



**SENATE OF THE
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
ORDER PAPER**

Wednesday, 8th March, 2017

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1. Prayers
 2. Approval of the Votes and Proceedings
 3. Oaths
 4. Announcements (if any)
 5. Petitions
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PRESENTATION OF BILLS

1. Avoidance of Double Taxation (Between the Federal Republic of Nigeria and the Kingdom of Spain Bill, 2017 (HB. 444) – *First Readings*
Senate Leader.
 2. Avoidance of Double Taxation (Between the Federal Republic of Nigeria and the Republic of South Korea Bill, 2017 (HB. 445) – *First Readings*
Senate Leader.
 3. National Postgraduate College of Medicine Laboratory Science Bill, 2017 (HB. 405) – *First Readings*
Senate Leader.
 4. Avoidance of Double Taxation (Between the Federal Republic of Nigeria and the Kingdom of Sweden Bill, 2017 (HB. 443) – *First Readings*
Senate Leader.
 5. FCT Magistrate (Salaries and Allowances) Bill, 2017 (SB. 429) – *First Reading*
Sen. Tanimu Aduda
 6. City University of Technology Enugu (Est, etc) Bill, 2017 (SB. 426) – *First Reading*
Sen. Ike Ekweremadu (*Enugu West*).
 7. National Commission for Internally Displaced Persons, Refugees and Migrants Commission Bill, 2017 (SB. 335) – *First Reading*
Sen. Ubali M. Shitu (*Jigawa North-East*).
 8. Federal College of Education Sabon Birnin, Sokoto (Est, etc) Bill, 2017 (SB. 430) – *First Reading*
Sen. Ibrahim Gobir (*Sokoto East*).
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ORDERS OF THE DAY

MOTION

1. International Women's Day; Theme "Women in the changing world of work: Planet 50:50 by 2030".

Sponsor: Sen. Binta Masi Garba (*Adamawa North*).

Co-Sponsors: Sen. Stella Oduah (*Anambra North*) Sen. Oluremi Tinubu (*Lagos Central*)

Sen. Biodun Olujimi (*Ekiti South*)

Sen. Fatima .O. Raji-Rasak(*Ekiti Central*)

Sen. Monsurat Sunmonu(*Oyo Central*)

Sen. Rose .O. Oko (*Cross River North*)

Sen. Yele Omogunwa (*Ondo South*)

The Senate:

Notes that March 8, is the International Women's day, a day that honours the achievements and calls attention to the rights of Women;

Further notes that the theme for this year's celebration is "Women in the Changing World of Work: Planet 50:50 by 2030" with particular focus on Women's empowerment. Many of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) specifically recognize the need to empower women as both an objective and a key to sustainable development;

Recalls that the International Women's day (IWD) was first officially recognized in 1911 and later recognized by the United Nations in 1975. In 1995, over 189 countries including Nigeria converged in Beijing, China for the 4th world conference on women and signed an action plan called "Beijing Declaration";

Observes that in 2015, world leaders adopted the sustainable development goals, placing gender equality and empowerment of all women and girls at the heart of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. This year's international Women's Day Focuses on Goal 8 of the SDGs: Decent Work and Economic Growth, which Challenges Governments around the World to achieve "Full and productive employment and Decent Work for all women, including young people and persons with disabilities, and equal pay for work of equal value.";

Further observes that achievement of goals including ending poverty, promoting inclusive and sustainable economic growth, reducing inequalities within and between countries, and achieving gender equalities and empowerment of all women and girls, rest upon unlocking the full potential of women in the world of work;

Aware that policies are needed to promote women's access to innovative technologies and practices, decent work and climate-resilient jobs and protect women from violence in work places;

Further aware that the "Violence against Persons Prohibition Act" (the VAPP Act) that was signed into law in 2015 is yet to be domesticated in any state of the federation; let alone implement;

Concerned that the implementation of policies that prohibits violence against women and girls are still very poor. Practices such as violence against women and girls in the public and private spheres, including trafficking, sexual and other types of exploitation, early child and forced marriage, female genital mutilation are still being practiced;

Further concerned that women often bear the burden of unpaid care and domestic work, and when these unpaid hours are added to salaried work, women actually work very long hours in both developing and developed countries;

Moreover women are also significantly under-represented as Legislators, Senior Government Officials and Corporate Chief Executive/Managers,

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. *Felicitate* with Nigerian Women on this year's International Women's Day Celebration;
- ii. *Call on* Government at all levels to give women a quota in all elective offices; and
- iii. *Mandate* the Committee on Women Affairs to look into the Domestication of the Violence against Persons Prohibition Act in all the States of the Federation and report back to the Senate.

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

1. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Investment and Securities Act 2007 and for other matters connected therewith, 2017 (SB. 394) – *Second Reading*
Sen. Hassan Mohammed (*Yobe South*).

2. A Bill for an Act to provide for the Establishment of the Alvan Ikoku Federal University of Education, Owerri and for other matters connected therewith, 2017 (SB. 398) – *Second Reading*
Sen. Samuel Anyanwu (*Imo East*).
3. A Bill for an Act to provide for the establishment of the Federal University of Education, Kano and for other matters connected therewith, 2017 (SB. 397) – *Second Reading*
Sen. Jibrin Barau (*Kano North*).
4. A Bill for an Act to prohibit Flaring of Natural Gas in Nigeria and for matters connected therewith, 2017 (SB. 337) – *Second Reading*
Sen. Albert Bassey. (*Cross River South*)
5. A Bill for an Act to provide for the Establishment of Integrated Community Development Agency and for other connected matters, 2017 (SB. 305) – *Second Reading*.
Sen. Stella Oduah (*Anambra North*)
6. A Bill for an Act to provide for the Establishment of a Rural Areas Development Agency to provide for the economic and social sustainability of Rural Areas in Nigeria and for other connected matters, 2017 (SB. 35) – *Second Reading*.
Sen. Chukwuka Utazi (*Enugu North*)
7. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Compulsory, Free, Universal Basic Education Act 2004 to Enforce Quality, Compulsory, Mandatory and Free Education up to Senior Secondary Three or Equivalent and for other related purposes, 2017 (SB. 307) – *Second Reading*
Sen. Suleiman Adokwe (*Nasarawa South*).
8. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the factories Act and make comprehensive provisions for Occupational Safety and Health in workplaces and for matters connected therewith, 2017 (SB. 200) – *Second Reading*
Sen. Duro Faseyi (*Ekiti North*)
9. A Bill for an Act to provide for the periodic Revision of the Laws of the Federation of Nigeria and for matters connected therewith, 2017 (SB. 391) – *Second Reading*
Sen. David Umaru (*Niger East*)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

No.	Committee	Date	Time	Venue
1.	Appropriations	Wednesday, 8 th March, 2017	10.00am	Committee Room 224 Senate New Building
2.	Poverty Alleviation & Social Welfare	Wednesday, 8 th March, 2017 (Budget Defence)	2.00pm	Committee Room 211 Senate New Building
3.	Ad-hoc Committee on Mounting Humanitarian Crisis In the North-East	Wednesday, 8 th March, 2017	2.00pm	Committee Room 324 Senate New Building
4.	Joint Committee on Joint Venture Cash Calls Obligation	Wednesday, 8 th March, 2017	2.00pm	Committee Room 221 Senate New Building
5.	Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions	Wednesday, 8 th March, 2017	3.00pm	Committee Room 120 Senate New Building