

**STATE BUSINESS-ENABLING PLAN**

**State:** ABIA STATE

**Reporting period:**

**SABER Focal Person:**

**Was this plan prepared in**

**List of contributing entities:**

**URL Link to the published plan:**

**Is this plan approved by the**

**If this was approved by SE**

Please further to proof of private sector consultation, provide a summary of private sector consultation, including name, organization, designation, and role, as may be deemed relevant



NG REFORM ACTION PLANS (BERAP)

FY 2024

AGBONMA J. UKAOBASI Esq.

consultation with the Private Sector

Yes

s: Abia State Internal Revenue Service,Ministry of Lands & Survey,Ministry of Trade and In  
Transport, Ministry of SME & Digital Economy,Ministry of Power,Ministry of Works and P  
Utilities,Ministry of Justice,Ministry of Finance,Ministry of Budget & Economic Planning,A  
Investment Office and Private Sector contributors- Umuahia Chamber of Commerce,Aba  
Commerce,Manufacturers Association of Nigeria(MAN) and Small Scale and Medium Sca

BERAP

ie State Executive Council (SEC)

Yes

Choose as appropriate

C, please state date:

sector consultation, please include for the purpose of the Verification Protocol: (a)  
ation, and (b) list of private sector participants invited to the consultation –  
gnation of representative, phone number and email address and other information



Industry, Ministry of  
Public  
Abia State  
Chamber of  
le Industrialists.

S/N	Business Enabling Reform Areas	Reform Objectives
1	Improved transparency in Land Administration and Land-based Investment Process	<p>(i) This reform area will enhance the administration and management of land in Abia State.</p> <p>(ii) The reform will also improve transparency in property registration and unlock capital from this asset class.</p>

2	<b>Improved infrastructure for enhancement of business-enabling environment (regulatory framework for private investment in fibre optic infrastructure)</b>	To build a conducive legal, regulatory and institutional framework for a thriving digital economy.
3	<b>Sustainable Large-Scale Investments</b>	to establish effective Public-Private Partnership (PPP) models in the State

		<p>(i) To have an effective State investment promotion agency for service delivery to investors and targeted efforts towards attracting and retaining investment</p> <p>(ii) To ensure transparency, easier access to information, and participation for the stimulation of investments in the State.</p>
4	<b>Increased Transparency of official fees and procedures</b>	<p>(i) This reform area will increase transparency of official fees and procedures focusing on key business environment enabling MDAs in Abia State.</p> <p>(ii) The reform will give easier access to regular information for greater regulatory efficiency, lower compliance costs and better regulatory quality.</p> <p>(iii) Reduce overlapping of licensing requirements;</p> <p>(iv) reduce potential discretionary behaviors</p>



5	<b>Domestic and external trade competitiveness</b>	Promote export activities and position Abia State as an attractive export hub for investors through the implementation of the State Committee on Export Promotion (SCEP)'s mandate
---	--	--

6	<b>Simplification of State and Local Business Tax Regimes</b>	This reform is aimed at making it easy to understand and make payment for tax in Abia State
---	---	---

7	<b>Quick determination of commercial disputes</b>	This reform area will improve the State Judiciary and strengthen access to an efficient commercial justice system
---	---	---

**Action Steps**

- A. Develop and adopt a long term vision, mission, goals and strategic directions for land and property administration in Abia State
- B. Improve consensus among relevant MDAs on institutional and policy reforms being proposed and/or implemented including but not limited to developing and maintaining digital titling of all landed properties in Abia
- C. Improve and Publish the checklist of the improved process for obtaining a certificate of occupancy (CofO) including all relevant MDAs, timelines and cost on the state's official website.
- D. Improve and publish the process for obtaining construction permit including all relevant MDAs, timelines and cost on the State official website
- E. Phased indexation and digitization of existing CofOs registered from 1 January 2012 to December 31, 2024 in a digital archive in accordance with best practice.
- F. Utilize the mapped processes to conduct regular impact evaluations.
- G. Train relevant personnel on using the new framework effectively
- I. Train relevant personnel on using the new famework effectively
- A. Establishment of the Framework for Responsible and Inclusive Land Intensive Agriculture (FRILIA)
- B. Issuance of Executive Order on FRILIA
- C. Adoption and implementation of the FRILIA

