

Budget Implementation: Mimiko reads riot act to MDAs, insists on 100% implementation

Determined to ensure a hundred percent implementation of the Year 2011, the Ondo State Governor, Dr Olusegun Mimiko on Wednesday read the riot act to Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) of government in the State ordering them to desist from the execution of projects which have no direct impact on the masses. Rather, the Governor called for the strict adherence and speedy implementation of Capital projects that have direct impact on the wellbeing of the people saying that to this end, miscellaneous and other ancillary matters have been reduced to a mere 5 % of the entire Budget this year.

Governor Mimiko gave the charge while declaring open a three-day workshop on the 2011 budget implementation organised by the Ministry of Economic Planning and Budget for members of the State Executive Council and top officials of Ministries, Departments and Agencies at the Nigeria Institute for Educational Planning and Administration (NIEPA) in Ondo.

According to the Governor, the need for transparency in the implementation of the budget could not be over emphasised and urged top officials of MDAs and Council members to brace up to perform their monitoring and supervisory roles effectively in order to meet the set objectives of Government which he noted were primarily aimed at ensuring that the people of the State enjoy maximum dividends of Democracy as embedded in the Caring Heart Budget II as the 2011 Budget was christened.

His words: "we cannot but maintain transparency in our dealings to ensure that programmes and projects for which money is appropriated and released are properly executed. It is not that you did not perform well in the implementation of 2010 budget, but there is always a room for improvement. The whole idea is to challenge you to do more.

"The end result of the budget implementation is what matters; all our efforts would amount to nothing if eventually the desired goals are not achieved due to improper and poor budget implementation. At every level, we must endeavour to be more efficient, focused and result-oriented".

While reminding the participants of the extant laws as they implement the budget, Mimiko told them that the Procurement Act is aimed at getting value for money and emphasised the readiness of his administration to prudently manage the state's resources.

Earlier in his address, the Commissioner for Economic Planning and Budget, Mr Akin Adaramola said the workshop was premised on the need to discuss and develop strategies for effective implementation of the 2011 budget in order to render qualitative services to the electorate.

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