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STATE BUSINESS-ENABLING REFORM ACTION PLANS (BERAP)

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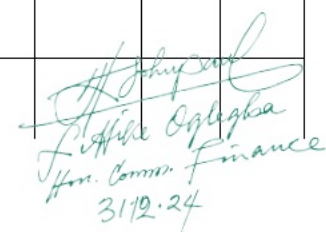
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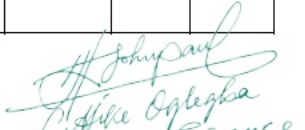
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1	Benue Economic Summit	Foster a vibrant ecosystem of entrepreneurship and investment by providing a nexus for knowledge exchange, networking, and partnerships.	1. Host interactive sessions, workshops, and panel discussions on emerging trends and regulatory frameworks. 2. Identify and engage critical stakeholders 3. Engage topical experts and resource persons 4. Develop an appropriate theme	1. Include 5 private sector representatives in the planning 2. Focus on the 3 export products of comparative advantage to the state	SMEs, Contractors, Women's Organisations, NGOs	Ministry of Finance, Budget & Economic Planning	Ministry of Trade Commerce and Industry, Benue State Internal Revenue Service (BIRS), Ministry of ICT and Digital Economy, Benue Investment Promotion Agency (BENIPA)	BECCIMA, WACCIMA, CONESAM, Ewaoche MP Cooperative Society LTD, Bakers Association, NASSI, Hub 17 Innovations, Gabinano Global Ent.	300,000,000	01-Jan-25	01-Dec-25
2	Validate and Profile 1,000 Cooperative Societies for Impactful Collaboration	Develop a pool of validated and active cooperative societies for impactful support.	Conduct sessions with interested cooperatives. Validate membership and activities through checks. Ensure broad-based collation across priority sectors.	1. Back check and validate the credibility of 500 Cooperative societies by June 2025 2. Complete validation of balance 500 cooperatives by December 2025	Active cooperatives, especially in rural areas.	BENIPA, Ministry of Cooperatives & Rural Development	Ministries of Agriculture, Women Affairs & Social Welfare, Youths Sports & Creativity	BECCIMA, WACCIMA, CONESAM, Ewaoche MP Cooperative Society LTD, Bakers Association, NASSI, Hub 17 Innovations, Gabinano Global Ent.	5,000,000	01-Jan-25	31-Mar-25
3	Consolidation of Local and State Taxes to a Single Demand Notice	Eliminate double taxation, increase revenue collection efficiency, and simplify tax administration.	Engage BIRS (Benue Inland Revenue Service) and LGAs on the benefits of consolidated demand notices. Reassure LGAs on fair revenue sharing and long-term benefits.	1. Conduct 2 review sessions between the IRS and the LG by the end of 2025 2. Conduct quarterly backchecks to ensure agreed parameters between IRS and LGAs are being kept	LGAs and entrepreneurs at the LGA level.	Benue Internal Revenue Service (BIRS)	BENIPA, Bureau for Local Government and Chieftaincy Affairs	Entrepreneurs and taxpayers at the LGA level.	TBD	TBD	TBD
4	Development of a Feedback Mechanism for the Private Sector	Establish a robust feedback channel to improve government responsiveness to private sector needs.	- Create a consultative forum for regular engagements. Actively engage MDAs (Ministries, Departments & Agencies) on private sector concerns. Ensure prompt resolution feedback to stakeholders.	Ensure establishment of a feedback mechanism by end of 2025 and publish all engagements on a quarterly basis	Private sector stakeholders impacted by government policies.	BENIPA	All BEE responsible MDAs.	BECCIMA, WACCIMA, CONESAM, Ewaoche MP Cooperative Society LTD, Bakers Association, NASSI, Hub 17 Innovations, Gabinano Global Ent.	TBD	TBD	TBD
5	E-Procurement Portal for the Bureau for Public Procurement	Enhance access, transparency, and efficiency in public procurement.	Conduct a system analysis of existing manual processes. Develop and deploy an e-procurement portal. Mandate all MDAs to use the platform with penalties for non-compliance.	1. Initiate, design and deploy an e-procurement portal for the state public procurement commission by June of 2025 2. Ensure 50% of MDAs use the portal by end of 2025	SMEs, Contractors, Women's Organisations, NGOs.	Benue State Bureau for Public Procurement	Benue State House of Assembly, Ministry of ICT and Digital Economy, Head of Service, BENIPA	BECCIMA, WACCIMA, CONESAM, Ewaoche MP Cooperative Society LTD, Bakers Association, NASSI, Hub 17 Innovations, Gabinano Global Ent.	25,000,000	01-Jan-25	31-Dec-25
6	Implementation of FRILIA (Framework for Responsible and Inclusive Land-Intensive Agriculture)	Ensure responsible, fair, and inclusive land acquisition for agro-investments while safeguarding land rights.	Protect land rights and establish grievance redress mechanisms. Conduct impact assessments on tenure rights and environment. Provide fair compensation and resettlement.	Develop a governance structure through an executive order to implement FRILIA principles effectively in 3 land acquisition for merchantised agriculture by end of 2025	Landowners, local communities, and stakeholders impacted by land acquisition.	Ministries of Lands Survey and Solid Minerals, Finance, Agriculture and Food Security, Justice and Public Order, Urban Development Board, BENIPA,	Local Government Areas	BECCIMA, WACCIMA, CONESAM, Ewaoche MP Cooperative Society LTD, Bakers Association, NASSI, Hub 17 Innovations, Gabinano Global Ent.	TBD	TBD	TBD
	Development of	Facilitate grassroots	1. Conduct feasibility studies and environmental Impact assessment on suitable locations for industrial parks.		SMEs agro-		Ministries of Trade Commerce and Industry, Agriculture and Food Security, Works and				


