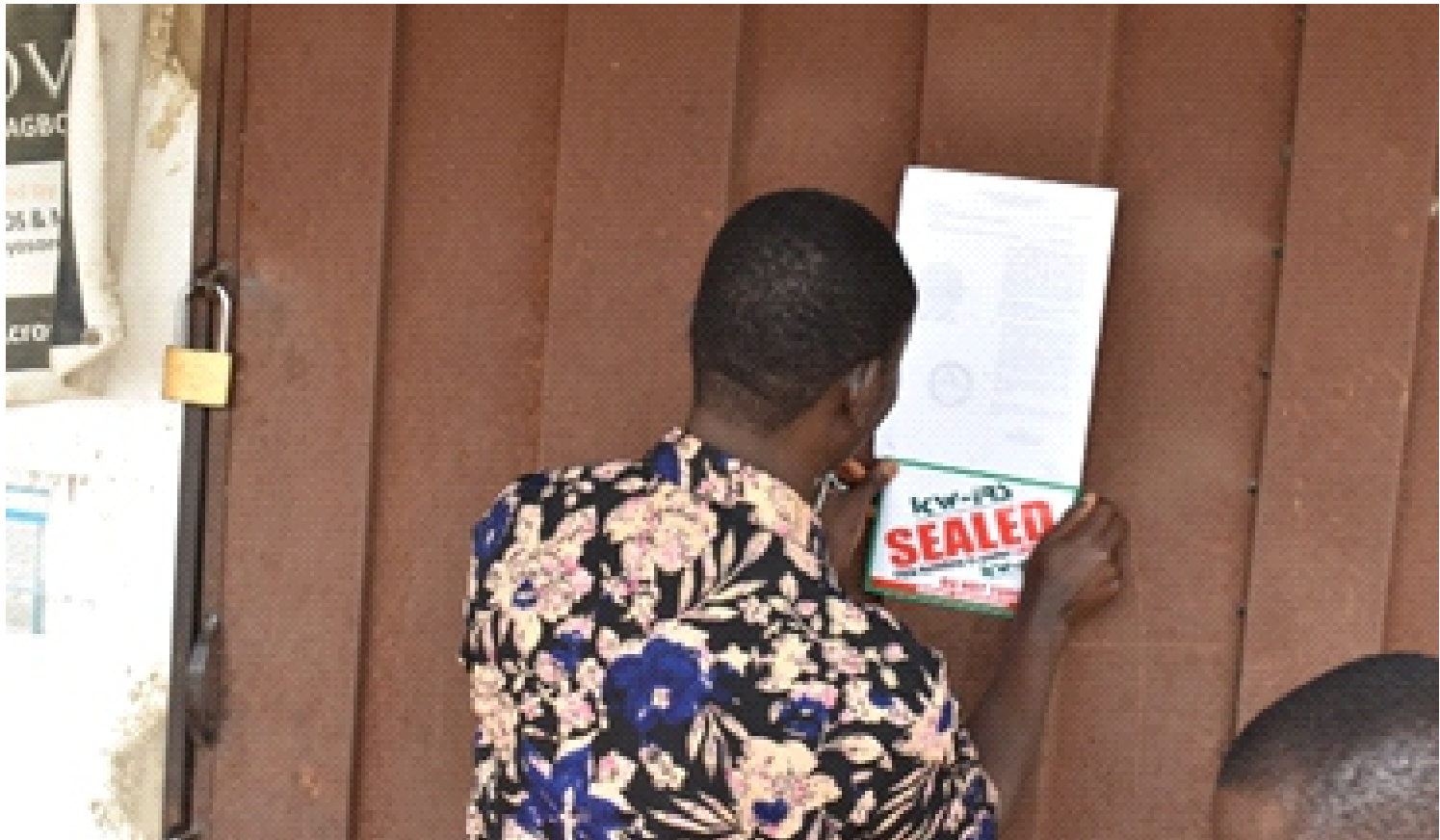
KW-IRS CRACKS DOWN ON TAX DEFAULTERS IN ILORIN

In pursuance of its mandate to optimize revenue mobilization for the development of the State, the Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS) embarked on massive enforcement of tax defaulters in Ilorin the State capital on Monday, 20th January, 2025. The enforcement exercise became necessary after all measures to ensure that the affected businesses performed their civic responsibility proved abortive.

