

AKWA IBOM STATE

2026 BUSINESS ENABLING REFORM ACTION PLAN (BERAP)



BERAP ACTION PLAN 2026



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REFORM AREAS



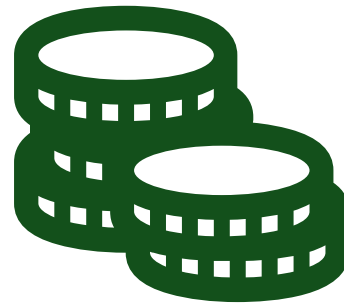
**IMPROVED LAND
ADMINISTRATION AND LAND
INVESTMENT PROCESS**

Reform 1



**INCREASED FIBER OPTIC
NETWORK DEPLOYMENT AND
ACCESS TO BROADBAND**

Reform 2



**INCREASED SUSTAINABLE
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**ENABLING FIRM OPERATIONS
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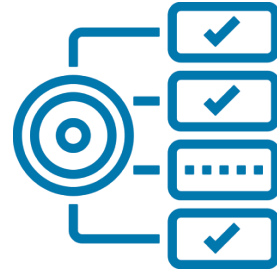
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Reform 1: Improved Land Administration and Land Investment Process



Reform Objective



Reducing bottlenecks in land acquisition and titling by digitizing land records and streamlining approval processes,

Increased investment in land administration for agricultural (and non-agricultural purposes)

Deliverables



- ❖ Digitization of 95% of existing land records into the Akwa Ibom State Geographic Information System (AKWAGIS) by Q2 2026.
- ❖ Launch of an Online Land Acquisition & Title Application Portal with tracking functionality by Q2 2026.

Expected Impact



- ❖ 10% increase in creation of capital for businesses in the state, compared to the baseline period of 2025.
- ❖ 75% reduction in processing time for C of O and land titles by Q3 2026 (i.e from 180 days in 2023 to 45 days, if all documents are complete).
- ❖ 30% increase in formal land registrations annually, compared to the 2025 baseline period.
- ❖ 15% increase in investor uptake of land for industrial and commercial development by Q4 2026.
- ❖ Increased State IGR from land transactions by 20% compared to the baseline period of 2025..

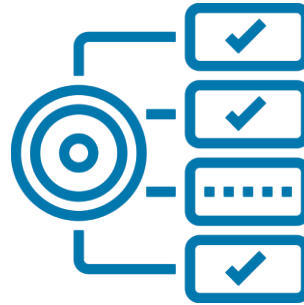
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Reform 2: Increased Fibre Optic Network Deployment and Access To Broadband



Reform Objective



Attract investments through transparency of process of obtaining ROW

Deliverables



- ❖ Provision of a unified permitting process for fibre deployment, reducing approval time from 45 days to 10 days by Q2 2026.
- ❖ Installation of 200 km of new fibre optic ducts in partnership with private ISPs by Q3 2026.
- ❖ Mapping of under-served LGAs and publication of a Digital Infrastructure Masterplan by Q3 2026.

Expected Impact

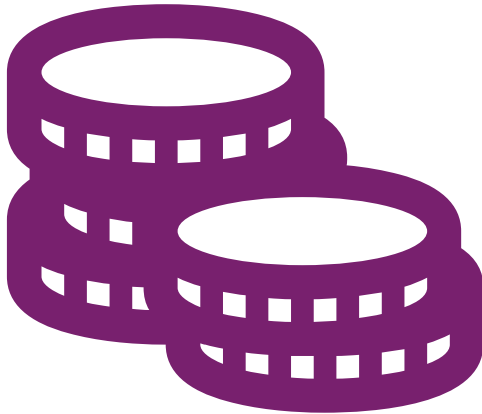


- ❖ 25% increase in internet Penetration and 1M New Skilled Digital Users
- ❖ Increase in broadband penetration from 45% to 80% by 2026.
- ❖ 50% reduction in downtime for ICT firms due to improved digital infrastructure.
- ❖ Creation of 5,000 direct and indirect ICT-related jobs by 2026.
- ❖ Attraction of at least 3 new tech companies or data centre investments into the State.

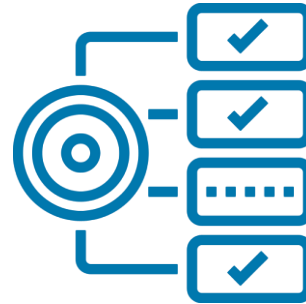
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Reform 3: Increased Sustainable Large-scale Investment



Reform Objective



Improve investment promotion to encourage and stimulate large scale sustainable investment through public private Partnership

Deliverables



- ❖ Strengthen Technical Public Private Partnership (PPP) Coordination to facilitate investment particularly with the Green Economic zone
- ❖ Strengthen and expand investment promotion Services.
- ❖ Creation of an Akwa Ibom Investment Facilitation Desk (AK-IFD) at AKICORP to provide end-to-end support, operational by Q1 2026.
- ❖ Streamlining of investment MoU and approval processes, reducing turnaround from 90 days to 30 days by Q2 2026.
- ❖ Launch of an Investor Feedback & Grievance Portal by Q2 2026.
- ❖ Quarterly Investors Roundtable to engage strategic investors beginning Q2 2026.

