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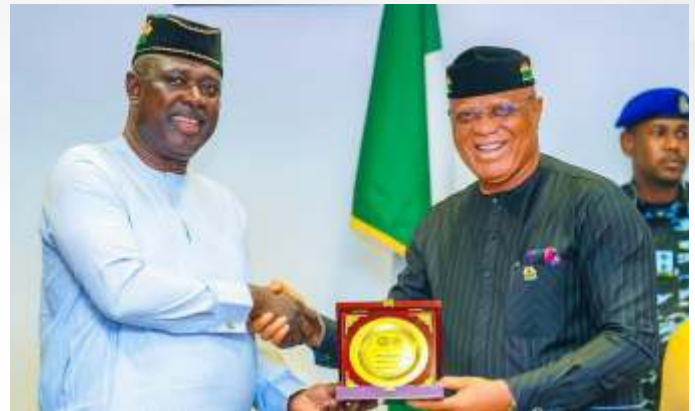


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Gov Eno Tasks NCDMB on Deepening Local Content Initiatives

• Commends Choice of A'ibom for retreat as proof of confidence in State's tourism potential



Governor Umo Eno, has urged the Nigerian Content Development and Monitoring Board (NCDMB), to intensify efforts towards promoting indigenous participation and value retention in Nigeria's oil and gas sector.

Governor Eno made the call on Friday, October 31, when he received members of the NCDMB Governing Council on a courtesy, at Government House, Uyo. The delegation was led by the Minister of State for Petroleum Resources (Oil),



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administration's readiness to partner with federal agencies and industry stakeholders to drive sustainable growth within the oil and gas value chain, particularly through capacity building, skills transfer, and community empowerment initiatives.

Senator Heineken Lokpobiri, and the Minister of State for Petroleum Resources (Gas), Rt. Hon. Ekperikpe Ekpo, who serves as Chairman and Co-Chairman of the Board respectively.

The Governor commended the Board for selecting Akwa Ibom State as the venue for the 2025 NCDMB Governing Council Retreat, describing the choice as a testament to the State's peaceful environment, world-class infrastructure, and growing reputation as Nigeria's preferred destination for investment, tourism, and corporate events.

He noted that hosting the retreat in Akwa Ibom exemplifies the practical application of local content development, as it directly contributes to the State's economy and supports its tourism development agenda.

Governor Eno further reaffirmed his

In their separate remarks, Senator

Lokpobiri and Rt. Hon. Ekpo commended Governor Eno for his visionary leadership and the prevailing atmosphere of peace and security in the State. They acknowledged Akwa Ibom as a model destination for productive engagements and expressed gratitude for the Governor's hospitality and support towards the success of the retreat.

The 2025 NCDMB Governing Council Retreat, which commenced on Thursday, October 30, is being held at the Four Points by Sheraton, Ikot Ekpene.



GOV ENO HOSTS NIGERIAN CONTENT DEVELOPMENT BOARD



Gov Eno Calls For Responsible Speech, Respect For Leaders' Families

• *Announces Unity Concert and Christmas Carol for December*



Governor Eno also announced two major events scheduled for December, the Unity Concert on December 6 and the Akwa Ibom Christmas Carol on December 19 — both aimed at fostering unity and thanksgiving among citizens.

He explained that this year's Christmas Carol will maintain a purely spiritual focus, featuring only traditional carols in celebration of the birth of Christ.

“Don't come and sing anything that's not a carol on the 19th,” he emphasized. “You can act it, dramatize it, or interpret it creatively, but let it remain a carol.”

The Governor thanked Akwa Ibom people for their consistent participation in the monthly Covenant Service and prayed that the new month would bring peace, progress, and divine comfort to all.

In a homily themed “Jehovah El-Roi” (Genesis 16:13–14), the General Overseer of Christian Fellowship Evangelical Nigeria Inc., Rev. Emem Simon Jacob, reminded believers that God sees, cares, and blesses those who trust in Him.

The service which is a monthly feature in the programmes of the State Government was attended by top government officials, religious leaders, and citizens from various walks of life.