The exercise, which took place in collaboration with relevant security agencies in the State, led to the sealing of some business premises along Taiwo Road, Oja Iya, Pipeline Road, Tanke, Unity, Ahmadu Bello Way, and Yoruba Road in Ilorin, resulting in several taxpayers immediately paying their outstanding tax liabilities to ensure business continuity, while some other businesses remained sealed.

KW-IRS implores taxpayers to pay all tax liabilities and file needed tax returns promptly to avoid paying penalties and fines as the enforcement of defaulters will continue across all sectors of the State.

The Service has also provided a user-friendly online Self-Service Portal (SSP) and other various payment channels where all tax-related activities can be carried out seamlessly.



KW-IRS HOLDS STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT RETREAT TO CONSOLIDATE REVENUE GROWTH IN 2025



The Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS), in fulfilling its mandate of mobilizing revenue for the strategic development of Kwara state, held a two-day strategic management retreat to evaluate 2024 achievements and outline actionable blueprints for enhanced Internally Generated Revenue (IGR) in 2025.

The retreat, which took place on the 24th and 25th of January, 2025, at Bovina View Hotel, Ilorin, brought together the Executive Chairman, top management team, Heads of Departments, and selected staff of the Service.

Delivering her opening address, the Executive Chairman, Shade Omoniyi, expressed gratitude for the collective efforts in achieving revenue milestones in 2024. She emphasized the need to sustain progress through alignment with Nigeria's tax reforms, focusing on their implications for the State's IGR and mapping out strategies to bridge the gaps that may arise from the reforms or fully consolidating the new opportunities they will bring. Omoniyi encouraged active participation in discussions to drive innovative solutions and outlined four key Tax Bills underpinning the reforms namely; the Nigeria Tax Bill, the Nigeria Tax Administration Bill, the Nigeria Revenue Service Establishment Bill, and the Joint Revenue Board Establishment Bill. She therefore called for unity,

innovation, and commitment to setting a new benchmark in tax administration for 2025 which has been tagged "Our Year of Consolidation" by the Service, while expressing optimism for the year and reaffirming the Service's dedication to its mission.

The retreat featured a keynote presentation by Adetola Ogbebor, Lead Coach at MaxLife Coaching Company, themed "Leading to Make a Difference." Her session delved into visionary leadership, bridging leadership gaps, leadership styles, and achieving effective leadership using the PPT Model which implies Personal Effectiveness, People Leadership and Task Leadership. Participants were inspired to adopt strategic thinking, explore leadership myths, and refine their leadership qualities.

Strategic presentations from KW-IRS Directorates and Departments provided insights into objectives and initiatives for 2025. The sessions encouraged open deliberations, resulting in the adoption of innovative technologies, exploration of untapped revenue potentials, and implementation of strategies to improve revenue collection across the State. Participants also engaged in morning aerobic sessions to foster camaraderie and overall well-being.

In her closing remarks, the Executive Chairman reflected on the retreat's success, describing it as one of the most collaborative and productive sessions in recent times. She expressed confidence in the outcomes of the retreat and wished all participants success in driving the Service's objectives for the year.

KW-IRS and Ministry of Business, Innovation & Technology Inspect Gbugbu Market, Engage Emir of Lafiagi on Economic Growth



As part of the Kwara State Government's commitment to fostering economic development under the leadership of His Excellency, Governor AbdulRahman AbdulRazaq, the Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS), in collaboration with the Ministry of Business, Innovation, and Technology, conducted an inspection of Gbugbu Market in Edu Local Government on Tuesday, 4th February, 2025. The visit aimed to assess the market's functionality, address traders' concerns, and ensure its optimal utilization.

During the inspection, KW-IRS Executive Chairman, Shade Omoniyi, emphasized the importance of streamlining revenue collection within the market and fostering better coordination between local and state government authorities to enhance effective market management.

Also speaking, Commissioner for Business, Innovation, and Technology, Hon. Damilola Yusuf Adelodun, reaffirmed the government's commitment to boosting the Lafiagi community's economic activities. She expressed concern over the underutilization of the market and called for strategic measures to maximize its potential. She also stated that the government would be exploring interventions to facilitate seamless trade operations while engaging key stakeholders to enhance commercial activities.

