



National Hajj Commission Of Nigeria

# HAJJ MANAGEMENT AND FUNDING IN NIGERIA

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# OUTLINE

- Overview of Hajj Management in Nigeria
- The Nigerian Hajj Process
- Hajj Fund Management and the Nigerian Experience
- Recommendation for Hajj Management in OIC Countries

# INTRODUCTION

- The Indonesian Muslim Community has kept alive international discourse on Hajj.
- Hajj is the only rite that brings the world Muslim Ummah together.
- Conference is forging global collaboration by the Muslim Ummah on another front.

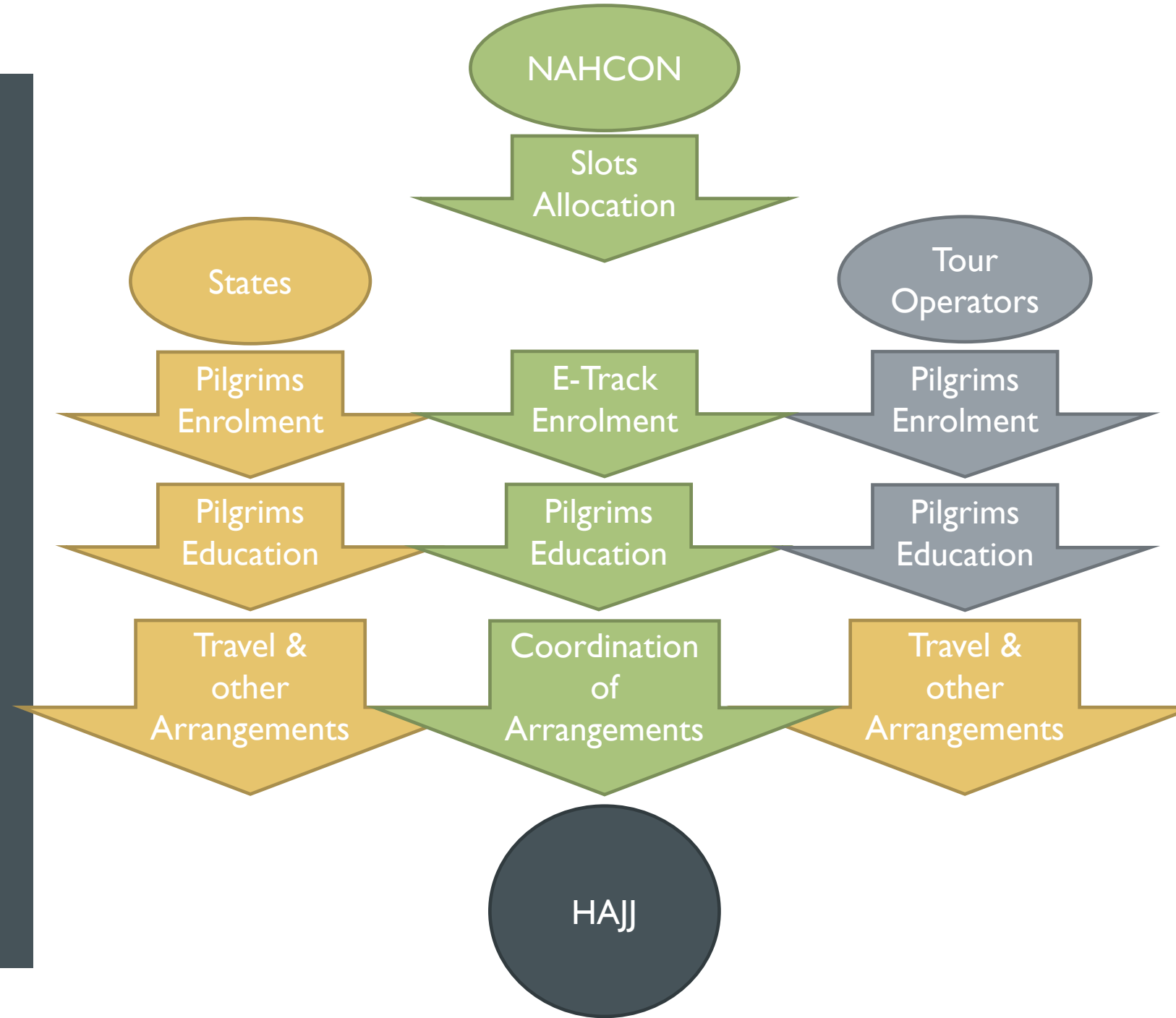
## OVERVIEW OF HAJJ EXERCISE IN NIGERIA

- Mai Dunama of Syfawa Dynasty was first recorded Hajj delegation (1098 – 1115 AD).
- After 1914, Hajj from Nigeria was organized by Emirs, Merchants and private companies .
- Government got involved in Hajj from 1954.
- Pilgrims Boards established by regional governments (South-West Region) from 1958.
- The Nigeria Pilgrims Board, first Federal body in charge of Hajj established in 1975

