BRIEF BY HIS EXCELLENCY, MALAM DIKKO UMARU RADDA, Ph.D., (THE EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR OF KATSINA STATE), DURING A DISTRIBUTION OF PALLIATIVE PACKAGES (RICE) DONATED TO KATSINA STATE BY BANK OF INDUSTRY HELD AT OLD GOVERNMENT HOUSE, KATSINA ON 8TH OCTOBER, 2024

Protocols.

It is my honour and privilege to address you today on the occasion of launching the distribution of Rice to 3,850 beneficiaries selected from across the 34 Local Government Area of the State.

Food security is a fundamental human right and the bedrock upon which good and prosperous community is built. As we are all aware, the goal of this programme is to caution the challenges faced by many people in our society have been exacerbated by economic hardships, health crises, and unforeseen disasters.

Yet, countless families within our borders struggle daily to put food on the table. They are our neighbors, our friends, and our fellow citizens. In times of need, it is our collective responsibility to stand together and support one another.

The present administration is committed to ensuring that palliative services are readily available to those in need. We have implemented various programmes such as Ramadan Feeding, Grains Sales at discounted rate, sale and distribution of fertilizer to all the 361 Wards across the State for the 2024 Wet Season among others.

At this juncture, I wish to extend the appreciation of the Government and the entire people of the State to the Management of Bank of Industry for donating food items which will be distributed to over 3,850 beneficiaries including Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs), Widows, Flood Victims, Orphans and other less privilege. I have no doubt that this gesture will forever remain indelible in the hearts of our people. We are indeed most grateful for your efforts.

Similarly, I will not forget to express our appreciation to the Committee assigned to identify the right people to benefit from this gesture as well as organize the flag-off of the programme. I am aware of the sacrifices you are making in order to make the programme a reality.

Let me use this opportunity to call on wealthy individuals and Corporate Organizations to emulate Bank of Industry and implement similar programmes to support governments at the Federal, States and Local Governments in empowering the less privilege people in order to reduce the level of poverty across the Country.

Finally, I wish to pray for your safe trip back to your respective destinations.

Katsina State Climate Summit Plan

Objective:

To address the growing climate change challenges, create awareness, and propose actionable solutions for sustainable environmental and economic development in Katsina State through collaboration with experts, policymakers, and stakeholders.

1. Summit Overview

Theme: "Sustainable Future: Climate Action for Katsina State"

Date: Third week of January

Venue: TBD

Duration: 2 Days

Target Audience:

- Government Officials
- Policymakers
- Local and International Climate Experts
- Farmers and Agribusiness Representatives
- Development Partners (NGOs, International Organizations)
- Private Sector Representatives (Energy, Agriculture, Construction, and Technology)
- Educational Institutions
- Civil Society and Youth Groups

2. **Key Summit Goals**

- **Increase Awareness:** Engage citizens and stakeholders on the impact of climate change in Katsina State.
- **Policy Development:** Formulate new climate-resilient policies and initiatives that align with Katsina State's development goals.
- **Climate-Smart Agriculture:** Introduce sustainable agricultural practices to improve food security and promote resilience in farming communities.
- **Renewable Energy Promotion:** Highlight opportunities for renewable energy (solar, wind, etc.) adoption in the state to reduce dependence on fossil fuels.
- **Partnerships and Financing:** Attract investment and partnerships in climate-related projects, such as solar farms, water conservation, and reforestation.

3. **Summit Agenda**

Day 1: Policy & Climate Awareness

- **Morning: Opening Ceremony**
    - Welcome Speech by Governor of Katsina State.
    - Keynote Address by National Climate Change Authority Representative.
    - Opening Remarks from International Development Partners (e.g., UNDP, World Bank).

- **Plenary Session 1**: Impact of Climate Change on Northern Nigeria Experts discuss the environmental and socio-economic impacts of climate change specific to northern Nigeria, focusing on Katsina State.
- **Panel Discussion:** Integrating Climate Action into State Development Policies Discussions on integrating climate policies into agriculture, urban planning, water management, and renewable energy sectors.
- **Breakout Workshops:**
    - Workshop 1: Sustainable Agriculture and Food Security in a Changing Climate.
    - Workshop 2: Developing Renewable Energy Solutions for Katsina.
    - Workshop 3: Water Resource Management and Conservation in Dry Regions.