During the visit, key market stakeholders had the opportunity to voice their concerns. The Executive Secretary of Gbugbu Market, Muhammed Mada, highlighted various challenges faced by traders and market administrators. In response, both agencies assured the market stakeholders, that their concerns would be addressed. They urged the traders and market administrators to adopt best practices for effective management and smooth operations.

The delegation later paid a courtesy visit to the Emir of Lafiagi, Alhaji Mohammed Kudu Kawu, at his palace. The Emir expressed his gratitude for the visit, stating that it was both timely and strategic. He pledged his full support for the market's development initiatives and clarified some concerns raised during the inspection, providing valuable insights that would help address the challenges identified.

The meeting had in attendance, the Director of Commerce and Divisional Head, Market and Trade from the Ministry of Business, Innovation, and Technology, Taiwo Adebisi and Mayaki Tsado respectively; representatives of Edu Local Government Council; KW-IRS Directors, Income Tax, Mohammed Usman, MDAs, Omotayo Ayinla, Head, Ministries Department, Maimunat Amasa and other management staff of the Service.

KWARA STATE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE (KW-IRS) OBTAINS ISO RECERTIFICATION



The Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS) is pleased to announce the successful recertification of its two ISO standards namely ISO 9001:2015 Quality Management System (QMS) and ISO/IEC 22301:2019 Business Continuity Management System (BCMS) for the next 3 years.

KW-IRS secured ISO certification in the year 2018 and was subsequently recertified in 2021 and 2024, respectively, being the only State Internal Revenue Service in Nigeria to be ISO certified.

Speaking on the recertification, the KW-IRS Executive Chairman, Shade Omoniyi stated that the milestone is a demonstration of the Service's commitment to maintaining the highest standards of quality and business continuity management,

adding that the process involved a rigorous audit by the Management Systems Evaluation Certification Body (MSEC B), which verified that the Service's systems and processes met the requirements of the ISO standards.

"The recertification of these ISO standards is a testament to our dedication to excellence and our commitment to providing world-class services to the good people of Kwara State. We are proud of our achievement of the recertification of these ISO standards, which demonstrates our organization's commitment to the provision of quality revenue administration and collection services to the State. We will continue to strive for excellence in all aspects of our operations, and we are confident that this accomplishment will enhance our reputation and promote efficiency across all operating areas of the Service" Omoniyi said.

Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS) remains the sole agency responsible for revenue collection on behalf of the Kwara State Government and remains committed to providing excellent services to taxpayers and every citizen of the State while also promoting economic growth and development in Kwara State.

KW-IRS Engages Tertiary Institutions on Tax Compliance and Revenue Growth



As part of efforts to enhance tax compliance and revenue generation in Kwara, the Executive Chairman, Kwara State Internal Revenue Service, KW-IRS, Shade Omoniyi, met with Bursars of State-owned tertiary institutions on Thursday, 20th March, 2025.

The meeting, which held at the Ministry of Tertiary Education, aimed to address issues bordering on prompt and accurate tax remittance by the institutions, and explore strategies to boost revenue for the development of Kwara State.

The Executive Chairman provided expert guidance on revenue mobilization, emphasizing the importance of timely PAYE remittances and payment plans. She presented a comprehensive review of the institutions' revenue performance from 2021 to 2024, highlighting expectations for 2025. She also solicited input from the institutions on potential areas of collaboration with KW-IRS to enhance revenue generation through targeted interventions.

Honorable Commissioner for Tertiary Education, Hajiya Sa'adat Maddibo Kawu emphasized the need for institutions to demonstrate tax compliance, urging them to develop and implement effective plans to settle outstanding liabilities.

In response, the Bursars of the institutions aired some of their challenges and committed to exploring innovative solutions to increase revenue and ensure timely payment of outstanding debts.

The collaborative engagement underscores KW-IRS's commitment to fostering a culture of tax compliance and revenue growth among government-owned institutions, ultimately contributing to the economic development of the State.

In attendance at the meeting were the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry, Barr. Kikelomo Grillo; KW-IRS MDAs Director, Omotayo Ayinla; Head, Institutions, Shade Olanipekun; Head, Corporate Affairs, Funmilola Oguntunbi alongside other staff of the Service.





