



EKITI-KETE CANADA BUSINESS SUMMIT

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SUMMIT DOCUMENT

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EKITI KETE CANADA

OBJECTIVE

To establish a link with the governing body in Ekiti State and advice the government on issues affecting Ekiti State development. To create a forum for the transfer of technology and dissemination of information in all areas that is beneficial to our homeland.

PURPOSE OF THE SUMMIT

We know that Ekiti state is endowed with both natural and human resources yet it has continued to operate as a low-functioning entity. Our goal is to use the vantage position we find ourselves to act as a bridge in bringing together the two worlds that we know and belong to come together.

We would consider it a successful summit if at the end we are able to link investors from Canada to opportunities that exist back in Ekiti land. Our vision is to bring enterprises that will be profitable and provide employment to our teaming fellow Ekiti people.

INSPIRATION

.... "We have everything you need for investment."
Gov. Kayode Fayemi, Ekiti State Governor

We draw our inspiration for the summit from the very successful coming together of minds that happened at the 1st Ekiti Economic & development Summit. The summit was held at the Bishop Adetiloye Hall, Ado Ekiti, on Friday 14th and Saturday 15th October, 2011. The communiqué issued at the end of the summit which is included in this document as addendum clearly states the vision and goal of the people and government of Ekiti State.

DREAM

We dare to dream that a time will come and soon too, when Ekiti land will be seen as the premier investment destination in West Africa, not just in Nigeria. We dream of a cluster of industries operating profitably on our landscape. We dream of full employment for our people in no distant time. We hope you share our dream.

WHAT WE PLAN TO DO

DAY ONE - JULY 1ST 2012 SUNDAY

THEME: PICNIC

This is a yearly event for family and friends to come together and have fun. Our picnic has a reputation as the best organized and the most attended within the Nigerian community in Canada. It will be a nice kick-off of an activity packed week

Location – Park

Time - 1:00pm – 8:00pm

Attendees – Everyone is welcome

DAY TWO - JULY 2ND 2012 MONDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

DAY THREE - JULY 3RD 2012 TUESDAY

THEME: COLLEGE VISITATION

The plan is to get as many of the delegates to visit the following colleges and see what they do and how they do it so as to explore whatever is transferable back home. The focus on visitation is place of where vocational skills are of premium so as to explore that end in the skill acquisition back home.

- 1 George Brown College
- 2 Humber College
- 3 Centennial College
- 4 Seneca College
- 5 Sheridan College

Take Away

- (i) Exchange ideas on Education
- (ii) Explore student exchange programme
- (iii) Solicit for support on books and equipments

DAY FOUR – JULY 4TH 2012 - WEDNESDAY

THEME: CARE OF THE ELDERLY

Ekiti State Is the only state in Nigeria that shows compassion to the elderly by way of monthly stipend given to them, the activity for this day is to compliment this bold initiative by way of peer comparison. Visitation to different old people's home is planned to show what obtains here and the different programmes that sustains it.

The list of the homes to be visited will be provided at a later date

SYMPOSIUM ON THE CARE OF THE ELDERLY

There will be a symposium that will focus on the following areas:

- (a) Policy formulation on elderly
- (b) Services for the elderly
- (c) Govt. partnership with private sector to care for the elderly
- (d) Geriatrics
- (e) Care givers – role and responsibilities

DAY FIVE - JULY 5TH 2012 THURSDAY

THEME: PREMIER VISIT/MAYORAL VISIT

The plan for this day is for the Governor to meet with the Premier of Ontario, who is his contemporary and exchange notes on areas of common interest. This visit is expected to be beneficial to Ekiti State in many ways. A visit to the parliament will happen thereafter to meet some of the principal officers. Relationship between the two parties it is hoped would be established.

A visit to the three mayors in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) is planned for this day. It will afford those at the municipal level (local government) to meet their counterparts and exchange ideas while exploring areas of common interest.

There is a plan for officials at the municipal level to have a strategy session with managers at the local government from Ekiti State. This is to address the different challenges that they face and explore possible solutions.

There is a plan for a business dinner that will attract potential investors to Ekiti State. The dinner is to include investors from different sectors of the economy including the Mining, Real estate, Finance, Agriculture, Engineering and Tourism Developers. The presence of the Governor and other senior members of Ekiti State will go a long way to reassure the potential investors that the rule of law will prevail and that their investment is safe.

It is the biggest platform at which Ekiti State can showcase itself to the investors in Canada

DAY SIX - JULY 6TH 2012 FRIDAY

THEME: - HEALTH

The plan is to visit some select hospitals in the Toronto area to see them in operation and meet the medical officers. This is to afford Ekiti team the opportunity to explore areas of possible cooperation and assistance for Ekiti land.

Hospitals to visit;

- (a) Toronto sick kids hospital
- (b) The Women Hospital
- (c) Princess Margaret Hospital

There is a meeting scheduled with CANPAR, an association of Medical doctors who are Nigerians. The knowledge, influence and possibilities that is within this group of talented Nigerians is incredible, it will be very beneficial if Ekiti State can partner with this group since they know what the situation is back home yet they can redirect benefits from Canada to address some of our issues. The presence of the Governor and his officials in this meeting will make many good things start to happen.

TOWN HALL MEETING

This is a forum for all Ekiti indigenes can dialogue with the Governor and his team on all aspect of ways to move the state forward. It will afford sons and daughters of Ekiti to exchange views on the progress of the state.

The forum will equally give an opportunity to our young children who were born outside of Nigeria to connect with a political leader from home. Hopefully they can link the stories about Ekiti that their parents have been telling them and start to take pride concerning their heritage.

DAY SEVEN - JULY 7TH 2012 SATURDAY

THEME: FUN

The plan is to visit Niagara fall and Vinoteca Winery in the winery region in the early part of the day. The intent is to have fun and to see another agribusinesses that can be copied back home.

BANQUETT & FUND RAISING

The evening is reserved for a banquet as the grand finale of the week. A fun filled get-together of all the sons and daughters of Ekiti land and their friends from all over North America. Dignitaries are also invited to grace this occasion.

The evening will also double as a fund raising event for Ekiti-Kete Canada Cultural Centre. We would solicit for funds for the propagation of this project from all who are present.

The cultural centre is planned to be a multi-purpose centre that will serve our community and benefit the society. It will be a symbol by which our culture, image and personality as a people is reflected to this society beyond what we have been able to do so far.