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Gov Eno Unveils Modalities for Tree Crop Revolution

• Targets individuals, families with one million seedlings for 6,500 hectares



individual and family farm holdings, which would be accessed through a dedicated digital portal.

He explained that this approach is intended to encourage inclusiveness, giving every interested household the opportunity to participate in the agricultural renaissance.

To motivate farmers, the Governor assured that the State government will take over all yields from participating farms, as guarantee for a ready market for farmers' produce while reducing the risk of post-harvest losses.

Governor Umo Eno, has unveiled modalities for the full implementation of the Tree Crop Revolution Programme, earlier announced, to boost and expand the State's agricultural value chain under the ARISE Agenda.

Speaking during a meeting with the State Agriculture and Food Security Committee, at Government House, Uyo, on Tuesday, September 2, Governor Eno disclosed that the one million tree crop seedlings, will be cultivated across 6,500 hectares of farmland under the programme.

The initiative, as disclosed by the Governor, will commence in the last quarter of 2025, and will target

Stressing that the Tree Crop Revolution is a critical plank of the ARISE Agenda, Governor Eno averred that it is aimed at strengthening food sufficiency, generating jobs, and enhancing the State's capacity for agribusiness, as the crop seedlings have high yield capacity and fruit within two years.

The meeting also reviewed strategies for effective monitoring, sustainability, and partnership with relevant stakeholders to ensure the success of the programme, which the Governor noted was necessary for the State to take back its pride of place in oil palm production, having declined from number one to four.

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• Gov says A'lbom has progressed steadily for 38 years



continue to do its best to further the development trajectory.

Emphasising the need for everyone to get to work as a panacea for socio-economic challenges, Governor Eni stressed that Akwa Ibom, was not operating a communist philosophy, and as such, no form of grant or palliative can be sustainable.

The Governor, who is the Undershepherd of the All Nations Christian Ministry International, used the opportunity to appreciate everyone who attended the just-concluded 21st anniversary and Discovery Convention of the Church, while also appreciating the homilist, Bishop Uyioata Kingsley, the Senior Pastor of Christ City Church International, and everyone for creating time to join the covenant service.

In his message on the theme, "The Egyptians are men, not God," taken from Isaiah 31:3, Bishop Kingsley admonished Christians to always put their trust in God as the author and finisher of their faith.

Governor Umo Eni, has announced Thursday, September 21, as date for the State annual anniversary thanksgiving service.

Governor Eni, who made this known during the Government House Monthly covenant service, held at the Banquet Hall of Government House, Uyo, on Monday, September 1, said the thanksgiving will hold at the International Christian Worship Center.

He noted that the thanksgiving service was expedient, given the countless blessings of God upon the State since creation, 38 years ago.

"God has been faithful, and has helped our State. 38 years ago, we were not like this. God has used every leadership he has brought to this State to help us, and we must be grateful, we must be thankful," he said.

The Governor mentioned that there were numerous projects at different stages of completion, adding that the State under his leadership, will

The service which featured praises, worship, special prayer sessions, and choir ministrations, had in attendance, the Deputy Governor, Senator Akon Eyakenyi; Coordinator, Office of the First Lady, Lady Helen Obareki; Speaker of the Akwa Ibom State House of Assembly, Rt. Hon. Udemé Otong; Secretary to the State Government, Prince Enobong Uwah and many others.



Gov Eno Inspects Ibom Hotel, Pledges Profitability of State-Owned Facilities



Ibom brand, similar to the success of Ibom Air. He urged indigenous professionals in the industry, both at home and abroad, to contribute their expertise to reposition the sector.

Governor Eno confirmed that the first 40 renovated rooms at Ibom Hotel would be ready by October, with full use projected from December. He added that the upgrades would be

Governor Umo Eno, has assured that state-owned hospitality facilities will no longer operate at a loss under his administration.

executed in phases and backed by standardised training in all aspects of hospitality operations.

Speaking after an inspection of ongoing renovations at the Ibom Hotel and Golf Resort, Governor Eno said assets such as the Ibom Hotel, Four Points by Sheraton, the ARISE Resort, and others in Lagos and Abuja will henceforth be strategically managed as profit-making ventures.