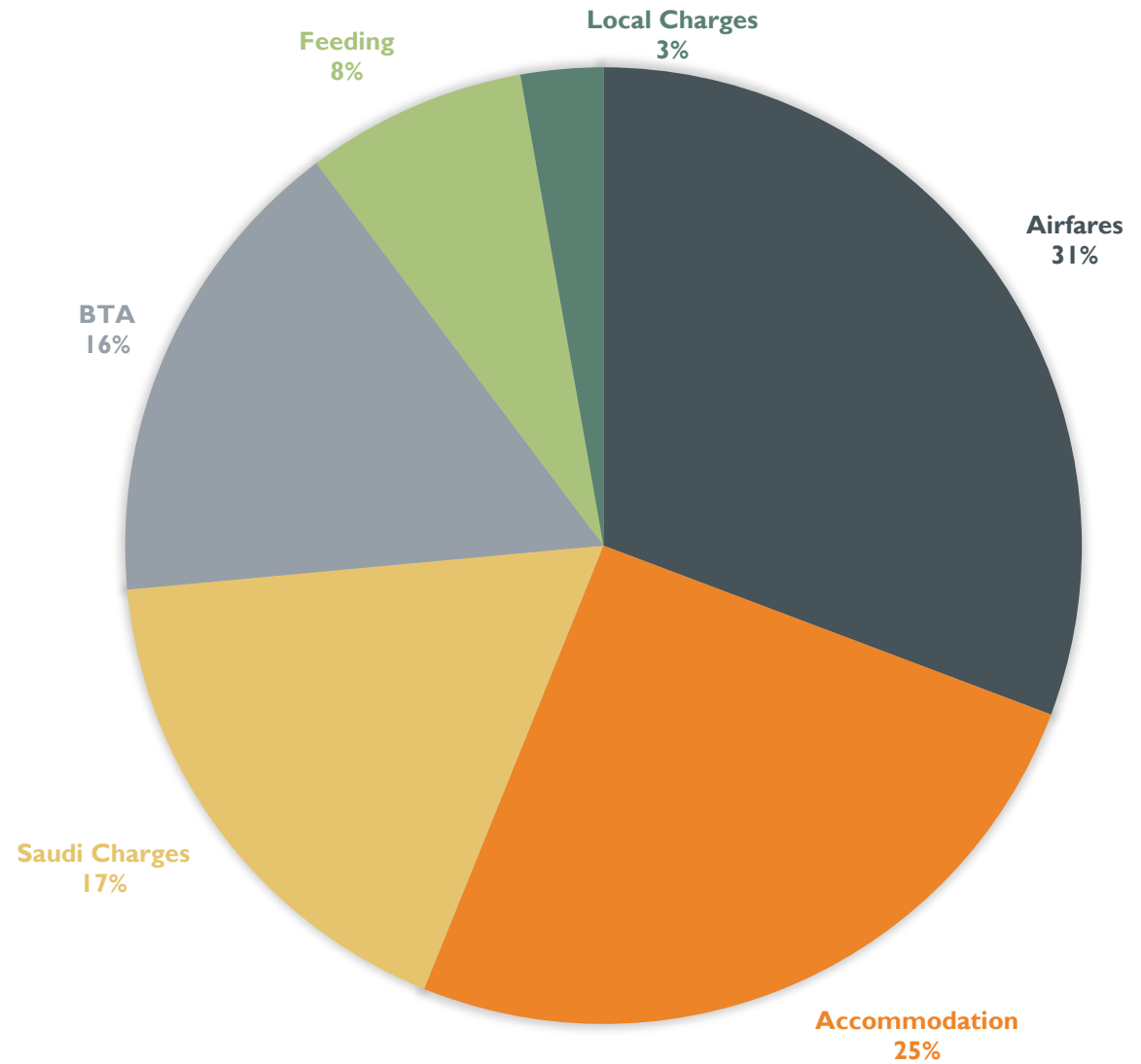
# HAJJ MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE IN NIGERIA

- Nigeria is a Federation of 36 States and the FCT
- Estimated Population of 202 Million with the most conservative estimate of Muslim population being 120 Million.
- Hajj is Managed at the Federal and State Levels by NAHCON and State Pilgrims Welfare Boards.
- NAHCON is the Apex Hajj and Umrah Regulatory Body.
- Nigeria has a slot allocation of 95,000 shared between 38 Pilgrims Welfare Bodies and Private Travel Agencies.

# THE NIGERIAN HAJJ PROCESS



# HAJJ COST STRUCTURE IN NIGERIA



# HAJJ FUNDS

- Pilgrims bear entire cost of actual Hajj exercise
- NAHCON is working towards Hajj without Government funding
- Hajj Development Levy (HDL) initiative introduced to fund INFRASTRUCTURE, EDUCATION, HEALTH SERVICES for Nigerian pilgrims.
- 5.1 Million USD generated and deployed so far
- Hajj Savings Scheme (HSS) to be rolled out soon.



# RECOMMENDATION FOR O.I.C COUNTRIES

- Global trends require trans-national activities to have uniform approaches and minimum standards of delivery.
- IATA, ISO, PMI, ICAO were all established to ensure standards in various industries.
- There needs to be a global standard for Hajj and Umrah Services
- This forum should agree to work towards establishing such initiative.



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