

Nigerian Economic Summit Group

**HUMAN CAPITAL
POLICY COMMISSION**

RECOMMENDATIONS



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Preambles and background

- The Human Capital Policy Commission is the most strategic of all the policy commissions, because everything rises and falls on the quality of human resources.
- The Policy Commission stands on a tripod that covers , Education, Health and Youth Empowerment.
- Education and Health have passed the stage of “Emergency”, they now need “life support”. We rank at the lowest wrung in nearly all the indices, from maternal mortality to life expectancy



Preambles cont'd

- Ghana started at the same time with us, today they are the natural destination of global traffic into West Africa
- Participation of key stake holders have gone down tremendously. The absence of key public officers at the breakout sessions have not helped implementation of recommendations over the years.
- The general complain is that there is too much talk and no action, but we will keep talking until those who are suppose to take action become too embarrassed to keep still.



Cross-cutting issues on Education / Health / Youth Empowerment

- Access to education / Health care
- Equity / Staff quality
- Funding
- Curriculum / standards
- Corruption
- MDGs



RECOMMENDATIONS

We are only 10years away from 2020, hence these recommendations are time bound.

- ***Set up implementation monitoring units that will work with the press to ensure this is not another exercise in public speaking***
- ***We need full Public-private partnership on the National Health Insurance scheme and government should re-align the budget to pay premium for the poor and old.***
- ***National Health Insurance must reach at least 80% of Nigerians before 2020. And Community-based health insurance scheme should be encouraged***



Recommendations cont'd

- ***Government should provide free healthcare for children under the age of 5 and pregnant women.***
- ***Government should not abdicate its responsibility to providing primary education to private schools. It should adequately fund local governments to provide primary education, provide scholarships for indigent students and subsidize the private schools who are doing a lot to support government in this area***



Recommendations cont'd

- Private sector should re-align their CSR to provide scholarship and support with much longer term implications
- Public sector should leverage on the skills and best practices in the private sector to improve its capacity
- Public servants should be ADEQUATELY remunerated.
- Government should pass legislation on the minimum share of Education and Health in the budget. And all monies should be accounted for at the end of the budget year.
- Government should pass legislation that forbids all political office holders to school their children abroad or seek foreign medical care until those sectors become competitive at home.

(when your life depends on it, you will invest in it)

- **WE NEED POLITICAL WILL**



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