He was accompanied on the tour by the Secretary to the State Government, Prince Enobong Uwah, members of the State Executive Council, and other officials.

The Governor, a Fellow of the Nigerian Hotel and Catering Institute, disclosed plans to establish a state-run hospitality management group to build a unique Akwa



AKSG Appreciates Generous Donation of Food, Non-Food Items by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints



The Akwa Ibom State Government, has expressed appreciation to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, for the donation of food and essential supplies to the State.

Speaking during the official presentation of the items to the Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Welfare, held on Wednesday, September 3, at the Women Development Center, IBB Way, Uyo, the Coordinator, Office of the First Lady, Lady Helen Obareki commended the humanitarian gesture.

Lady Obareki, represented by the Commissioner for Women Affairs and Social Welfare, Hon. Inibehe Etukudo, also lauded members of the National Council of Women Societies (NCWS) Nigeria, Akwa Ibom State Branch, for their exemplary conduct and collaboration with the Church in making the initiative possible.

She noted that the donations would significantly contribute to strengthening the food supply chain in line with the ARISE Agenda of Governor Umo Eno, while reiterating the State government's support for NCWS and its partners.

"I want to let you know that His Excellency, the Governor, is aware of what is happening. That our women traveled to Abuja to receive these items on behalf of the State, His Excellency is proud of you," she affirmed.

The Coordinator further urged NCWS to sustain efforts in supporting initiatives that promote peace and development in Akwa Ibom, pledging to forward their requests to the Governor, whom she described as a gender-friendly leader committed to addressing women's needs.

In her remarks, the state President of NCWS Nigeria, Hon. Idongesit Okoko, officially unveiled the donations which comprised food staples such as rice, beans, garri, vegetable oil, and noodles, alongside hygiene items including toilet soap, toilet rolls, and sanitary pads. She emphasised that the event was primarily to hand over the items to the Ministry for equitable distribution to those in need, particularly families affected by recent flood disasters.

Hon. Okoko also extended appreciation to Governor Eno, Deputy Governor Senator, Akon Eyakenyi, Lady Obareki, Hon. Etukudo, and the Commissioner for Humanitarian Affairs, Hon. Emem Ibanga, for their consistent support of women-focused programmes in the State.

Delivering a goodwill message, the Vice President of Wives of Local Government Chairmen (WALGON), Mrs. Affiong Nkom, described the intervention as timely. She highlighted the importance of the donations in bringing relief to households affected by flooding in various local government areas, noting that the support would "significantly aid in providing relief and restoring hope to affected families and communities."

The event featured the formal presentation of the food and other items to Hon. Inibehe Etukudo, Commissioner for Women Affairs and Social Welfare, by Hon. Idongesit Okoko, State President of NCWS Nigeria.

In attendance were top government functionaries, including the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs, Mrs. Eno Akpan; the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Welfare, Mrs. Margaret Edem; members of NCWS; wives of Local Government Chairmen; and other notable stakeholders.



Pastor Eno Declares End to Godfatherism in Workers Recruitment

• Outlines detail of ₦31bn empowerment package for 2026



Pastor Umo Eno, has reaffirmed his administration's commitment to transparency, inclusiveness, and equal opportunity, declaring that the era of godfatherism in the State's recruitment process is over.

Speaking at Government House, Uyo, on Monday, September 1, while fielding questions from journalists, the Governor stressed that his government belongs to all Akwa Ibom people, irrespective of class or social standing.

"I am a Governor for all Akwa Ibom people. I want an Akwa Ibom where every citizen can have access to opportunities without looking for a godfather. A child from a humble background must have a fair share in my administration," he said.

He emphasised that the ongoing recruitment of 3,000 workers into the State public service will be strictly on merit, as the exercise, according to him, will be transparent and determined through a Computer-Based Test (CBT).

"There will be no favouritism or godfatherism. You do not need to know me or anyone to get a job in Akwa Ibom State, as long as I remain Governor," he assured.

