

## Two More Housing Estates Under Way In Ondo

In furtherance of its policy of provision of affordable houses for the citizens, the Ondo state government has commenced plans to build two additional housing estates to be handled by the State Property and Development Company (SPDC) before the expiration of the tenure of the present administration.

The State Governor, Dr Olusegun Mimiko made this disclosure while playing host to the President of the Council of Association of Housing Corporations of Nigeria, Dr Ifema Chukwujekwu in Akure during a courtesy visit to him at the weekend.

Mimiko at the occasion bagged the Council Award in recognition of his administration's remarkable achievements especially in the housing sector.

According to him, the new housing estates would, when completed, complement the two existing ones provided by his government at Oba Ile and Oda road in Akure, the State capital through the Public-Private Partnership arrangement.

"It is clear and evident to Nigerians that the National Building Code which I delivered when I was the Minister of Housing and Urban Development has brought sanity into the housing sector and I can assure you that we shall continue to fulfill the pledges we made to the people when we were coming into office. It is the determination of our government to ensure that every citizen in the state has access to decent shelter.

"I have no doubt in my mind that this award will spur us into taking more pro-active actions toward realising this administration's dream with regard to provision of decent and affordable houses for the people\* Mimiko assured.

Chukwujekwu had earlier praised the state government for the priority given to the housing sector as well as the granting of housing loans to the civil servants in the state which he opined that will go a long way in assisting workers to own their personal houses.

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