

STATE BUSINESS-ENABLING REFORM ACTION PLANS (BERAP)

State: ANAMBRA

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S/N	Business Enabling Reform Areas	Reform Objectives	Action Steps	Description and Key Targets	Responsible MDA	STATUS (YES/NO)	Detailed description of Action Steps	Planned Start Date	Planned End Date
1	DEVELOP INSTITUTIONAL AND PROCEDURAL FRAMEWORK FOR LAND MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION	Increase transparency and gain public confidence on Land administration in the State.	(i) Embark on study tour to Lagos State and Abuja to understudy the land administration and policy development processes to enable proper review of the state's process; (ii) Review the legal and regulatory procedures, parameters and purposes for land acquisition, allocation and revocation by Anambra State Land Reform Committee; (iii) Initiate special scheme and work with relevant MDAS on Land Use and accessibility in ecological and environmental affected areas.	Investors are aware of requirements for land management and administration in Anambra State	Ministry of Lands		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Still in view ii. The procedures, parameters and purposes for land acquisition, allocation and revocation has been reviewed. The reports/recommendation has been submitted by the committee. The white paper has been published. A seven man committee was recently constituted for the purpose of recovering the State land within Onitsha, Idemili and their environs. likewise, eight man committee was also constituted for same purpose of recovering of land within the Awka capital territory. iii. Verification exercise is ongoing for some Government layouts within the Awka capital territory base on the directive from white paper of the Reform Committee iii. Still in view 	16th January, 2023	31st December, 2023

2	<p>DEPLOY DIGITALLY ENABLED LAND ADMINISTRATION PROCESS WITH A VIEW OF ACHIEVING LAND TRANSFER OF TITLE WITHIN 7 DAYS</p>	<p>(i) Establish a mechanism that allows appropriate integration and presentation of databases that encompasses variables of spatial data; (ii) Reduce timelines for processing of all land title documents especially CofO from 6 months to 1 month.</p>	<p>(i) Follow-up on implementation of ANAMGIS to ensure full deployment by 2024; (ii) Conduct Public Enlightenment on the New Institutional and Procedural framework; (iii) Conduct Staff training of Ministry of Land for effective service delivery including Marketing, Communication, and Management Skill.</p>	<p>Land transfer of title to be achieved within 7 days</p>	<p>Ministry of Lands</p>	<p>i. ESTABLISHMENT OF ANAMGIS: Implementation of ANAMGIS will kick off by the last quarter of this year, 2023 all things being equal. The lab/service centre has been put in place. ii. TIMELINES: The processing of land title documents is geared towards minimizing the duration to 2 weeks (especially CofO) iii. PUBLIC ENLIGHTENMENT: Information on the new reform is disseminated via radio programmes iv. TRAINING: The training of staff for the operational procedures in ANAMGIS has fully commenced. Also, trainings on management skill and general staff development has commenced since 2022.</p>	<p>16th January, 2023</p>	<p>31st December, 2023</p>
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3	IMPROVE BUSINESS ENABLING INFRASTRUCTURE	Improve business enabling infrastructure in the State	(i) Attract investment for fibre optics in the State; (ii) Improve connectivity in the State through construction of new roads and rehabilitation of dilapidated road infrastructure; (iii) Deploy solar powered streetlights across the State to improve night life; (iv) Develop strategic partnership with EEDC for improve power supply.	Minimum of 10% increase in number of new businesses in the State	(i) ANSIPPA (ii) Ministry of Works (iii) Ministry of Power and Water Resources; (iv) Ministry of Power and Water Resources	(iii) Ministry of Power and Water Resources has installed about 6500 Solar Streetlights across the three (3) Senatorial Districts focusing mostly in urban centres. The Phase II, which is currently ongoing, will see us install about 5,000 lights too across the three (3) Senatorial zones with a focus on semi-urban areas.	16th January, 2023	31st December, 2023
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4	INCREASE SUSTAINABLE LARGE-SCALE INVESTMENTS	Attract sustainable Large scale investment to Anambra	(i) Restructure ANISPPA to expand its scope to include project development and finance; (ii) Develop Anambra State PPP Framework to guide investments; (iii) Organise Anambra State investment summit to attract potential investors; (iv). Engage in Human Capital Development.	(i) Minimum of 10% increase in number of attracted and/or committed investments from private sector into the State (ii) Improve in ranking of relevant indicator on annual Ease of Doing Business rankings	(i) ANSIPPA (ii) ANSIPPA & Ministry of Budget & Economic Planning; (iii) ANSIPPA (iv) Ministry of Youth Development	(iv) Organisation of the of the Regional Human Capital Development Conference; One Youth 2 Skills programs, Recruitment of 5,000 teachers via open-source application portal, Deployment of teachers across 21 LGAs of the State, Launched Anambra Digital tribe to train 20,000 youths on digital skills, Created the Anambra State Solution Innovation District in Awka to drive the implementation of innovation related activities, lifting the poor and vulnerable out of poverty by providing N20,000 bi-monthly to them, providing short skilled vocational training to about 500 women and Youth etc.	16th January, 2023	31st December, 2023
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5	DEVELOPMENT OF 2 SMALL CLAIM COURT	<p>Improve judicial process, ensuring access to justice by micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) and speedy dispensation of justice, making it easier to resolve simple debt recovery disputes involving small claims of five million naira (N5m) and below.</p> <p>ii. Electronic filing of court processes in the small claims court.</p>	<p>(i).Set-up Judicial Committee to be headed by the Chief Judge of the State for the establishment of Small claims court in the State;</p> <p>ii. Embark on study tour to Lagos, Rivers and Oyo States to understudy the process;</p> <p>iii. Formulate Practice Directions (Rules of Court) of Small Claims Court;</p> <p>iv. Prepare executive bill for the establishment of small claim courts presented to the State House of Assembly for passage into Law.</p>	<p>Achieve a maximum of 30 days target timeline for handling of all commercial cases</p>	<p>Judiciary</p>		<p>16th January, 2023</p>	<p>31st December, 2023</p>
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6	HARMONIZATION OF STATE TAXES	Harmonize all the state taxes, fees, levies, tolls and lead to a more transparent administration	<p>A. Finalize and Pass the new Revenue Administration Law by including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i All taxes, fees, levies, tolls in the first schedule of the new Revenue Administration (Harmonization and Codification) Law and upload the law on the State Website; ii. Presumptive Tax Schedule with their rates in the New Revenue Administration Law; iii.The Local Government revenues with their rates in the New Revenue Administration Law; iv. subsume all business related local government charges/fees/taxes into a consolidated demand notice for efficiency of payment and collections; 	<p>(i) New fees are approved and uploaded on the website</p> <p>(ii). Automate at least 90% of IGR processes</p>	Anambra State Internal Revenue Service		15th January, 2023	31st December, 2023
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B.. Introduce electronic platform for the collection of all revenues in the state and automate receipting;