In a major move, Governor Eno, outlined details of the planned ₦31 billion empowerment package for 2026, with ₦1 billion, allocated to each of the 31 local government areas. Access to the fund, he said, will be through an open digital portal and will cover farmers' grants, traders' grants, small and medium-scale enterprise support, and skills acquisition.

Beneficiaries, as explained by him, will be properly screened and trained at the Ibom Leadership and Entrepreneurial Development (Ibom-LED) Centre, to ensure effective use of the funds.

The Governor reiterated that these initiatives align with his ARISE Agenda, designed to dismantle the barriers of patronage, uplift citizens, and ensure that opportunities in Akwa Ibom are based on competence, not connections.

UBEC, SUBEB Launch Digital Education Training for Akwa Ibom Teachers



The SUBEB Chairman, Rt. Hon. Anietie Etuk, emphasised the initiative's role in bridging the digital divide in education, noting that future teaching will rely on digital tools rather than traditional methods. He urged participants to embrace the training and share the knowledge with their colleagues.

On his part, the Board member for School Services, Sir John Udo, described the selected teachers as future resource persons, while Dr. Stella Ufot of the College of Education, Afaha Nsit, assured of quality delivery by the facilitators.

Also speaking, the Director of Training, Mrs. Blessing Ibiam, expressed gratitude to the Governor for his support for basic education and acknowledged the Accountant General's office for providing the ICT facility.

The Universal Basic Education Commission (UBEC), in partnership with the Akwa Ibom State Universal Basic Education Board (SUBEB), has commenced a four-day capacity-building workshop for selected basic education teachers in the State.

The training, themed, "Stimulating Teachers' Resourcefulness in Digital Education (STRIDE) and Supporting Pedagogical Rigor In Network Teaching (SPRINT)," is being held at the ICT Hall of the Accountant General's Office, Uyo, from September 1-4.



Ibendo: Effiong Emphasises the Importance of Voters' Registration

In an effort to increase citizens' participation in the ongoing Continuous Voters' Registration (CVR) exercise, the Ibendo Local Government Chairman, Hon. Glory Effiong, has initiated a sensitisation campaign,

encouraging residents to take advantage of the voters registration window and get their Permanent Voter's Cards (PVCs).

During a meeting held recently at Ulok Ulok Hall, Ibendo, the Chairman addressed residents, stakeholders, and registration officials on the significance of the exercise.

Hon. Effiong, who was represented by the Vice Chairman, Hon. Ukpong Okon, appealed to all eligible citizens to register, stressing that the voter's card is not only essential for elections, but also an important means of identification for accessing government schemes, grants, and other socio-economic opportunities.



The council boss, reaffirmed support for the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC), and restated her administration's commitment to ensuring that no eligible voter in Ibendo is left behind.

She further urged INEC officials to ensure due diligence by verifying registrants' details for accuracy to prevent errors.

In addition, the Chairman appealed to community leaders, religious authorities, youth organisations, and other stakeholder groups to mobilise their members and actively participate in the process.

Attendees, were also informed that registration is ongoing at the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) Office, Ibendo Local Government Secretariat, Upenakang, and were charged to spread the message to friends, families, and neighbors.

In response, INEC officials, reassured the public of a smooth and transparent process, affirming their readiness to attend to every eligible voter.



Akwa Ibom Charts Path to Fiscal Sustainability with 2026 - 2028 MTEF Hearing



The Akwa Ibom State House of Assembly on Thursday, September 4, held a public hearing on the 2026 - 2028 Medium-Term Expenditure Framework and Fiscal Strategy Paper (MTEF/FSP), reaffirming its commitment to participatory governance and prudent financial management.

The event, organised by the House Committee on Economic Planning and Development, provided a platform for lawmakers, government officials, civil society organisations, and development partners to make inputs into the state's fiscal framework.

Declaring the hearing open, the Speaker of the House of Assembly, Rt. Hon. Udemé Otong, represented by Hon. Lawrence Udoide, Member for INI State Constituency, described the MTEF as a vital instrument for financial discipline and long-term development planning. He assured that the legislature would sustain the process in line with global best practices.

