

## LABOUR ROOM GOVERNORS DELIBERATE ON NIGERIA POWER SECTOR

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A night with Professor Omowumi Iledare as he deliberates with the Labour Room Governors on the topic; Power generation and supply in Nigeria.

He was summoned by the Super 37 to discuss vital issues affecting the Power and Energy Sector in Nigeria and to proffer a long-lasting solution to this menace. The Chairman of the day His Excellency the Labour Room Governor for Anambra state. Gave an opening speech as he declared the ground open for discussion.



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The Prof. in his chat, highlighted some challenges confronting the Nigerian Power and Energy sector such as; Inability to convert the nation's natural resources into sources of power, the lack of electricity pricing framework which does not allow profit maximization, Influence of Political interference, diversion of funds and stringent Government policies are standing as hindrances to

the development of the Nigerian Power and Energy sector. Furthermore, he said, “in Nigeria, we have four end users of Power and energy. Manufacturing, Industrial, Commercial and the House holding sectors in which energy and power play a vital role in driving the Nigerian economy towards GDP actualization.”



On the strength of the aforementioned, he advised the Federal Government to think about revisiting the electricity act, provide a conducive business environment, and also think towards the direction of having a mixed energy sources or source of supply to enable the end users to receive quality service delivery.



In conclusion, he advised for the zonalization of Nigeria’s Energy and Power distribution network to enable all states to harness Energy and Power from their state-embedded natural resources. He gave an example of states like Enugu state in the South Eastern part of Nigeria, he advised that the state should find a way of generating power from Coal as the state is abundantly blessed with it. The North Eastern part should develop ways of harnessing their nature-given solar energy to a consumable source of power, while other states should also discover mineral resources deposited in their respective states. In his chat, he also added that Nigerians should not throw caution to the wind as the section transformed into question and answers.



Series of questions were thrown at the Prof. like, how can we convert Agricultural produce to generate power? He answered and said, before a country can use its agricultural produce as a source of power, it must, first of all, have enough to feed its country.

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