

STATE BUSINESS-ENABLING REFORM ACTION PLANS (BERAP)

State: ABIA STATE

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Was this plan prepared in consultation with the Private Sector Yes

List of contributing entities: Abia State Internal Revenue Service, Ministry of Lands & Survey, Ministry of Trade and Industry, Ministry of Transport, Ministry of SME & Digital Economy, Ministry of Power, Ministry of Works and Public Utilities, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Budget & Economic Planning, Abia State Investment Office and Private Sector contributors- Umuahia Chamber of Commerce, Aba Chamber of Commerce, Manufacturers Association of Nigeria (MAN) and Small Scale and Medium Scale Industrialists.

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Is this plan approved by the State Executive Council (SEC) Yes *Choose as appropriate*

If this was approved by SEC, please state date: 19th December, 2023

Please further to proof of private sector consultation, please include for the purpose of the Verification Protocol: (a) summary of private sector consultation, and (b) list of private sector participants invited to the consultation – including name, organization, designation of representative, phone number and email address and other information as may be deemed relevant

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2	S/N	Business Enabling Reform	Reform Objectives	Action Steps	Description and Key Targets	Responsible MDA	Contributing MDAs	Budget	Planned Start Date	Planned End Date
3					<i>A description of the action and target, e.g. business regulatory process mapping signed off by</i>			Amount (in Naira)	Day, Month, Year	Day, Month, Year
4	1	Transparency of official fees and procedures	This reform area will increase transparency of official fees and procedures focusing on key business environment enabling MDAs		Develop a centralized platform containing information on official fees and procedures for all business activities within the state and ensure 90% of businesses and investors are aware of the availability of the platform six months of its launch.	Abia State Internal Revenue Service	Ministry of Trade and Investment, Ministry of Lands, Survey & Urban Planning, Ministry of Transport, Fire Service, LGA, etc	5,000,000	1/Jan/24	31/Dec/24
5				1.) Conduct a comprehensive review of current fees and procedures. 2.) Engage with stakeholders, including government agencies, businesses, and public, to understand their concerns and suggestions. 3.) Draft clear and concise policies that mandate the disclosure of fees and procedures.	This initiative will ensure that citizens and businesses have clear and accurate information on the costs and processes associated with government services, promoting trust and efficiency in public administration	Abia State Internal Revenue Service	Ministry of Trade and Investment, Ministry of Lands, Survey & Urban Planning, Ministry of Transport, Fire service, LGA, etc.	5,000,000	1/Jan/24	31/Dec/24
6				B. The compulsory Abia State Social Identification Number (ABSSIN) Registration	This initiative aims to create a unified and comprehensive identification system for all residents of Abia State. It enhances the efficiency of public service delivery, improve security, streamline administrative processes, and ensure accurate data collection for better planning and resource allocation.	Abia State Internal Revenue Service	Ministry of Trade and Investment, Ministry of Lands, Survey & Urban Planning, Ministry of Transport, Fire service, LGA, etc.	5,000,000	1/Jan/23	31/Dec/23

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12	2	Land Administration(Registering Properties and Construction Permit	To streamlineland registration processes by simplifying and standardizing land registration procedures to make them more user-friendly and efficient.	A. The Evaluation of the present proceses and procedures	The Title holders and intending title holders and Government Agencies and Enhancing transparency by making land records accessible online to the public	Ministry of Lands,Survey and Urban Planning	Abia State Fire Service,Nigeria Police Force,Ministry of Industries,Ministry of Trade & Investment,Ministry of Education,Ministry of Agriculture,Board of Internal Revenue,Corporate Affairs Commission,Federal In-land Revenue Service and Town Planning Authorities within the state.	2,000,000	1/Jan/24	31-Dec-24
13			To streamlineland registration processes by simplifying and standardizing land registration procedures to make them more user-friendly and efficient.	B. Provide online linkages to necessary forms	The online linkages to necessary forms aims to provide a digital platform where citizens and businesses can easily access,complete,and submit various forms required for government and administartive processes.It seeks to enhance efficiency,reduce administrative burdens,and improve user experience by transitioning from paper-based to digital form management.	Ministry of Lands,Survey and Urban Planning	Abia State Fire Service,Nigeria Police Force,Ministry of Industries,Ministry of Trade & Investment,Ministry of Education,Ministry of Agriculture,Board of Internal Revenue,Corporate Affairs Commission,Federal In-land Revenue Service and Town Planning Authorities within the state.	3,000,000	1/Jan/24	31/Dec/24
14			To streamlineland registration processes by simplifying and standardizing land registration procedures to make them more user-friendly and efficient.	C.Provide linkages to Board of Internal Revenue	This aims to create a seamless,integrated digital platform that connects various government departments,agencies,and external stakeholders with the Board of Internal Revenue.This reform seeks to enhance tax administartion,improve compliance,and faciliate efficient communication and data exchange between the BIR and other entities.	Ministry of Lands,Survey and Urban Planning	Abia State Fire Service,Nigeria Police Force,Ministry of Industries,Ministry of Trade & Investment,Ministry of Education,Ministry of Agriculture,Board of Internal Revenue,Corporate Affairs Commission,Federal In-land Revenue Service and Town Planning Authorities within the state.	3,000,000	1/Jan/24	31/Dec/24
15			To streamlineland registration processes by simplifying and standardizing land registration procedures to make them more user-friendly and efficient.	D.Provide for online submission of forms and other requirements	This reform aims to digitize and streamline the submission process for various administrative forms and documents.It seeks to promote transparency,reduce paperwork,and ensure timely access to service.	Ministry of Lands,Survey and Urban Planning	Abia State Fire Service,Nigeria Police Force,Ministry of Industries,Ministry of Trade & Investment,Ministry of Education,Ministry of Agriculture,Board of Internal Revenue,Corporate Affairs Commission,Federal In-land Revenue Service and Town Planning Authorities within the state.	3,000,000	1/Jan/24	31/Dec/24

