



**ALGON**

ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS OF NIGERIA

**SPEECH DELIVERED BY THE NATIONAL  
PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL  
GOVERNMENTS OF NIGERIA (ALGON),  
HON. KOLADE DAVID ALABI**

**SPEECH**

**BY**

**THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT  
OF THE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS OF NIGERIA (ALGON),  
HON. KOLADE ALABI DAVID**

**AT THE**

**FAM16\_2022 , AGADIR, REGION OF SOUSS-MASSA, KINGDOM OF MOROCCO**

**ON**

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28,2022**

## **THEME**

**“WHERE WE ARE IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF  
THE GLOBAL AND AFRICAN COMMITMENTS TO  
CLIMATE ACTION: FOCUS ON THE MAIN  
OUTCOMES OF COP27”**

## PROTOCOLS

Greetings from the National Executive Council (N.E.C) of the Association of Local Governments of Nigeria (ALGON) and the well over 774 Local Governments and Area Councils in Nigeria.

I am profoundly humbled by the thoughtfulness of the coordinators of the FAM16\_2022 for the extension of invitation to ALGON in the continued advocacy to combat the Global Climate Change effects holding here in Agadir, Region of Souss-Massa, in the Kingdom of Morocco.

With no leisure of time at my disposal,  
I quip to submit our humble efforts  
on our commitments to Climate Action  
on key areas of Climate Change effects,  
some of which were the focus in “COP 27.  
This event is apt and timely, indeed.

An increase in temperature due to global warming is not only about a heat increase that can be felt by humans or glacial ice melting - it has the potential to affect the planet's entire ecosystem. As we have been watching in many different countries, including Nigeria, the climate has been getting disruptive. Climate Change have resulted to many unpleasant effects, e.g. more storms, floods, cyclones, droughts etc. The flood experienced during the last rainy season in my country has done a lot of devastation. Climate change can be very challenging and is putting pressure on Local Government Administration and management.

The priority areas affected by Climate Change were identified so as to pull a collective effort in addressing them. Already, Nigeria has by its climate policies, which are being effectively implemented mitigating the impacts of the climate change. These policies and their implementations are done through synergized efforts of all the three tiers of government. Infact the third tier of government, the local governments, my constituencies are more central in this drive because the land, environment and people belong to the Local Governments, the tier of government that people first seek for succor from.


The National and Sub-National governments have formulated Policies to address Climate Change; some of which, amongst others are;

- National Environmental Policy that is to create an environment that has low level of air pollutants, reduced deforestation and other activities that worsen the effects of climate change.
- Drought and Desertification Policy that is aimed for mitigating and controlling these scourges.
- Erosion and Flood Control Policy, that addresses the issues of erosion and flooding.



The Local Governments in collaboration with some National bodies such as the Federal Ministry of Environment, National Emergency Management Agency and States Management Agencies are putting efforts to address Climate Change and environmental emergencies to rescue, rebuild and build flood defenses.

The Local Government have through innovative technologies such as efficient cookstoves, solar-powered Primary Health Care Centers, agro-processing plants, regrowing forest, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, deforestations and dependence on fossil fuels and fuel wood. This is in line with Nigeria's commitment to reduce emissions 20% below BAU among others.



Our Governments are continuously training Local Government functionaries and Community members in environment management to boost their knowledge of land degradation, soil erosion and water conservation, sustainable farming and waste management among others.

Ladies and Gentlemen, permit me to come to a closure, again with an extended appreciation to the coordinators, our esteemed participants at this all-important gathering in the Kingdom of Morocco for the honor of your time and attention.

Thank you.