A. Codify the existing Dig-Once Policy on broadband fees into a Law duly passed by the State House of Assembly to adopt aggregate fees charged for broadband deployment on a per liner meter basis at a maximum of NGN145 per meter

B. Maintenance of the aggregate per linear meter fees for broadband deployment

C. Publication of Right of Way (ROW) related requests by operators

D. Publication of framework for the ROW process in the State

E. Publish on the state official website, the process for obtaining ROW including all relevant MDAs, timelines, and cost.

F. Engage qualified service providers for the deployment of non-Gigabit Passive Optical Network (GPON) fibre optic cable kilometres

G. Increase in total deployed GPON fibre optic cable kilometres against 2022 baseline meets target.

A. Develop and agree on frameworks to determine the PPP models required for various investment opportunities in the State.

B. Establishment of PPP legal and institutional frameworks, including Abia State Fiscal Commitment and Contingent Liability (FCCL) Management Framework, guidelines and the manual

C. Creation of PPP disclosure portal of the pipeline projects

D. Establishment of State Project Facilitation Fund with a minimum funding of 3% of the total pipeline estimated capital investment

A. Update and publish an inventory/database of all investment incentives (Federal and State) available in Abia State

B. Update Abia State PPP website with relevant information for investors, including access to credit

A. Sensitization on the schedule of trade related fees and levies on inter-state movement of goods

B. Online publication/update of schedule of trade related fees and levies on inter-state movement of goods on the state's official website.

C. Issuance of State Executive Order to direct 5 Business Enabling Environment (BEE) MDAs to publish on State official website(s) their fees, procedures, Service Level Agreement (SLAs), Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM), and mandatory advance communication rule

D. Develop, publish and implement service level agreements (SLAs) in the 5 BEE MDAs

E. Online publication of a monthly report on the operation and implementation of the GRM and SLAs in the 5 BEE MDAs

F. Develop State Grievance Redress Mechanism with legal backing

A. Allocation of an operational budget to the SCEP in the 2024 budget

B. Develop Abia State export strategy and guidelines

C. Online publication of Abia State Export Strategy and Guildelines

D. Increase the number of firms with export certificates from Nigerian Export Promotion Council (NEPC) attracted to Abia State by 50%

- A. Review the Abia State Board of Internal Revenue Law to adopt presumptive turnover tax regime for small businesses
- B. Establish a presumptive turnover tax regime for small businesses in Abia State
- C. Subsume all business-related local government charges/fees/taxes into a consolidated demand notice
- D. Raise consolidated demand notices for all business-related local government charges/fees/taxes
- E Automate the process for the collection of taxes, levies and fees from businesses and generate e-receipt (QR code or unique payment ID) for all BEE MDAs
- F Embark on awareness campaign on registration in all Local Government areas
- G. Ensure continuous technical support and public awareness campaigns to encourage registration and self service
- H. Scale up the electronic ticketing system to cover all relevant sectors
- I. set up a monitoring and evaluation system for performance, making necessary adjustments, based on feedback



A.1 Publication on State Judiciary website the practice Directions of the small claims courts

A.2 Populate and publish the Small Claims Courts Monthly Performance Reports

# BUSINESS-ENABLING REFORM ACTION PLAN

Description and Key Targets	Beneficiaries
<p>1. Commence the enumeration and documentation of buildings in major towns (Umuahia, Aba North, Aba South, and Ohafia LGAs), with a target to cover at least 50% of structures within a realistic and phased timeline.</p> <p>2. Initiate the digitization and archiving of existing land certificates, with a view to achieving 50% completion by December 31, 2024.</p>	<p>Land and Property owners, CofO applicants, investors, business owners, construction permit applicants, investors</p>
<p>Set-up FRILIA Steering Committee to develop FRILIA document to address challenges in Land administration for Agricultural and Industrial purposes in the State;</p>	<p>Communities, Land Owners, Farmers and Investors</p>

