



# Newsletter

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## EKIRS Charges Staff on Improved Revenue Generation in the Informal Sector

As part of efforts of the Service to harness the huge potential in the informal sector, a 3-day intensive training was held from 25th-27th of July 2023 at the Ministry of Finance, Ado-Ekiti. The Resource Person, a former Assistant Director in the Informal Sector of the Lagos State Internal Revenue Service (LIRS), Mr. Edward Osuntokun discussed extensively the importance of building a robust and reliable database, market segmentation and monitoring, continuous stakeholder engagement, use of technology to facilitate effective tax administration and control.

As part of the practical demonstration of the training, the Executive Chairman, Mr. Olaniran Olatona, the Director of Personal Income Tax, Mr. Joseph Olorunfemi, Mr. Edward

Osuntokun, and other selected members of staff visited some major markets, like the Oja Oba and the Fayose market, both in Ado-Ekiti to sensitize and educate the traders and operators in the markets on the need to pay their taxes promptly and the benefits of doing so.

The Honourable Commissioner for Finance, Mr. Akin Oyebo, in his address on the final day of the training, reaffirmed that the informal sector holds so much potential to be a gold mine in our quest to boost the IGR of the state. He, therefore, urged the Service to re-strategize and do more to cover all nooks and crannies of the state to discover/uncover businesses and ensure that taxes are collected to increase the current level of the state IGR.

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## EKIRS Collaborates with NFIU on Increased Revenue Generation

To tackle the menace of tax evasion in the state, the Service is collaborating with the Nigerian Financial Intelligence Unit (NFIU). A team from the NFIU led by Mr. Sylvester Ogar visited on July 17, 2023, and conducted a 2-day training for selected members of staff at the Service's Corporate Headquarters at Revenue House, Fajuyi, Ado-Ekiti. The Executive Chairman, Mr. Olaniran Olatona noted that the maximum utilization of the devices supplied would help in detecting tax evaders in the state and result in more transparency and an increase in the IGR of the state.

## EKIRS Sensitizes Ekiti State Petroleum Marketers



In a bid to enhance voluntary tax compliance and create the necessary awareness and sensitization of various groups, associations, and trade unions in the State, the Tax Audit and Compliance Directorate

of the Service organized a workshop for the Ekiti State Chapter of the Petroleum Marketers Association. The former director, Tax Audit and Compliance, Mrs. Titilayo Aboderin, and her team held an interactive and educative session at the August edition of the monthly meeting of the association which took place on Thursday, August 17, 2023, at the Nigeria Labour Congress Hall, Egbewa, Ado-Ekiti. The members were taken through the steps of filing tax returns and educated on the need to ensure compliance.

Reiterating the importance of tax returns filing, the Head, Tax Audit, Mrs. Bosede Oluboyo discussed the various taxes paid in Ekiti State and the tiers of government responsible for its collection. In a session facilitated by an ICT officer, Mr. Ayodele Faley, the members were taken through the Service's self-help portal to ensure seamless payments. The association appreciated the Service for the sensitization exercise and promised to be tax-compliant going forward.



## EKIRS Honours Taxpayers in Ekiti State



The Service on the 4th of October, 2023 recognized and honoured three compliant taxpayers in the State for their consistency, they are - BOBAS High School, Alerzo Limited, and NAO Supermarket. The event was held at the Service's Corporate Headquarters, Revenue House, Fajuyi, Ado-Ekiti. The Executive Chairman, EKIRS, Mr. Olaniran Olatona praised the representatives of the organizations for performing their civic duties and doing what is right despite the economic realities. He said their consistency in paying their taxes as and when due has not gone unnoticed and thanked them for contributing to the growth and development of the state.

