REPORT OF THE ACCOUNTANT-GENERAL IN CONJUNCTION WITH MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC PLANNING TOWN HALL MEETING AND ENGAGEMENT WITH CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATION ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 2020 HELD ON 25th August, 2021

1. OPENING REMARKS:

The Director Main Accounts of the Office of the Accountant- General welcomed participants and informed her that the meeting was convened to present the Financial Statement of the year 2020 as published in Ministry of Finance website, www.mofep.be.ng. The Director pointed out that the State Government has subscribe to Open Government Partnership (OGP), a platform that aims to secure concrete commitment on transparency, fight corruption and harness new technologies to strengthen governance.

On his part the Accountant-General informed the house that this year's budget is tagged Budget of Advancement, Growth and Development. The financial statements where then presented to the house from table 1 to 12. In summary form a total sum of N91,424,993,028.00 (Ninety-One Billion, Four Hundred and Twenty-Four Million, Nine Hundred and Ninety-Three Thousand and Twenty-Eight Naira) only accrued to state as revenue against a budgeted figure of N108,822,683,181.00 (One Hundred and Eight Billion, Eight Hundred and Twenty-Two Million, Six Hundred and Eight Three Thousand, One Hundred and Eight One Naira) only. Expenditure in the fiscal year stands at N86,438,905,530.00 (Eighty-Six Billion, Four Hundred and Thirty-Eight Million, Nine Hundred and Five Thousand, Five Hundred and Thirty Naira) only leaving a balance of N4,986,087,498.00 (Four Billion, Nine Hundred and Eighty-Six Million, and Eighty-Seven Thousand, Four Hundred and Ninety-Eight Naira) only.

2. RESPONSE FROM CSOS:

Discussions where carried out on line by line Revenues and Expenditures and it all centered on short fall in Revenue which hampered the implementation of the budget in year 2020. It was pointed out as well that on the part of Government it should try to implement the citizens budget in

future in as much as the Revenue accruing to the state is dwindling. Government was advised as well to look inwards with the view to increasing revenue generation in the State.

3. CLOSING REMARKS:

In his closing remarks, the representative of the Honorable Commissioner of Finance and the Director of Finance and Supplies, expressed his appreciation for the commitment of the CSOs and stated that the observations from them are noted. He also pledged his commitment to improved service delivery to citizens of the State.

The meeting ended at 3.30pm.

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