



GOVERNMENT OF ANAMBRA STATE OF NIGERIA

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Executive Council,
Office of the Secretary to the
State Government,
Government House,
Awka.
19th December, 2024

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The Secretary to the State Government,
Office of the Secretary to the State Government,
Government House,
Awka. (For your information)

The Commissioner/ Attorney-General,
Ministry of Justice,
Awka.(For your information and necessary action)

The Commissioner,
Ministry of Finance,
Awka. (For your information and necessary action)

The Commissioner,
Ministry of Budget & Economic Planning,
Awka. (For your information and necessary action)

The DG, SEE Office,
Awka. (For your information and necessary action)

The General Manager,
State Bureau of Public Procurement,
Awka. (For your information and necessary action)

The Principal Secretary to the Governor,
Government House,
Awka.(For the information of the Governor)

**Presentation on Business Enabling Reform Action Plan (BERAP) for State
Action on Business Enabling Reform (SABER) Programme**

I am directed to convey the conclusion/decision recorded at the ANSEC 38th meeting held on 18th December 2024.

“MC for B&EP and the State Reform Champion made a PowerPoint presentation to the Council on the abovementioned subject. She stated that the SABER Program is a 3-year (2023-2025) performance-based intervention jointly designed by the World Bank Technical team and the Presidential

Enabling Business Environment Council (PEBEC) Secretariat to incentivize and strengthen the implementation of business-enabling reforms across Nigeria by reducing the Time, Cost and procedures in starting and running a business, and increase efficiency. The report of the consultative meetings between relevant MDA and the private sector on the Anambra State Action on Business Enabling Reform (SABER) program was aimed at providing ways and means of improving the ease of doing business in Anambra State. The report showed that Anambra in the last annual peer review placed no. 1 in South Nigeria and 7th in Nigeria. The report also showed the pathway to Anambra State retaining its first position in southern Nigeria and possibly emerging first in Nigeria in the next review.

Agenda Items Discussed:

A. Ease of Doing Business (EoDB) in Anambra State Context: the project, launched in 2002, measures regulations affecting small and medium enterprises (SMEs) and their life cycle, focusing on starting a business, permits, utilities, and more. The objectives of the above are to remove barriers to business and investments, enhance land administration, regulatory frameworks, and investment opportunities, and also improve Anambra's EoDB national ranking.

B. Survey Outcomes on Business Environment: a presentation on the perception survey on the ongoing reform was made and it was gathered that the reform is making the desired impact. However, some areas of improvement were also noted.

C. Ease of Doing Business Council Overview:

- The Council, comprising Commissioners and Industry leaders, is tasked with reform implementation, resolving bottlenecks, and communicating agendas to stakeholders.

D. SABER OVERVIEW: A \$750 million World Bank-supported program designed to enhance business reforms through performance-based interventions from 2023 to 2025. Key deliverables (DLIs) include: Improved land administration and investment promotion, business processes improvement, business infrastructure development, increased trade competitiveness, speedy dispensation of justice, and transparency in tax administration

E. Business Enabling Reform Action Plan (BERAP) 2025: the BERAP outlines the State's 12-month work plan for improving the business environment, emphasizing planning and accountability. Nonetheless, all plans must be approved and published by December 31, 2024.

A few resolutions were made as follows: to strengthen business reforms and improve the operational efficiency of relevant agencies, increase transparency

in land administration and tax systems, provide capacity-building programs for SMEs, and adopt technology to streamline processes and reduce bottlenecks.

Council commended her for the presentation and invited comments from members. At the end of the deliberations, the Council approved the 2025 work plan and noted the need for:

- i) a quarterly progressive report be made to the Council
- ii) the steering committee should hold periodic meetings to ensure the successful implementation of the BERAP, focusing on sustainable growth and an improved business environment for 2025.
- iii) The 2025 BERAP approved by ANSEC is to be made available on an official State website and accessible on or before December 31, 2024.



Mrs. Cynthia Mosah (HOD)

For: Secretary to the State Government/

Secretary to the State Executive Council

NB. This is a temporary conclusion to enable the concerned MDAs commence action. The confirmed copy will be issued when the minutes are confirmed.