

**Communiqué Of The 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting Of The National Council  
On Works Held At The NAF Conference Centre, Kado District,  
Federal Capital Territory, Abuja  
From Monday 17<sup>th</sup> - Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> July, 2017.**

The 23<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the National Council on Works with the theme: ***“Adequate Traffic Signage-An Essential Key for Highways Infrastructure, Safety and Comfort,”*** was held at the Nigerian Airforce (NAF) Conference Centre, Kado, Abuja, on Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2017. The Council Meeting was preceded by a three-day Meeting of Directors and Permanent Secretaries from 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> July, 2017.

2. The meeting was declared open by the Honourable Minister of the Federal Capital Territory, Mallam Muhammad Musa Bello, ably represented by Engr. U. G. Jibril, OON, Executive Secretary, Federal Capital Development Authority. The Honourable Minister of Power, Works and Housing, Babatunde Raji Fashola, SAN, presided over the Meeting which was also attended by the Honourable Minister of State, Hon. Mustapha Baba Shehuri, the Chairman, House of Representatives Committee on Works, the Chairman, Federal Character Commission (FCC), Honourable Commissioners responsible for Works matters in the States of the Federation, as well as senior officials of relevant Federal and State Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs), regulatory bodies and other stakeholders.

3. In the course of the Meeting, a total of twenty-six (26) Memoranda were received and considered under the following seven thematic groups:

- i. Adequate Traffic Signage – An Essential Key for Highways Infrastructure, Safety and Comfort;

- ii. The Role of Survey and Mapping to Road Signage;
- iii. Quality Assurance in the Production and Installation of Road Signage;
- iv. Standardization of Road Signage;
- v. Adherence to the Provision of Road Signage on the Highways
- vi. Managing the Challenges of vandalism and Damages to Road Signages
- vii. The Relevance of Intelligence to Signage.

4. Council considered the issues raised in the Memoranda presented at the Meeting and adopted the following resolutions:

- i. **noted** the Status of Implementation of the key decisions of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the National Council on works and observed that:
  - a. 25 tasks were completed;
  - b. 7 tasks were in progress; and
  - c. 5 tasks were facing challenges.
- ii. **noted** that adequate geo-spatial data for the positioning and location of road signage is required;
- iii. **noted** that indiscriminate use of billboards and other forms of adverts on road signage constitutes a menace on our highways;
- iv. **noted** the need for use of Geo-spatial information to create database for national signage for emplacement, monitoring and maintenance of highways furniture and infrastructure;
- v. **noted** the use of survey techniques of RADAR (Radio Direction and Ranging ) and LIDAR (Light Direction and Ranging) in monitoring traffic signage, checking vehicular movement and recording of traffic offences such as flouting the speed limits, beating of traffic

lights, failures to respect traffic signages such as zebra crossing, etc.;

- vi. **noted** that Survey Techniques are used to demarcate, survey and ensure compliance to the Right of Way (RoW) As-built surveys;
- vii. **noted** that Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) system technology is an essential tool for achieving the required signage on highway security, safety and comfort;
- viii. **noted** the importance of seeking alternative funding means by Governments at all levels for sustainable maintenance of street lighting. Such alternative means include Public Private Partnership (PPP), the Special Energy Efficiency Lighting Fund, the Carbon reduction fund, etc.;
- ix. **noted** that Solar Road Studs are visible up to 800 meters in the night thereby helping to prevent road accidents;
- x. **noted** also that Solar Studs emit rather than reflect, which has the advantage of warning drivers at road sections;
- xi. **noted** that standard traffic calming techniques will prevent defacing of roads with logs of wood and tyres, thereby enhancing the aesthetics conditions of our roads and environment;
- xii. **noted** that installation of modern signage on our highways will reduce the high rate of road carnage being recorded on our highways;
- xiii. **noted** the effort of the Yobe State Governemnt in the establishment of computerized Vehicle Inspection Centres and Model Driving Schools to ensure road worthy vehicles and provide better education to road users;
- xiv. **noted** that some of the roads signs and signals being used in Nigeria do not conform with the UN Convention on Road Signs and Signals;

- xv. **noted** that Nigeria was represented at a workshop in Geneva, Switzerland by a group of experts on Road Signs and Signals;
- xvi. **noted** that a document was presented by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) on the challenges associated with the interpretation and implementation of 1968 Convention on Road Signs and Signals;
- xvii. **noted** that the National Road Safety Strategy (2016 – 2020) document has been approved by the Federal Executive Council (FEC) and the National Economic Council (NEC) and called for the implementation of the document which can be accessed on <http://frsc.gov.ng/publications>;
- xviii. **noted** that the Federal Ministry of Power, Works and Housing Highway Manual Part I: Design Volume VI: Road Traffic Signs and Road Markings 2013 is meant to ensure appropriate signage on our roads;
- xix. **noted** that several jobs would be created among skilled and semi-skilled artisans through the adoption of the new technologies in the production of modern signage;
- xx. **noted** that crash barriers protect the road side objects from being damaged by collision of vehicles;
- xxi. **urged** stakeholders to increase funding for the provision of road signage;
- xxii. **urged** Governments at all levels to assist research bodies in the country to conduct more research in the production of road signage;
- xxiii. **urged** stakeholders to conduct sensitization programmes to enlighten the public on the use of road signage;
- xxiv. **urged** Governments at all levels to ensure standardisation of road signage;

