

**ACTION PLAN ARISING FROM THE 2020 INAUGURAL COLLABORATION MEETING WITH THE SECURITY AGENCIES ON MAKING SURVEY COORDINATION ACT OF 1962 AND ITS SUBSEQUENT AMENDEMENTS MORE EFFECTIVE.**

**Preamble**

The Office of the Surveyor General of the Federation [OSGOF] organized a one-day meeting in collaboration with Security Agencies. The meeting was held on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2020 at Reiz Continental Hotel, Plot 779, Cadastral Zone A, Central Business District, Abuja, Nigeria. The meeting was declared open by Hon. Abubakar Kabir, Chairman House Committee on Works and Housing, ably represented by Honourable Ari Muhammad Abdulmumin, Deputy Chairman House Committee on Youth Development. It was well attended by Participants from the Armed Forces and others Security Agencies.

In his address, the Surveyor General of the Federation (SGoF), Surv. S. A. Taiwo, the convener of the meeting expressed his excitement and was delighted at the turn out of the Participants at the inaugural meeting. There were four (4) presentations and goodwill messages from various stakeholders. The vote of thanks was given by the Director, Survey Coordination, (OSGOF) Surv. Anyadiegwu G. Uzoma.

## **INTRODUCTION**

The importance of Surveying and Geo-information products in the provision of infrastructure, security, housing, food production, exploration and exploitation, indeed in all sectors of the economy and development is not in doubt.

The primary objective of the Act is to provide for the monitoring of all Surveying and Geo-information activities and this was what informed the Survey Coordination Act of 1962 and its subsequent amendments.

Over the years, it was apparent that, the Act has not been able to deliver the purpose for which it was enacted. To this end, the Office has convened the meeting to chart a way forward and at the close of the meeting, the underlisted Action Plans were agreed for implementation;

1. Amendment of Survey Coordination Act of 1962 in line with the current realities concerning fines and Technological advancement.
2. Establishment of Liaison Offices by OSGOF within the multinationals in Oil and Gas, other Mineral Resources exploration and exploitation Sectors.
3. Armed Forces and other security agencies should support/facilitate the enforcement of the law in all relevant sectors.

4. Control of the Proliferation of Surveying and Mapping activities by almost all Sectors in Nigeria, without the knowledge of OSGOF whose responsibility amongst others, is to provide requisite Geospatial Information for all Sectors.
5. Office of the Secretary to the Government of the Federation should direct all MDAs to henceforth collaborate with OSGOF for all Geospatial related Services.
6. Sensitization of the MDAs and the General Public on the Survey Coordination Act of 1962 and its subsequent amendments by OSGOF.
7. Establishment of Joint implementation Committee of critical stakeholders to enforce the Survey Coordination Act of 1962 and its subsequent amendments.
8. Periodic Strategic meeting with the Armed Forces and other Security Agencies.
9. Establishment of protocols with critical stakeholders to determine unauthorised Survey and Mapping activities in the Country.
10. Production of Comprehensive Large-Scale maps and updating of the existing ones by OSGOF.
11. Periodic training and re-training of surveyors in Surveying & Mapping due to dynamic advancements in technology.
12. Setting templates for sharing of Geospatial Data and Services with critical stakeholders.

13. OSGOF to establish an evidence-based approach to facilitate production of credible and timely intelligence for national security.
14. Formulation of Geospatial policy to encourage synergy among the Armed Forces and other Security Agencies to fight insecurity.

### **APPRECIATION**

The meeting participants and organisers hereby express gratitude to OSGOF for hosting the meeting. Our appreciation is also extended to Hon. Abubakar Kabir, Hon. Chairman House Committee Works and Housing and Honourable Ari Muhammad Abdulmumin who represented him, the Heads of the Armed Forces and others Security Agencies who made it possible for their Officers to be in attendance, all the Resource Persons and the Management of Reiz Continental Hotel for making the meeting successful and unforgettable. The meeting wishes to thank the organizing committee, the Security Agencies and the Press for adequate security and publicity.

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**DONE THIS 17<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER 2020, AT ABUJA FCT.**