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Communique on the Launching of NIA-IINFRADCO Programmes
UPDATED FOCUS - RENEWED HOPE AGENDA 2050

Preamble:

The NIA-IINFRADCO was set up by the Nigeria Institute of Architects (NIA) as an interface organisation of architects and all professionals and to serve as a catalyst to enable them to work together and to make direct inputs to National Development through the Revised **National Integrated Infrastructure Master Plan** (NIIMP-2020- 2043) with an initial focus on the Synchronized with the Renewed Hope Agenda) The aim is to bolster the private sector participation component of the National Development Plan with the Renewed Hope an initiative of the Federal government . The NDP envisages that the private sector participation/ input is expected to be above 85.5% of NDP projections during this timelines. Accordingly the Nigerian Architects and Professionals have therefore resolved that that their input is of primary importance in the definitions to assessments as well as proffering the solutions in making the private sector the major driver of this policy initiative.

Introduction:

The NIA-Integrated Infrastructure **Innovative Research for Development** programs (NIA-IINFRADCO) an innovation by a Consortium of architects and professionals for the review to replanning, of infrastructures development on sectoral basis. The consortium are continuously reviewing and making assessment of the needs and prognosis thereof, and in proffering sustainable solutions in line with where we want our integrated Infrastructure to be as a country.

The NIA-IINFRADCO model takes into cognisance veritable outcomes of the revised NIIMP objectives and enhances National capacity building of all participating architects and professionals as its gains. The program envisages the direct participation on annual basis of upto 2000 architects and all other professionals and rising to 10,000 or more over the next 5years period of the initial period timelines. Furthermore, additional 250,000 plus professionals and support personnels are expected to be engaged in the overall programs delivery.

So far, NIA-IINFRADCO has identified a participatory process by '**Innovative Research for Development**' as the underlying approach that would boost local content participation of architects and all other professionals to making input in its widest sense of technical infusion into Nigeria's knowledge driven economy in the creation of Sustainable World Class Cities for Nigeria.

Forty (40Nos) sectoral groups covering the immediate aspects of the economy have been identified and created to commence with '**Innovative Research for Development**' by the architects and professionals as precondition to redefining and re-shaping the outcomes of an '**Integrated Infrastructure Development Masterplans**'; more sectors would be added as the NIA-IINFRADCO model programme expands in its five-years initial cycle and beyond.

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Keynote Speakers:

Two key note addresses on Integrated Infrastructures were presented by;

Dr. Umar Bindir demonstrated the need for a knowledge innovative Infrastructures development by architects and all other professionals as the best approach to building a robust and Sustainable National Integrated Infrastructures Development. Prof. Uwaleke Uche articulated the Socio-Economic benefits derivable from an innovative knowledge driven process of National Integrated Infrastructures and indeed the National Development Plan (NDP-2021 to 2025) now RENEWED HOPE AGENDA by the architects and all other professionals. He envisages a greater multiplier effect of possibly 200% of the Federal Government's initial projections of #348.1trn investment realization - AND THE RENEWED HOPE AGENDA FOCUSING ON A \$1.TRN GDP IN THE NEAREST FUTURE

The Goodwill Messages and Launching:

The occasion of the Launching was honored by the presence of His Excellency the Vice President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria Prof. Yemi Osinbajo GCON and four other distinguished honorable ministers of the federation. They praised the leadership of the Nigerian institute of Architects for the initiative to setting up of the NIA-IINFRADCO programs model for architects and all other professionals working as a consortium an essential catalyst to National Policy rollout for private sector engagement/participation in National Development.

The Hon.Ministers for Finance, Budget and National Planning ,Mrs Zainab Ahmed and the Hon. Minister of State, Prince Clem I Agba presented all Government's plans and actions with emphasis on the economic implications of the NIIMP and NDP as part of Government Policy and visionary approach to synchronize Infrastructure Development across the entire country Nigeria.

The Honorable Minister for Water Resources, Engr. Suleman Adamu also commended the initiative and emphasised the need for cohesion within the working parts of the implementation strategy. Citing the NIA-IINFRADCO programs as a laudable innovative initiative for private sector buy-into Government agenda.

The Honorable Minister for Mines and Power Arc. Olamilekan Adegbite drew the attention of architects and all other professionals to the need for a synergy and focus, in order to achieve sustainable developmental objectives.

In his address, His Excellency the; Vice President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Chief launcher and Grand Patron of the NIA-IINFRADCO programs Prof. Yemi Osinbajo GCON , endorsed the initiative and challenged the cream of architects and all other professionals to find lasting and innovative sustainable solutions to issues of urbanization as it relates to Sustainable Infrastructure Development Nationwide. Emphasising

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the action of government in seeking for strategic partnership with the private sector to achieve these goals remains unprecedented in the history of Nigeria. His Excellency the Vice President Prof. Yemi Osinbajo GCON thereafter performed the official Launching of the; NIA-IINFRADCO HANDBOOK. with the support of the Honorable Ministers present, the NIA management and the NIA-IINFRADCO management group.

The Thrust of NIA-IINFRADCO: The President of NIA encouraged all members of the umbrella professionals bodies in Nigeria to take advantage of the NIA-IINFRADCO model as a key to logging into extant government policies framework on infrastructure development with a closing remarks that, 'Rome was built by Romans and its time that Nigerians build Nigeria'.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- I. Improve on the synergy between professionals with the pledge to take ownership of the NIIMP and NDP.
- II. Develop a commitment between states architects and professionals towards a systematic approach to the implementation of NIIMP and NDP using the IINFRADCO guideline/model
- III. Explore the path of improving the needed vibrant connectivity and efficiency of the knowledge system that Nigeria has to achieve the development of world class infrastructure.
- IV. The Federal Ministry of Fianance Budget and Planning to officially integrate the structure where they work closely with and recieve professional inputs from the architects and all other professionals.
- V. The need for commitment by action, on the part of government, the private sector and all other professionals to develop the needed infrastructure for sustainable world class cities.
- VI. The need for all MDA's, professional bodies, experts to take-action by committing to partnerships, sponsorships and connectivity in line with the NIA-IINFRADCO model.

Concluding Remarks:

The Chairman-NIA-IINFRADCO-PROGRAMS re-emphasised that since National Development is everyone's business. 'Innovative Research for Development' programs will create extensive professional and other capacity buildings which will result in a higher

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employment/engagement of architects and professionals.

The overall value-chain of the process will ensure the engagement of more local professionals taking over the engine room by the architects and all other professionals thereby enhancing the overall National Productivity Index in specific and measurable economic/development terms.

He therefore implored all stakeholders to embrace the programs by participation, support and sponsorship in whole or sectorial in accordance with the contents of the NIA-IINFRADCO Handbook with particular reference to the implementation guidelines contained therein. Accordingly, the outcome of proffering participatory information by definitions of opportunities available in all the sectors of the economy will enable as well as encourage the private sectors interests based on empirical data from the **'Innovative Research for Development' programs**.

There will be a more enabled bankable and sustainable solutions for developers, investors and all other stakeholders alike in infrastructures development value-chains for all the sectors across the length and breath of the entire country.

Long Live Federal Republic of Nigeria.