The former Director, Tax Audit and Compliance, Mrs. Titilayo Aboderin; Director, Personal Income Tax, Mr. Joseph Olorunfemi; and the Director, Finance and Corporate Services, Mr. Fatai Badmus, all spoke in the same vein. The highlight of the ceremony was the presentation of gifts to the taxpayers, which was performed by the Executive Chairman of the Service. BOBAS High School, Ikere-Ekiti, had the school administrator, Mr. Kunle Olorunfemi in attendance, NAO Supermarket in Ado-Ekiti, was represented by its manager and auditor, Mr. Ridwan Oyebamiji and Engr. Arinze Christian Anarah, respectively, while Alerzo Limited, Ado-Ekiti was represented by its manager, Mr. Adeyemo Temitayo, Mr. Ogunleye Ayobami Abefe (accountant), and the administrative manager, Mr. Kolade

Oluwagbemiga. Mr. Kunle Olorunfemi, on behalf of the taxpayers, thanked the management of EKIRS for the kind gesture and recognition.



## EKIRS Trains Staff



Development initiative of the Service, a 3-day training session was organized for the members of staff on Saturday 21st October, 11th, and 18th November 2023 respectively at the Conference Hall, Governor's Office, Ado-Ekiti. The Executive Chairman, Mr. Olaniran Olatona, stressed the need for staff to place a premium on their personal growth and development. He reiterated his commitment to the welfare of staff and enjoined all to embrace a cashless policy in the discharge of their duties. He warned staff to shun acts of sabotage capable of leading to revenue loss and

leakages, as such would not be tolerated.

The Director of Finance and Corporate Services, Mr. Fatai Badmus, expatiated on the dynamism of taxation and the need for tax professionals to stay up-to-date on taxation trends. The training had various modules facilitated by tax experts who explicitly discussed tax-related matters and concerns amongst which were Consumption Tax, Finance Act 2023 and Taxation, Withholding Tax, Direct Assessment, Effective Taxation in the Informal Sector, Sensitization on Tax Enforcement



Procedures and Practices and Relationship in the Workplace.

The facilitators, Mr. Adewale Adekoya (Head, New Growth Areas), Mr. Oluwasegun Ogunsanya (Head, MDAs), Mr. Tayo Omodara (Head, Other Taxes), Mr. Abubakar Abdulsalam (Direct Assessment), Mr. Wasiu Mohammed (Head, Direct Assessment), Mr. Adekunle Bayo-Fati (Legal Adviser) and Mr. Olusiji Smith (Revenue Officer) at the end of their sessions fielded questions from the participants.





## EKIRS BOSS VISITS AARE AFE BABALOLA

luminary and educationist for being a very compliant and willing taxpayer, a tax ambassador, and a change agent.

In his reaction, Aare Emmanuel Afe Babalola, flanked by the VC of ABUAD, Prof (Mrs.) Elisabeta Olarinde and the Bursar, Pastor Joseph Babalola, thanked the EKIRS chairman and his team for the visit and the kind words bestowed on him. According to him, public money is in our pockets as individuals, and unless we bring it into the public treasury, the government would have nothing to work with. He said, "I thank my Governor for bringing brilliant minds like you to champion the IGR of Ekiti State. We all can see that he is performing and even though retired from legal practice, it is my joy at 94 to support him as the development of the state is a collective responsibility of all and we must all play our parts diligently."



The Executive Chairman, Mr. Olaniran Olatona visited the President and Founder of ABUAD University, Aare Afe Babalola in Ado-Ekiti to present his Tax Clearance Certificate and honour him as the highest and oldest taxpayer who though, old and retired refused to be tired and voluntarily continues to pay his (personal) income tax.

The nonagenarian has always been the highest single taxpayer from the old Ondo State and since the creation of Ekiti State. He deeply appreciated and thanked Aare Babalola for bringing ABUAD, a world-class citadel of learning to our beloved state, and also the Afe Babalola University Multi-System Hospital. He eulogized the legal

The Executive Chairman, EKIRS, prayed that the Almighty God would continue to strengthen him and grant him sound health. He said the people of Ekiti love him for his passion and love for Ekiti state and indeed his sacrifice to humanity in general.



## EKIRS Visits Venite University

The management of the Ekiti State Internal Revenue Service on Tuesday 12th December, 2023 paid a courtesy visit to Venite University, Iloro-Ekiti, a newly approved institution in the state. The team led by the Executive Chairman, Mr. Olaniran Olatona was warmly welcomed by the pioneer Vice Chancellor, Professor (Rev. Fr.) James Olaogun, who appreciated the team for the visit.