Akwa Ibom State Governor, Pastor Umo Eno, has reiterated his call for restraint in public utterances and responsible use of social media to preserve the peace and unity of the State and families.

The Governor who Spoke at the November edition of the Government House Covenant Service, held at the Banquet Hall, Government House, Uyo, the Governor cautioned against divisive comments and online behaviour capable of undermining social harmony.

Pastor Eno particularly urged citizens to show greater decorum and respect for families, especially those whom God has placed in positions of leadership, noting that words have the power to build or destroy.

“Try to stay away from unguarded utterances that are capable of causing discord. The comments you make, whether in public or private, should uplift others. The person you destroy today may be the one you'll need tomorrow. Let's project our leaders and stand by them,” the Governor said.



GOVERNMENT HOUSE (NOVEMBER) COVENANT SERVICE



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Gov Eno Inspects Ongoing Renovation at Ibom Icon Hotel

• *Directs speedy completion of upgrade before Yuletide*



The State Governor, Pastor Umo Eno, on Thursday, October 30, undertook an unscheduled visit to the Ibom Icon Hotel and Golf Resort, Uyo, to assess the progress of the ongoing renovation at the state-owned hospitality facility.

During the visit, Governor Eno, who was received and conducted round the project site by the Delivery Advisor on Tourism, and Managing Director of Ibom Icon Hotel, Sir Charles Udoh, expressed satisfaction with the level of work done so far, but emphasised the need for accelerated completion.

The Governor charged the contracting firm handling the project to expedite action and ensure that the work are fully completed before the Christmas and New Year festivities, noting that the resort plays a strategic role in the State's tourism and hospitality development plan.

Governor Eno also inspected the Marina axis of the facility, where he disclosed that part of the State's planned Yuletide activities would be hosted. He reiterated his administration's commitment to repositioning the Ibom Icon Hotel as a premier destination for leisure, business, and international tourism in the Gulf of Guinea region.

He reaffirmed his administration's commitment to revitalising key infrastructure across the State to enhance tourism, create jobs, and promote sustainable economic growth.

The inspection team included key members of the State Executive Council such as, the Secretary to the State Government, Prince Enobong Uwah; Executive Assistant to the Governor and Chief Delivery Advisor, Mr. Aniefiok Johnson; Dean of Commissioners and Commissioner for Local Government and Chieftaincy Affairs, Hon. Frank Archibong; Commissioner for Culture and Tourism, Dr. Anieti Udofia; and the Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer of Hensek Integrated Services, Engr. Uwem Okoko, among others.



GOV ENO INSPECTS ONGING RENOVATION AT IBOM ICON HOTEL



ARISE Project Tracking Series Commences in Abak, Etim Ekpo

• *As govt reaffirms commitment to transparency, development*

The Akwa Ibom State Government, has commenced the ARISE Project Tracking Series in Abak and Etim Ekpo Local Government Areas, marking the start of a statewide exercise to assess and publicise projects executed under Governor Umo Eno's administration.

Led by the Ministry of Information, the initiative aims to promote transparency, accountability, and effective documentation of the administration's development strides. The Commissioner for Information, Rt. Hon. Aniekan Umanah, who led the delegation, said the exercise reflects the Governor's commitment to open governance and measurable impact. He was accompanied by the Permanent Secretary, Akparawa James Edet; Mrs. Margaret Edem, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Women Affairs; Dr. Eunice Egharevba, Director of Documentation and Archives; and engineers from the



Mrs. Enobong Bassey and Mrs. Emem Jimmy testified that the initiative has improved their livelihoods. The team also inspected major roads, including the 8.6km Ediene Abak-Ikot Ekan Road, 10.4km Pepsi Junction-Ukpom-Abak Road, and the 18.9km Ibiakpan-Abiakpo Otoro-Abak Manta Road, among others.



In addition, six ARISE Compassionate Homes were visited, including one belonging to Mr. Sylvester Michael, a physically challenged beneficiary. The team also toured the Holy Child Convent Model Primary School, the Legislative Chambers Complex, and the Maternity and Child Health Clinic, all executed by the Abak Council.

