



**OPENING REMARKS BY THE HONOURABLE MINISTER OF STATE
EDUCATION, HON. DR. YUSUF TANKO SUNUNU DURING THE 2024
COMMONWEALTH DAY COMMEMORATION, AT THE
MINISTRY'S CONFERENCE HALL, SECOND FLOOR PODIUM
MONDAY, 11TH MARCH, 2024,**

PROTOCOLS.

2. Ladies and gentlemen, esteemed guests, teachers and students, you are all welcome to our Commonwealth Day commemoration. Today, we gather under the theme "*One Resilient Common Future: Transforming Our Commonwealth*" to celebrate the shared values and diversity that unite us as members of the Commonwealth family. It is a privilege to have students, government officials, and teachers among us, representing the various facets of our society committed to progress and cooperation.
3. As we reflect on the significance of this day, let us acknowledge the resilience and strength that bind us together, transcending geographical boundaries and cultural differences. In the face of challenges and adversity, our Commonwealth remains steadfast in its pursuit of prosperity, equality, and sustainable development for all its members.
4. This year's theme underscores the collective efforts required to harness our common wealth - our shared resources, talents, and aspirations - to effect positive change and transformation. It reminds us of the power of unity and collaboration in overcoming obstacles and building a brighter future for generations to come.
5. The Federal Government of Nigeria "Renewed Hope Agenda" reiterates that quality education improves literacy rates, enhances skills, nurtures innovation, and empowers individuals to participate effectively in the workforce and society. Therefore, the promotion of entrepreneurship, research and development will drive economic growth and reduce inequalities in tandem with the Common Wealth theme "Resilient Common Future: Transforming our Commonwealth since Education, is the catalyst for socio-economic transformation and promotion of inclusive growth by Commonwealth Nations.
6. Accordingly, the Ministry is providing ongoing professional development opportunities for teachers to ensure they have the skills and knowledge to

effectively foster resilience in their students. This includes training on innovative teaching methods, emotional intelligence, and culturally responsive pedagogy.

7. The ongoing collaboration with local communities and stakeholders enabled the ample appreciation of the specific needs and challenges faced by students and families. By working together with resilience, I strongly believe that tailored interventions and support systems will be developed to build resilience at the grassroots level.

8. The Education sector also fosters partnerships with other Commonwealth nations and international organizations to share best practices, resources, and expertise in resilience-building education initiatives to amplify the impact and reach of these initiatives nationwide and across borders. This will in the long run, domesticate resilience and a common future of strength, innovation, and collaboration within Nigeria and the Commonwealth.

9. Ladies, Gentlemen, Teachers and Students, as we embark on today's commemoration, let us reaffirm our commitment to promoting inclusivity, innovation, and resilience within our Commonwealth community. Together, let us continue to strive for a world where every individual can thrive, where our diversity is celebrated, and our common wealth is shared equitably.

10. Thank you, as we commence this commemoration with a renewed sense of purpose and solidarity.