<p>1.Enactment of a law that caps the Right of Way tarriff at not more than N145 per linear meter.</p> <p>2. Published and approve on the state official website the ROW related request, processes, timelines as well as frameworks for deployment across the state.</p> <p>3.Initiate statewide deployment of non-Gigabit Passive Optical Network (non-GPON) fibre optic infrastructure, with a target of achieving at least 2,000km coverage across Abia State within a phased rollout plan.</p> <p>4. Accelerate the expansion of GPON fibre optic cable infrastructure with the aim of exceeding a 50% increase in total deployed kilometres, using the 2002 deployment level as the baseline.</p>	<p>Land Owners, Service providers and Investors</p>
<p>1.Ensure the Maintenance of State-level technical PPP coordination unit/agency.</p> <p>2. Secure State EXCO approval for a Fiscal Commitment and Contingency Liability Mnagement Framework.</p> <p>3.Published on state’s official website, the PPP disclosure framework and Web-based disclosure portal/website that shows pipeline PPP projects.</p> <p>4.Establish State Project Facilitation Fund with a minimum funding of 3% of the total pipeline estimated capital investment</p>	<p>Investors and private partners</p>

<p>1. Commence a comprehensive inventory of all investment incentives—both Federal and State—available within Abia State, including the identification and documentation of entities currently benefiting from State-level incentives.</p> <p>2. Plan and organize a minimum of two investor information sessions between January 1, 2024, and December 31, 2025, focusing on access to credit, while actively facilitating linkages between interested investors and relevant credit institutions.</p>	<p>Investors and Private partners</p>
<p>1. Published on state official website(s): fees, procedures, and service delivery timelines of five key BEE State MDAs.</p> <p>2. Ensure GRMs at two key BEE State MDAs are operational and a minimum of 50% of grievances received are addressed within the specified SLAs.</p> <p>3. Publish at least on a monthly basis on state official website(s): compliance with SLAs of five key BEE State MDAs.</p> <p>4. Conduct advocacy meetings with groups and unions, embark on distribution of leaflets and fliers to sensitize operators with comprehensive information on trade related fees and levies for inter-state movement of goods.</p>	<p>Traders, business owners, Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs), and investors in the State</p>

<p>1. The SCEP, in collaboration with the Ministry of Trade, will begin coordinated sensitization campaigns aimed at raising awareness and encouraging interest in export opportunities, with plans to gradually introduce incentives to support emerging exporters in the State.</p> <p>2. The Ministry of Trade will develop and begin the process of publishing a draft State Export Strategy and Guidelines to guide the growth of exports in Abia State, with online access to be progressively expanded on relevant state platforms.</p> <p>3. Begin compiling and preparing a schedule of trade-related fees and levies on inter-state movement of goods, with the intention to publish an initial version on official state websites.</p> <p>4. Ensure the inclusion of a modest operational allocation for the SCEP in the 2024 State Budget, and initiate steps toward drafting and uploading the State Export Strategy and Guidelines on the official state website.</p> <p>5. Begin strengthening the grievance redress</p>	<p>exporters, business owners, investors</p>
---	--

<p>1. Ensure Electronic platform established for the collection of taxes, levies, and fees from businesses with adoption of at least 75% of state collection of taxes and automated e receipt generation (QR code or unique payment ID) for all business-enabling environment related MDAs.</p> <p>2. Review the current collection process for tax, levies and fees; streamline the process by eliminating duplicated steps; develop and deploy an Electronic Payment Solution</p> <p>3. Generate harmonized Demand Notice; print and serve consolidated Demand Notices.</p> <p>4. Ensure State amended existing legislation or passed new legislation to adopt presumptive turnover tax regime for small businesses.</p> <p>5. Ensure State subsumed business-related local government charges/fees/taxes into a consolidated demand notice.</p>	<p>Small and Medium Entreprises (SMEs), Business Owners and investors</p>
--	---

