

Mimiko promises to make Ondo Public Service best in Nigeria

Ondo State Governor, Dr Olusegun Mimiko has reiterated his administration's determination to transform the State Public Service and make it more responsive and result-oriented with a view to making it one of the best in the nation. The Governor stated this on Wednesday in Akure at a stakeholders' forum on "COMSERVE" and the launching of the state public service quarterly magazine organized by the Office of the State Head of Service to further transform the public service. COMESERVE is an acronym for efficient service delivery to the state.

Dr Mimiko disclosed that within the last two year, his administration had restructured the public service through adequate training and re-training and motivations of its staff with a view to preparing them for future challenges. According to him, the theme of the forum "Public Service Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow: The Imperative of Change" would further consolidate the reform agenda of his administration. Mimiko maintained that public servants under his administration have been well equipped and provided with the opportunity to attain the highest level in their chosen careers, citing examples of the promoted Tutors-Generals in the teaching profession and the Administrative Secretaries in the local government service with all the rights and privileges of Permanent Secretaries in the civil service.

To meet the task of total transformation of all areas of human endeavors in the State, Governor Mimiko stressed the need for vibrant and resourceful public servants that would assist his administration to adequately tackle the challenges confronting the people of the state.

He said "In order to achieve our vision and keep faith with our resolve to be a change agent, this administration articulated a 12-point Agenda under the acronym A Caring Heart for the purpose of taking our state to the next level. It also recognized the need for a vibrant, focused and responsive public service with shared core values of hard work and integrity which are important ingredients for the success of any organization.

"We believe that creating such a level playing field of opportunities for our workers will guarantee job satisfaction and enhance productivity. Today's programme is to consolidate the reform agenda of this administration for the public service of our state. The forum seeks to feel the pulse of the society about civil service and place before our workers a mirror through which to see themselves," said Governor Mimiko. In his lecture, the Guest Speaker, Chief Deji Fasuan, a former Permanent Secretary in old Ondo State, charged public servants to maintain political neutrality and be loyal to the government of the day, adding that they must also shun financial inducement capable of hindering them in the discharge of their official duties.

Earlier in their speeches, the state Head of Service, Mr Ajose Kudehinbu and the state chairman of Labour Party, D Olaiya Oni, appreciated the state government for given public servants the opportunity to discharge their duties without political interference and molestation.