Expected Impact



- ❖ Reducing the poverty rate by 15% from the baseline rate of 26% in 2023.
- ❖ \$300 million in FDI/DFI and private investments mobilized by Q3 2026.
- ❖ 30,000 new direct and over 800,000 Indirect jobs/beneficiaries created through large-scale investments under the ARISE Agenda.
- ❖ Significant expansion of the State's industrial base, especially in Ibom Deep Seaport, Agriculture, and Ibom Industrial Park.
- ❖ 20% increase in State IGR from investment-driven sectors.

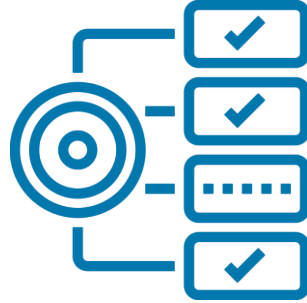
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Reform 4: Enabling Firm Operations and Regulatory Reforms



Reform Objective



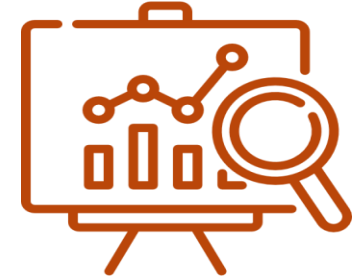
- ❖ Increase transparency and openness; and increase accountability in the service delivery of five business environment enabling (BEE) State MDAs
- ❖ Develop guideline to boost trade and exports from the state

Deliverables



- ❖ Digital permit platform (one-stop online submissions).
- ❖ Automated approval for low-risk businesses.
- ❖ Transparency dashboard (real-time tracking for applicants).
- ❖ Training manuals for local gov't staff by Q2 2026
- ❖ Creation of a One-Stop Business Facilitation Centre (OSBFC) in Uyo by Q2 2026.
- ❖ Harmonization of all MDAs' levies and taxes into a single State-wide schedule, published by Q1 2026.
- ❖ Introduction of an e-Licensing and e-Payment System reducing manual interactions by 60% by Q1 2026.
- ❖ MSME Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA) for at least 10 major business-related regulations by Q4 2026
- ❖ Reduction of multiple inspections through a coordinated compliance system by Q2 2026.
- ❖ Operational export readiness and capacity development programme

Expected Impact



- ❖ Double the 2023 FDI influx into the State of \$39.13 million by the end of Q4 2026.
- ❖ 40% reduction in the cost and time of business registration and licensing.
- ❖ 30% annual increase in newly registered MSMEs through the Akwa Ibom digital portal (ARISE MSMEs).
- ❖ Significant reduction in harassment and illegal taxes via harmonization and digital payments.
- ❖ Boost in private sector confidence, leading to job and revenue growth.
- ❖ 30% increase in firms in the state that obtained export certificates from NEPC from the baseline year (2021).
- ❖ Improved product quality and compliance as well as reduction in export rejections

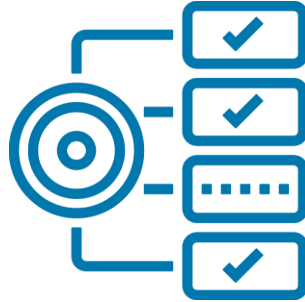
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Reform 5: Quick Determination of Commercial Disputes



Reform Objective



- ❖ This reform area will improve the State Judiciary and strengthen access to an efficient commercial justice system
- ❖ Strengthen the commercial justice system by reducing case disposition time

Deliverables



- ❖ Training of at least 30 magistrates and clerks of courts on ADR, commercial law, and case management by Q2 2026.
- ❖ Implement e-filing and virtual hearings for at least 30% of commercial cases by Q4 2026.
- ❖ Carry out at least three (3) sensitization and public awareness programmes on commercial laws and dispute resolution by Q3 2026..

Expected Impact



- ❖ 30% reduction in average time to resolve commercial disputes compared to the 2025 baseline resolution period.
- ❖ Increase in investor confidence due to faster dispute resolution.
- ❖ Enhance the confidence of credit markets and financial institutions while increasing access to credit for businesses, compared to the baseline period of 2025.
- ❖ Increase business dispute resolutions by 20% within one year, based on the 2025 court report.