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7	Integrated Agro-Industrial Parks in the 23 LGAs	Industrialisation and promote value addition to agricultural commodities.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Develop infrastructure for access and utilities. 3. Provide incentives for agro-based industries to set up. 	Establish at least one industrial park per LGA by December 2025.	SMEs, agro-processors, investors	BENIPA	Housing & Urban Development, Lands Survey and Solid Minerals, Water Resources, Environment & Climate Change	BECCIMA, WACCIMA, CONESAM	15,000,000,000	01-Jan-25	31-Dec-25
8	Domestication of the Electricity Act 2023	Open the electricity sector for private sector investment and develop Green Energy Infrastructure, including Coalbed Methane.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Draft and pass state-specific legislation to align with the Act. 2. Establish partnerships for investment in clean energy projects. 3. Pilot coalbed methane projects. 	State legislation passed by mid-2025; pilot Green Energy Infrastructure projects operational by end of 2025	Communities, industrial users, energy companies	Ministry of Power, Renewable Energy and Transport	BENIPA, Ministry of Environment, Ministry of Finance	Green energy firms, investors	10,000,000,000	01-Jan-25	31-Dec-25
9	Development of a Mortgage Administration Law	Create a regulatory framework to facilitate affordable housing development and mortgage financing in the state.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Draft and enact the Mortgage Administration Law. 2. Partner with financial institutions for affordable mortgage solutions. 3. Educate the public on housing finance options. 	Law enacted, at least 2,000 affordable mortgages initiated by 2026.	Homebuyers, construction companies	Ministry of Housing and Urban Devt	Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Finance	Mortgage banks, housing cooperatives	5,000,000,000	01-Jan-25	31-Dec-25
10	Rural Infrastructure Development for SMEs	Provide essential infrastructure (roads, electricity, water) in rural areas to boost SME activities and connectivity to markets.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify priority rural areas requiring infrastructure. 2. Develop and implement a phased infrastructure rollout plan. 3. Monitor and maintain the developed infrastructure. 	Improved access to 50% of rural communities by 2026.	SMEs, farmers, rural dwellers	Ministry of Works, Housing & Urban Development	Ministry of Water Resources, Ministry of Energy	Local contractors, community organisations	20,000,000,000	01-Jan-25	31-Dec-26
11	Digital Business Registration and Licensing System	Streamline business registration and licensing processes through a digital platform to increase transparency and efficiency.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Develop a state-wide digital platform for business registration. 2. Train officials and users on platform operations. 3. Roll out the platform with public awareness campaigns. 	Platform operational by Q3 2025; 50% increase in registered businesses by 2026.	Entrepreneurs, SMEs	Ministry of Trade Commerce and Industry	Ministry of ICT and Digital Economy	Tech startups, business associations	150,000,000	01-Jan-25	31-Dec-25
12	Creation of a Microcredit and Financial Literacy Programme	Partner with Novus MFB and other institutions to improve access to credit and enhance financial literacy for SMEs.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Establish a state-managed microcredit scheme in partnership with financial institutions. 2. Conduct regular financial literacy workshops. 3. Monitor credit utilisation. 	Disburse microcredit to at least 5,000 SMEs and train 10,000 entrepreneurs in financial literacy by 2026.	SMEs, entrepreneurs	Ministry of Finance	Novus MFB, Ministry of Education	Financial institutions, NGOs	3,000,000,000	01-Jan-25	31-Dec-26
13	Increase Issuance of Certificates of Occupancy (CoFO)	Increase the issuance of CoFOs by 50% compared to 2024 figures to unlock land value and boost economic activities.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Digitise the land registration system to reduce processing time. 2. Establish a fast-track service for investors. 3. Conduct awareness campaigns to encourage landowners to register their titles. 	Issue an additional 2,000 CoFOs by the end of 2025 compared to 2024 figures.	Landowners, investors, real estate developers	Ministry of Lands and Survey	Ministry of ICT and Digital Economy	Surveyors, real estate firms	1,500,000,000	01-Jan-25	31-Dec-25
14	Development of Modern Markets with Storage Facilities in Metropolitan States	Boost access to markets for Benue farm produce by developing modern markets in metropolitan areas with storage infrastructure.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify strategic locations for market development. 2. Construct modern facilities, including cold storage and warehouses. 3. Establish market management committees for efficient operations. 	Acquire lands for 5 modern markets with storage facilities by the end of 2025.	Farmers, traders, agro-industrial businesses	Ministry of Commerce and Industry	BENIPA, Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Works	Market unions, construction companies	10,000,000,000	01-Jan-25	31-Dec-25


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15	Standardisation of Agro Inputs in Benue State	Improve the quality of agro inputs to enhance output and increase product acceptability in major markets.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ascertain and register all agro dealers in Benue State and establish a state-run certification programme for agro-input suppliers. 2. Train 20 farmers per LGA on the proper use of certified inputs. 3. Monitor and enforce compliance with input quality standards. 	Certify 80% of agro-input suppliers in Benue by the end of 2025.	Farmers, agro-dealers, consumers	Ministry of Agriculture	Ministry of Environment, Ministry of Commerce	Agro-input manufacturers, cooperatives	2,500,000,000	01-Jan-25	31-Dec-25


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