Governance Share Fair

The Governance Share Fair was organised by the UK’s Department for International Development (DFID) State Partnership for Accountability, Responsiveness and Capability (SPARC) to enable its partner states to share their intervention experiences in order to enhance their drive in the reform processes.

The maiden edition of the fair took place in Abuja from 12th – 13th March 2012. The Governance Share Fair brought six SPARC northern states together to showcase their achievements and lessons learnt so far.


Niger State was also present at the fair with the view of consolidating its reform programmes through lessons learnt from the SPARC partnering states.

The highlight of the fair was the exhibition of products and achievements from reform engagements in each State. It was a competitive exercise with each State partner trying to outdo one another. States were divided into ‘emerging states’ i.e. Yobe, Katsina and Zamfara while the ‘sunshine states’ includes Kaduna, Kano and Jigawa.

A team of experts went around the states’ stalls interviewing each state and examining the products on display. Marks were awarded in line with the quality of products and response in the interviews.

Zamfara State came third in the ‘emerging state’ category with second and first position going to Katsina and Yobe, respectively. In the ‘sunshine state’ category, Jigawa emerged third, Kano came second while Kaduna was adjudged the best and champion of the first ever Governance Share Fair.

The Head of Service, Chief Mrs. Hannatu Ugah received the prize award on behalf of Kaduna State Government.

Honourable Commissioner, Economic Planning, Mr Timothy Gandu, makes a speech at fair in Abuja.