



NIGER STATE EASE OF DOING BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT COUNCIL (SEBEC)

STATE ACTION FOR BUSINESS ENABLING REFORM (SABER)

BUSINESS ENABLING REFORM ACTION PLAN (BERAP) 2024

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S/N	Business Enabling Reform Areas	Reform Objectives	Action Steps	Description and Key Targets	Beneficiaries	Responsible MDA	Contributing MDAs	List of Private Sector contributors	Estimated costs	Planned Start Date	Planned End Date
1	IMPROVED INSTITUTIONAL AND PROCEDURAL FRAMEWORK FOR LAND MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION	i. Establish a streamlined, efficient, and transparent land management and administration system. ii. Enhance the ease of doing business in the state. iii. Foster environmental sustainability and compliance with regulations	1. Study Tour on Peer Learning: Measure: Document insights and best practices from at least three peer locations. 2. Integrated Network Registration Processes: Measure: Achieve a 20% reduction in registration time through integrated processes. 3. Stakeholder Consultations: Measure: Increase public awareness by 30% through mass sensitization. 4. Land Reform Committee: Measure: Implement 70% of the committee's recommendations. 5. Compliance Parameters: Measure: Ensure 90% compliance with environmental and safety regulations. 6. NIGIS Agency Infrastructure Procurement: Measure: Achieve a 50% improvement in the efficiency of land information systems.	1. Target: Visit and learn from digital land administration models in three different regions. 2. Target: Connect registration systems of at least five key operational MDAs. 3. Target: Conduct town hall meetings in at least 18 local government areas. 4. Target: Constitute a Land Reform Committee and review legal procedures within six months. 5. Target: Establish parameters and guidelines in collaboration with relevant MDAs. 6. Target: Procure and implement modern hardware and software for NIGIS Agency.	General Public, Individuals, Investors, and corporate organizations.	Ministry of Land and Survey, NIGIS, MITC, NSIPA	Ministry of Land & Survey, NSIRS, Urban Development Board, PPP, Water Board, Sineage and Advertisement Agency	i. Chamber of Commerce ii. Manufacturers Ass. Of Nigeria iii. National Association of Small-scale Industrialist iv. National Association Ass. Of Small & medium Ent. v. Shippers Ass. Of Nigeria-Niger Chapter vi. Real Estate Agents Association vii. Real Estate Surveyors & Valuers.	110,000,000.00	15th January, 2024	30th August, 2024
2	DEVELOPING EFFECTIVE PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP FRAMEWORK	To Streamline and enhance operation of a coordinated Private Sector Consultation & Engagement platform in the state.	i. Identify and document adequate profiles of active private sector players in the state ii. Increase private sector participation in the process of policy and institutional reforms iii. - Private Sector Consultation & Engagement on Business Enabling Reforms iv. Hold quarterly dialogues with representatives from at least 1000 private sector participants per annum. v. Increase private sector participation by 25% in policy and institutional reforms. vi. Train 500 individuals from the private sector	i. Adopt Public Private Dialogue Strategy ii. Engage MDAs involved in achieving reform KPIs in the implementation of State Action for Business Enabling Reforms (SABER) iii. Conduct quarterly private sector engagement targeting approximately 1000 participant per annum iv. Training / Capacity building	Industries, F9 BDS providers, Manufacturers, Investors, MSMEs & Government	Min. of Investment, Commerce & Industry, Niger State Investment Promotion Agency	Min. of Finance, Open Government Partnership/SABER Secretariat, NIGIS, Urban Development Board, Export Commodity Promotion Agency, Niger State PPPA, Niger State SIGNAGE & Niger State Water and Sewage Cooperation	i. Chamber of Commerce ii. Manufacturers Ass. Of Nigeria iii. National Association of Small-scale Industrialist iv. National Association Ass. Of Small & medium Ent. v. Shippers Ass. Of Nigeria-Niger Chapter vi. Real Estate Agents Association vii. Real Estate Surveyors & Valuers.	60,000,000.00	Feb. 2024	Nov. 2024