i Introduce multiple electronic collection platforms. For example POS, online via quickteller.com;
ii Ensure that taxpayers can generate their revenue receipt containing enough verifiable security features themselves from the IGR portal using either of their Tax ID, Invoice no or transaction reference;

7	DEVELOPMENT OF AN EXPORT STRATEGY AND GUIDELINE DOCUMENT FOR ANAMBRA STATE	(i) To increase Transparency and streamline the process involved in exportation; (ii) To avail investors information needed to break into the Export Sector; (iii) To encourage more MSME to manufacture for Exports.	i Develop feasibility Study and Business Plan for export emporium ii Implement Anambra State export emporium iii Organise a private-public sector conference with focus on improving export and manufacturing in the State	(i) Feasibility Study & Business Plan report (ii) Export emporium atleast in pilot phase (iii) Hold at least one private-public sector conference	(i) Ministry of Budget and Economic Planning; (ii) Ministry of Budget and Economic Planning	(i) Yet to be concluded (ii) In view In view	(iii)	1st February, 2023	31st December, 2023
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STATE ACTION ON BUSINESS ENABLING REFORMS (SABER) PROGRESS REPORT

Original action plan as published										Progress Update		
S/N	Business Enabling Reform Areas	Reform Objectives	Action Steps	Description and Key Targets	Responsible MDA	Contributing MDAs	Budget	Planned Start Date	Planned End Date	Status	Description of Status	Next Steps
1a	Develop institutional and procedural framework for land management and administration	Increase transparency and gain public confidence on Land administration in the State. Develop	(i) Embark on study tour to Lagos State and Abuja to understudy the land administration and policy development	Investors are aware of requirements for land management and administration in Anambra State	Ministry of Lands	Anambra State Physical Planning Board (ANSPP B)	N5M	16th January, 2023	31st December, 2023	ONGOING; Improved Land administration services and overall better service delivery;	-A land Management White paper was developed; -Best practice benchmarking carried out through a visit to	To visit Abuja-GIS to observe and benchmark some of their practices

