

THE INTERACTIVE SESSION FOR SOF-BOA PROJECT STATE COORDINATORS HOSTED BY SIDI OSHO FOUNDATION (SOF) ON THE 8TH OF JUNE 2017

Introduction

The first interactive session for the SOF-BOA State Coordinators was successfully hosted and held in Sidi Osho Foundation (SOF) headquarters Lagos on the 8th of June 2017. Twenty states were represented with nine male and eleven females.

The Interactive session had the presence of the CEO SOF, the Board of Trustee's Member, Members of the Implementation Committee and staffs of SOF and also State Coordinators representing various states. The Project Assistant Ehi Audu, presided over the opening ceremony and Prof Sidi Osho delivered a well-articulated keynote address. The interactive session also extolled the manifestation of SOF, which aims to provide a world of equal opportunities for families, women, communities, and youth through empowerment for the realization and maximization of their potentials towards a better future.

Presentations and Discussions

The CEO of SOF, Prof Sidi Osho, gave the welcome address, she expressed her gratitude to the Bank of Agriculture (BOA) for granting the foundation an opportunity to partner with their establishment to ensure sustainable food security and create wealth in Nigeria through this agriculture empowerment project. This project also fits into the mission and vision of SOF.



The first presentation of the day was by **Prof Sidi Osho the CEO of SOF**. The presentation gave detailed information about what the SOF-BOA Agric project is all about and what the project intends to achieve and also the possible line of actions. It also gave details about various SOF projects which have been carried out. The presentation also gave details about the current economic situation in Nigeria and how agriculture could be used to improve the economy and make it more sustainable. The presentation also identified the various crops grown all over the six geo-political zones in Nigeria.



The second presentation of the day was by **Dr Yemi Popoola, the facilitator for the State Coordinators**. He commended the CEO for her great vision and hard work, and he also thanked all the State Coordinators that were present. He made it known that SOF is one big family and anyone willing to work with the foundation has many benefits in the project because SOF is all about the growth of human development. He emphasized that the State Coordinators should be committed to this Project and should use all the strategy within their states to make the project successful. Dr Popoola advised that as

foundation members we should state the contribution of SOF Multipurpose Cooperative with a minimum of N5000:00 (Five Thousand Naira).

The third presentation was by **Mrs Yinka Olaniyan, HR representative** and Member of Implementation Committee for SOF, her presentation was very captivating as she elaborated on the various types of people in our society. She laid emphasis on three major types of people which include the leaf, branch and root



issues in respect of welfare and other important HR components as related to the implementation of the SOF-BOA Agric project.

Mr Deji Gbewesa who is also a Member of the implementation committee and a Chartered accountant; emphasized the importance of accountability and transparency in the project.



He also specified that everybody's integrity is at stake thus the need to clear with Head Office before embarking on the project is key as to retain Farmers confidence at all times. He suggested ownership for Coordinators for effective and sustainable management of the project.

OTHER PICTURES FROM THE EVENT