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16	3	Transparency of Fees and Levies for Inter-State Trade	To establish a standardized fee and levy structure across neighbouring states to eliminate discrepancies and confusion.	A. Introduction of E-ticket in place of paper ticket	Develop a centralized platform containing information on official fees and procedures for all business activities within the state	Ministry of Trade and Investment	Ministry of Transport, Abia Board of Internal Revenue, Ministry of Small and Medium Enterprise & Digital Economy	5,000,000	1/Jan/24	31/Dec/24
17			To establish a standardized fee and levy structure across neighbouring states to eliminate discrepancies and confusion.	B. The introduction of single inter-state road tax stickers	This reform aims to streamline and simplify the process of paying road taxes for vehicles travelling between the state and other neighbouring states. It entails issuing a single, standardized road tax sticker that is recognized and accepted across all states or regions.	Ministry of Trade and Investment	Ministry of Transport, Abia Board of Internal Revenue, Ministry of Small and Medium Enterprise & Digital Economy	5,000,000	1/Jan/24	31/Dec/24
18	4	Legal Enforcement	a.) Improve legal framework to provide easy access to an informal, inexpensive and speedy resolution of simple debt recover. b.) Enable users of the Small Claims Court access the court and to get their judgment within a recorded time	a.) Mass Sensitization/Public enlightenment on Legal Provisions to investors and business owners through campaigns, media engagements, and social media handles targeting both the Formal and Informal Sectors.	Formal and Informal Sectors	The Judiciary	The Judiciary	500,000,000.00	1/1/2024	12/31/2024
19			a.) Improve legal framework to provide easy access to an informal, inexpensive and speedy resolution of simple debt recover. b.) Enable users of the Small Claims Court access the court and to get their judgment within a recorded time	b.) Establishment of more Small Claims Courts in Aba and other LGAs within the State every Six (6) months.	Formal and Informal Sectors	The Judiciary	The Judiciary	500,000,000.00	1/1/2024	12/31/2024

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20			a.) Improve legal framework to provide easy access to an informal, inexpensive and speedy resolution of simple debt recover. b.) Enable users of the Small Claims Court access the court and to get their judgment within a recorded time	c.) Quick determination commercial cases	Formal and Informal Sectors	The Judiciary	The Judiciary	500,000,000.00	1/1/2024	12/31/2024
21			a.) Improve legal framework to provide easy access to an informal, inexpensive and speedy resolution of simple debt recover. b.) Enable users of the Small Claims Court access the court and to get their judgment within a recorded time	d.) Enforcement of Judgements	Formal and Informal Sectors	The Judiciary	The Judiciary	500,000,000.00	1/1/2024	12/31/2024
22			a.) Improve legal framework to provide easy access to an informal, inexpensive and speedy resolution of simple debt recover. b.) Enable users of the Small Claims Court access the court and to get their judgment within a recorded time	e.) Capacity Building	Formal and Informal Sectors	The Judiciary	The Judiciary	500,000,000.00	1/1/2024	12/31/2024

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23			a.) Improve legal framework to provide easy access to an informal, inexpensive and speedy resolution of simple debt recover. b.) Enable users of the Small Claims Court access the court and to get their judgment within a recorded time	f.) IT Support in filling of cases	Formal and Informal Sectors	The Judiciary	The Judiciary	500,000,000.00	1/1/2024	12/31/2024
24			a.) Improve legal framework to provide easy access to an informal, inexpensive and speedy resolution of simple debt recover. b.) Enable users of the Small Claims Court access the court and to get their judgment within a recorded time	g.) Review of Legal Fees	Formal and Informal Sectors	The Judiciary	The Judiciary	500,000,000.00	1/1/2024	12/31/2024
25			a.) Improve legal framework to provide easy access to an informal, inexpensive and speedy resolution of simple debt recover. b.) Enable users of the Small Claims Court access the court and to get their judgment within a recorded time	h.) Maintenance of Judiciary Website	Formal and Informal Sectors	The Judiciary	The Judiciary	500,000,000.00	1/1/2024	12/31/2024