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**COMMUNIQUE OF THE
3RD QUARTERLY
COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE
NIGERIAN ASSOCIATION
OF CHAMBERS OF
COMMERCE, INDUSTRY,
MINES AND AGRICULTURE
(NACCIMA)
HELD AT THE
INTERNATIONAL
CONVENTION CENTRE,
AWKA, ANAMBRA STATE,
ON
THURSDAY,
AUGUST 28, 2025**

The Council of NACCIMA met in Awka on August 28, 2025, to review strategic issues affecting the private sector. Members reaffirmed their commitment to the Association's code of ethics and renewed their dedication to its objectives and values. The meeting focused on policy advocacy, institutional growth, and national economic development issues.

The Governor of Anambra State, Prof. Charles Chukwuma Soludo, CFR, was represented by Dr. Onyekachukwu Ibezim. He emphasized NACCIMA's strategic role in driving inclusive growth, deepening private sector participation, and shaping Nigeria's economic trajectory. He cited Anambra State's achievements in poverty reduction and economic growth as a model for how NACCIMA can influence state-level development nationwide. He also stressed that strong partnerships, continuous dialogue, and collaborative frameworks are essential to empower SMEs, expand trade, and foster broad-based prosperity.

At the end of deliberations, the Council made the following resolutions:

To formally request observer status at the National Economic Council (NEC) meetings. The Council emphasized that true inclusive and impactful economic policymaking cannot occur without private sector participation and perspectives. It stressed the importance of joint representation to ensure that the interests of businesses and the broader private sector are adequately considered in national economic decisions.

The NACCIMA Foundation will be established to enable NACCIMA to effectively manage its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) programs. The Foundation will serve as a platform to drive social impact initiatives that support community development, sustainability, and inclusive growth. NACCIMA should begin the process of establishing an industry-aligned university that will cater to TVET (Technical and Vocational Education and Training) programs and trade facilitation, among other

things. This initiative will support skills development for the benefit of the industry and promote a more competent workforce.

NACCIMA will initiate the building of an International Convention Centre in Abuja in collaboration with the Federal Capital Territory Administration. The Centre will serve as a hub for exhibitions, trade events, and international forums to boost economic activities and private sector engagement.

Encourage continued dialogue with the government and stakeholders on the implementation of the tax and other industry-related reforms of the Federal Government.

The MSME Trade Group was mandated to work with SMEDAN to ensure the inauguration of the State MSME Councils, where the State Chamber President is a Co-chair with the State Governor.

To strengthen engagement with the diplomatic community following the inaugural meeting held at the Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs on Thursday, July 29, 2025. These partnerships will drive and facilitate knowledge transfer, SME growth, and international cooperation.

It endorses the agreement between the National President and the Comptroller-General of the Nigerian Customs Service to set up a joint Technical Committee to develop a framework for removing bottlenecks, enhancing trade facilitation, and promoting cross-border efficiency and ease of doing business, among other things.

It supports the ongoing collaboration between NACCIMA and TETFUND.

Approves the initiative of the National President to launch NACCIMA Global as a platform to link diaspora businesses and local enterprises, expand exports, and enhance Nigeria's global trade visibility. The Council mandated collaboration with key federal ministries to ensure regulatory alignment. This initiative will strengthen international market

access and diaspora engagement.

Also approves the National President's proposal to initiate a campaign for the planting of One Billion Economic Trees across the country to promote sustainability, job creation, and rural empowerment. Chambers nationwide will mobilize support, build partnerships, and drive awareness for national impact.

To begin a CSR program for Children out-of-school (COOS) with directives to the NACCIMA Education Committee to design targeted community-based interventions and seek collaborations and partnerships to improve the situation.

Mandate the National President to initiate the process of reviewing the NACCIMA Bye-laws.

That the 4th Quarter Council meeting will take place in Abuja in November 2025.

In conclusion, the Council reaffirmed NACCIMA's strategic role as the voice of the Nigerian Private Sector. It reiterated its commitment to inclusive economic growth, industrialization, and sustainable development. Chambers of Commerce were recognized as credible institutions championing private sector development locally, nationally, and globally.

NACCIMA Secretariat

29th August, 2025

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