2	Deploy digitally enabled land administration process with a view of achieving land transfer of title within 7 days (Improved efficiency in property registration and sustainability of the land-based investment process).	(i) Establish a mechanism that allows appropriate integration and presentation of databases that encompasses variables of spatial data; (ii) Reduce timelines for processing of all land title documents especially CofO from 6 months to 1 month.	(i) Follow-up on implementation of ANAMGIS to ensure full deployment by 2024; (ii) Conduct Public Enlightenment on the New Institutional and Procedural framework;	Land transfer of title to be achieved within 7 days	Ministry of Lands	ANSPP B	N10M	16th January, 2023	31st December, 2023	ONGOING; 1.) Improved Land administration services and overall better service delivery; 2.) Influx of investors achieved Challenges: 1.) Skill/Knowledge gap 2.) Delay in the supply of specification for automation; 3.) Inappropriate synergy among relevant stakeholders/awareness creation; 4.) Unable to reach the hard to get rural areas; Doubt/uncertainty in the sustainability of the processes;	Accelerated title document processing Better understanding and adoption achieved; Stakeholders enhanced engagement achieved	i) Automation of secondary/post-CofO transaction processes ii) Conversion of physical files to digital format iii) recertification of CofO and title documents Full automation of Anambra GIS i) Provision of more telephone lines, mobile apps, online platform, internet (ii) Collaboration with local Government
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3	IMPROVE BUSINESS ENABLING INFRASTRUCTURE	Improve business enabling infrastructure in the State	(i) Attract investment for fibre optics in the State;	Minimum of 10% increase in number of new businesses in the State	(i)ANSIP PA (ii) ICT Agency (iii) Anambra Physical Planning Board; (iv) Ministry of Works; (v) Ministry of Power and Water Resources	(i)ANSI PPA (ii) ICT Agency (iii) Anambra Physical Planning Board; (iv) Ministry of Works; (v) Ministry of Power and Water Resources	N100B	16th January , 2023	31st Decem ber, 2023	ONGOING Improved Connectivity with faster and more reliable internet service; High speed internet to Ndi Anambra achieved; Digital economy of Anambra State expanded; Improved service delivery for business; Economic growth through engagement of direct labour and indirect labour achieved; Challenges: Resistance of some citizens to allow digging through their property; Erosion	Two fiber optics companies attracted; improved interconnectivity ; Of the 2000 Km earmarked for fiber laying, about 600 Km have been completed.	Follow up on completion of installation of fibre optic in the State. Working closely with existing companies to expand access across the entire State covering more areas. Provision of Internet to key MDAs in the Secretariat and Govt house; Distribution of internet access to all MDAs in the State Capital.; Continuous deployment of free wifi at
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									mitigated Rural community development	development of three new cities (Industrial city, Awka 2.0 and Onitsha 2.0)	Training of Engineers 3. Development of three new cities (Industrial city, Awka 2.0 and Onitsha 2.0) - Feasibility Study, Business and Plan completed
									Challenges: rainfall, community negotiation/compensations		
			(iii) Deploy solar powered streetlights across the State to improve night life;						Ongoing improved security, improved economic activities at night. Reduced carbon emission improved efficiency and service delivery in Ministries, Departments and Agencies	Solar Streetlights installed across the three (3) Senatorial Districts	Light up newly constructed roads with solar streetlights.
									Challenges - Access to rural areas, vandalization	Solar power installed in Ministries, Departments and Agencies in the State.	

									of newly developed infrastructure		
									<p>Level of completion: IHS has completed their project. SOLUTRON WORKS LTD project is still ongoing.</p> <p>a. Impact: This has given access to high speed internet to Ndi Anambra.</p> <p>b. Milestones achieved: The IHS has connected all its Towers in the State leading to improved service delivery in</p>		

											State's new electricity market is ongoing	
											Development of the State's Electricity Resource Plan.	
4	INCREASE SUSTAINABLE LARGE-SCALE INVESTMENTS (Improved Investment Promotion Environment)	Attract sustainable Large scale investment to Anambra	(i) Restructure ANISPPA to expand its scope to include project development and finance;	(i) Minimum of 10% increase in number of attracted and/or committed investments from private sector into the State (ii) Improve in ranking of relevant indicator on annual Ease of Doing Business rankings	(i) ANSIPPA (ii) ANSIPPA & Ministry of Budget & Economic Planning; (iii) ANSIPPA (iv) Ministry of Youth Development	Ministry of Budget and Economic Planning	N100M	16th January , 2023	31st December, 2023	ONGOING Enhanced access to finance, risk assessment and project management. 2. Targeted investment promotion and attraction and increased investor confidence. 3. Accelerated infrastructure development. 4. Improved specialization and	The Bill to set up Anambra Development and Investment Corporation (ADIC) is being reviewed by the ANSIPPA's Financial Advisers.	Review and approval of the design and bill by Anambra State Executive Council ; Passing the bill into Law ; Development of framework for establishment of Finance Agency

									expertise in project finance, management and development. Challenges: modalities for loan collection		
			(ii) Develop Anambra State PPP Framework to guide investments;						Completed a. The memorandum with EEDC has led to a Significant increase in the supply of electricity from the previous average	Finalizing the review of the draft PPP Framework Signing of the MOU and the implementation which is currently ongoing. c. The legal and regulatory framework required for an effective electricity market is being worked on. Currently, the Bill is awaiting passage at the House of Assembly while the Electricity Policy has been presented for adoption at the State EXCO	Implement the PPP Framework