In Etim Ekpo, the team was received by the Council Chairman, Hon. Gideon Uwa, who described Governor Eno's impact as unprecedented. He highlighted projects such as the 16km Etim Ekpo-Essien Udim Road, the Model Health Centre at Utu Ikot Nkor, and several internal roads that have turned the area into a construction hub.

Other projects inspected included, the 16km Midim Atan Ikot Inyang-Ikot Akpan Ekpenyong-Etok Uruk Eshiet-Ikot Imonte Road with a 30-metre bridge, the 11.6km Internal Roads Phase 1, and the 2.1km Obong University Access Road. The Project Manager, Engr. Johnny Ime of Nsik Engineering, reported steady progress, confirming that the Governor had released funds to sustain work despite weather-related delays.

Ministry of Works.

At Abak, the team was received by the Council Chairman, Hon. Ime Charles, who commended the initiative as a bold step that reinforces public confidence in the government. She praised Governor Eno's inclusive leadership and the ARISE Agenda, which, she noted, has inspired grassroots-driven projects.

The inspection covered key projects, including the Mega Oil Palm Processing Plant and Storage House at Ikot Akwa Ebom, a World Bank-assisted Nigeria for Women Project, managed by women cooperatives. Beneficiaries such as



Concluding the first phase, the Commissioner said the ARISE Project Tracking Series underscores Governor Eno's dedication to transparency, accountability, and people-centered governance. He assured that the exercise would continue across all the 31 local government areas to ensure that every government investment under the ARISE Agenda remains verifiable, and impactful.

Pastor Eno Hails Ibom Air, Akwa United Partnership as Landmark Boost for Sports Devt

Pastor Umo Eno, has commended the recent partnership between Ibom Air and the Akwa United Football Club, describing it as a landmark initiative that advances his administration's ARISE Agenda on sports development, youth empowerment, and private sector collaboration.

Represented at the signing ceremony, held at the Godswill Akpabio International Stadium, Uyo, recently, by the Commissioner for Sports, Elder Paul Bassey, the Governor said the partnership demonstrates growing synergy between government institutions and the private sector in driving sustainable growth in the State.

Expressing delight at the realisation of the synergy valued at ₦200 million over two years, he explained that the agreement transcends a mere sponsorship deal, serving instead as a catalyst for excellence and a model for future collaborations that will elevate sports administration in Akwa Ibom.

Governor Eno, applauded the management of Ibom Air for its foresight and commitment to community



growth, urging other corporate organisations to emulate the airline's example by investing in sports, tourism, and youth-oriented initiatives across the State.

The Acting Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Ibom Air, Mr. George Uriesi, reaffirmed the airline's dedication to supporting the State's development through its corporate pillars of Health, Education, Community Development, and Sports. He stressed that the partnership with Akwa United reflects Ibom Air's belief in the power of sports to inspire unity, excellence, and pride among Akwa Ibom people.



On his part, the Chairman of Akwa United FC, Mr. Joseph Eno, described the collaboration as timely and strategic, saying it would motivate the players and technical team to deliver their best.

The event, also featured the unveiling of Akwa United's new jersey bearing the Ibom Air logo, the inauguration of Ibom Air brand representatives and committees, as well as a media interaction celebrating the historic milestone.

Pastor Adeboye, Gov Eno Condole Uma Ukpai's Family

The General Overseer of the Redeemed Christian Church of God (RCCG), Pastor Enoch Adeboye, on Monday, October 27, visited the family of the late Evangelist, Dr. Uma Ukpai in Uyo, to condole with them over the passing of the renowned cleric.

Accompanied on the visit by the State Governor, Pastor Umo Eno, Pastor Adeboye described the late Dr. Ukpai as a true General of Faith, a trusted friend, and a servant of God, who had completed his divine assignment and returned home to glory. He recalled his last visit to Uyo during the deceased 80th birthday, noting that his late friend had faithfully fulfilled his life's mission and was ready to meet his Maker.