In his presentation, the Commissioner for Budget and Economic Planning, Dr. Nsikan Nkan, said the 2026 - 2028 MTEF had been designed to achieve fiscal discipline, enhance revenue generation, and promote inclusive development. He stressed that the framework reflects contributions from citizens, civil society, the private sector, and development partners following the Governor's town hall consultations across constituencies.

Dr. Nkan outlined key fiscal targets, including maintaining a 30:70 recurrent-to-capital expenditure ratio, growing Internally Generated Revenue by 25 percent annually, prioritising ongoing projects, and ensuring

that loans are applied strictly to capital projects and human capital development. He emphasized that the indicative three-year framework projects total revenue to rise from N1.65 trillion in 2026 to N1.89 trillion by 2028.

Stakeholder groups such as the Centre for Human Rights and Accountability Network, NUJ Akwa Ibom State Council, Clement Isong Foundation, and Policy Alert made

submissions commending the inclusive approach, while calling for stronger accountability, fiscal discipline, and prioritisation of citizens' welfare.

The Chairman of the House Committee on Economic Planning and Development, Hon. Nsidibe Akata, commended the Executive for the timely submission of the MTEF document, assuring that the legislature would carefully integrate the recommendations from the hearing in shaping the 2026 budget.

Also speaking, the Commissioner for Finance, Mr. Emem Bob, said the framework was the product of robust collaboration between key fiscal institutions, including the Budget and Economic Planning Ministry, Fiscal Responsibility Board, Internal Revenue Service, Accountant General's Office, and the Debt Management Office.

The Attorney General and Commissioner for Justice, Uko Udom, SAN, represented by Sifon Ubong, Esq., praised the hearing as both legal and economic necessity under the Fiscal Responsibility Law.



Ikot Ekpene: Nkom Calls on FRSC to Intensive Public Awareness Campaign

• *Installs speed breakers on Aba Road*

As part of efforts to enhance road safety in high-risk areas and highways, the Chairman of Ikot Ekpene Local Government Area, Hon. Aniefiok Nkom, has called on the Federal Road Safety Corps, to intensify public awareness campaigns, urging drivers to practice safe driving.

The Chairman, made the call on Saturday, August 30, during the monthly sanitation exercise as he installed speed breakers along the Ikot Ekpene - Aba Road, near Akwa Ibom State Polytechnic, Ikot Osurua.

The Speed breakers, according to Hon. Nkom, were in response to frequent complaints of accidents by residents of the area, resulting in loss of lives, which has prompted the call to the Road Safety Corps

to educate the driving public on safe driving. "We will install over 15 speed breakers on Aba Road from the bridge towards the town, with more to follow," the Chairman affirmed.



Accompanied by the Commissioner for Environment and Mineral Resources, Rt. Hon. Nsikak Ekong, the Chairman, who also monitored the compliance with the state-wide sanitation exercise, which was with full restriction of movement, supervised the cleaning of various communities in his domain.

The Chairman was also accompanied by the Councillor representing Ward 8, Hon. Nsini Umoh, and the Councillor for Ward 2, Hon. Godwin Nwayen.

Head of Service Advocates Journalists' Support for ARISE Agenda



Elder Essien pledged continued support and collaboration with the NUJ, but however, admonished members of the pen profession to be objective in the discharge of their duties, as the media, as noted by him, is not meant to fight government, but collaborate to drive development.

Acknowledging the pivotal role of the media towards a successful society, the HoS averred, "Without the support of the media, efforts of government will not be known in the society," he said.

Earlier in his remarks, the NUJ State Chairman, Comrade Nsibiet John said the essence of the visit was to chart a course of renewal of alliance with the office of the Head of Civil Service, considering the existing records of supports and cooperation the union has enjoyed over the years.

The Head of Civil Service, Elder Effiong Essien has urged journalists to partner the successful implementation of the ARISE Agenda of Governor Umo Eno.