										CHALLENGES: Skill Gap; Modalities/condition for loan	Created the Anambra State Solution Innovation District in Awka	
5	DEVELOPMENT OF 2 SMALL CLAIM COURT (determination of commercial disputes)	Improve judicial process, ensuring access to justice by micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) and speedy dispensation of justice, making it easier to resolve simple debt recovery disputes involving small claims of five million naira (N5m) and below. ii. Electronic	(i).Set-up Judicial Committee to be headed by the Chief Judge of the State for the establishment of Small claims court in the State;	Achieve a maximum of 30 days target timeline for handling of all commercial cases	Judiciary	Ministry of Justice	N5M	16th January, 2023	31st December, 2023	COMPLETE i. Expeditious determination of simple debts dispute involving small claims of five million naira (N5m) and below achieved; ii. Reduced cases in the regular court docket.	Judicial Committee for Small Claims court setup. Establishment and appointment of the Judicial Committee on Small Claims Court achieved. Committee inaugural meeting held. iii. Outlined definite terms of reference for the Committee achieved.	Monitoring to ensure the adopted procedure/practice direction is strictly adhere to in the established small claims court in the state. introduce learnings from other jurisdiction for effective running of the small claims court peer

6	Simplified state and local business tax	Harmonize all the state taxes, fees, levies, tolls and lead to a more transparent administration	<p>A. Finalize and Pass the new Revenue Administration Law by including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i All taxes, fees, levies, tolls in the first schedule of the new Revenue Administration (Harmonization and Codification) Law and upload the law on the State Website; ii. Presumptive Tax Schedule with their rates in the New Revenue Administration Law; iii.The Local Government revenues with their rates in the New Revenue Administration Law; iv. subsume all business related local government charges/fees/taxes into a consolidated demand notice for efficiency of payment and 	(i) New fees are approved and uploaded on the website	Anambra State Internal Revenue Service	Ministry of Industry, Ministry of Economic Planning	N10M	16th January , 2023	31st Decem ber, 2023	Achieved Harmonisation, Consolidation, Administration and Collection of all Revenue due to the State and Local Governments achieved	Passed into Law by the House of Asseby on the 1st of February, 2024 and signed by the Governor on the 11th of June 2024	To be uploaded on the AIRS website
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		<p>B. subsume all business related local government charges/fees/taxes into a consolidated demand notice for efficiency of payment and collections;</p> <p>i. The state adopted a merger of the state and LG taxies and levies on the following;</p> <p>a. fire service b. stallage c. sanitation d. business premises</p> <p>ii. A meeting of mutual agreement was setup between the chairman of AIRS, LG Chairmen and market leaders</p>					<p>COMPLETE D Multiple taxation by different bodies on business owners eliminated investors buy in and confidence gained;</p>	<p>An executive order was issued on 17th of Nov, 2023 to this effect</p>	<p>To ensure total compliance</p>
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			C. Introduce electronic platform for the collection of all revenues in the state and automate receipting; i Introduce multiple electronic collection platforms. For example POS, online via quickteller.com; ii Ensure that taxpayers can generate their revenue receipt containing enough verifiable security features themselves from the IGR portal using either of their Tax ID, Invoice no or transaction reference							COMPLETE D simplified payment of taxes, levies achieved	Payment can be made in any bank, POS Agent or through https://quickteller.com	To ensure full compliance
7	Development of an export strategy and guideline document for anambra state(Increase	(i) To increase Transparency and streamline the process involved in exportation;	i.) Develop feasibility Study and Business Plan for export emporium	(i) Feasibility Study & Business Plan report for export Emporium	(i) Ministry of Industry and Trade; (ii)	(i) Ministry of Industry and Trade; (ii)	N20M	1st February, 2023	31st December, 2023	COMPLETE D Improved brand recognition, economic growth	Export Strategy, and Feasibility Study and Business Plan report for Export Emporium have been developed.	Development of the Export Strategy Export emporium now in the

	d transparency of fees and levies for inter-state trade and increased exporter certification)		ii.) Implement Anambra State export emporium iii.) Organise a private-public sector conference with focus on improving export and manufacturing in the State		Ministry of Budget and Economic Planning	Ministry of Budget and Economic Planning ; (iii) ANSIPPA				achieved	Master plan for development of an export emporium completed	Mixed-use Industrial City Feasibility Study, Business Plan and Master Plan developed
									Increased foreign exchange earnings State development;	Operationalisation of the shared facility at Ogbunike Shoe cluster commenced. The State is engaging investors for uptake of the mixed -use industrial city	The state is planning an investor road show for the project pipelines developed including the Mixed-Use Industrial City	
									State development and Statkeholders engagement achieved	Stakeholder engagement forum held	Hold another stakeholders meeting on leveraging on available policies/programmes/platform to export more of their products	

