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# ALGON Champions Summit On Opportunities For Sustainable Development In Nigeria

In Nigeria, many have argued that the fore-runner of development is the local government system. Their reasons have always been anchored on the fact that they are the grassroots government and apparently impact more on the lives of the people. This position may not be far from the truth because ever since the return of democracy in Nigeria, more direct involvement of the people had shown greater turn around and giant strides on the part of the managers of the local government system across the country. For the purposes of synergy and cross-fertilization of ideas to provide more dividends for the people, these grassroots politicians formed an umbrella body, the Association of Local Government of Nigeria, (ALGON), to enable them tackle the development challenges of offering quality leadership to the people.

The association since inception has shown vibrancy and played the role of a pathfinder in articulating development issues at the grassroot level. Also the association has helped in preparing leaders for the new Nigeria as many of the past leaders are today either in the states Houses of Assembly or in

the National Assembly with many serving as Commissioners in their respective states.

To therefore strengthen its position as the leadership-feeder to the state and national levels in the country, the association on

sustainable development.

He emphasized that global urbanization has provoked an urgent need for increased investment in local public infrastructure projects, but unfortunately, the current under-investment in Nigerian infrastructure co-exists with significant amount of liquidities in the financial market. "Therefore states and local government need to obtain credit rating to have access to funding from the financial market." He concluded.

The event was well attended by members of the association, captains of industry, foreign partners who delivered lectures. Thereafter there was a dinner party that had in attendance policy experts, Governor of Gombe State, Alh. Danjuma Goje and other eminent personalities.

As part of searching for new frontiers to better the lots of the association and the grassroots people where the chairmen of local governments hold sway, the President of ALGON, Hon. Dasuki Jalo Ibrahim later led a delegation to Bahamas to represent the body at the Commonwealth Local Government conference 2009.



ALGON President, Hon. Ibrahim Jalo (c) with other dignitaries

March 17th through 20th 2009, organised a National Summit on Credit Rating at the popular Ladi Kwali Conference Centre of the Abuja Sheraton Hotels & Towers. Like an articulate leader that he is, the National President, Hon. Dasuki Jalo Ibrahim noted that the summit is part of the association's initiative at reshaping the local government financial strength and opening up access to grants and financial assistance for



National Anthem



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One of the eloquent Speakers



Gov. Danjuma Goje speaks



ALGON President, Hon. Jalo & Gov. Danjuma Goje in a *tete-a-tete*



Time to go for Gov. Goje, Sen. Sahabi & others



A cross-section of dignitaries at the Dinner



At the Commonwealth Local Government conference 2009 In Bahamas recently



ALGON President, Hon. Dasuki Jalo Ibrahim (3rd left) at the conference



Some members of ALGON at the cocktail