<p>1. Set up Judicial Committee established by the Chief Judge of the state judiciary; and published on State judiciary website practice Directions of the small claims courts.</p> <p>2.Ensure state established and operated at least two small claims courts having tried at least one case each.</p> <p>3. Monthly performance reports for small claims courts for 2023 (from inception of the courts to December 2023) to be made available to the public on state Judiciary's website by 31 December 2024.</p> <p>4.Ensure 50% of cases disposed within 60 days, as recorded by the time to disposition report.</p> <p>5. Ensure 50% of judgments are executed within 30 days, as recorded by the execution reports.</p>	<p>Small and Medium Entreprises (SMEs), Business Owners and investors</p>
--	---

# (BERAP) TEMPLATE

## Responsible MDA

Miinistry of Land Survey & Urban Planning, Abia State  
Land Use and Allocation Committee, Abia GIS - Bureau of  
Land Services, Director of Deed Registry, Bureau of Land  
Services (for CofO), Director Physical Planning &  
Development Matters - Ministry of Lands (for  
Construction Permits and for digitization of existing CofOs

*Ministry of Agriculture*



Director of Planning Permit, Ministry of Power, Ministry of Information, Ministry of Science & Digital Economy, Chief Communications Officer

Director-General, Abia State Investment Promotion Agency; Director of State Finances, Ministry of Finance and Economic Development; Chief Information Officer (CIO)

Director General, Abia State Development and  
Investment Promotion Agency

Office of the Head of Service, Director of  
Investment, Abia State Investment Promotion  
Agency, Director, Planning, Research and Statistics,  
Abia State Board of Internal Revenue Services,  
Ministry of SME and Industry, Ministry of Trade,  
Chief Information Officer

State Committee on Export Promotion; Ministry of  
SME, Ministry of Industry, Ministry of Trade, Abia  
State Investment Promotion Agency

Director, Legal Matters, Abia State Board of Internal Revenue Services; Director, Planning, Research and Statistics, Abia State Internal Revenue Services;

Abia State Judiciary

Contributing MDAs	List of Private Sector contributors
<p>Office of the Governor, Office of the Secretary to the State Government, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Justice , Abia State Board of Internal Revenue Service, Abia State Public Private Investment Promotion Agency, Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Information and strategy, Ministry of Science and Technology and Ministry of Agriculture</p>	<p>Nigeria Association of Small and Medium Enterprises (NASME), Manufacturer Association Nigeria (MAN), National , Association of Small Scale Industrialist, Aba Chamber of Commerce, Umuahia Chamber of Commerce.</p>
<p><i>Bureau of Land Services, Office of Surveyor-General, Ministry of Finance, Agriculture Development Project, Farm Settlement, Ministry of Commerce &amp; Industry, Abia State Investment Promotion Agency, Abia State Board of Internal Revenue Service, Ministry of Justice, Abia State House of Assembly</i></p>	<p><i>Nigeria Association of Small and Medium Enterprises (NASME), Manufacturer Association Nigeria (MAN), Abia Online Market Group, National Association of Small Scale Industrialists</i></p>

<p>Director of Physical Planning and Urban Development, Office of the surveyor General, Director of Public Infrastructure and Public Utility , Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Budget &amp; Economic Planning, Abia State Investment Promotion Agency, Ministry of Information Ministry of Science and Technology, Ministry of Lands, Abia State Board of Internal Revenue Service, Ministry of Justice, Abia State House of Assembly, Chief Communications Officer</p>	<p>Nigeria Association of Small and Medium Enterprises (NASME), Manufacturer Association Nigeria (MAN), Abia Online Market Group, National Association of Small Scale Industrialists, Association of Tailors and Fashion Designers (ATFAD), Garments and Footwear Factory Owners Association of Nigeria (GAFFOAN) and leather Products Manufacturers Association of Abia State (LEPMAAS), Umuahia Chamber of Commerce, Aba Chamber of Commerce.</p>
<p>Ministry of Budget and Economic Planning, Ministry of Justice, and Ministry of Industry and Digital Economy, Ministry of Trade; Ministry of Science and Digital Economy Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Land Services, Ministry of Power and Public Utilities; Ministry of Justice, State House of Assembly;</p>	<p>Nigeria Association of Small and Medium Enterprises (NASME), Manufacturer Association Nigeria (MAN), Abia Online Market Group, National Association of Small Scale Industrialists, Association of Tailors and Fashion Designers (ATFAD), Garments and Footwear Factory Owners Association of Nigeria (GAFFOAN) and leather Products Manufacturers Association of Abia State (LEPMAAS), Umuahia Chamber of Commerce, Aba Chamber of Commerce.</p>

