

**IMPROVING KWARA IGR IN 2024: KW-IRS HOLDS ANNUAL MANAGEMENT STRATEGIC REVENUE GROWTH RETREAT, PLANS TO DRIVE ENHANCED IGR COLLECTIONS**

The Management of Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS) has completed a 2-day strategic session organized to assess the success achieved in the year 2023 as it concerns revenue growth, Service performance, and to present blueprints towards attainment of improved Internally Generated Revenue for the State in the year 2024.

The session which held from 18th to 19th January, 2024 at the KW-IRS Corporate Head Office in Ilorin, had in attendance all members of top management team, Heads of Departments, and selected staff of the Service.

Declaring open the strategic session, the Executive Chairman, KW-IRS, Shade Omoniyi, appreciated staff that worked assiduously all through the year 2023; those at the forefront of revenue collection and those that provided needed backend support for the attainment of the set N50billion revenue target, tagged "Our KW-IRS, Our 50BN" in January 2023, adding that all staff of the Service need to continually imbibe the major 3Cs principles of the Service Communication, Collaboration and Coordination, remain focused and committed in the year 2024 in order to



surpass an even higher revenue budget for the year.

The KW-IRS boss in her speech hinted that implementation of series of tax reforms and resolutions of the Presidential Committee on Fiscal Policy and Tax Reforms, led by Taiwo Oyedele, with holistic modifications in tax administration in Nigeria are expected to drive revenue of States across the federation.

She therefore urged staff to remain flexible in the preparations for the impending tax reforms; deliver smart and technological approaches as required, and deploy matching strategies to meet challenges and changes as needs arise.



Shade Omoniyi also commended stakeholders for their support and assured more symbiotic and productive relationships with all MDAs in the State. “We will focus and do more in terms of data sharing, efficient collaboration, and devote needed resources towards complete elimination of revenue diversion and leakages through full automation of all revenue processes as accruable to the Kwara State Government. “Automation of all revenue processes in the State remains our major focus for revenue drive and growth; it has worked for us over the last 4 years and it will remain with us as a Service. stated Omoniyi.

The KW-IRS boss implored all government agencies and parastatals to key into the automation reforms of the Service to move Kwara to an enviable position in the area of IGR collections.

The interactive retreat featured presentations of strategies and clear-cut action plans of each department of the Service, aimed at achieving the revenue budget of the State for the year 2024 and increment of IGR by not less than 10% year-on-year through to the year 2027.

Achieving year 2024 revenue budget of the State would hinge on implementation of all the strategic plans as highlighted during the retreat, which include but not limited to full acceptance and deployment of technology across revenue collection points, top-notch customer service, effective inter-departmental and ministerial collaborations, data sharing and gathering, reclassification of taxpayers, widening the tax net, and enforcement.

Other strategies as captured at the retreat are full implementation of harmonized billing system, cashless policy, preloaded monetary card, ticketing model, voluntary tax compliance advocacy, and implementation of enabling revenue administration laws and conducive business environment in the State.





Celebrating the accomplishment of the 2023 revenue target, and in preparation to achieving set revenue target for the year 2024, the Executive Chairman, Shade Omoniyi after the management retreat, hosted the top management team and staff of the Service to a fun filled festivity which featured staff bonding, merriments, feasting, dancing competition and award presentations to staff who have performed excellently in different departments of the Service in the year 2023. It also included giveaway of gift items to staff to spice up the staff Get-Together.

# CODE OF CONDUCT BUREAU PAYS WORKING VISIT TO KW-IRS, DISCUSSES MANDATE, SYNERGY WITH THE STATE



**I**n a bid to further sensitize and synergize with agencies of government in Kwara, the Executive Chairman, Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS), Shade Omoniyi, on Tuesday, 23rd January, 2024, received in audience at the corporate head office of KW-IRS, Ilorin, the State Director, Code of Conduct Bureau (CCB), Dr. Sherifat Yusuf, and her team.

The newly deployed State Director of the anti-corruption agency, Dr. Yusuf revealed essential mandates of CCB and need for strengthened collaboration between the Bureau and the State.

Receiving the visiting team, the Executive Chairman, on behalf of the Service, assured maximum synergy in ensuring KW-IRS continues to conform to the tenets of the asset declaration office, emphasizing the significance of the CCB's responsibilities in relation to efficient revenue drive for the State.

