

STATE BUSINESS-ENABLING REFORM ACTION PLANS (BERAP) & PROGRESS REPORT



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EBONYI STATE FY 2023

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1	Improved investment promotion environment	1. Promotion of business activities that are environment-friendly, capable of creating employment, improving revenue generation and providing social services to the people of the State	Step 1: Collection and collation of data on existing businesses in the State	Increased number of investors carrying out environment-friendly, job creating, revenue generating, and energy saving businesses in the State.	Step 1: Ministry of Commerce and Industry	Step 1: Ministry of Finance and Economic Development (Department of Planning, Research and Statistics), Ministry of Business Development and Ministry of Trade and Investment.	5,000,000	52,450,000	Step 1: 5/1/2023	Step 1: 31/3/2023
			Step 2: Engage business owners in all the LGAs to identify their operational challenges		Step 2: Ministry of Commerce and Industry	Step 2: Ministry of Business Development	3,600,000		Step 2: 9/3/2023	Step 2: 15/6/2023

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			Step 3: Sensitization of existing businesses on both Local and National Business regulations		Step 3: Ministry of Commerce & Industry	Step 3: Ministry of Information and State Orientation, Organized Private Sector (EBCCIMA and Neighbourhood Watch)	2,600,000	Step 3: 16/1/2023	Step 3: 30/1/2023
			Step 4: Advocacy/ sensitization on the extension of the scope of tax incentives for MSMEs		Step 4: Ministry of Commerce and Industry	Step 4: Ministry of Information and State Orientation, EBSIRS and Organized Private Sector	1,650,000	Step 4: 2/2/2023	Step 4: 4/2/2023
			Step 5: Sensitization/Advocacy to attract potential investors both Local and International		Step 5: Ministry of Commerce and Industry	Step 5: Ministry of Information and State Orientation and Organized Private Sector	4,700,000	Step 5: 3/2/2023	Step 5: 17/2/2023

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			Step 6: Creation of awareness on existing opportunities in the industrial clusters in the State		Step 6: Ministry of Commerce and Industry	Step 6: Ministry of Information and State Orientation			Step 6: 3/2/2023	Step 6: 17/2/2023
			Step 7: Establishment of MSME Development Agency to drive MSME development and growth.		Step 7: Ministry of Commerce and Industry	Step 7: Ministry of Justice	20,000,000		Step 7: 5/1/2023	Step 7: 1/3/2023
			Step 8: Creation of Ministry Website to serve as information hub for businesses within and outside the State.		Step 8: Ministry of Commerce and Industry	Step 8: ICT Department	6,000,000		Step 8: 16/1/2023	Step 8: 26/4/2023

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			Step 9: Collect, Collate, and report statistics on the implementation of the reforms and other Economic Indicators		Step 9: Ministry of Commerce and Industry	Step 9: Ministry of Finance and Economic Development (Department of Planning, Research and Statistics)	8,900,000		Step 9: 9/01/2023	Step 9: 15/12/2023
		2. Digitization of the Cooperative Societies Registration Processes in the State.	Step 1: Engage a consultant to understudy the current manual cooperative society registration procedures in the State	Automated Process of Registering Cooperative Societies in the State	Step 1: Ministry of Commerce and Industry	Step 1: Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources	8,000,000	16,200,000	Step 1: 5/1/2023	Step 1: 31/3/2023
			Step 2: Propose workable digitization processes		Step 2: Ministry of Commerce and Industry (ICT Department)	Step 2: Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources			Step 2: 5/1/2023	Step 2: 31/3/2023

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			Step 3: Engage relevant stakeholders to inform them on the digitization proposal		Step 3: Ministry of Commerce and Industry	Step 3: Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources	2,600,000		Step 3: 6/2/2023	Step 3: 31/3/2023
			Step 4: Engage a consultant to develop the registration portal		Step 4: Ministry of Commerce and Industry	Step 4: Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources			Step 4: 5/1/2023	Step 4: 31/3/2023
			Step 5: Create awareness on the new automated registration process		Step 5: Ministry of Commerce and Industry	Step 5: Ministry of Information and State Orientation, Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Organized Private Sectors, NGOs, and CSOs	2,600,000		Step 5: 10/2/2023	27/3/2023