Elder Essien, made the call on Tuesday, September 2, while receiving on courtesy the newly sworn-in executive of the Nigerian Union of Journalists (NUJ), Akwa Ibom State Council, led by the Chairman, Comrade Nsibiet John.

Congratulating the new exco, the Head of Service said with the NUJ being a union with people of sound mind, he was not in doubt that the new leadership will consolidate on the 'landmark achievements' of previous leaderships.

While appreciating Elder Essien for 'excellent relationship with the Union,' particularly in the public service sector, the NUJ Chairman appealed for the sustenance of the synergy.

He presented some vital concerns of members of the union to the Head of Service, including weigh-in allowance for journalists in the employ of the State government, as well as the need for training and retraining of information and public relations officers, among others, which the HoS promised to give adequate consideration.



SUBEB Launches Campaign to Tackle Low Enrolment in Public Schools



The Executive Chairman of the State Universal Basic Education Board (SUBEB), Rt. Hon. Anietie Etuk, has expressed concern over the low enrolment of pupils in public primary schools despite government investments in the education sector.

Rt. Hon. Etuk raised the concern during the launch of a "Back to School" advocacy campaign in Etinan/Nsit Ibom/Nsit Ubium Federal Constituency. The campaign, also extended to Eket/ONNA/Esit Eket/Ibeno and Abak/Etim Ekpo/Ika Federal Constituencies, sought to boost enrolment, retain pupils, and ensure timely completion of basic education.

He urged parents and guardians to send their children to school and warned teachers against abandoning their duties for personal business, stressing that such acts will attract sanctions.

He also identified factors contributing

to low enrolment, including proliferation of mushroom schools, learner involvement in farming and trading during school hours, and teacher lateness.

Community and religious leaders were called upon to sensitize parents on the value of public education and support government's free education policy.

The events drew participation from local government officials, SUBEB board members, school directors, traditional rulers, and youth leaders across the constituencies.



Ibendo: Effiong Builds 300-Seater JAMB CBT Centre



The Chairman of Ibendo Local Government Area, Hon. Glory Effiong, is set to construct a 300-seater Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) Computer-Based Test (CBT) Centre.

Speaking recently during the groundbreaking ceremony, the Chairman emphasised that the project was conceived to tackle the longstanding challenges faced by Ibendo students, who, in time past, have been compelled to travel to distant towns to sit for their JAMB examinations.

Highlighting that the initiative, which complements Governor Umo Eno's ARISE Agenda, prioritizes education as the foundation for sustainable development, the Chairman added that her policy, tagged 'Orange Economy', is also geared towards fostering human capital development and equipping Ibendo youths with the tools and opportunities required to compete effectively on the global stage.

According to Hon. Effiong, JAMB's accreditation guidelines state that a standard CBT centre must provide at least 250 functional computer systems with backup units, and she has exceeded this with a 300-seater capacity, putting Ibendo among the few local government areas with a fully compliant CBT centre.

In addition, the centre will be powered by a high-speed dedicated internet connection, a reliable power supply system with multiple backup sources, as well as advanced security to guarantee seamless and uninterrupted examinations.



AKHA Health Committee Demands Sanctions Over Negligence Leading to Mother, Child's Death in Ikot Ekpene



Eno's ARISE Agenda in the health sector.

Responding, the Commissioner for Health, Dr. Ekem John, described the incident as 'unfortunate,' stressing that no medical practitioner takes pride in maternal mortality. He explained that Governor Eno had already directed the constitution of an investigative panel to probe the case and submit a report for action.

"Medicine is a thankless job, and often, it is only when results go ugly that the society is up in

arms. Many of the officers appearing before the panel are competent people who know their job," John said, while assuring that justice would be served. He disclosed that the deceased's hospital records had been secured to prevent tampering, and queries had been issued to all staff on duty during the incident.

Dr. John urged both the public and lawmakers to allow the panel to complete its work before passing judgment. He commended Governor Eno for being a "hands-on leader" and reaffirmed the administration's commitment to restoring confidence in the health sector and preventing a recurrence of such tragedies.