KW-IRS organizes sensitization program for online creative industry in Kwara

The Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS), on Wednesday, 26th March, 2025, hosted online creative industry comprising of DJs, Food Vendors, MCs, Decorators, Event planners, and others operating in the State to a one-day tax compliance sensitization program at the KW-IRS Corporate Head Office, G.R.A, Ilorin.

The maiden sensitization program, according to the KW-IRS Executive Chairman, Shade Omoniyi, in her opening remarks, is aimed at creating hands-on taxation-related enlightenment and further advising business owners on their civic responsibilities as entrepreneurs and business owners especially those without physical offices.

Shade Omoniyi, while assuring the sector of a productive working relationship, described the program as being of immense importance to the revenue growth of the State, considering the provision and position of the new tax reforms. She added that the program will further assist business owners to make decisive tax-related decisions; and improve their basic knowledge and understanding about proper bookkeeping, and separating what is taxable from income generated from their businesses to avoid penalties and unnecessary harassment.

Omoniyi, clarified that although the Service since the commencement of the current administration frowns at all manners of wasteful spending and unproductive activities, however, KW-IRS remains committed to providing a friendly community for businesses to thrive.

The sensitization program featured a series of paper presentations from KW-IRS tax executives, focusing on encouraging ethical working

relationship between the revenue agency and the creative industry in the State; the need for proper record-keeping of business transactions, prompt filing of annual tax returns, creation of a designated business account, among other discussions.

The presentations also examined various types of taxes applicable to the sector, and the principles of taxation, while also clarifying some misconceptions that have been associated with the KW-IRS brand over the years.

The sensitization program also featured a questions and answers session, where participants sought clarity on tax-related issues in relation to their businesses.

The KW-IRS Director, Income Tax, Mohammed Usman, while delivering his closing speech expressed appreciation to the participants for attending the session and their continuous contributions to the economic viability of the State. He assured them that the Service will maintain fruitful relationship with business owners in the State irrespective of their categories.

The event had in attendance members of the KW-IRS top management team, some Heads of Departments, and selected department representatives from the Service.

Collaboration for Improved IGR: Kwara State Tax Consultants Forum Visits KW-IRS



As part of efforts to boost Kwara IGR through effective collaborations, members of the Kwara State Tax Consultants Forum paid a courtesy visit to the Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS), on Thursday, 27th March, 2025, at the corporate head office of the Service at GRA, Ilorin.

The Chairman of the Forum, Ameen Rasaq explained that the purpose of the visit was to present the challenges faced by the consultants in carrying out their duties in the State, strengthen collaboration between Tax Consultants and KW-IRS, and ultimately ensure a good working relationship between both parties for the development of Kwara State especially where revenue generation is concerned.

Speaking further, Ismail Yunus commended the Executive Chairman for the cordial relationship that exists between KW-IRS and Tax Consultants in the State, He cited instances where the consultants have worked in the interest of the Service and the State at large, adding that the visit became imperative in order to formally collaborate with the revenue agency as partners in progress towards the economic development of Kwara State.

Welcoming the visiting team, the KW-IRS Executive Chairman, Shade Omoniyi, explained that the Service is working towards improving tax compliance in the State through sensitization, partnership with stakeholders and making sure that things are done the right way in accordance with the law. She stated that taxpayers must begin to align with the provisions of the law in preparation for the implementation of the tax reforms, which will radically change the tax landscape of the country. Omoniyi therefore enjoined the tax consultants to focus on enhancing tax compliance by taxpayers rather than being engaged to reduce their tax liabilities.

Also lending his voice to the discussion, the Director, Income Tax, Mohammed Usman assured the Forum of a harmonious working relationship, since the tax consultants will not work in contrast to what the Service stands for.

The Head, Tax Assessment, Abdullahi Gegele shed light on the treatment of objections raised by tax consultants on behalf of taxpayers, explaining that the Service has put in place an internal control mechanism that ensures that things are done the right way. The Head, Tax Audit, Mohammed Kabiru, also highlighted the importance of accurate filing of annual tax returns to ensure that the Service has the necessary information to work with.

He also charged the tax consultants to advise and educate taxpayers on what is expected of them by the law.

Also in attendance were the Head, Corporate Affairs, Funmilola Oguntunbi, and other staff of KW-IRS.



