



KWARA STATE EASE OF DOING BUSINESS (SABER)



Ahmadu Bello Way, P.M.B 1380 Ilorin, Kwara State

Minutes of Meeting: Kwara State Ease of Doing Business Council (EODBC) Stakeholders' Engagement on 2024 Business Enabling Reforms Action Plans (BERAP)

Present:

1. Dr. Hauwa Nuru – Commissioner of Finance and EODBC Chairman
2. Alhaji Ibrahim Muhammed – Acting Head of Service
3. Mrs. Folashade Omoniyi – Chairman, KW-IRS
4. Engr. Abdulquwiyy Olododo – Commissioner for Works
5. Oloruntoyosi Thomas – Commissioner for Agric
6. Rafiu Ajakaye – Chief Press Secretary to the Governor
7. Safau I. Adebayo – Secretary, EoDBC
8. Leaders of Marketers Associations and Kwara Artisan Congress
9. Representatives from Kwara State Investment Promotion Agency (KWIPA)
10. Kwara State Chamber of Commerce, Industry, Mines, and Agriculture (KWACCIMA)
11. Nigeria Association of Small and Medium Enterprises (NASME)
12. Nigeria Association of Small Scale Industrialists (NASSI)
13. Rice Farmers Association of Nigeria (RIFAN)
14. Other stakeholders from various sectors

Agenda:

1. Review of the 2024 Business Enabling Reforms Action Plans (BERAP)
2. Discussion of the 2025 Draft BERAP
3. Stakeholder contributions and feedback
4. Next steps and action points

Proceedings:

The meeting commenced with an opening statement by **Dr. Hauwa Nuru**, Commissioner of Finance and Chairman of the Ease of Doing Business Council. Dr. Nuru welcomed all participants and emphasized the importance of the meeting in assessing the performance of the state's **2024 Business Enabling Reforms Action Plans (BERAP)**. She outlined the purpose of the gathering, which was to review the 2024 progress and discuss the draft **2025 BERAP**, which introduces key reforms for improving the business environment in Kwara State.

Dr. Nuru highlighted the significance of the reforms in creating a more robust, investor-friendly, and sustainable business ecosystem in the state.

acknowledged the efforts of the state government under the leadership of **Governor AbdulRahman AbdulRazaq**, emphasizing the critical reforms aimed at unlocking economic opportunities and improving the business climate.

The Commissioner detailed some of the key activities under the **2024 BERAP**, such as:

- Streamlining processes for **land titling** and **issuance of Certificates of Occupancy**.
- Improving the **digitization of land records** to ensure transparency and accessibility for both investors and individuals.
- Creating pathways for businesses, especially **SMEs**, to access **affordable credit facilities**.
- Fostering the growth of infrastructure, including **fiber optics**, and ensuring efficient service delivery in **land administration**.

Looking ahead to **2025 BERAP**, Dr. Nuru outlined the areas of focus, which include:

- Enhancing access to **finance** for businesses and SMEs.
- Strengthening investment promotion efforts.
- Expediting the resolution of commercial disputes through the **small claims court**.
- Fostering the growth of infrastructure, including **fiber optics**, and ensuring efficient service delivery in **land administration**
- **digitization of land records** to ensure transparency and accessibility for both investors and individuals

Dr. Nuru emphasized that these reforms would provide a platform for sustainable economic growth and help position Kwara as a model for ease of doing business in Nigeria.

Stakeholder Contributions:

Participants from various sectors had the opportunity to engage, ask questions, and make observations. Several contributions were made, including:

- **Alhaji Abdullahi Sa'ad**, Babaloja General of Kwara State, commended the administration for its business-friendly initiatives and empowerment programs. He urged the administration to facilitate more **credit access** for entrepreneurs, which would significantly aid their growth and business sustainability.

- **Mr. Olawoyin Yinka Solomon**, Chairman of NASSI, requested the Council to focus on providing **access to credit facilities** for nano-business owners. He also advocated for improved **land clearing** services for farmers and better **road networks** to ease the transportation of farm produce.

Other stakeholders expressed their concerns on various topics such as improved **infrastructure**, **land clearing** for agricultural purposes, and **easier access to finance** for businesses, particularly in the SME sector.

Action Points and Next Steps:

1. The Council will prioritize facilitating more **credit access** for businesses, especially for nano-business owners and entrepreneurs in the agricultural sector.
2. The **Kwara State Government** will enhance its efforts in improving **road infrastructure** to facilitate easier transportation of farm produce and improve connectivity for businesses.
3. The **2025 BERAP** will include targeted reforms to address these concerns, including mechanisms to facilitate **access to finance**, and continued efforts to streamline **land administration** processes.
4. The State need to ensure that more sensitization is done on the review rate of Right of Way in other to encourage more investors in the State.
5. All sensitizations should be done in all major Local languages in the State.

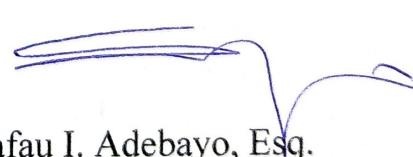
Closing Remarks:

Dr. Hauwa Nuru concluded the meeting by thanking all participants for their valuable contributions. She reaffirmed the administration's commitment to ensuring that the reforms continue to promote a conducive business environment for all stakeholders. She reiterated the importance of the 2025 **BERAP** in creating a more inclusive, sustainable, and economically prosperous future for Kwara State, therefore all observations shall be implemented in 2025 BERAP.



