

# AKWA IBOM STATE

## 2026 BUSINESS ENABLING REFORM ACTION PLAN (BERAP)



# BERAP ACTION PLAN 2026

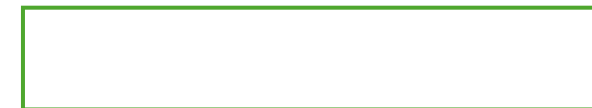


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This BERAP was developed in consultation with the Private Sector in the State.

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# REFORM AREAS



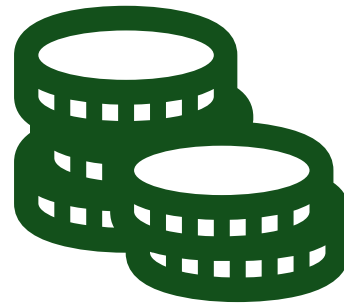
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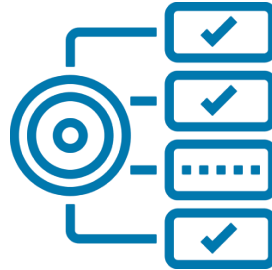
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## Reform 1: Improved Land Administration and Land Investment Process



### 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.
- ❖ 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..

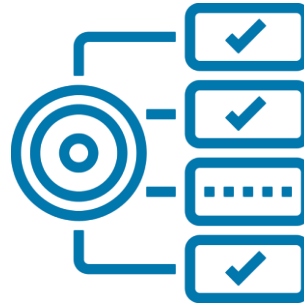
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## Reform 2: Increased Fibre Optic Network Deployment and Access To Broadband



### 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



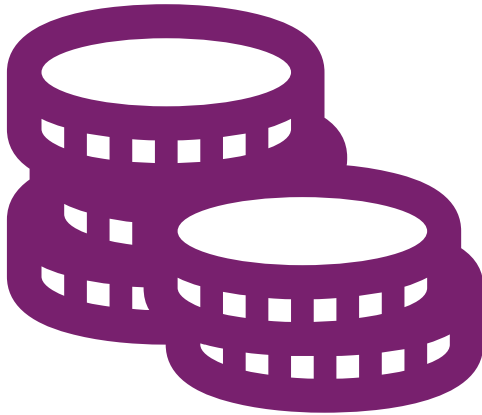
- ❖ 25% increase in internet Penetration and 1M New Skilled Digital Users
- ❖ Increase in broadband penetration from 45% to 80% by 2026.
- ❖ 50% reduction in downtime for ICT firms due to improved digital infrastructure.
- ❖ Creation of 5,000 direct and indirect ICT-related jobs by 2026.
- ❖ Attraction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



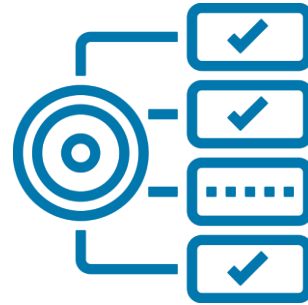
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## Reform 3: Increased Sustainable Large-scale Investment



### 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.

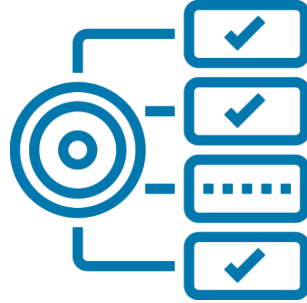
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## Reform 4: Enabling Firm Operations and Regulatory Reforms



### Reform Objective



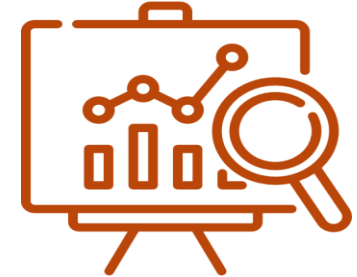
- ❖ Increase transparency and openness; and increase accountability in the service delivery of five business environment enabling (BEE) State MDAs
- ❖ Develop guideline to boost trade and exports from the state

### 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

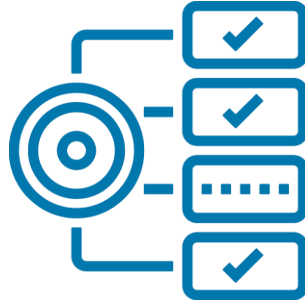
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## Reform 5: Quick Determination of Commercial Disputes



### 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.