



**BEING A COMMUNIQUÉ ISSUED AT THE END OF THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL OF  
IMMIGRATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE HELD AT SIO EVENT CENTRE, BENIN CITY, EDO  
STATE FROM 23<sup>RD</sup> - 26<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2019.**

**PREAMBLE.**

The Comptroller General of Immigration Annual Conference 2019 with the theme “Migration Management in a Developing Economy: The Role of NIS” presented a platform for systems interrogation, review of operational processes and procedures towards strategic re-positioning of the Service for more effective and efficient management of migration as a veritable tool for national Socio-economic development.

The event which was declared open by His Excellency, the Executive Governor of Edo State, Mr. Godwin Obaseki at about 1105 hours on Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> October, 2019 had in attendance, the Honourable Minister of Interior, Ogbeni Rauf Adesoji Aregbesola, high ranking officials of the State Government, including the Commissioner for Justice and Attorney General, Prof. Yinka Omorogbe, Commissioners from the Civil Defence, Fire, Immigration and Correctional Services Board namely; Maj. Gen. E Bassey (Rtd), ACG Ado Jaf’far (Rtd), Captains of Industry, members of the Diplomatic Community, including the Swiss Ambassador to Nigeria, HE Gabriel Steiner, senior serving as well as retired top Management officers of the NIS, representatives of the Military and other Security Agencies, among others.

**2. DELIBERATIONS**

The Papers delivered and the extensive deliberations focused on topical global migratory issues such as preventive measures to contain Trafficking in Persons as well as Smuggling of Migrants; Sustainable Cross-cutting Reform Implementation and the need for the NIS to urgently reposition itself to adequately confront the increasing challenges in the Management of Migration. This is with a view to emplacing strategies that will further promote regular migration, discourage irregular migration and guarantee seamless service delivery by a well-motivated workforce, which are fundamental preconditions for socio-economic development of Nigeria.

**3. RESOLUTIONS**

After exhaustive deliberations on the various paper presentations and exchange of views among the participants, the Conference resolved that:

- (i) within the framework of its statutory mandate, the NIS shall continue to discharge its duties effectively and efficiently to enhance national security and promote the socio-economic strategies and efforts of the Federal Government, through attraction of Foreign Direct Investments (FDIs), Tourism, Innovators and Highly skilled migrants as well as increased Diaspora Remittances.
- (ii) the NIS pledges its reinvigorated commitment to protecting the good image of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and upholding transparency in pursuit of the anti-corruption posture of the Federal Government;
- (iii) in alignment with the Ease of Doing Business Policy of the Federal Government, the NIS shall continue to deploy relevant cutting-edge technology to ensure improved Border Security, professionalism in the issuance of Visas, Passports and other Immigration facilities to reduce human contact to further guarantee expeditious and improved service delivery;
- (iv) the NIS shall continue to encourage regular and continuous capacity building of its Officers and Men to enhance knowledge, expertise and professionalism in Migration Management as well as a strategic predictable Reward System, including an enhanced Pension package for retired Officers to further elicit dedication and commitment to duty and service with dignity;
- (v) the Service shall, as appropriate, continue to build on its subsisting practice of robust collaboration and synergy with relevant Agencies and stakeholders to garner the needed support and cooperation towards the realization of its set objectives; and
- (vi) in its renewed desire to successfully implement all the reforms, initiatives and activities of the NIS, the Service shall impress on the Federal Government for improved funding and particularly, to allow the Service access a certain percentage of its offshore revenue.

#### **4. CONCLUSION**

Consequent upon the above, the Conference reasoned and believed that the deployment of proactive strategies and sustainable reforms to contain the challenges of modern migration realities is a basic requirement for realizing the great potentials of the Migration and Development nexus. The Nigeria Immigration Service has therefore, resolved to embark on robust technological upgrade, inter-agency and international synergy, capacity building and improved interfaces with all strategic stakeholders to continue to deliver on its statutory mandate. The NIS' Management and other Conference participants sincerely appreciate His Excellency, President Muhammadu Buhari, GCFR as well as the Honourable Minister of Interior for their enormous support towards the collective efforts at repositioning the NIS. The hospitality and kind assistance of His Excellency, the Executive Governor of Edo State as well as the good people of the State are also commendable for making the 2019 Conference a huge success.

Dated this 26<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2019.

**Signed:**  
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