



**NIGER STATE EASE OF DOING BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT COUNCIL (SEBEC)  
STATE ACTION FOR BUSINESS ENABLING REFORM (SABER)**

**BUSINESS ENABLING REFORM ACTION PLAN (BERAP)**

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**NIGER STATE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL APPROVAL**

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# BUSINESS ENABLING REFORM ACTION PLAN (BERAP)

(JAN –DEC 2023)

S/N	Business Enabling Reform Areas	Reform Objective	Action Steps	Description & Key Targets	Beneficiaries	Responsible MDA	Contributing MDAs	Estimated Cost	Planned Start Date	Planned End Date
1	Strengthening the existing One Stop Shop	Reduce Time and Cost of obtaining business approvals, permits, authorizations and licenses. Increased speed and transparency in processes and procedures	All relevant participating MDAs warehoused at the shop to have power to give preliminary approvals for business permits. -Create an integrated and support network registration processes amongst the operational MDAs. Specialized Training and Study Tour on the workings of an effective and efficient One Stop Shop Mechanism	-Using SMART analysis to measure performance of the State Action Business Enabling Reforms (SABER) verification protocol of reforms introduced or reviewed in the state - The process of obtaining business approvals to be reduced accordingly: -Business Premises: 2days – 1day  -Building Permits: 5days – 3days  -C of O : 2weeks – 1week -Commercial Dispute: Within 30 working days	Participating MDAs at One Stop Shop  -Private Sector players  -MSMEs	Min. of Investment, Commerce & Industry  Niger State Investment Promotion Agency	- Niger State Ministry of Investment, Commerce and Industry - Min. of Finance - Open Government Partnership - Niger State Geographic Information System Agency - Niger State Urban Development Board - Niger State Commodity &Export Promotion Agency - Niger State Public Private Partnership Agency - Niger State Signage & Advertisement Agency - Niger State Water & Sewage Corporation	N100,000,000	Jan, 2023	December, 2023
2	Increase private sector participation in the process of policy and institutional reforms on BEE	- Private Sector Consultation & Engagement on Business Enabling Reforms.  - Engage private sector players to work more strategically and systematically towards achieving the Business Enabling Reforms Action Plan (BERAP) and seek inputs - Convenes key	-Identify and profiling active private sector players in the state  -Consultation Communique' referred to the State Ease of Business Enabling Council (SEBEC) and State Executive Council (SEC) for consideration & further action	-Adopt Public Private Dialogue Strategy  -Engage MDAs involved in achieving reform KPIs in the implementation of State Action for Business Enabling Reforms (SABER) - Hold quarterly private sector engagement targeting approximately 1000 participant per annum	- Industries - BDS providers - Manufacturers - Investors - MSMEs - Government	Min. of Investment, Commerce & Industry  Niger State Investment Promotion Agency	- Min. of Finance - Open Government Partnership - Niger State Geographic Information System Agency - Niger State Urban Development Board - Niger State Commodity & Export Promotion Agency - Niger State Water & Sewage Corporation - Niger State Public Private Partnership Agency - Niger State Signage &	N20,000,000	Jan, 2023	Jan, 2023

		actors of the private sector to discuss specific reforms to improve on the state business and investment climate					Advertisement Agency - Niger Chamber of Commerce, Industries Mines & Agriculture			
3	Effective, Efficient and Corrupt free Public Sector performance	Public Sector Engagement Interface with relevant reform MDAs on SABER program and to identify role of each MDAs for effective implementation	-Collect & Collate relevant information on reform activities in their respective MDAs through  -Peer learning review workshop /Seminars	Identify unfriendly policies and other hindrances that require reforms to ease doing business in the state	All relevant public sectors players in the state	Min. of Investment, Commerce & Industry  Niger State Investment Promotion Agency	All MDAs in the State	N30,000,000	Feb, 2023	Feb, 2023
4	Improve the general investment climate by identifying existing gaps in the business environment through a strategic platform	serve as a troubleshooting platform in addressing outcomes through the Private and Public Sector Engagements	- Business & Investment Round Table -Presentation on general status report of the state business environment by NSIPA -Recommendations to be sent to State Enabling Business Environment Council & State Executive Council for consideration and further action	-A platform for collection of reliable data and information required to aid necessary investment policy reforms that would further reduce time and cost of doing business and improve the general business environment of the state	-Organized Private Sector  -Business Owners  -Investors -Micro Small and Medium Enterprises	Min. of Investment, Commerce & Industry  Niger State Investment Promotion Agency	-Min. of Investment; Agric.; Works; Tourism; Environment& Relevant Agencies	N10,000,000	Mar, 2023	Mar, 2023
5	Unpacks the role of MSMEs in the state economic activities	Micro Small and Medium Enterprises Clinic to create an enabling environment for MSME to thrive through necessary interventions (programs / reform activities)	Increase in formal registration, access to credit, financial literacy, capacity building and Business Development Services	Enhance performance of SMEs in contributing to economy and GDP of the state	-Pre-start-u Business -Start-up Business - Existing Business	- Small &Medium Enterprise /Microfinance Agency	- Niger State Ministry of Investment, Commerce & Industry - Niger Chamber of Commerce, Industries Mines & Agriculture	N20,000,000	Apr,2023	Apr, 2023

