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OSUN YOUTH AGENDA: OSUN STATE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY PASSES OSUN YOUTH DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION ESTABLISHMENT BILL 2020.

The journey of a thousand miles begins with one step. When the Osun Youth started the Osun Youth Agenda campaign led by Kimpact Development Initiative (KDI) and as of May 2019, nobody could say what lies ahead of the campaign. The passage of the Osun Youth Development Commission Establishment bill 2020 by the OSHA on June 3, 2020, is an unprecedented success Osun youth recorded.

With great pleasure, Kimpact Development Initiative and the Osun Youth appreciate the Osun State 7th Assembly for passing the Osun Youth Development Commission Establishment bill 2020. It was noted that the State House of Assembly unanimously voted for the passage of the bill after the third reading. This act showed the unwavering support of Osun lawmakers towards youth development. We especially acknowledge the effort of the Rt. Hon Speaker Timothy Owoeye for taking the bull by horns and sponsored the bill, Osun Youth appreciates Rt. Hon, Speaker's continued effort towards youth development in Osun State.

Osun Youth Agenda campaign team led by Kimpact Development Initiative recall that Governor Gboyega Oyetola referenced the Youth Development Commission Establishment bill in his speech at the 2nd edition of the Osun Youth Agenda

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Policy Dialogue on Thursday, January 23, 2020.

Governor Oyetola stated his readiness to respond to the Osun Youth request presented at the 1st edition of the OYA policy dialogue for the establishment of the Osun Youth Development Commission. It is now time for Governor Gboyega Oyetola to demonstrate his commitment towards youth development in Osun State by assenting to the bill as soon as the house transmit same to his office. We believe this commission will provide leadership in the setting of priorities and direction for all youth promotion and developmental programs and activities. It will enhance youth-centered policies and developmental plans. The commission will encourage and enhance state-wide active participation of youth in all governmental and non-governmental programs, projects, and activities affecting them. It will be a forum to harness and develop full potential of the youth as partners in Nation-building, this we believe, will, in turn, become an asset for Osun State.

We recall that on May 12, 2020, Rt. Hon. Speaker Timothy Owoeye lauds the technical effort of Kimpact Development Initiative on the bill at the floor of the House. KDI uses this medium to commend the steadfastness of all Osun Youth and the support of all relevant stakeholders since the beginning of this campaign. Furthermore, KDI also appreciates all the Osun Youth Agenda campaign technical committee and Local Government Hub volunteers for their efforts thus far. We cannot but thank the National Democratic Institute (NDI), the United States for International Development (USAID) and the United Kingdom Agency for International Development (UKAID) for their unwavering support on the implementation of the first phase of Osun Youth Agenda advocacy.

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