*The visiting team was received by Director, Accounts & Finance, Omolara Ojulari; Director, Admin & Operations, Olatunji Balogun; Director, Legal and Compliance, Shehu Abdullahi; Director Income Tax, Mohammed Usman; and other members of staff of KW-IRS.*



## KWARA SHARIA COURT OF APPEAL RECEIVES KW-IRS, STATES INTENTION TO AUTOMATE COURT PROCESS, ASSURES SUPPORT TOWARDS DEVELOPMENT OF KWARA



The Executive Chairman, Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS), Shade Omoniyi, alongside Management and staff of KW-IRS paid a courtesy visit to the Kwara State Sharia Court of Appeal in Ilorin, on Tuesday 23rd January, 2024 to appreciate the mutually beneficial relationship between the two notable establishments.

The Grand Kadi, Kwara Sharia Court of Appeal, Honourable Justice Abdullateef Kamaldeen and other Justices of the court welcomed the revenue boss of the State, Shade Omoniyi and her team, and commended the huge contributions of the revenue agency to the development of the State.

Honourable Justice Kamaldeen pledged continued productive support and patriotism to the State in the achievement of even more efficient revenue administration in Kwara.

The courtesy visit had in attendance, Honourable Justices Mas'ud Oniye, Zakariyyah Dagbo, Hanafi Sharafud-deen Gere, AbdulRaheem Ahmad Sayi, the Chief Registrar, Hajia Hassanat Mustapha and Management staff of the Court.

# KWARA GOVERNOR APPOINTS NEW DIRECTOR FOR KW-IRS



**K**wara State Governor, Mallam AbdulRahman AbdulRazaq, has appointed Omotayo Ayinla as the Director, Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) Directorate of the Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS). The appointment takes effect from Thursday, 1st February, 2024.

Omotayo Ayinla is a seasoned Accountant, Economist, and Auditor with vast expertise in Financial Management.

He holds a Bachelor of Science in Accounting and Economics from the University of Ado-Ekiti, Master of Science in Accounting from Achievers University, Owo, and a Post-Graduate Management degree in Financial Management from the University of Ilorin.

Ayinla is a member of the Chartered Institute of Taxation of Nigeria (CITN); a member of Association of National Accountants of Nigeria (ANAN), and an active member of the Institute of Chartered Economists of Nigeria (ICEN).

He has worked with the Kwara State Local Government Service Commission and served in full capacity as a Council Senior Accountant at Moro Local Government Secretariat, Edu Local Government Secretariat, Offa and Isin Local Government Secretariats respectively.

Highly skilled in Accounting and Financial Management, Ayinla served as a lecturer at the Lecture Centre of the Association of National Accountants of Nigeria (ANAN) up until his appointment by the Kwara State Government as a Director at the Kwara State Internal Revenue Service.

Born on the 27th September 1977, Omotayo Ayinla hails from Kwara State. He is happily married and blessed with children.

The management and staff of Kwara State Internal Revenue Service welcome and wish the newly appointed Director, a remarkable tenure of office, as he joins in the drive of revenue mobilization for the strategic development of Kwara State.

# KW-IRS RECEIVES JTB TEAM IN ILORIN



The Executive Chairman, Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS) Shade Omoniyi on Monday, 26th February 2024, received executive members of the Joint Tax Board (JTB) at the KW-IRS Corporate Head office, G.R.A, Ilorin, Kwara State. The Joint Tax Board (JTB) team led by its Executive Secretary, Olusegun Adesokan was on a one-day familiarization and working visit to the Kwara Revenue House.

The working visit according to the JTB team was for the Board to familiarize itself with the mandate of KW-IRS; understand its revenue administration processes as an autonomous IRS, establish strict readiness to collaborate and provide needed resources such as accurate data sourcing and sharing with the Service for an improved Internally

Generated Revenue and to also express assurance on the provision of seamless tax-related services for all States' IRS and major taxation stakeholders in the country based on its status as the apex body for tax administration and regulation in the country. As part of the working and familiarization visit, the Executive Chairman, KW-IRS, Shade Omoniyi led the JTB executives to the Office of the Kwara State Commissioner for Finance, Dr. (Mrs.) Hauwa Nuru, where issues bordering on the extensive mutually beneficial working relationship between both sister agencies and the JTB were highlighted for steadily improved Internally Generated Revenue of Kwara State.

The JTB visiting team was received by Director, Accounts & Finance, Omolara Ojulari; Director, Admin & Operations, Olatunji Balogun; Director, Legal and Compliance, Shehu Abdullahi; Director Income Tax, Mohammed Usman; Director, MDAs Omotayo Ayinla, and some Heads of Departments of KW-IRS.



# KW-IRS CONDUCTS MOBILE COURT TO PROSECUTE RECALCITRANT TAXPAYERS IN THE STATE



***Taxpayers are enjoined to pay their tax liabilities as and when due to avoid being caught on the wrong side of the law***

**A**s part of efforts to ensure tax compliance by residents and business owners in Kwara State, Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS), on Friday, 1st March, 2024 conducted a mobile court within some business premises in Ilorin to prosecute three recalcitrant high net worth business owners who hide under associations to pay lesser taxes than what is due.