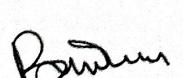
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Chairman, EODBC

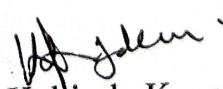


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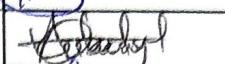
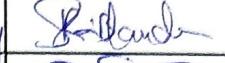
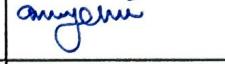
Mr. Bashir Ridwan
Chairman, Kwara Leather Association



Kehinde Kayode
Director, Kwara Bakers Association

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Nigerian Association
of Finance

BERAP WORKSHOP ATTENDANCE						
S/No	Names	Organization	Nomenclature	Signature	Date	
1.	Ijadnola Isayode Aboratorium	(NASME)Nig. Ass. Small and Medium Enter.	Youth Coordinator	Isayode	18/12/2024	8:53 am
2	Moh'd. Rafi' Atchulede	Nigerian Association and Development Ent. (NAME)	Youth Coordinator	Atchulede	18/12/24	8:53
3	Oloruntogosi Thomas	NAED	HC	Thomas	18/12/24	9:00
4	Habiru Hayatdeen O'HOS	CAO	Hayatdeen	✓	9:00	
5.	Atande Daniel	PPP	Sec.	Atande	✓	8:50 am
6	Dr. Ayinde F. Z.	KWIPA	Secretary	Ayinde	18/12/24	9:00 am
7	Abi. Abubali Sod	Mwana manufacturers	Abubali Sod	Sod	18/12/24	9:05 am
8	Amos Lunde Thompson	MBIT	DPFS	Thompson	18/12/24	9:08 am
9	Dada, S.O	MOJ	Asst Director	S.O	18/12/24	9:10 am
10	HASSAN A-ADUA	KW-GIS	HOD	S. Adua	18/12/24	9:12 am
11	Mashood Hassan	KW-GIS	SEC-LIAISON	S. Hassan	✓	9:14 am
12	Shuaib Abdulkareem	RIFAN	Secretary	Shuaib	✓	9:18 am
13	Shade Onyisi	ICWIRS	EC	Shade Onyisi	18/12	9:00
14	Adechinwa Josph	Artisans	President	Josph	✓	—
15	Alhaji Murtala Jumah. Monbathor S	Walojo Government	Alhaji Murtala	Walojo	18/12	9:30 am
16	Moh'd. M. Ibrahim	O'HOS	AC. HOS	M. Ibrahim	18/12/24	9:30
17	Moh'd. K. Alhassan	RIFAN	BOT	K. Alhassan	18/12/24	9:30
18	Lafia Ahiy Kwarafai	Planning & Economic	Commissioner	Lafia Ahiy Kwarafai	18/12/24	9:30

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11	Abdullahi A. Gazzah	CHANNEL TV	REPORTER	A. Gazzah	—
12	Ibrahim Alego	TVc NEWS	SENIOR REPORTER	I. Alego	18/12/2024
13.	Repu. Afolayan	CPS GWT. IJEBU		Repu. Afolayan	18/12/24
14	Mohammed Sadiq RIFAT		STATE COORDINATOR	Sadiq	18/12/24
15.	OLAWUYI Yinka S.	MASSI	STATE CHAIRMAN	S. Yinka	18/12/24.
16.	ADEYEMI SULYMAN MASSI		STATE PRO	A. Suleiman	18/12/24
17	MP BASHIRU RILWAN	KWAJIMA LEATHER	CHAIRMAN LEATHER	B. Rilwan	18/12/2024
18	Mrs Oguntayo, S.T	KWS. LEATHER	NATIONAL WOMEN LEATHER LEADER	S. Oguntayo	18/12/2024



BUSINESS ENABLING REFORM ACTION PLAN (BERAP) WORKSHOP

Workshop Agenda

Topic	TIME	RESOURCE PERSONS
National Anthem & Prayers	9.00 am-9.10 am	
Opening Remarks and Objectives of the Workshop <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction of Participants• Welcome and Keynote Address• Overview of the State Action on Business Enabling Reforms (SABER) initiative	9.10 am-9.30 am	Dr. Hauwa Nuru, (Hon. Com, Finance)
Session 1: Presentation of the 2025 Draft BERAP. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discuss key reforms in land administration, access to finance, fiber optics, investment promotion, quick determination of commercial disputes, etc.• Q& A	9.30 am-10.00 am	Dr. Hauwa Nuru, (Hon. Com. Finance) Sulyman Abdulkareem (EC KWGIS) Damilola Yusuf Adelodun (Hon. Com. , Business Innovation& Technology) Senior Ibrahim Sulyman

Session 2: BERAP Action Plan Development Breakout

- Interactive breakout sessions for public and private sector participants to outline actionable steps for business reforms
- Focus areas: Streamlining regulatory processes, reducing administrative burdens, and enhancing transparency
- Each group will identify immediate, medium-term, and long-term priorities for action across the SABER Results Areas

10.00 am-10.20am

(Hon.com./Attorney General, Kwarra State)

Abdul Quawiy Ojododo (Hon. Com Works)

Alade Daniel (Secretary PPP)

Safau Adebayo Esq, (Secretary EODBC)

Dr. Zainab Hakeem (Secretary KWIPA)

Session 3: Reporting and Next Step

- Divide Participants into groups to review the 2025 BERAP
- Each group presents key action points, proposed timelines, and assigned responsibilities and consolidation of feedback into an actionable reform plan for the state
- Summary of key takeaways and commitments from both sector

10.20 am-10.40am

Dr. Hauwa Nuru, (Hon. Com, Finance)

Safau Adebayo Esq, (Secretary EODBC)

Session 4

- Promoting business enabling Reforms and Sustaining Revenue Growth in Kwarra State Amid Evolving Tax Policies

10.40 -11.00am

Shade Omoniyi (EC KWRIS)







