



## **KWARA STATE EASE OF DOING BUSINESS (SABER)**



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### **Minutes of Meeting: Kwara State Ease of Doing Business Council (EODBC) Workshop on Access to Credit for Investors**

#### **1. Opening Remarks**

**Dr. Hauwa Nuru**, Commissioner of Finance and Chairman of EODBC, welcomed all attendees to the one-day workshop themed "Access to Credit for Investors in Kwara State." She highlighted the importance of the workshop in improving access to credit for entrepreneurs, fostering business growth, and encouraging innovation. Dr. Nuru emphasized the state government's continuous efforts to streamline business processes, reduce bureaucratic bottlenecks, and prioritize access to credit, aiming to create a robust and sustainable business ecosystem in Kwara.

#### **2. Overview of the Workshop Theme**

Dr. Nuru explained that the primary focus of the workshop was to explore avenues for investors to access credit, build strong networks for exports, and better manage their business portfolios for long-term growth and sustainability. She emphasized that for businesses to grow and compete effectively, access to affordable and timely financing is essential.

#### **3. Keynote Speakers and Presentations**

- **Dr. Ayinde Salihu Mosadi**, Nigerian Export Promotion Council (NEPC), Kwara State Coordinating Unit

Dr. Mosadi discussed how the state's ease of doing business policy could enhance export activities, noting that Kwara currently has about 487 registered exporters. He encouraged business owners to register their businesses with the NEPC to promote their products internationally. He also called for more active participation from exporters to achieve positive outcomes for the state's economy.

- **Oluremi Agboola and Nnenna Jacob-Ogogo**, First City Monument Bank (FCMB)

Both speakers elaborated on the financial opportunities available to entrepreneurs through their bank, aimed at promoting business development and ensuring financial inclusion. They discussed various credit facilities and support programs tailored for businesses of all sizes.

- **Olukayode Oyebangbose**, Head of Credit Risk Management, Sterling Bank

Oyebangbose spoke on the importance of taking loans that align with business needs and cautioned business owners against diverting funds from



their original purpose. He emphasized the need for responsible borrowing to ensure business growth and sustainability.

#### **4. Panel Discussion: Streamlining Export Certification and Unlocking Credit Opportunities**

The session featured experts who spoke on the need for streamlining the export certification process and unlocking credit opportunities to empower investors with the financial tools necessary for success. They also addressed strategies for managing debt and ensuring the long-term financial health of businesses.

#### **5. Key Stakeholders and Attendees**

The event was attended by government officials, Council members, industry leaders, and representatives from financial institutions, including:

- **Hon. Olohuntoyisi Thomas**, Commissioner for Agriculture and Rural Development
- **Hon. Damilola Yusuf Adelodun**, Commissioner for Business Innovation and Technology
- **Dr. Afeez Abolore**, Commissioner for Solid Minerals
- **Dr. Segun Ogunsola**, Commissioner for Housing and Urban Development
- **Mrs. Shade Omoniyi**, Chairman, State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS)
- **Alhaji Muhammed Ibrahim**, Permanent Secretary, Training and Establishment
- **Alhaji Abdulganiyu Sanni**, Accountant General of Kwara State
- **Rafiu Ajakaye**, Chief Press Secretary to the Governor
- **Alhaji Abdulkareem Babatunde Sulyman**, Chairman, State Geographical Information Service (KWAGIS)
- **Alhaji Babatunde Arikewola**, Representative, National Association of Small and Medium Enterprises (NASME)

Also present were representatives from:

- Kwara Chamber of Commerce, Industry, Mines and Agriculture (KWACCIMA)
- Manufacturers Association of Nigeria (MAN)

- Public-Private Partnership Agency
- Kwara State Leather Producers and Manufacturers
- FCMB, Sterling Bank, Master Bakers and Caterers Association, Nigeria Association of Small Scale Industrialists (NASSI), Rice Farmers Association, and other business associations

## 6. Closing Remarks

Dr. Nuru thanked all participants for their contributions and highlighted the importance of fostering collaboration between the government, financial institutions, and business owners to create a conducive environment for business growth in Kwara. She commended the efforts of the state government and the EODBC in creating an enabling environment for businesses to thrive and contribute to the economic prosperity of Kwara State.

## 7. Next Steps

The participants were encouraged to follow up with relevant institutions for further support, particularly with regards to accessing credit facilities and export opportunities. The Council expressed its commitment to continuous advocacy and improvement of business conditions in Kwara.



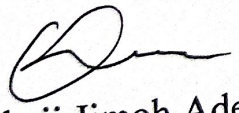
Dr. Hauwa Nuru

Chairman, EODBC

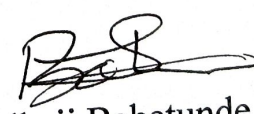


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6	Taiwo Julius Oluwafemi	Sterling bank	09019816265	
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9	Abdulmajeed Musa	"	07030276079	
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11	Alamu Damilola	Sterling Bank	08145825229	
12	Ogunye-Olorogun Oluwatomi	"	07060673588	
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14	Obinrewaju Odebi	Sterling Bank	08138381910	
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5	Rafiu Lawal	Artisan B.O.T	08035958747	
6	Adelolupe S. A. Isa	Artisan VP	08035749905	
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## **Kwara State Ease of Doing Business: ACCESS TO CREDIT FOR INVESTORS IN KWARA STATE.**

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| 1. Arrival of Guests.  | 7:00 -8:00am     |
| 2. Recitation of the National Anthem.  | 8:00- 8:05am     |
| 3. Introduction of Guest Speakers.   | 8:05- 8:10am     |
| 4. Opening Remarks by the Chairman EODBC.  | 8:10- 8:20am     |
| 5. First Presentation: Streaming Expert Certification for investors in Kwara State.          | 8:20- 8:50am     |
| Q/A  | 8:50- 9:05am     |
| 6. Group photographs   | 9:05- 9:15am     |
| 7. Second Presentation: Unlocking Credit Opportunities for Kwara State investors.            | 9:15- 9:45am     |
| Q/A  | 9:45- 10:00am    |
| 8. Third Presentation: Managing Debt and Repayment for Long Term Financial Sustainability.   | 10:00- 10:30am   |
| Q/A  | 10:30- 10:45am   |
| 9. Interactive sessions.   | 10:45- 11:30am   |
| 10. Closing remarks by the Executive Chairman Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS). | 11:30am- 11:45am |















