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A NEW SOCIO-ECONOMIC AGENDA FOR FIDUO: A PAPER READ AT THE FIDUO SOCIO-ECONOMIC FORUM HELD AUGUST 16, 2013 IN ORLANDO FLORIDA BY DR. GABRIEL S. BOMIDE

Fellow FIDUO Members:

I welcome you to this Socio-Economic Forum designed to build a consensus on how to create wealth and improve the quality of life of FIDUO members and Ikun-Ekiti community as a whole.

Today, we stand on the threshold of a historic missed opportunity or at the brink of a historic change. Although our gathering here this weekend in Orlando is intended to celebrate our accomplishment, it will go down in history as a missed opportunity unless we can come up with a new socio-economic agenda for FIDUO.

To this end, I hereby propose the following socio-economic agenda to stimulate our discussion. I hope it helps!

THE AGENDA

The new socio-economic agenda for FIDUO is comprised of four main components, namely: stimulating economic growth, improving community health care system, strengthening community educational system, and strengthening ties and unifying Ikun-Ekiti citizens across the world.

1. STIMULATING ECONOMIC GROWTH

- Set up an aggressive fundraising policy, using our 501c status and website as leverage.
- Engage FIDUO in high-yielding, data-driven investment initiatives
- Form a for-profit corporation in which FIDUO members have the opportunity to become shareholders.

- Develop partnership with equity investment firms to stimulate sustained economic growth in Ikun-Ekiti.
- Create employment opportunities for Ikun youth through an entrepreneurial program, establishment of small-to-medium scale industries, and formation of a micro-credit cooperative union.

2. IMPROVING COMMUNITY HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

- Form partnership with Grace Project International to expand and strengthen our health care delivery.
- Form alliance with International Humanitarian Organizations (e.g. Red Cross Society, Rotary Club) to improve community primary health care.
- Organize an Annual Health Fair promotion to create community health awareness.

3. STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM

- Research governmental and non-governmental grants and other resources to improve and expand our community educational system and infrastructure.
- Develop a framework for a viable political educational system to raise a new generation of politically informed citizenry.

4. STRENGTHENING TIES AND UNIFYING IKUN COMMUNITY

- Create a robust database of Ikun citizens abroad and develop an action plan aimed at fostering strong ties among them.
- Create alliance with other community organizations to better serve Ikun-Ekiti.
- Propose a new annual "Ikun Thanksgiving Day" to replace current Ikun Day to promote the unity of Ikun community at home and abroad.