

**GOOD WILL MESSAGE BY DR JOE ABAH - DIRECTOR GENERAL,
BUREAU OF PUBLIC SERVICE REFORMS (BPSR) AT A ONE (1)
DAY STAKEHOLDERS FORUM ON THE NATIONAL STRATEGY
FOR PUBLIC SERVICE REFORMS PILLAR 2, AND PILLAR 3, FOR
RELEVANT MDAs IN LINE WITH THE CURRENT ADMINISTRA-
TION MANIFESTO, TUESDAY 28TH FEB., 2017**

Representative of the Secretary to the Govt. of the Federation

Honourable Minister (Budget and National Planning)

Honourable Minister of State (Budget and National Planning)

Permanent Secretary, Ecological Office

Representative of the Perm Sec, Budget & National Planning

Director Generals/ Executive Secretaries

Directors

Resource Persons

Staff, other Dignitaries and Members of the Press

On behalf of the entire staff of the Bureau of Public Service Reforms (BPSR), I felicitate with the Honourable Minister and his entire team in the Ministry of Budget and National Planning for organising this one day Stakeholders forum to address the Pillars 2, and part of pillar 3 of the National Strategy for Public Service Reforms (NSPR) for relevant

Ministries Departments and Agencies (MDAs) in line with the current administration manifestos.

We are all aware that the quest for citizens' greater responsiveness, better use of public resources and higher standards in the quality of services rendered to citizens prompted the initiation of the National Strategy for Public Service Reforms (NSPR)

The NSPR is a comprehensive and long term strategy towards achieving a world class public service and making Nigeria one of the 20 leading economies in the world by year 2020.

NSPR is sectioned into four (4) pillars viz:

- i An enabling institutional and governance environment
- ii An enabling socio-economic environment
- iii Public Financial Management Reform and
- iv Civil Service Administration Reform.

Positioning the country to be among the 20 leading economies has brought about a paradigm shift to include a coordinating mechanism through NSPR and creating platforms which brings

together all strands of public service reforms for better linkages at ensuring effective communication, monitoring and evaluation of reforms.

I am delighted at the composition of this forum and it is my candid believe that the only way to guarantee the much envisaged reforms in the public service is by evolving the local context and relevant stakeholders, thereby aggregating their inputs into better chances in the reforms process.

Pillar 2: An Enabling Socio-Economic Environment

Pillar 2 of the NSPR involves the setting up of an enabling Socio-economic environment that enables accelerated and sustained economic growth and poverty reduction through institutional pluralism and inclusive participation of vulnerable groups such as women, children, persons with disabilities, in the decision making process.

Pillar 3: Public Financial Management Reform

Pillar 3 of the NSPR provides for the development of a Public Financial Management Reforms capable of achieving a strategic, efficient and effective mobilisation, allocation and

use of public resources, fiscal discipline, transparency, integrity and accountability.

I am confident and convinced that with the development of the NSPR, approaches to coordinating all the reforms in the various MDAs, as it will be hardiness towards the attainment of the much anticipated reforms targeted at positioning Nigeria as one of the 20 leading economies in the world by 2020 attaining world class in the Public Service by 2025.

Once again, I sincerely appreciate the Ministry of Budget and National Planning as the pivot of this laudable project, towards the implementation of the NSPR and steering the course of a sustained National Development for the first time in our chequered history as a nation.

It is my special honour to salute you all and wish you a successful deliberations.

Thank you and God bless.