3	DIGITALIZATION OF LAND ADMINISTRATION PROCESSES TO ACHIEVING LAND TRANSFER OF TITLE WITHIN 72 HOURS (3 DAYS)	To improve on the general land administration and information system for developing an effective automated land record database. To improve land revenue generation through automation. ii. Reduce timelines for processing of all land title documents especially C of O from 2 months to 7 working days	i. Ministry of Land & Survey to ensure full deployment and implementation of the Action Plan. ii. Organize Town Hall Meetings and Public Enlightenment on the New and Improved Land Administration System. iii. Capacity Building of Staff Training of Ministry of Lands, NIGIS, NSIRS and NSUDB for effective service delivery including Marketing, Communication, Management and GIS software trainings/skill. iv. Procurement of additional ICT facilities, GIS Software, Land Administration software deployment etc vi. Digitalize the process of applying and approving and signing C of O for issuance to interested Party/candidate.	I. To fully implement automation/digital process of Land transaction from acquisition to title of deed/C of O production which is achievable within 7 working hours. II. To ensure staff capacity is well enhanced through trainings on new Automated/Digital process. III. Ensure building permits process is well streamline and digitized iv. Trainings / Capacity building	Industries, F9 BDS providers Manufacturers, Investors, MSMEs & Government	Min. of Investment, Commerce & Industry, Niger State Investment Promotion Agency	Open Government Partnership/SABER Secretariat	i. Chamber of Commerce ii. Manufacturers Ass. Of Nigeria iii. National Association of Small-scale Industrialist iv. National Association Ass. Of Small & medium Ent. v. Shippers Ass. Of Nigeria-Niger Chapter vi. Real Estate Agents Association vii. Real Estate Surveyors & Valuers.	90,000,000.00	22nd January, 2024	30th August, 2024
4	IMPROVED REGULATORY FRAMEWORK FOR PRIVATE INVESTMENT IN FIBER OPTIC INFRASTRUCTURE DIGITALLY	Improve business in fiber optic infrastructure in the State	i. Enact or amend State legislation for fiber optics Infrastructure. ii. Constitution of State Technical Team to be drawn from relevant Stakeholders (Public & private) to oversee process implementation iii. Attract investment into fibre optics by revising the process for obtaining the Right of Way (RoW). iv. Improve broad connectivity in the State through construction of new roads and rehabilitation of dilapidated road infrastructure to enable fibre optic deployment. v. Reduce documentation requirements by 30%, fees by 20%, and offer tax waivers for fiber optic projects. vi. Decrease RoW processing time by 40%.	i. To provide friendly environment to attract new businesses/investments in fibre optic infrastructure development in the State. ii. To simplify the process of obtaining the Right of Way (RoW) in Fiber.Optic Deployment iii. Capacity building / trainings of 200 Stakeholders in fibre optic technology and infrastructure development iv. Implement policies to create a business-friendly environment	Manufacturers	Niger State Investment Promotion Agency	Niger State Geographic Information System Agency	i. Chamber of Commerce ii. Manufacturers Ass. Of Nigeria iii. National Association of Small-scale Industrialist iv. National Association Ass. Of Small & medium Ent. v. Shippers Ass. Of Nigeria-Niger State Chapter vi. Real Estate Agents Association vii. Real Estate Surveyors & Valuers.	80,000,000.00	22nd January, 2024	22nd Nov 2024