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			Step 6: Collate data on the successes achieved through the new registration processes		Step 6: Ministry of Commerce and Industry	Step 6: Ministry of Finance and Economic Development (Planning, Research and Statistics Department)	3,000,000		Step 6: 10/1/2023	Step 6: 18/11/2023
		3. Promotion of rural agency banking to enhance Financial Inclusion and Job creation.	Step 1: Engage commercial banks on the need for rural agency banking.	Increased number of rural dwellers with financial access and jobs created	All Steps: Ministry of Commerce and Industry	Step 1: Ministry of Market and Parks Development and Financial Institutions in the State	250,000	7,350,000	Step 1: 21/2/2023	Step1: 23/2/2023
			Step 2: Conduct Sensitization for LGA stakeholders to key into the Agency Banking as an employment opportunity for the youths			Step 2: Ministry of Information and State Orientation	2,600,000		Step 2: 1/3/2023	Step2: 17/4/2023

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			Step 3: Training and deployment of the youth on agency banking by commercial banks.			Step 3: Financial Institutions (Zenith Bank, First Bank of Nigeria, Access bank) Local Government Chairmen	1,500,000		Step 3: 20/3/2023	Step3: 22/4/2023
			Step 4: Collate data on the implementation of the rural agency banking			Step 4: N/A	3,000,000		Step 4: 10/01/2023	Step 4: 12/12/2023
		4. Creation of One-Stop-Shop (OSS) to facilitate access to the services of government regulatory agencies.	Step1: Identify potential regulatory agencies of State and Federal Governments.	Enhanced access to service delivery from State and Federal Regulatory Agencies for investors and the general public.	1. Ministry of Commerce and Industry	1. Ministry of Trade and Investment, Ministry of justice	10,000,000	12,600,000	Step 1: 3/4/2023	Step 1: 28/5/2023
			Step 2: Provide a workspace to house the regulatory agencies of the State and Federal Governments						2. Ministry of Commerce and Industry,	2. Ministry of Trade and Investment, Ministry of Housing and Urban Development

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			to serve as the OSS.						
			Step3: Engage the relevant State and Federal stakeholders to secure their buy-in to the OSS programme.		3. Ministry of Commerce and Industry	3. Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Information and State Orientation, EBBCIMA		Step 3: 3/4/2023	Step 3: 28/5/2023
			Step 4: Implement the OSS by getting the relevant regulatory agencies to post a desk officer to the OSS		4. Ministry of Commerce and Industry	4. Relevant State and Federal regulatory agencies, Ministry of Housing and Urban Development		Step 4: 3/4/2023	Step 4: 28/5/2023
			step 5: Conduct sensitization across the State on the existence of the services available at the OSS		5. Ministry of Commerce and Industry	5. Ministry of Information and State Orientation	2,600,000	Step 5: 4/4/2023	Step 5: 20/4/2023

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			step 6: Collate data on the implementation of the OSS		6. Ministry of Commerce and Industry	6. Ministry of Finance and Economic Development (Dept of PRS)	0		Step 6: 10/1/2023	Step 6: 15/11/2023
2	Increased Transparency of Official Fees and Procedures	To restore confidence, enhance efficiency, create awareness and seamless accessibilities/ procedures for taxpayers	Step 1: Citizens engagement (to Send invites to civil society organisations, market organisations, chamber of commerce, Faith based organizations, Traditional Institutions and Community leaders)	Increased number of taxpayers and investors in the State.	Step 1: Ministry of Commerce and Industry	Step 1: Ebonyi State Internal Revenue Service	2,000,000	15,600,000	Step 1: 1/10/2023	Step 1: 3/10/2023
			Step 2: Publication of official fees on both the service and state websites and other social media platforms.		Step 2: Ebonyi State Internal Revenue Service	Steps 2: Ebonyi State Ministry of Finance and Economic Development	5,000,000		Step 2: 9/1/2023	Step 2: 3/3/2023

