

**RESOLUTIONS OF ATHLETICS FEDERATION OF NIGERIA BOARD  
MEETING HELD ON 11<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2018 IN ASABA DELTA STATE.**

1. The president, Ibrahim Shehu Gusau called for unity amongst Board members as the Athletics Federation of Nigeria belongs to all Nigerians and is bigger than any Board Member.
2. Members expressed satisfaction with the activities carried out by the Board so far, almost one year since inauguration on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2017 in Abuja.

Some of the activities include:

- a. The organization of 11 National Championships.
- b. Participation in 5 International Competitions.
- c. Six trainings for Technical and Administrative officials within and outside Nigeria.

Worthy of note in this regard is the first position Nigeria placed at the African Junior Athletics Championships in Ghana with 17 gold, 8 Silver and 7 Bronze medals which is a positive step in efforts at producing younger athletes for Nigeria's glory in future international competitions.

3. The meeting commended all stakeholders and especially Board members for their commitment, hard work and financial sacrifice in the achievements so far recorded and specifically commended the president, Ibrahim Shehu Gusau, the Technical Director, Sunday Adeleye and the former president, Solomon Ogba for their unrivalled contributions to the successes attained so far.
4. While noting that the achievements could have been more but for financial constraints, the Board appealed for funding from private organisations and individuals to contribute more for the good of Nigerian athletics.
5. The Board meeting reiterated the need for more sponsorship drives because with very lean government funding in the last one year, financial contributions alone from Board members has been insufficient, hence the need to intensify sponsorship with the hope that prospective sponsors will come on Board in the second year of the Board's 4 year tenure.
6. The Board recalled with sadness the unfortunate incidence of 8th July, 2018 at the Abuja National Stadium where some athletes refused to compete on the second day of the National Championships after a successful competition on day one.

Welfare concerns were raised by the Athletes as the AFN Board later cancelled the championships.

The Board resolved to fast-track efforts towards forming an Athletes Commission in accordance with IAAF Standards to forestall ugly future incidents where a few misguided Athletes claiming to be representatives of Athletes will disrupt National competitions.

7. The Board resolved to continue to place priority on Athletes welfare within available resources and decided to investigate the few persons that instigated the Athletes protest in order to avert a recurrence.
8. AFN Board re-emphasized that it will continue to deal with Athletics clubs and State Athletics Associations and other relevant bodies in the conduct of its activities.
9. In view of (8) above, the Athletics Federation of Nigeria Board has opened the doors for clubs, state Associations and private individuals interested in organizing Athletics Competitions to contact AFN as it intends to gradually withdraw from organizing some competitions to enable it largely focus on national Championships.
10. The Board approved Team Nigeria's list for the African Athletics Championships holding from August 1 – 5 in Asaba, Delta State, Nigeria. The country will be represented by 94 Athletes and 17 Coaches to compete in 44 events. Only Blessing Okagbare will compete in 3 events: 100m, 200m and 4x100m while 20 other athletes among the 94 will compete in two events each as per attached list.
11. The Board received briefings from the Chairman, LOC of Asaba 2018 Chief Solomon Ogba where he revealed that 47 Counties have completed their delegate's registration with over 1,500 Athletes and Officials expected to attend including the IAAF President Sebastian Coe.  
It was equally revealed that broadcast rights have been ceded to Kwese Free TV which is working with the Broadcasting organisation of Nigeria to provide content to member Stations that wish to transmit the competition LIVE.
12. The Board expressed satisfaction with the ongoing work at the Stephen Keshi Stadium Asaba, venue of the Competition and expressed confidence that finishing touches would be completed two weeks prior to commencement.

13.It commended the Delta State Government under the leadership of the state Governor, Dr. Ifeanyi Okowa for keeping faith with the project that will go a long way in promoting athletics in Nigeria and beyond.

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