Having exhausted all necessary measures to ensure that taxpayers remit the appropriate taxes due to the State Government without any positive results, KW-IRS resorted to enforcement on the recalcitrant taxpayers in the early hours of Friday as provided under the relevant State Law.

Speaking during the legal action at their respective business premises, the magistrate pronounced that the business facilities be sealed following the evidence before the mobile court that the accused taxpayers defaulted in exercising their civic obligations.





## JTB HONOURS KW-IRS EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN, SHADE OMONIYI WITH LONG SERVICE AWARD



**T**he Joint Tax Board (JTB) presented a Long Service Award to the Executive Chairman, Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS), Shade Omoniyi on Tuesday 5th March 2024 at Transcorp Hilton, Abuja.

The award and dinner event was held to honour and send-forth former Chairmen, Executive Secretaries and members of the JTB and previous Executive Chairmen of State Internal Revenue Services as well as present Long Service Awards to deserving current Executive Chairmen, one of whom was Shade Omoniyi.

The Long Service Award is given to deserving members who have served as Executive Chairmen for more than one term, typically 4 years and have contributed immensely to the achievements of the Board while advancing Tax & Revenue Administration in Nigeria.

Shade Omoniyi has been an active member of JTB since her appointment as Executive Chairman, KW-IRS in 2019. She was reappointed by His Excellency, the Governor of Kwara State, Mallam AbdulRahman AbdulRazaq following a successful completion of her first tenure where she introduced laudable initiatives and increased the Internally Generated Revenue of the State with His Excellency's support.

Over the time she has been a member of JTB, Shade Omoniyi has contributed to various activities and initiatives of the Board, served on various Committees, been selected to represent the region on many occasions and been a point of peer learning as Kwara State has been put on the map as a trendsetter and her willingness to cooperate, collaborate and share experience is well-known.

Congratulations to the Executive Chairman on this well-deserved professional achievement which is indicative of your service and dedication to Kwara State, Nigeria, and the field of Taxation.



*“In this world nothing  
can be said to be certain,  
except death and taxes”*

**Benjamin Franklin**

# KW-IRS RECEIVES NIPR EXECUTIVES IN ILORIN



The Executive Chairman, Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS) Shade Omoniyi received members of the Nigeria Institute of Public Relations (NIPR) at the Corporate Head Office of the Kwara State Internal Revenue Service, (KW-IRS) G.R.A, Ilorin on Thursday, 21st March, 2024.

The NIPR visiting team was led by the Kwara State Commissioner for Communications, Honorable Bolanle Olukoju. The purpose of the visit according to the NIPR team was to establish conversations geared towards a relationship of mutual gains between the agency and the Institute, especially in the area of professionalism and improvement of the communication and public relations officers of the Service.

The courtesy visit was also to formally invite the agency to the forthcoming National Spokespersons Summit.

The Executive Chairman, Shade Omoniyi while receiving the Public Relations experts expressed her appreciation for the visit and congratulated the Institute for organizing the summit at a critical time like this when the nation needs concerted efforts to eliminate trust deficit hindering national development. In attendance at the courtesy visit were, Director, Accounts & Finance, KW-IRS, Omolara Ojulari, Director, Admin & Operations, Olatunji Balogun, Director, Legal & Compliance, Shehu Abdullahi, Director, MDAs, Omotayo Ayinla. Members of the NIPR visiting team are Professor Saudat Abdulbaqi, Saadu Salahu, Dr. Saadu Kayode, and other prominent members of the Institute.



# KW-IRS RECEIVES FRSC KWARA SECTOR COMMANDER



The Executive Chairman, Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS), Shade Omoniyi, received the Sector Commander of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), Kwara State Command, S.E. Dawulung, on Thursday, 21st March, 2024, at the KW-IRS Corporate Head Office in G.R.A, Ilorin, Kwara State.

The visit was aimed at familiarizing the recently deployed Sector Commander with the operations of KW-IRS and reinforcing the longstanding collaboration between FRSC and KW-IRS.

Discussions focused on enhancing revenue mobilization through the mutually beneficial working relationship between the two organizations. Receiving the visiting team alongside the Executive Chairman, KW-IRS were; Director, MDAs, Omotayo Ayinla; Head, Road Taxes, Oladepo Afolabi and some staff of KW-IRS.



# Empowering Progress: Unveiling the Power of State Tax Compliance in Nigeria

By Yinka Usman, KW-IRS

“In the intricate dance of economic development, one crucial partner takes center stage – taxation.”