- xxv. **urged** the Federal, States and Local Governments to approve the use of reflectometer as a quality monitoring device on our highways;
- xxvi. **urged** all State Governments that are yet to establish Asset Management Units to focus on building database of road furniture and road signage to do so;
- xxvii. **urged** the Federal and State Governments to install ICT cameras and Traffic Aids Posts for recording traffic violations and to enforce compliance by road users;
- xxviii. **urged** Federal and State Governments to direct their relevant Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) to provide geo-spatial data for positioning and location of road signage;
- xxix. **urged** stakeholders in the road sector to consider the use of the LED Solar Road Studs in road design.
- xxx. **urged** Stakeholders to adopt the use of Radio Frequency Identification Technology and other modern technologies/devices in the maintenance and sustenance of street lights along Nigerian Roads;
- xxxi. **urged** government at all levels to adopt the use of modern and standard traffic calming techniques such as impediment/ traffic diversion and standard road bumps to prevent rampant use of unstandardized road bumps on Nigerian roads;
- xxxii. **urged** stakeholders to enlighten the public on the importance of adherence to traffic calming measures as a means of safety on our highways;
- xxxiii. **urged** stakeholders to adopt the standard use of Traffic Calming devices during the design stage of road projects. To achieve this, States should liaise with the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) and

Federal Ministry of Power, Works and Housing (FMPWH) to agree on a standard.

- xxxiv. **urged** stakeholders to assist NITT to design a national strategic ITS plan for effective highways infrastructure and Traffic Management so as to enhance safety and comfort on our roads;
- xxxv. **urged** the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) and Vehicle Inspection Officers (VIO) as well as other stakeholders to intensify efforts on sensitization in motor parks, all places of worship, palaces of traditional rulers and other relevant places with a view to educating road users on the use of advance road signage, especially in local languages;
- xxxvi. **urged** States that are yet to establish computerized Vehicle Inspection Centres and Modern Driving Schools to do so to provide better education for road users;
- xxxvii. **urged** relevant government agencies to ensure regular review of Road Signs System to conform with the 1968 UN Convention and stakeholders involved in the review should be expanded to include Federal Ministry of Power, Works and Housing (Works Sector), State Ministries of Works and Transport, Federal Ministry of Transportation, Federal Roads Safety Corps, Vehicle Inspection Office (VIO) and Nigeria Society of Engineers;
- xxxviii. **urged** all stakeholders to sensitize the public on the negative consequences of defacing, damaging and removal of traffic signs on Nigerian roads;
- xxxix. **urged** that Monitoring and Enforcement Units be established at Federal and State levels to ensure adherence to the use of road signs;
- xl. **encouraged** stakeholders to be proactive in adapting new technologies to advance road safety;

- xli. **encouraged** stakeholders in the use of performance retro-reflective materials for all our road markings;
- xlii. **accepted** that in all new bridge projects, the crash barriers should be made up of dwarf concrete walls and metal barriers;
- xlili. **approved** that adequate budgetary provisions be made for the provision of signage infrastructure;
- xliv. **approved** that the geo-spatial data for the positioning and location of road traffic signage and furniture be provided by the use of modern survey techniques by the Office of the Surveyor-General of the Federation (OSGoF) and the Offices of the Surveyors - General of the States (OSGoS);
- xlv. **appreciated** the goodwill message extended to it by the Executive Chairman, Federal Character Commission, especially on the role of the Commission as a critical stakeholder in ensuring equitable distribution of national infrastructure;
- xlvi. **appreciated** the Honourable Minister of the Federal Capital Territory for the warm reception and hospitality accorded delegates during their stay in Abuja;
- xlvii. **accepted** the offer of Kebbi State to host the 24<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the National Council on Works to hold in 2018;
- xlviii. **Motion** for the adoption of the Communique was moved by Hon. Commissioner of Works and Transport, Taraba State, Dr. Tafarki Agbadu and it was seconded by Hon. Commissioner of Works, Imo State, Surv. C. A. P. Anele;
- xlix. **noted** that the motion for adjournment of the Meeting was moved by Hon. Commissioner of Works, Kwara State and seconded by the Rep. of Hon. Commissioner of Works, Imo State. Thereafter the Meeting was adjourned.

**DONE THIS 20<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JULY, 2017 AT  
ABUJA, THE FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY.**