



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 16th March, 2006

1. The Senate met at 10:20 a. m. The Senate President read Prayers.
2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
The Senate President announced that he had examined the Votes and Proceedings of Wednesday, 15th March, 2006 and approved same.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings were adopted.
3. **Message from the President:**
The Senate President announced that he had received a letter from the President, Commander-in-Chief which he read as follows:



PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

PRES/134

March 1, 2006

Senator Ken Nnamani, Senate
President, Senate Chambers,
National Assembly Complex,
Abuja.

Dear Senate President,

**INVITATION TO ATTEND THE SUMMIT ON HIV/AIDS, TB AND
MALARIA FOR AFRICAN HEADS OF STATE AND
GOVERNMENT IN ABUJA. MAY 2 -4.2006**

You will recall that under the auspices of the erstwhile Organization of African Unity (OAU), I hosted the African Heads of State and Government to two special Summits in Abuja in 2000 and 2001.

In April 2000, African leaders from 44 malaria-endemic countries met in Abuja, Nigeria, and signed the Abuja Declaration (2000) on Roll Back Malaria. A year later (in April 2001), African Heads of State and Government held another Summit and signed the Abuja Declaration (2001) on HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis (TB) and Other Related Infectious Diseases (ORID).

Five to six years after these two Summits, a lot of changes have been recorded both in the epidemiology of the diseases and the evolving control strategies. The Federal Republic of Nigeria in conjunction with the African Union is hosting another Summit to review the progress made since the last two Summits and to call for increased commitment of African leaders towards the fight against the diseases.

Some of the key technical issues to be discussed during the Summit include:

- Progress report on the Abuja Declarations between 2000/1 and 2005.
- Best Practices in HIV/AIDS, TB and Malaria in Africa.
- Health institutional arrangements in the Region.
- Social determinants and impact of the three diseases in the Region.
- Health financing in the Region.

You are cordially invited to this important Summit which is scheduled to hold from May 2 - 4, 2006 at the International Conference Centre, Abuja.

I look forward to your active participation in hosting of the Summit.

Thank you and God bless.

Yours sincerely,
(Signed) OLUSEGUN
OBASANJO

4. Personal Explanation:

Rising on Rule 43, Senator Baba Tela, Chairman, Committee on Communications informed the Senate that the Committee could not submit its report on the screening of the three (3) Non-Executive members of the Nigerian Communications Commission(NCC) as ordered in view of its inability to secure the relevant detailed documents needed for the exercise.

He therefore urged the Senate to grant the Committee and extension of time of two weeks to commence from the date the relevant document are submitted to it.

Two weeks extension accordingly granted.

5. Closed Session:

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do resolve into a Closed Session to deliberate on matters relevant to the workings of the Senate (*Senate Majority Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

SENATE IN CLOSED SESSION - 10.55 A.M.

SENATE IN OPEN SESSION - 1.40 P.M.

6. Adjournment:

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do adjourn till Tuesday, 28th March, 2006 at 10.00 a.m. (*Senate Majority Leader*).

Adjourned accordingly at 1:45p.m.

Ken Nnamani
President of the Senate