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			Step 3: Broadcast advertisement (TV and Radio) and sharing of flyers		Step 3: Ebonyi State Internal Revenue Service	Step 3: Ministry of Information and State Orientation	3,000,000		Step 3: 1/5/2023	Step 3: 3/10/2023
			Step 4: Letter of notification for Advocacy visit		Step 4: Ebonyi State Internal Revenue Service	Step 4: Ministry of Information and State Orientation	2,600,000		Step 4: 1/5/2023	Step 4: 3/10/2023
			Step 5: Establishment of feedback mechanism through platforms like emails, WhatsApp pages, and desk offices		Step 5: Ebonyi State Internal Revenue Service	Step 5: Ministry of Information and State Orientation	3,000,000		Step 5: 1/5/2023	Step 5: 3/10/2023

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3	Increased Transparency of Fees and Levies for Inter-State Trade Exporter Certification	To encourage Inter-State Trade, vis- a- vis Promote Export of Goods.	Step 1: Publication of schedule of fees and levies on the service and state websites and other platforms	Increased volume and value of inter-state trade	Step 1: Ebonyi State Internal Revenue Service	Step 1: Ministry of Finance and Economic Development	2000000	6,000,000	Step 1: 1/5/2023	Step 1: 3/10/2023
			Step 2: Organize a town hall meeting with stakeholders		Step 2: Ebonyi State Internal Revenue Service	Step 2: Ministry of Works & Transport	500,000		Step 2: 1/5/2023	Step 2: 2/10/2023
			Step 3: Sensitization of the public on harmonized fees payable		Step 3: Ebonyi State Internal Revenue Service	Step 3: Ministry of Information and State Orientation	500,000		Step 3: 1/5/2023	Step 3: 2/10/2023
			Step 4: Establishment of feedback mechanism through platforms like emails, WhatsApp pages, and desk offices		Step 4: Ebonyi State Internal Revenue Service	Step 4: Ministry of Information and State Orientation	3,000,000		Step 4: 1/5/2023	Step 4: 3/10/2023

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4	Improved Efficiency in Property Registration and Sustainability of the Land-based Investment Process	Reduction on the time taken to apply and obtain Certificate of Occupancy and other registrable Land Instruments.	Step 1. Development of a functional website for Ministry of Lands and Survey.	Increased number of Certificate of Occupancy and other land instruments registered and issued out within 90 days in the State	Step 1: Ministry of Lands and Survey.	Steps 1: Ebonyi State Board of Internal Revenue Service.	6,300,000	13,800,000	10/01/2023	17/04/2023
			Step 2. Integration of the existing process of Registration and Issuance of Certificate of Occupancy and other Land documents to the website		Step 2: Ministry of Lands and Survey.	Steps 2: Ebonyi State Board of Internal Revenue Service.	4,800,000			
			Step 3: Staff training		Step 3: Ministry of Lands and Survey.	Step 3: N/A	700,000			
			Step 4: Public awareness creation		Step 4: Ministry of Lands and Survey	Step 4: Ministry of Information and State Orientation	2,000,000			

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		Reduction on the time for obtaining building Permit by implementing joint inspection	Step 1: Identify relevant ministries, departments, agencies involved in the inspection process	Increased number of Building Permits issued out within 72 hours in the State after joint inspection	Step 1: Abakaliki Capital Territory Development Board	Step 1: NA	0	6,000,000	19th January, 2023	22nd June, 2023
	Step 2: Develop a schedule to jointly inspect a site and identify a lead agency		Step 2: Abakaliki Capital Territory Development Board		Step 2: Ministry of Information and State Orientation	0				
	Step 3: Conduct sensitization to the general public		Step 3: Abakaliki Capital Territory Development Board		Step 3: Ministry of Information and State Orientation	3,000,000				
	Step 4: Advocacy to relevant stakeholders within the sector		Step 4: Abakaliki Capital Territory Development Board		Step 4: Ministry of Information and State Orientation	3,000,000				