Day 2: Solutions & Action

- **Morning: Climate Action Planning**
  Participants divide into working groups to draft recommendations for state climate initiatives. Topics include:
    - Climate-Smart Agriculture.
    - Renewable Energy Projects.
    - Water Conservation and Irrigation Systems.
    - Reforestation and Tree Planting Campaigns.
- **Plenary Session 2:** Financing Climate Action
  A panel on funding climate initiatives through state budgets, private sector investment, and international grants.
- **Panel Discussion:** Partnerships for Sustainability
  Discuss partnerships between government, private sector, and international organizations to drive climate projects in Katsina State.
- **Final Workshop:** Youth and Climate Action
  Youth organizations present ideas on how to engage local communities and schools in climate initiatives.

- **Afternoon: Closing Ceremony**
  - Presentation of Summit Outcomes and Action Plan.
  - Final Remarks from Katsina State Government Officials and Partners.

4. Key Focus Areas

1. Climate-Smart Agriculture

Promote sustainable agricultural practices like conservation farming, drought-resistant crops, and climate-smart irrigation systems.

2. Renewable Energy Solutions

Encourage the development and use of renewable energy sources, focusing on solar energy as Katsina State has significant solar potential.

3. Water Management

Explore water conservation strategies like rainwater harvesting and the establishment of climate-resilient water infrastructure for agriculture and domestic use. Develop waste recycling initiatives and support waste-to-energy conversion technologies for urban centers in Katsina State.

4. Reforestation and Green Projects

Implement afforestation and reforestation initiatives in degraded areas of the state. Community-driven tree planting programs should also be emphasized.

5. Expected Outcomes

- **Katsina State Climate Action Framework:** A documented action plan for climate resilience and sustainable development in the state.
- **Policy Proposals:** Recommendations for state-level climate policies and programs.
- **Partnerships:** Establish partnerships with private sector companies and international organizations for climate-related projects.
- **Public Engagement:** Increased awareness and engagement among local communities regarding the importance of climate action.
- **Revenue Generation:** Develop strategies for revenue generation through climate-smart agriculture, renewable energy projects, carbon credit trading, and eco-tourism, increasing state income while promoting sustainability.
- **International Reputation:** Massively boost the international reputation of Katsina State by showcasing leadership in climate action, attracting global attention and positioning

the state as a partner for major international agencies and companies like the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, UNDP, and World Bank.
- **Networking Opportunities:** Open great networks and collaborations with larger agencies, global foundations, and corporations through climate-related initiatives, leading to long-term partnerships, investments, and support for sustainable development in Katsina State.

6. Post-Summit Actions

- **Implementation Task Force:** Form a climate action task force to implement the recommendations and policies emerging from the summit.
- **Monitoring and Evaluation:** Establish monitoring mechanisms to track the progress of climate initiatives. Annual Climate Summit: Institutionalize the Climate Summit as an annual event to assess progress and introduce new initiatives.

7. Budget Estimate

Estimated budget: #200 million

Major expense areas:

- Venue, logistics, and event management.
- Speaker fees and travel.
- Media coverage and marketing.
- Documentation and production of the summit report.
- Workshops and materials.

8. Partnerships and Sponsors

- **International Partners:** UNDP, World Bank, African Development Bank (AfDB).
- **Private Sector:** Renewable energy companies, agribusinesses, tech companies.
- **Local NGOs:** Climate advocacy groups, youth organizations.
- **Media Partners:** National and local media outlets for broad coverage.

Expected Key Outcome: Raising Revenue for Climate Action

One of the primary goals of the Katsina State Climate Summit is to generate funding and revenue streams to support climate action projects. Below are detailed strategies and expected outcomes focused on raising revenue

Summary of Revenue Generating Outcomes

- **Direct Investments:** Through renewable energy, climate bonds, and eco-tourism.
- **Carbon Credits:** From reforestation and land rehabilitation projects.
- **Grants and International Aid:** Climate-specific grants from global financial institutions.
- **Public-Private Partnerships:** In climate-smart agriculture, energy, and waste management.
- **Corporate Contributions:** Via CSR initiatives supporting climate action.
- **Agricultural Exports:** Higher productivity leading to export revenue.
- **Energy Sales:** Revenue from renewable energy sold to the grid or neighboring states.
- **Waste-to-Energy:** Financial gains from waste management and energy production.

By integrating these strategies, the Katsina State Climate Summit will not only address critical climate issues but also establish sustainable financial mechanisms to fund future climate action.