

MINUTES OF THE NWA COUNCIL BUDGET ORIENTATION DEBATE FOR THE 2025 BUDGET HELD ON 12TH SEPTEMBER 2024 AT THE NWA COUNCIL TOWN HALL

The agenda was presented and adopted as follows:

1. Singing of national anthem
2. Opening prayer
3. Welcome by Lord Mayor
4. Introduction and context
5. Presentation of the projects for 2025 fiscal year
6. Plenary discussions and contributions
7. Radio slot and feedback

1. SINGING OF NATIONAL ANTHEM

The Budget Orientation session, started at 11:15 am with singing of the National Anthem in the Nwa Council Hall. In attendance were Councillors, service heads in Nwa Sub Division, village development association presidents, traditional rulers and the different social groups including business people, drivers, achaba and buyam sellam.

2. Opening prayer

Prayer offered by Pastor Shombong Wilson of the Nwa Baptist church who called on God to chair the session and inspire Councilors with positive development spirit and to love one another and the development of the Nwa Municipality.

3. WELCOME BY THE LORD MAYOR

The Lord Mayor for Nwa warmly welcomed the Councilors; Officials and the general population present for honoring his invitation to participate in the Budget orientation debate. He informed that the BOD is something new and has been instituted by law to promote good governance and citizen participation in Council affairs. He announced tomorrow shall be the mid-year evaluation session for the 2024 PIB execution, and that this will be the best period to start looking about what we want to do in 2025 and the areas where our investments to meet the targets of the population of Nwa Municipality. He informed that the SG will guide to facilitate the session for effective participation. He also announced that because everyone from all the other villages cannot be present, the BOD shall also be organized on air with our Mantung Community radio for villages to participate and tell us their problems. He wished all a fruitful deliberation during the BOD.

4. INTRODUCTION AND CONTEXT

The SG took the floor and gave the introduction to BOD and the Context. He explained that the BOD is a pre-condition for **program budgeting** as defined by text. It is systematic way of budgeting that clearly presents the programs, objectives, activities, and measurable indicators. He presented the two legal instruments: Ministerial Order NO. 000062/A/MINDDEVEL of 18th April 2022 fixes the Nomenclature of programs applicable to

RLAs, and Joint circular Letter NO. 000002/CL/MINFI/MINDDEVEL/of 30th October 2024 relating to the preparation of Budgets for RLAs for 2025 instructs Councils to elaborate and execute program budgeting.

He went further to present the innovations of Program budgeting as:

1. **Promotes collective management** (Program managers, Action Managers, Activity Supervisors)
2. **Management by objective** (Annual performance Plan and Annual performance report)
3. Effective citizen participation (Many instances for accountability and transparency)
4. Moving away from budgeting of means to program budgeting

He finally presented the programs which permits the Council to budget as follows:

SN	PROGRAM	OBJECTIVE	ACTIONS
1	Improvement of basic social services	To improve the offer of basic social services	-Basic education -Health -Water supply -Social protection -Housing & urban development
2	Promotion of economic development and environmental protection	To improve the local economy and sustainable development	-Agriculture -Livestock -Trade and Commerce -Energy -Public works
3	Promotion of citizenship sports, culture and youth support	To accompany the development of citizenship, culture, sports and support to youth socio-economic integration	-Culture -Youth civic education -
4	Governance and local administration	To govern, coordinate and manage all activities of the programs	-Project management -Management of assets -Transparency / acc

After presentation of the programs, he asked all those present to participate to have opinions and voices in the budgeting and implementation processes. He also informed that Village and neighborhood committees shall be create to follow-up council affairs and participate in all budgeting and implementation processes. So he cautioned all stakeholders to participate effectively.

5. PRESENTATION OF THE PROJECTS FOR 2025 FISCAL YEAR

The Lord Mayor took the floor and thanked SG for the context and orientation for BOD. He presented the list of matured projects of the Council which stands at over 2.2 billion francs CFA. He informed every community that we have a project bank that takes into consideration the different needs of the villages but the means is small. This is the reason why he wants o concentrate on projects that benefits the entire municipality and the specific problems that are faced at large. To this effect, he disclosed his intention to continue investing in roads, water supplies, electrification of Nwa town, construction and equipping health facilities, markets, creating equipment pool (caterpillar and truck) and income generating actions that can transform the Council area. The CDO read the list of matured projects and the floor was opened for discussion and contributions.

6. PLENARY DISCUSSIONS AND CONTRIBUTIONS

General discussion from the population was heated, everyone wanted to have their projects in their different localities. The Councilors, traditional rulers and village development associations especially those that have been plaque by crisis wanted their own share of the projects. After heated discussion, it was agreed that they should be some rational sharing in the programming of BIP projects. The general consensus was that the Yamba North area have been abandoned and should be considered for the 2025- 2027 fiscal years. The Lord Mayor took time to clarify issues and to convince the population of Nwa to know that he was in the right direction. They were many motions for support and encouragement to the Mayor and his team for the transformation of Nwa Council. The population left the hall satisfied with the current initiatives and future earmarked projects of Nwa Municipality.

Closing:

Plenary discussions ended with the closing remarks around 2:40 pm. The Lord Mayor reminded that a deliberation shall be taken in tomorrow's session for the creation of Village and Neighborhood Committees to plan, monitor and follow-up development strives of the Municipality. This is a journey of no return so the population should be serious to inculcate participatory processes in development, because blames shall be shifted from top to bottom this time. The session ended with refrain of the National Anthem and followed by with refreshment at the Council canteen.

7. RADIO SLOT AND FEEDBACK

After discussions in the Hall, the Lord Mayor and SG went on air in the Mantung Community radio, to give feedback to those who could not participate physically. In the radio program, the Lord Mayor presented his intention for the 2025 fiscal year and the SG presented the context and legal instruments requiring program budgeting and BOD for effective community participation. This slot has been recorded as always played back periodically to keep abreast with this new orientation.

THE MINUTES SECRETARY



Christian Jitar Taku, SG

THE LORD MAYOR



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12th September 2024, in the Nwa Council Hall**

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