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5	Quick determination of Commercial disputes	An enabled legal process where every participant satisfaction will be guaranteed, either by the existing laws or through ventilation in the Revenue Appeal Commission of the State or Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR).	Step 1: Citizens engagement on sensitization of ADR	Accelerated Justice Delivery Time and reduction in cases	Ministry of Justice	Step 1: Ministry of Information and State Orientation	2,000,000	4,500,000	01/09/2023	28/3/2023
			Step 2: Create awareness on opportunities opened to dissatisfied players through the State Revenue Commission/ADR			Step 2: Ministry of Information and State Orientation and Revenue Appeal Commission of Ebonyi State	2,000,000		1/3/2023	15/6/2023
			Step 3: Creating desk office charged with the legal issues on Ease of Doing Business in Ebonyi state.			Step 3: Ministry of Business Development	500,000		15/3/2023	05/01/2023
6	Simplified State and Local Business Tax Regimes	To adequately distinguish between State Business tax regimes from the Local Business tax	Step 1: Publication of the distinguished tax regimes on the state websites	Reduced tax conflicts through harmonized State and Local Government taxes	1.) Ebonyi State Internal Revenue Service	1.) Min of Finance and Economic Development,	0	7,000,000	10th Jan, 2023	28/02/2023

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		regimes to avoid conflicts	Step 2: Tax Education for taxpayers (Advocacy visits, Townhall meetings, etc)		2.) Ebonyi State Internal Revenue Service	2.) Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Ministry of Market Development, Ministry of Finance and Economic Development and Ministry of Information and State Orientation	5,000,000			
			Step 3: Broadcast Advertisement (Radio and TV Jingles)		3.) Ebonyi State Internal Revenue Service	3.) Ministry of Information and State Orientation and Ministry of Finance and Economic Development	2,000,000			
7	Development of an effective PPP Framework	To ensure private sector participation in the growth and development of	Step 1: Awareness creation of the provisions in the PPP law of the State	Increased private sector participation in economic activities in the State	Step 1: Ministry of Trade and Investment	Step 1: Ministry of Information and State Orientation	1,500,000	5,500,000	5th January, 2023	23rd December, 2023

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		the State Economy	Step 2: Engagement of the organized private sector on identified investment opportunities in the State.		Step 2: Ministry of Trade and Investment	Step 2: Ministry of Justice and Ministry of Trade and Investment	3,000,000			
			Step 3: Publication of the PPP law on the State's official website		Step 3: Ministry of Trade and Investment	Step 3: Ministry of Finance and Economic Development	0			
			Step 4: Advocacy visits to the community leaders and security agencies on cordial relationship with Investors in their domain.		Step 4: Ministry of trade and Investment	Step 4: Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Organized Private sector, Ministry of Information and State Orientation	1,000,000			

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8	Improved regulatory framework for private investment in fibre optic infrastructure	To avoid unauthorized investment, protect the lives and properties of the citizens, develop a regulated database and improve quality of communication in the State	Step 1: Develop a legal framework that will protect the state from unauthorized investment and protect private investment from vandalization	Increased legitimate investment in fibre optic infrastructure in the State.	Step 1: Ministry of Justice	Step 1: Ebonyi State House of Assembly, Ministry of Power, Ministry of Works and Transport, Ministry of Environment, Ministry of Commerce & Industry	5,000,000	10,000,000	10th January, 2023	28th June, 2023
			Step 2: Citizenship Engagement (Townhall meetings, Advocacy visits, sensitizations, etc.)		Step 2: Ministry of Power	Step 2: Ministry of Information and State Orientation, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Ministry of Environment, Ministry of works and transport	2,000,000			

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			Step 3: Develop a template for data collection and collation on private investments		Step 3: Ministry of Power	Step 3: Ministry of Finance and Economic Development (Department of Planning, Research and Statistics)	3,000,000			
							157,000,000	157,000,000		

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