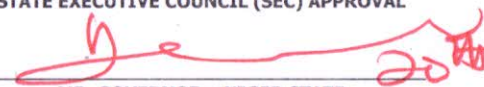
5	INCREASE PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION IN THE PROCESS OF POLICY AND INSTITUTIONAL REFORMS ON BEE	Attract suitable and sustainable Large and Small scale investments in Niger State	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Restructure Niger State Investment Company into a development Corporation with legislative backing ii. Develop Niger State PPP framework and establish Agency to be saddled with responsibility of promoting the partnership and investment. iii. To organize Niger State Investment Submit to attract potential investors. iv. Engage in Human Capital Development especially for SMEs. v. To create workable business website / data base and to offload existing areas for potential investments to attract investors. vi. Implementation of OGP as a transparent system in Public Procurement for Investors. vii. Provision/Allocation of Industrial Layout to Investors, with critical Infrastructure like road, electricity etc. viii. Government to provide necessary support SMEs to access credit facilities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. To increase businesses/investments Opportunity by 30% in the State to enhance GDP growth ii. Increase the number of SMEs access to Credit facilities in the State iii. Trainings / Capacity building 	Manufacturers	Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Commerce & Trade and Investment, Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Women Affairs, Ministry of Youth, Niger State Investment Promotion Agency	Niger State Urban Development Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Chamber of Commerce ii. Manufacturers Ass. Of Nigeria iii. National Association of Small-scale Industrialist iv. National Association Ass. Of Small & medium Ent. v. Shippers Ass. Of Nigeria-Niger Chapter vi. Real Estate Agents Association vii. Real Estate Surveyors & Valuers. 	180,000,000.00	23rd January, 2024	25th Nov 2024
6	ESTABLISHMENT OR DESIGNATION OF SPECIAL COURTS FOR HANDLING COMMERCIAL AND BUSINESS DISPUTES IN NIGER STATE	Improve judicial process, ensuring access to justice by small, and medium enterprises (SMEs) and speedy dispensation of justice, making it easier to resolve simple debt recovery, disputes involving small claims of five million naira. (N10m) and below.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Judicial Committee to be constituted by the Chief Judge of the State for the establishment of business-related Special Courts in the State. ii. Formulation of Practice Directions by the Chief Judge of the State on the operation of the small claim Courts. iii. Capacity Building for Judges of the small Claim Courts. iv. Sensitization workshops for organized private sector on the operational guideline of the small claim courts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduced number of days for handling commercial disputes ii. Trainings / Capacity building for 100 court magistrates/stakeholders 	Investors	Niger State Judiciary	Niger State Commodity & Export Promotion Agency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Chamber of Commerce ii. Manufacturers Ass. Of Nigeria iii. National Association of Small-scale Industrialist iv. National Association Ass. Of Small & medium Ent. v. Shippers Ass. Of Nigeria-Niger Chapter vi. Real Estate Agents Association vii. Real Estate Surveyors & Valuers. 	100,000,000.00	22nd January, 2024	22nd Nov. 2024

7	HARMONIZATION OF STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT TAX LAW AND EASE OF STATE-TAXES PROCESSES SPECIAL COURTS FOR HANDLING COMMERCIAL AND BUSINESS DISPUTES	Harmonize all the state taxes, fees, and levies through Automation of payments process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Presumptive Tax Schedule with their rates in the amended ii. To amend the existing revenue laws to adopt presumptive tax regime for small businesses iii. Subsume all business-related local government charges/fees /taxes into a consolidated demand notice for efficiency of payment and collections. iv. Provision of tax waivers, holidays, concessions, etc to identified businesses with a view to easing and growing the said businesses. v. Automation of the tax collection processes for transparency vi. Introduce multiple electronic collection platforms. For example, POS, online via quickteller.com and QR code vii. 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Amended Revenue Law approved by the House of Assembly, Gazetted and uploaded on the state's website. ii. IGR collection process fully automated 	MSMEs	Niger State Internal Revenue Service	Niger State Water & Sewage Corporation, Min. of Justice, Min. for Local Government	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Chamber of Commerce ii. Manufacturers Ass. Of Nigeria iii. National Association of Small-scale Industrialist iv. National Association Ass. Of Small & medium Ent. v. Shippers Ass. Of Nigeria-Niger Chapter vi. Real Estate Agents Association vii. Real Estate Surveyors & Valuers. 	100,000,000.00	22nd January, 2024	23rd December 2024
8	INCREASED TRANSPARENCY OF FEES AND LEVIES FOR INTER-STATE TRADE AND INCREASED EXPORT CERTIFICATION	To improve transparency, accountability and justifications for fees and Levies collected with a view to enhancing revenue generation and value for money to Investors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. To compile and publish fees and levies etc (other than taxes) on the State Official Website. ii. Sensitization on fees, charges and levies to critical stakeholders. iii. Provision of hot line / SMS for receiving feedbacks and reports. iv. Increase number of firms in the state that obtained export certificates from NEPC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. To have a transparent fees, charges or levies in order to improve payments on Inter-State trade. ii. To establish GRM for traders including SMEs and Hotline for reporting and redress. iii. Publishing on official website state Export strategy and guidelines. iv. Trainings / Capacity building 	Government/Public	Ministry of Commerce, Trade & Investment, One-Stop-Shop, Niger State Internal Revenue Services	Niger State Public Private Partnership Agency, Min. for Local Government	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Chamber of Commerce ii. Manufacturers Ass. Of Nigeria iii. National Association of Small-scale Industrialist iv. National Association Ass. Of Small & medium Ent. v. Shippers Ass. Of Nigeria-Niger Chapter vi. Real Estate Agents Association vii. Real Estate Surveyors & Valuers. 	80,000,000.00	22nd January, 2024	20th December, 2024
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