The EKIRS Executive Chairman and his team accompanied by a few principal officers of the institution took a tour around the fully-equipped establishment and acknowledged that the citadel of learning is more than ready to train students and professionals alike. He appreciated the founder for his contribution to the knowledge base of the State. The Executive Chairman reiterated the Service's readiness to partner with the institution in every possible way to ensure its growth. The VC appreciated the team for the friendly disposition and prayed for more growth in the State.



## EKIRS ORGANISES CAROLS AND LESSONS SERVICE



The first edition of the Carols and Lessons Service of the Ekiti State Internal Revenue Service was held on Wednesday, 20th December 2023, at the Lady Jibowu Hall, Government House, Ado-Ekiti.

In his opening address, the Director, Personal Income Tax, Mr. Joseph Olorunfemi acknowledged the milestone achievements of the Service in the year which he attributed to great teamwork and the grace of God. Carols, songs of praise, and special numbers were performed by the superlative EKIRS choir to the admiration of all and the Christmas message was delivered by the guest minister, Pastor Segun Awolumate.

The Executive Chairman, Mr. Olaniran Olatona in his closing remark appreciated God, the management team, and members of staff for their cooperation, dedication, and hard work all through the year. The EKIRS boss noted that 2023 was a remarkable year in the revenue generation history of the state and posited that more can be achieved in 2024. He ended the programme by entertaining all, playing the saxophone and singing sweet melodies to the Lord.

The programme had in attendance the special guests, Pastor Segun Awolumate and Pastor Moyo Ekundayo, the management team, Mr. Olaniran Olatona, Executive Chairman, Mr. Fatai Badmus, Director, Finance and Corporate Services, Mr. Felix Ale, Director, Planning, Research and Statistics, Mr. Ibukun Ajayi, Director, Tax Audit and Compliance, Mrs. Oluwasade Daramola, Director, New Growth Areas and Other Taxes, all members of staff and their families and other well-wishers. The programme was also streamed live on all EKIRS social media platforms.

# End-of-the-Year Community Engagement with Mr. Governor

The Executive Governor and his team organized an end-of-the-year community engagement that had in attendance, community leaders, traditional rulers, major stakeholders, market women, landlords associations, trade unions, labour unions and civil society organizations, associations of people living with disabilities, etc. in appreciation of their unwavering support and encouragement all through the year 2023.

The event took place on Wednesday, December 27, 2023, at the Osuntokun pavilion, Government House, Ado-Ekiti. Speaking at the forum, the Executive Chairman, Ekiti State Internal Revenue Service, Mr. Olaniran Olatona, re-affirmed government's support and take-off of the Land Use Charge (LUC) project, starting with the enumeration of buildings and lands across the state in January 2024. He noted that the Land Use Charge is not a new tax as the law establishing it was far back in 2013. He stated that it is a consolidation of the



Tenement Rate, Ground Rent, and the Neighbourhood Improvement Levy. Land Use Charge is an annual tax.

Mr. Olatona solicited the support and cooperation of citizens and stakeholders to make the project a success. He highlighted the numerous benefits that communities and the state stand to gain.

## Revenue Scorecard

Depicted below is the total revenue generated for the Year 2023.

Month	Revenue Generated
January	1,193,112,720.73
February	726,871,227.81
March	801,921,291.86
April	909,354,850.91
May	883,901,421.98
June	869,707,773.03
July	849,972,211.96
August	1,000,304,425.43
September	982,630,829.31
October	1,044,157,136.02
November	1,026,053,830.06
December	1,065,511,809.10

## TAX WORD PUZZLE

**Taxable Income**  
**Withholding Tax**  
**PAYE**  
**Direct Assessment**  
**EKTIN**  
**Assessment Year**  
**Progressive Tax System**

**Annual Returns**  
**Land Use Charge**  
**Consumption Tax**  
**Self-Assessment**  
**TCC**  
**Form A**  
**Taxpayer**

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