In another development, the Ibom Life Saving Advocacy Group paid an advocacy visit to Hon. Essien, seeking legislative support to close gaps in the health sector.

The group emphasised the importance of family planning services in reducing maternal mortality, noting that it enables couples to space and plan their children, thereby safeguarding the health of mothers and children while easing pressure on fathers.

As part of the visit, the group decorated Hon. Essien as 'Champion of Family Planning' in recognition of his commitment to improving healthcare delivery in the State.

The Akwa Ibom State House of Assembly Committee on Health, has directed the Ministry of Health and the Hospitals Management Board, to impose disciplinary measures on officers whose negligence allegedly led to the death of a pregnant woman and her newborn at Ikot Ekpene General Hospital.

The Chairman of the Committee and Member representing Ibiono Ibom State Constituency, Hon. Moses Essien, issued the directive during an interface with the Commissioner for Health, Dr. Ekem John, alongside Permanent Secretaries, Dr. Patrick Eshiet of the Ministry of Health, and Dr. Abraham Inyangudo of the Hospitals Management Board.

Hon. Essien, recalling the committee's oversight visit to the hospital, said findings revealed that the tragedy was preventable and a direct result of lapses by medical personnel on duty. "The House of Assembly will not rest until sanctions are meted out. You are the head of the Ministry of Health and the cursor is on you to make appropriate recommendations to the Governor on this matter," Essien declared.

He further noted that the Assembly had budgeted N500million in 2025 for the rehabilitation of Ikot Ekpene General Hospital and questioned why key facilities such as constant electricity, water, and sufficient medical staff were still lacking. According to him, such inadequacies undermine Governor Umo

Abuja Liaison Office PS, League of A'lbom Professionals to Partner on State Image Promotion



The Permanent Secretary, Akwa Ibom State Liaison Office, Abuja, TPL Aniekan Akpan, has pledged readiness to collaborate with the League of Akwa Ibom Professionals in advancing the image and investment potential of the State.

TPL Akpan gave the assurance when he received members of the League during a courtesy visit to his office in Abuja.

He applauded the group's initiatives, which include attracting investors, showcasing business opportunities, and organising an annual Akwa Ibom Day celebration in the Federal Capital Territory.

The Permanent Secretary advised the League to align its programmes with the State's empowerment portals, noting that such synergy would create employment and empowerment opportunities for indigenes. He also expressed confidence that the League could serve as a platform to further the developmental aspirations of Governor Umo Eno.

Applauding the leadership of the professional body for its commitment to collaboration, while assuring of the government's willingness to partner with credible organizations to drive positive change, Akpan particularly hailed the League's decision to recognise Governor Eno as its Grand Patron and to institutionalise the Akwa Ibom Day celebration in

Abuja.

Earlier, President of the League, Chief John Umoren, who is a Director at ECOWAS, introduced the League of Akwa Ibom Consultancy Company in Abuja, explaining that the platform was designed to project the State's image, promote its tourism assets, and expand investment opportunities.

Chief Umoren revealed plans to host the Akwa Ibom Day annually in Abuja, with participation from diplomatic missions, lawmakers, and other key stakeholders. He noted that the event would serve as a platform to celebrate Akwa Ibom's culture, showcase achievements, and promote business networking.

The League's President also highlighted the State's tourism strengths, citing Ibom Air, Ibom Hotels and Golf Resorts, and the upcoming ARISE Resort as key attractions, while also appealing for government support to enable the League partner with Ibom Air.

In his remarks, the pioneer President of the League, Mkpisong Jackson Ndueso, stressed the importance of harnessing agriculture to drive development and food sufficiency. He underscored the benefits of modern farming practices, reaffirming the League's commitment to complementing government's efforts.

AKSG, UNDP Strengthen Partnership to Drive Accelerated Devt

The Akwa Ibom State Government and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), have reaffirmed their commitment to deepening collaboration towards fast-tracking sustainable development in the State.



This resolve was reached during a high-level meeting, held on Tuesday, September 2, at the Conference Room of the Ministry of Budget and Economic Planning, Uyo.

