

## **ODSG restates determination to make Ondo economic hub in West Africa ..... partners WEMABOD on modern markets**



*Governor Olusegun Mimiko*

Ondo State Governor, Dr Olusegun Mimiko on Tuesday restated his administration's determination to make the state the hub of socio-economic development in the West Africa sub-region.

Specifically, the Governor noted that the state was naturally endowed and blessed with abundant human resources capable of turning around the fortunes of the country.

The Governor stated this in his office in Akure the state capital during a stakeholders' meeting held between the state government and the management of WEMABOARD ESTATES, a subsidiary of Odu'a Investment Company Limited on the proposed building of an ultra modern materials market and shopping mall in partnership with the state.

Mimiko assured that his government would provide all the needed support to ensure the take-off and completion of the project which, according to him, would alleviate the suffering of the people and turn the State into an investors' haven.

His words: "This proposal has been long overdue and we have agreed to partner with WEMABOARD to ensure that our legacies as a people keep coming alive. We want to ensure that we deliver on time. I want to assure you that we are ready to partner with you on these laudable projects. Our dream is to be the hub, not only for Nigeria but for the West Africa region. We have the resources; we have the best per capital resourcefulness, perhaps number one in Nigeria. The point I'm making is that we have the human resources, we have the natural resources and we have the political will to make it possible. We are ready to provide the logistics support to make this project come alive".

Earlier in his speech, the chairman of Odu'a Investment Company Limited, Chief Sharafadeen Alli, who was accompanied by the Group Managing Director of the companies, Mr Adebayo Jimoh and other top officials of the Group stressed the need to develop Ondo state considering its abundant human and natural resources. He added that the Group was determined to transform all the southwest states in line with its urban renewal programme.



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