<p>Ministry of Industry and Digital Economy, Ministry of Trade; Ministry of Information, Communication and Information Officer (CIO); Ministry of Finance and Abia State Board of Internal Revenue Service</p>	<p>Nigeria Association of Small and Medium Enterprises (NASME), Manufacturer Association Nigeria (MAN), Abia Online Market Group, National Association of Small Scale Industrialists, Association of Tailors and Fashion Designers (ATFAD), Garments and Footwear Factory Owners Association of Nigeria (GAFFOAN) and leather Products Manufacturers Association of Abia State (LEPMAAS), Umuahia Chamber of Commerce, Aba Chamber of Commerce.</p>
<p>Ministry of Industry and SME, Ministry of Trade, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Science and Digital Economy, Abia State Investment Promotion Agency, Ministry of Physical Planning and Urban Development, Abia State Signage and Advertising Agency, Bureau of Land Services, and Ministry of Trade; Secretary to the State Government; Chief Information Officer, Ministry of Information</p>	<p>Nigeria Association of Small and Medium Enterprises (NASME), Manufacturer Association Nigeria (MAN), Abia Online Market Group, National Association of Small Scale Industrialists, Association, Association of Tailors and Fashion Designers (ATFAD), Garments and Footwear Factory Owners Association of Nigeria (GAFFOAN) and leather Products Manufacturers Association of Abia State (LEPMAAS), Umuahia Chamber of Commerce, Aba Chamber of Commerce.</p>



Ministry of Budget and Economic Planning, Ministry of Finance & Economic Development, Nigerian Export Promotion Council, Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Information, Abia State Board of Internal Revenue Services, Ministry of Information	Nigeria Association of Small and Medium Enterprises (NASME), Manufacturer Association Nigeria (MAN), WO-Abia Online Market Group, National Association of Small Scale Industrialists Association of Tailors and Fashion Designers (ATFAD), Garments and Footwear Factory Owners Association of Nigeria (GAFFOAN) and leather Products Manufacturers Association of Abia State (LEPMAAS), Umuahia Chamber of Commerce, Aba Chamber of Commerce.
---	---

Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Justice and Abia State House of Assembly, Ministry of Local Government, Ministry of Industry, Trade and Investment, Ministry of Power and Public Utilities,  Local Government Chairmen	Nigeria Association of Small and Medium Enterprises (NASME), Manufacturer Association Nigeria (MAN), Abia Online Market Group, National Association of Small Scale Industrialists
---	---

Ministry of Justice, Bureau of Information, Communication and Technology (BICT)	Nigeria Association of Small and Medium Enterprises (NASME), Manufacturer Association Nigeria (MAN), WO-Abia Online Market Group, National Association of Small Scale Industrialists Association of Tailors and Fashion Designers (ATFAD), Garments and Footwear Factory Owners Association of Nigeria (GAFFOAN) and leather Products Manufacturers Association of Abia State (LEPMAAS), Umuahia Chamber of Commerce, Aba Chamber of Commerce.H16:J16
---	--

Estimated costs	Planned Start Date	Planned End Date
<i>N500,000,000</i>	<i>1-Jan-24</i>	<i>31-Dec-24</i>
<i>N65,000,000</i>	<i>1-Jan-24</i>	<i>31-Dec-24</i>

10,000,000	1-Jan-24	31-Dec-24
56,500,000	1-Jan-24	31-Dec-24

8,000,000	1-Jan-24	31-Dec-24
20,000,000	1-Jan-24	31-Dec-24

20,000,000	1-Jan-24	31-Dec-24

20,000,000	1-Jan-24	31-Dec-24
------------	----------	-----------



20,000,000	1-Jan-24	31-Dec-24