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CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE DELIVERED BY THE 1ST NATIONAL CHAIRMAN ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN TOWN PLANNERS IN NIGERIA, TPL (Mrs) BELLO, RISIKAT BUKOLA FNITP, MRTPI-UK, TO THE ONDO STATE CHAPTER CHAIRMAN NITP AND THE NEWLY ELECTED EXECUTIVES.

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I am very pleased sending you this congratulatory message on behalf of the National Executive Council of the Association of Women Town Planners in Nigeria, for your success in the election to office of the State Executives of Ondo State Chapter of Nigeria Institute of Town Planners. We felicitate most especially with one of us in the Women wing of NITP, **Tpl. Mariam Ologun FNITP** on her election as the 12th State Chairman of the NITP Ondo State Chapter and the 2nd Female Chairman in the NITP State Chapter.

I rejoice with **TPL. Mariam Ologun FNITP** for her Chairmanship responsibility as Female Town Planner, this shows that Women in Town Planning Profession are striving hard to take professionalism to a greater height. I also congratulate the entire State Executives for their success in the last election and prayed Almighty Allah will strengthen the EXCO Member to surpasses the expectation of the Institute.

Permit me to use this opportunity to appreciate Ondo State Chapter AWTPN, for the love and trust bestowed upon me, last year November at the 52nd National Conference and AGM of the Nigeria Institute of Town Planners, held in Port Harcourt, where I was elected as the first National Chairman Association of Women Town Planners in Nigeria AWTPN. I really appreciate your full supports both in cash and kind, God bless you all. This love had also been extended to TPL. Mariam Ologun and that was why you all supported her to attain the chairmanship position of the Sunshine State Chapter of NITP.

As we are all aware that Town Planners are to ensure not only the ordering of use of land and making the environment conducive but also, we are called upon to protect the environment and ensure developmental balance of social, economic and environmental sustainability. You will agree with me that, this is a great task as the world's population is increasing every year, the recent population survey stand at almost 7billion. In the light of this, both men and women of this noble profession must be up and doing in ensuring equitable growth and sustainable development in the Country

In order to achieve this as Town Planners, Association of Women Town Planners in Nigeria was established to empower women Town Planners for inclusiveness and sustainable human capacity development that will influence human settlements and environment as a whole with the following Mission Statement:

i. Support women Town Planners through Capacity building and skill acquisition;
ii. Provide guidance and mentorship for female urban and regional planning students under training in tertiary institutions and;
iii. Provide opportunities for training.

At this point, I will like to encourage TPL Mrs Mariam Ologun, to use her position as the State Chairman NITP Ondo State Chapter, to support the course of AWTPN in the State. Please do have at the back of your mind to continually preach the core values of AWTPN, which will be 'catalysts' to attaining greater heights as the State Chairman NITP and as a Town Planner. The core values are- **Professionalism, Integrity, Accountability, Inclusiveness, Partnership and Team work.**

Once again, I congratulate you all wishing you all a peaceful and successful tenure.
Long Live NITP Ondo State Chapter!!!!! ,
Long Live AWTPN!!!!!,
Long live NITP!!!!!!!

TPL (Mrs) BELLO, RISIKAT BUKOLA FNITP, MNIM, MRTPI-UK,