INAUGURATION OF THE COORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR
GOVERNANCE SECTOR IN LAGOS

At the Lagos State Government State Steering Committee\(^1\) meeting of 26 June 2012, it was agreed that Sectoral Coordinating Committees be established to coordinate all donor and development partner technical activities. Following that, the Ministry of Economic Planning and Budget facilitated the establishment of the Governance Coordinating Committee on 18 September 2012 at the mini conference hall of the Ministry.

The purpose and objectives of the Sectoral Coordinating Committee include:

- To bring development partners and key stakeholders in each sector together, thus creating an avenue to articulate, align and harmonize development partner activities and plans with the Lagos State Government;
- To make all assistance and investment in the various sectors more efficient and effective, in order to produce desirable sector outcomes, while holding both government and development partners mutually accountable for the resources deployed;
- To strengthen and revitalize activities of development partners at their level and report to the larger SSC;
- To create a coordination platform that would enable the various partners to constantly articulate how they would work to align and harmonize their activities and plans in line with existing government sector plans;
- To enable each sector to articulate key emerging issues that require the intervention of the State Steering Committee (SSC) and by extension the state ExCo.

\(^1\) The State Steering Committee is the highest decision making body outside the State ExCo charged with the responsibility for overseeing the work of development partners in Lagos. It is chaired by the Commissioner for Economic Planning and Budget.
Membership of the Governance Coordinating Committee comprises representatives the Office of Head of Service (OHoS), Office of Transformation (OoT), Ministry of Economic Planning and Budget (MEPB), UNDP, UNICEF, DFID/SPARC, SAVI and ENABLE including the World Bank LMDGP. The inaugural meeting of the Committee was chaired by the Director General OoT and supported by the Director, Economic Planning of MEPB.

Some of the issues deliberated and agreed upon were:

- The Governance Sector Committee should develop a governance sector strategy, similar to that done by the Health Sector, which should derive whole or in part from Governance Section of the State Development Plan and embellished by what other development partners are doing on Governance.
- SPARC should lead the development of the Governance Sector Plan as they are already providing support for the SDP.
- The Governance Sector Committee will be holding monthly meeting to review progress of work and prepare the presentations to the SSC subsequently. The quarterly meetings should be a week ahead of the SSC meeting.
- It was also resolved that the United Nations and World Bank (LMDGP) who were not represented at this meeting should be informed about the importance of this meeting and required to attend to avoid duplication of activities and efforts.

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