Chairing the session, the Commissioner for Budget and Economic Planning, Dr. Nsikan Nkan, said deliberations focused on reviewing the UNDP-Akwa Ibom Integrated State Programme for Accelerated Development (July 2025 – July 2027) and aligning its priorities with the State's budgetary framework.

Dr. Nkan, explained that while several proposed activities had already been captured in the 2025 approved budget, others would be accommodated in the forthcoming supplementary budget and subsequently consolidated into the 2026 budget cycle. He assured that this approach would guarantee timely implementation of interventions targeting job creation, healthcare delivery, youth empowerment, and energy access.

The Commissioner further commended Governor Eno for creating an enabling environment that has continued to attract investors and donor partners. He noted that the Governor's visionary leadership was positioning Akwa Ibom as a hub for innovation, enterprise, and sustainable development.

Speaking on behalf of the UNDP team, Mr. Matthew Alao outlined six thematic areas of focus,

including tourism, skilling and entrepreneurship, development of a state economic master plan, delivery and results systems, unlocking development finance and private capital, as well as energy transition. Alao emphasised that the programme was designed to align with Governor Umo Eno's ARISE Agenda and position Akwa Ibom as a model of inclusive growth.

Proposed activities under the partnership include, the development of a 10-year Economic Master Plan to institutionalise the ARISE Agenda, establishment of innovation hubs and youth-friendly centres across the three senatorial districts, apprenticeship placements for graduates in private firms, digitization of patient records in public hospitals, and the solarization of health facilities. Other interventions include mini-grid power projects in rural areas, support for SMEs and cooperatives, and promotion of indigenous products through global investment linkages.

Stakeholders drawn from key ministries and agencies welcomed the initiative, recommending additional areas of focus such as strengthening statistical infrastructure, expanding self-help projects in rural communities, training energy professionals, prioritising women in empowerment programmes, and enhancing tourism development. They expressed optimism that the collaboration would serve as a benchmark for effective state-donor partnerships in Nigeria.



AKWA IBOM STATE ELECTRICITY MARKET

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



WHAT IS IT?

State electricity markets promote intra-State electricity trade, encouraging power security and economic growth.



WHY ARE WE TALKING ABOUT IT?

The Federal Government enacted the Electricity Act, 2023. This enables States to develop their own electricity markets.



WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

A State electricity market will enable counterparts within Nigerian States to buy and sell electricity. If they trade more electricity than the State needs, it can be sold to buyers in other States.



HOW WILL IT BE MANAGED?

States will make rules for regulating electricity business conducted within their territories. Agreements between buyers and sellers in different States will continue to be subject to national rules made by the Nigeria Electricity Commission (NERC).

6 THINGS THAT ARE NEEDED FOR SUCCESS



Identify responsibilities and powers between the regulator and State Government



Ensure a smooth transition of powers and responsibility from NERC to the State Regulator



Determine benefits & responsibilities of State market licensees



Incentivise financially healthy companies



Ensure sound market design and long term system/resource planning



Understand and respect the constitutional boundaries between State and national regulators



AKWA IBOM STATE SPORTS FESTIVAL

IBOM 2025

8TH - 13TH SEPTEMBER, 2025

Theme:

Nurturing Talents,
Promoting Tourism

31
LGAs

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AKWA IBOM STATE SPORTS FESTIVAL 2025

DRAW FOR TEAM SPORTS

1ST ROUND

ITU/IBIONO IBOM FED. CONST.

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ABAK/ETIM EKPO/IKA FED. CONST.

IKA	VS	ETIM EKPO
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ORON/MBO/OKOBO/UDUNG UKO/URUE-OFFONG ORUKO FED. CONST.

MATCH DAY 1

P	UDUNG UKO	VS	ORON
Q	OKOBO	VS	MBO
	URUE-OFFONG ORUKO	BYE	

MATCH DAY 2

R	URUE-OFFONG ORUKO	VS	WINNER P
	WINNER Q	BYE	

MATCH DAY 3

	WINNER Q	VS	WINNER R
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AKWA IBOM STATE SPORTS FESTIVAL 2025

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UYO/URUAN/NSIT ATAI/IBESIKPO ASUTAN FED. CONST.