6	Review and restructure state service delivery institutions so that they can be more accountable and result-oriented	Institutional Reforms to strengthen capacity and service delivery system of institutions relevant to improving business environment	- Ensure all reform MDAs are digitalized in service delivery to increase speed, efficiency, effectiveness, transparency and accountability.in discharge of responsibilities.	Eliminate Manuel processes and procedures in issuance of permits, approvals, authorizations & licences	-Niger State Urban Development Board -Niger State Geographic Information System Agency - OSIC - Niger State Signage & Advertisement Agency -Min. of Investment -Niger State Water & Sewage Corporation	Min. of Investment, Commerce & Industry  Niger State Investment Promotion Agency	- Niger State Ministry of Investment, Commerce and Industry - Open Government Partnership	N100,000,000	Feb, 2023	Dec, 2023
7	Improve government investment and doing business policies, regulations and laws	-Investment Policy and policy guides to be developed  - Produceaharmonised investment policy compendium of the state. Effective implementation of the Niger State sector Specific Investment Incentive Policy applicable to eligible businesses and industries in the state.	-Reputable Investment Policy Consultant to be Engaged.  -Draft Investment policy presented to State Enabling Business Environment Council& SEC for consideration and further actions -Policy draft sent to State House of Assembly for legal backing	- The adoption of investment policy document will guide investors in investment decisions - Will put an end to discretionary application of investment policies to investors and general investment climate of the state - serves as a legal referral investment policy document of the state.	-Private Sectors -Domestic & Foreign Investors - Small and Medium Enterprises	Min. of Investment, Commerce & Industry  Niger State Investment Promotion Agency	- Niger State Ministry of Investment, Commerce and Industry - Open Government Partnership	N50,000,000	Apr, 2023	May, 2023
8	Effective Implementation of State Harmonized Tax Regulatory Policy	-Remove double or multiple taxations in the state.  -Ease process of tax payments and proper record keepings	-Strengthen the capacity of the state internal revenue service -Organize a joint retreat session for the implementing MDAs and private sector players. -Sensitization network outfits to be enhanced	- Removal of double taxation at state and local government level - Define tax jurisdiction - Create more windows for process of payment of taxes to further simplified steps involve	Government and private sectors	Ministry of Finance	Internal Revenue Service (IRS)  Planning Commission  Open Government Partnership	N10, 000, 000	Feb, 2023	Feb, 2023

9	Positing Local Governments to perform maximally and become competitively attractive to investors through an improved business enabling environment	Engagement with 25LGs to sensitize the local government on SABER activities and general investment policy reforms in the state	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Creation of investment desk officers</li> <li>-Development of Book of Local Government (BOLG)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- creation of investment promotion department with at least 3 dedicated staff to be trained on the field</li> <li>- The BOLG will warehouse comparative and competitive economic activities, natural endowments and other relevant information of the local governments</li> </ul>	25 Local Government of the state	Min. for local government & chieftaincy affairs	Niger State Ministry of Investment, Commerce and Industry	N25,000,000	Jun, 2023	Jun, 2023
10	Image Building through Investment Promotion and Advocacy Strategy	Improving the image of the state through public relations, advertising etc	Provide the government and key decision makers in the both public and private space with a plan for attracting both domestic and foreign investment through reform programmes	Seeks public and private sector support for or recommendations of the policy reforms being introduced. Through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Annual business and investment forum</li> <li>- Quarterly business roundtable</li> <li>- Annual public private dialogue</li> </ul>	Domestic and foreign investors, Government and MSMEs	Min. of Investment, Commerce & Industry  Niger State Investment Promotion Agency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Niger State Ministry of Investment, Commerce and Industry</li> <li>- Open Government Partnership</li> </ul>	N80, 000, 000	Jan, 2023	Dec, 2023
11	Capacity Building	Identify specialized tailored training on Business Enabling Environment (BEE)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-In and Out Bound Trainings</li> <li>-Study Tours where applicable</li> </ul>	Enhance capacity of the implanter /implementing MDAs	Identified strategic reform MDAs	Min. of Investment, Commerce & Industry  Niger State Investment Promotion Agency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Min. of Finance</li> <li>- Niger State Ministry of Investment, Commerce and Industry</li> <li>- Office of the Secretary to the State Government</li> <li>- Open Government Partnership</li> </ul>	N100,000,000	Feb, 2023	Dec, 2023

12	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter Report	Report(s) on activities of State Action Business Enabling Reform / State Enabling Business Environment Council	-Report to SEC for approval -Report to Presidential Enabling Business Environment Council	Performance /Result based analysis on: -No. of reforms introduced - No. of existing reforms reviewed - SABER indicators achieved - Approvals obtained -Implementation Status	- State Ease of Doing Business Enabling Council - State Action Business Enabling Reform- Presidential Enabling Business Environment Council -Nigeria Governors Forum	State Ease of Doing Business Enabling Council	- State Action Business Enabling Reform - Niger State Ministry of Investment, Commerce and Industry - Open Government Partnership	N1,000,000	Mar, 2023	Mar, 2023
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13	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter Report	Report(s) on activities of State Action Business Enabling Reform / State Enabling Business Environment Council	-Report to State Executive Council for approval -Report to Presidential Enabling Business Environment Council	Performance /Result based analysis on: -No. of reforms introduced - No. of existing reforms reviewed - State Action Business Enabling Reform indicators achieved - Approvals obtained -Implementation Status	-State Ease of Doing Business Enabling Council - State Action Business Enabling Reform -Presidential Enabling Business Environment Council -Nigerian Governors Forum	State Ease of Doing Business Enabling Council	- State Action Business Enabling Reform - Niger State Ministry of Investment, Commerce and Industry - Open Government Partnership	N1,000,000	Jun, 2023	Jun, 2023
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	<b>Total (Estimated)</b>							<b>N549,000,000</b>		

**OFFICIAL APPROVAL**

**SEC Approval**

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**MR. GOVERNOR' S APPROVAL**

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State Executive Council (SEC):  
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