

**COMMUNIQUE RELEASED AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL MARKETS SEMINAR OF THE FINANCIAL MARKETS DEALERS ASSOCIATION (FMDA) BY BONDS WORKGROUP, HELD ON THURSDAY, MAY 23, 2019 AT FEDERAL PALACE HOTELS, AHMADU BELLO WAY, VICTORIA ISLAND, LAGOS**

The seminar was themed “**The Nigerian Futures Market – A tool for Risk Management**” had the Welcome Remarks delivered by the Director General, Debt Management Office (DMO), Ms. Patience Oniha and the Keynote Address by the Managing Director/CEO, FMDQ OTC Securities, Mr. Bola Onadele Koko with topic: “**Futures as an Asset & Liability Management Tool**”. The panel session on the topic “**Bond Futures as a Hedging Tool in Nigeria**”, moderated by the Chairperson, Bonds Workgroup, Mrs. Adetoun Dosunmu with members of the Bonds Workgroup as panellists namely of Messrs Dare Otitoju (Stanbic IBTC), Olayemi Agbe-Davies (Union Bank), Ayodeji Ojo (Ecobank), Seun Ameye (Citibank) and Kehinde Awonusi (StanbicIBTC) with Mr. Seun Afolabi of FMDQ OTC Securities Exchange sharing perspectives on setting up the Futures Desk in an institution.

There were participants from various Banks both local and international, Regulatory organisations, Non-Bank Financial Institutions, Small & Medium Scale Enterprises and other stakeholders.

The key take-aways from the seminar are stated below with the Financial Markets Dealers Association looking forward to keenly partnering with all stakeholders to achieve the desired objectives of building a prosperous, virile and vibrant economy:

- Develop the Nigerian Futures Market as a robust tool for risk management.
- Risk Management in the Nigerian financial services sector needs further attention
- Enhance Risk Management capacity on all fronts
- Develop a robust structure for the Derivatives Market with Legal Framework & Documentation
- Futures market in Nigeria will further support the Government on achieving the targets set out in the Economic Recovery and Growth Plan (ERGP).
- Improve risk management tools to better serve the opening-up of the financial services sector towards global competitiveness - effectively deployed, will mitigate the risks to which market operators including governments are exposed to.
- Market to take up the challenge of developing risk hedging tools appropriate for our environment and comparable to those in advanced markets.
- Financial institutions to set up Derivatives Desk
- Continuous learning with awareness and enlightenment campaigns for all stakeholders.