KW-IRS Executive Chairman Pays Familiarization Visit to Commissioner for Social Development



The Executive Chairman, Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS), Shade Omoniyi, paid a familiarization visit to the Honorable Commissioner for Social Development, Hon. (Dr.) Mariam Nnafatima Imam, at her office on Thursday, 27th March, 2025.

Omoniyi congratulated the Commissioner on her appointment and acknowledged the significant expectations associated with her role.

The two leaders discussed potential areas of inter-agency collaboration including strategies for revenue generation and support for people with special needs.

The Commissioner expressed appreciation for the visit, reaffirming the Ministry's commitment to working closely with KW-IRS to drive progress and development in Kwara State.

The meeting also explored opportunities for digitalizing processes to enhance revenue mobilization and reduce loopholes.

In attendance at the meeting were the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Social Development, Mr Kayode Peter; KW-IRS Director, MDAs, Omotayo Ayinla; Head, Corporate Affairs, Funmilola Oguntunbi and other officials of both agencies.

Kw-irs, Ministry of Solid Minerals Reinforce Commitment to Boost Revenue Mobilization for Kwara



The Commissioner for Solid Minerals, Honorable Abosede Olaitan Buraimoh, led key officers of the Ministry on a courtesy visit to the Executive Chairman, Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS), Shade Omoniye, at the Revenue House on Thursday, 27th March, 2025.

The visit aimed to appreciate KW-IRS's efforts and strengthen the partnership between the Ministry and the Revenue Service in blocking potential revenue leakages, enhancing Internally Generated Revenue (IGR) for the State, and ensuring effective revenue regulation.

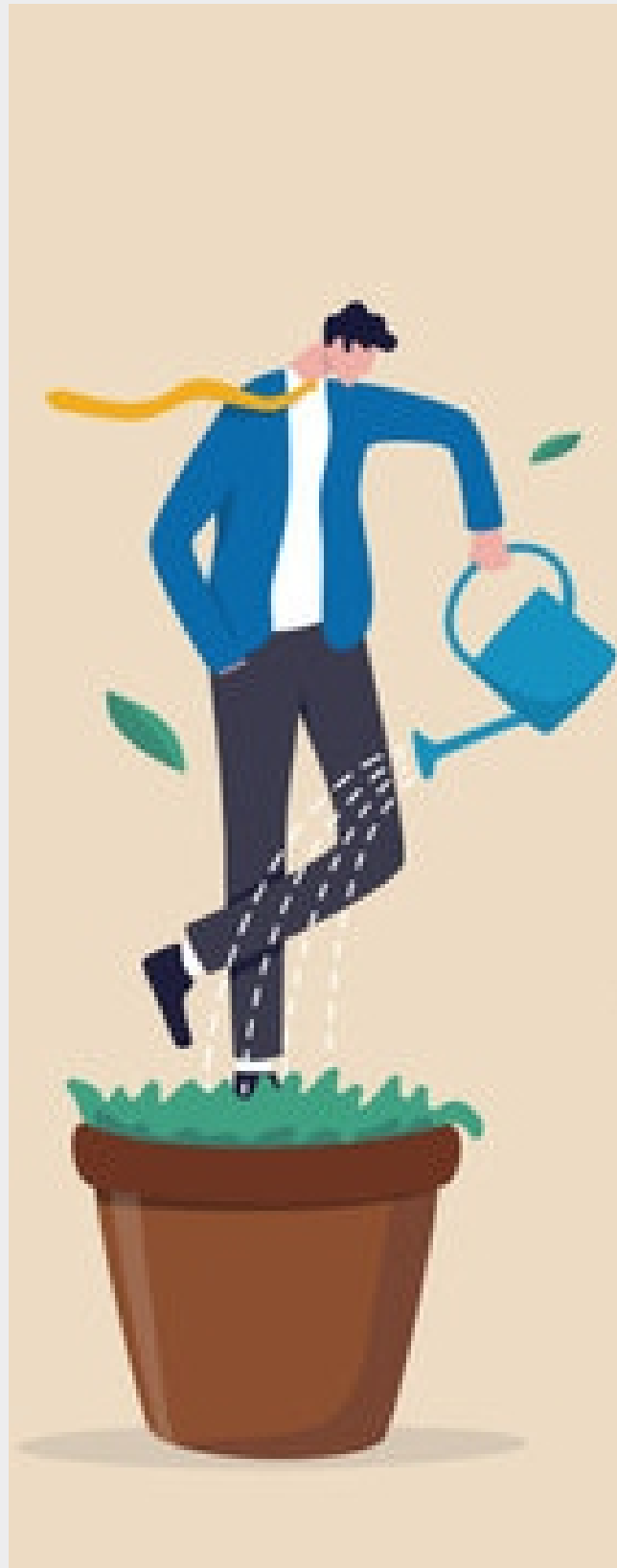
In attendance were the KW-IRS Director, MDAs, Omotayo Ayinla, Heads of Departments, and other officials of the Ministry.