As Nigeria strides boldly into the future, the role of State tax compliance emerges as a pivotal force, shaping destinies and fueling progress. Imagine the State as a canvas, painted with the hues of infrastructure, education, healthcare, and public services. The brush strokes that bring this canvas to life are funded by the collective commitment of its citizens – tax compliance.

In this grand masterpiece, every taxpayer becomes an artist, contributing to the creation of a vibrant and thriving community. At the heart of this narrative lies the need for individuals and businesses to understand the significance of tax compliance at the State level. It is not merely a legal obligation; it is a pact with progress.

When citizens fulfill their tax responsibilities, they contribute to the machinery that powers the engine of development. The benefits of State tax compliance are manifold. It fortifies the financial foundation of the State, enabling the government to embark on ambitious projects that uplift communities. Improved infrastructure, quality education, and accessible healthcare are not just lofty ideals; they are the tangible outcomes of a society that embraces its duty to contribute.

Moreover, a culture of tax compliance fosters transparency and accountability. Citizens become stakeholders in the governance process, demanding efficiency and responsibility from their leaders. It is a symbiotic relationship where the State provides services, and taxpayers ensure the sustenance of those services through their contributions.

In the Nigerian context, navigating the web of tax regulations may seem daunting, but it is a journey worth taking. State tax compliance is not just a financial transaction; it is an investment in a brighter and more equitable future.

To this end, education becomes a powerful ally. Creating awareness about the impact of tax compliance empowers individuals and businesses to make informed choices. The state, in turn, can streamline processes, making it easier for taxpayers to fulfill their obligations. As the adage goes, "Taxes are what we pay for a civilized society." In the State tax administration, this sentiment resonates profoundly.

# POEM

*By Azeezat Anu Olorunlambe*

It is a call to action, a rallying cry for every citizen to play their part in the grand symphony of progress.

So, let us embrace the narrative of State tax compliance not as an imposition but as a collective commitment to a better tomorrow. In the harmonious chords of responsible citizenship, Nigeria's States can compose a melody that resonates with prosperity, growth, and the shared pride of contributing to a flourishing nation.

**HEY! MAKE HAY!**  
*Make hay while the sun shines.*

*Make haste to the path of greatness.*

*Don't hesitate to pursue your dreams.*

*Build an estate of experience.*

*For the future awaits your expertise.*

Newsletter

## DID YOU KNOW?

1. KW-IRS plans to liaise with National Communications Commission (NCC) to develop USSD code for tax payments and collections which will enhance the efficiency of revenue generation in the State.
  2. Tax assessment and payment as a group or association is not recognized by law and is being eradicated in the State. Each taxable person shall have his or her tax assessment computed and served based on income and pay the assessed tax due individually as stipulated by PITA 2011 (as amended).
  3. Recommendations by the Presidential Fiscal Policy and Tax Reforms Committee
- include more focus on the higher yielding taxes and revenues and eradication of taxes on lower income earning populace.
4. Automation of all revenue processes in the State remains a major focus of KW-IRS for revenue drive and growth.
  5. Balancing allowance is when the sales proceed of an asset is less than the tax written down value of the asset while balancing charge is arrived at when the sales proceed of an asset is greater than its tax written down value.
  6. Chargeable assets for the purpose of Capital Gains Tax include options, debts and incorporeal property generally; any currency other than the Nigerian currency; and any form of property created by the person disposing of it or coming to be owned without being acquired.

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## HEALTH CORNER

*Top Essential Health Tips for a Balanced Lifestyle (As recommended by World Health Organization (WHO) 2018)*

By: Bushirah Raji, Corporate Affairs Department

1. Stay hydrated by drinking plenty of water throughout the day.
2. Incorporate regular exercise into your routine to stay active and maintain a healthy weight.
3. Eat a balanced diet rich in fruits, vegetables, lean proteins, and whole grains.
4. Get enough sleep each night to support overall health and well-being.
5. Practice stress-relief techniques such as deep breathing, meditation, or yoga to manage stress effectively.
6. Limit processed foods, sugary snacks, and excessive alcohol intake to promote better health.
7. Schedule regular health check-ups and screenings with your healthcare provider to detect any potential health issues early.
8. Prioritize mental health by seeking support from friends, family, or a therapist when needed.
9. Practice good hygiene habits, such as washing hands frequently and maintaining proper oral hygiene.
10. Take breaks from screens and technology to reduce eye strain and promote better sleep quality.
11. Practice portion control to manage calorie intake and maintain a healthy weight.
12. Avoid smoking and limit exposure to secondhand smoke to reduce the risk of various health conditions, including cancer and respiratory diseases



# PHOTO SPEAKS



## UPCOMING EVENTS

# 2024 TAX CLUB QUIZ COMPETITION

## Preliminary Stage

24th - 28th June, 2024