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IBESIKPO ASUTAN	VS	UYO

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OBOT AKARA	VS	ESSIEN UDIM
IKOT EKPENE	BYE	

IKOT ABASI/MKPAT ENIN/EASTERN OBOLO/ FED. CONST.

IKOT ABASI	VS	MKPAT ENIN
EASTERN OBOLO	BYE	

EKET/ONNA/ESIT EKET/IBENO FED. CONST.

ONNA	VS	ESIT EKET
EKET	VS	IBENO

ETINAN/NSIT IBOM/NSIT UBIUM FED. CONST.

ETINAN	VS	NSIT UBIUM
NSIT IBOM	BYE	

GOV ENO INSPECTS ONGOING RENOVATION OF IBOM HOTEL AND GOLF RESORT.



2025 UBEC/UNICEF SOUTHERN ENROLLMENT DRIVE AND CAMPAIGN HELD AT CHRIST THE KING MODEL PRIMARY SCHOOL, UYO



ARISE FREE FOOD DISTRIBUTION



ONNA LGA



ETINAN LGA



MBO LGA

AK SPORTS FESTIVAL LG CHAIRMEN RECEIVE UNITY TORCH



IKA LGA



OBOT AKARA LGA



OKOBO LGA



IKOT EKPENE LGA

AK SPORTS FESTIVAL LG CHAIRMEN RECEIVE UNITY TORCH



URUE OFFONG/URUKO LGA



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TOP 10 INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN THE STATE



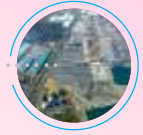
IBOM INDUSTRIAL CITY

- National and regional industrial and economic hub
- Occupies **14,517 hectares** of land
- IIC will create jobs and limitless investment opportunities



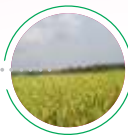
LIBERTY FREE TRADE ZONE

- Proposed Oil and Gas Free Trade Zone
- Occupies **50,000 hectares** of land across 6 LGAs
- Will consist of Modern International Jetty, a dry bulk quay to house agricultural products.



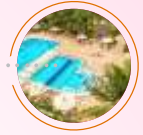
AGRICULTURAL INVESTMENTS

- Largest producer of palm oil in the country
- Cocoa plantation
- Blessed with arable land, fertile soil, favourable all-round climate, marine resources such as large scale fishing



TOURISM AND HOSPITALITY

- Untapped potentials such as development of resorts and hospitality services.
- Availability of 21 storey smart building, Four Points by Sheraton hotel, Ibom Hotels and Golf Resort etc



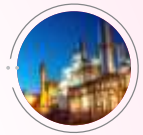
LARGE GAS RESERVES

- Abundance of natural gas
- Investment potentials in Gas to Liquid project, Gas gathering (dry) and distribution, renewable energy, low emission fuels, etc



POWER SECTOR

- Investment opportunities available in this sector
- Upgrade of Ibom Independent Power Plant with an initial capacity of 191MW to 500MW.



CRUDE OIL

- Largest oil producing and revenue contributing state to Nigeria's economy
- Investment opportunities in the development of upstream and downstream sector, refinery projects, oil & gas services, etc



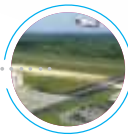
MARINE TRANSPORT

- Located in Nigeria's South-South region, predominantly coastal area offers opportunities for marine transportation.
- About 13.4% of 960km of Nigeria's Atlantic Ocean coastline sits in the state



AVIATION SECTOR

- Opportunities for air cargo, freights & other courier businesses in the aviation sector



IBOM DEEP SEAPORT

- Occupies **2,565 hectares** of land
- \$4.2bn IDSP to provide vital port capacity for the country, trans-shipment facility for West and Central African region.
- Good access to coastal railway line, Victor Attah International Airport & extensive road network.
- Beneficial to nearby industries involved in agriculture, petrochemical, marine, auto assembly, power plants.



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