TIPS ON SELF GROWTH

By Azeezat Olorunlambe, KW-IRS

1. Evaluate your achievements, challenges and lessons learned from the current year.
2. Define professional goals that align with your organization's vision
3. Identify skills or certifications relevant to your that could boost your career
4. Strengthen your network by reconnecting with old contacts and expand your professional network
5. Update your LinkedIn profile and other professional platforms
6. Declutter your workspace and learn to use productivity tools that can streamline your tasks
7. Set aside funds for self-development initiatives like training or conferences
8. Create a sustainable work-life balance plan by including fitness routines, mental health practices, and regular breaks in your schedule
9. Prepare to adapt to changes, such as technology shifts or new regulations
10. Break your yearly goals into quarterly, monthly and weekly tasks. Regularly review progress and adjust strategies as needed



THE IMPORTANCE OF PHYSICAL EXERCISE FOR PHYSICAL AND MENTAL WELL-BEING

By Gbolahan Olatunji, KW-IRS

I am excited to share with you an essential aspect of life that significantly influences both our physical and mental health: physical exercise. In our corporate setting, where desk jobs dominate and stress often looms large, understanding the importance of physical activity can greatly enhance our overall well-being and productivity.

Physical Benefits of Exercise

1. **Strengthens the Body:** Regular exercise improves cardiovascular health, strengthens muscles, and enhances flexibility, helping us to perform daily tasks with ease.
2. **Boosts Immunity:** Engaging in consistent physical activity bolsters the immune system, reducing the frequency of illnesses.
3. **Weight Management:** Exercise helps regulate body weight by burning calories and enhancing metabolism.

Mental Health Benefits

1. **Reduces Stress and Anxiety:** Physical activity stimulates the production of endorphins, which are natural stress relievers. This helps reduce anxiety and improve mood.
2. **Enhances Cognitive Function:** Exercise increases blood flow to the brain, improving memory, focus, and problem-solving skills.
3. **Boosts Confidence:** Meeting fitness goals, no matter how small, fosters a sense of achievement and self-esteem.

Incorporating Exercise into a Busy Schedule

- **Short Sessions:** Take 10-15 minute breaks to stretch or do simple exercises like squats or push-ups.
- **Use Your Commute:** Consider walking or cycling to work, or park further away from the office.
- **Desk Stretches:** Incorporate seated stretches to relieve tension in the neck, shoulders, and back.
- **Weekend Activities:** Dedicate some leisure time to outdoor activities like hiking, swimming, or team sports.

Group Exercise for Motivation

Engaging in group exercise, such as yoga, aerobics, or a brisk walk during lunch breaks, fosters camaraderie while enhancing physical health. Let's consider organizing regular fitness challenges or sessions as a team to keep each other motivated.

Conclusion

Physical exercise is not just about looking good; it's about feeling good, improving our resilience, and sustaining our energy levels throughout the day. Let us prioritize our health and incorporate physical activity into our daily routines. Remember, a healthy body fosters a sharp mind and a productive spirit.

HEALTH CORNER

DID YOU KNOW?

1. The new tax reforms introduce special incentives for companies investing in youth employment programs and skill development.
2. The new tax reforms include measures such as relief provisions for businesses affected by economic downturns or natural disasters.
3. The Presidential Committee on Fiscal Policy and Tax Reforms establishes clear guidelines for taxing hybrid work arrangements and remote employment.
4. The new reforms include tax incentives for companies investing in rural digitalization projects.
5. The new system will introduce automated valuation mechanisms for property taxes across Nigeria.

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