In his message of comfort, Pastor Adeboye encouraged the family and believers not to mourn but to rejoice over the life and legacy of Dr. Ukpai, maintaining that he has fought a good fight, finished the race, and gone to rest. He rather advised Christians to rejoice that a true General of God has gone home and will be seen again on the



resurrection morning.

He further offered prayers for the deceased wife, Pastor Philomena Ukpai and her family, asking for Divine strength and consolation, while assuring them of God's continued presence.

Governor Eno, who received Pastor Adeboye and his entourage, said it was a great honour for the government and people of Akwa Ibom State to host the revered cleric on such a solemn occasion. He expressed appreciation to the General Overseer for taking time out of his tight schedule to personally visit and comfort the bereaved family, describing the gesture as one that strengthens the entire Christian community.

Responding, Pastor Philomena Ukpai expressed deep gratitude to Pastor Adeboye for his love, friendship, and fatherly concern, and to the Governor, for his unwavering support. She described her late husband as a visionary and devoted servant of God who transformed lives and communities through faith and service, promising to carry on from where he stopped.

Dr. Uma Ukpai, founder and president of the Uma Ukpai Evangelistic Association, was widely respected for his lifelong commitment to evangelism, church unity, and humanitarian service.



PASTOR ADEBOYE, ACCOMPANIED BY GOV ENO, PAYS CONDOLENCE VISIT TO UMA UKPAI FAMILY IN UYO



Davido Kicks Off 5ive City Tour in A'lbom, Extols Gov Eno for Sustaining Peace, Security

The Global music sensation, David Adeleke, popularly known as Davido, has kicked off his 5ive City Tour in Akwa Ibom, revealing that the State was chosen as the first stop for the tour because of its world-class facilities and peaceful atmosphere.

Speaking during a pre-concert reception hosted in Uyo by Governor Umo Eno and the Senate President, Godswill Akpabio, on Sunday, October 26, Davido said Akwa Ibom stood out among the five locations shortlisted across Africa. He explained that after successfully completing his U.S. tour, he was deliberate in selecting a Nigerian State that offers the right infrastructure and serenity to kick off his home tour.

According to him, after looking around Africa, Akwa Ibom was top on the list of the five places that came up, stating that everything about the State was beautiful, and wished all States in Nigeria were like Akwa Ibom, which makes touring easy.

Davido commended Governor Eno for his commitment to peace, security, and youth



empowerment, noting that such leadership has made the State a preferred destination for both entertainment and tourism.

In his remarks, the Senate President, Senator Godswill Akpabio lauded the Governor for his people-focused governance, describing him as youths and sports friendly. He praised Davido for his positive influence on young Nigerians, and urged him to mentor emerging talents from Akwa Ibom by offering them exposure during his international tours.

Responding, Governor Eno thanked Davido for choosing Akwa Ibom to launch his tour, describing him as a global inspiration to the younger generation. He emphasised that the State remains intentional about talent development and tourism promotion as it is ready to become Nigeria's next tourism destination.



105 Mkpato Enin Students Benefit from Hon Imoh-Ita's N10.5M Education Support

As part of his Constituency Briefing and Empowerment Programme, the Member representing Mkpato Enin State Constituency in the Akwa Ibom State House of Assembly, Hon. Uwem Imoh-Ita, has disbursed N10.5 million as education support grants to 105 students of Mkpato Enin origin, studying in tertiary institutions across the country.

The presentation ceremony, held on Monday, October 27, at the Old Chapel Hall of the Assembly Complex, Uyo, with each beneficiary receiving N100,000 to assist with tuition, educational materials, and other academic expenses, marking a key highlight of the lawmaker's commitment to promoting education and human capital development.

In his address, Hon. Imoh-Ita reaffirmed his resolve to support the younger generation through sustainable initiatives that promote academic excellence, personal growth, and self-reliance. He stressed that education remains a critical driver of community transformation and pledged to sustain and expand the programme in subsequent years.

The Mkpato Enin lawmaker, explained that the intervention aligns with the educational development priorities of Governor Umo Eno's ARISE Agenda, charging the beneficiaries to take their studies seriously, remain focused, and apply the grant responsibly.



Hon. Imoh-Ita further encouraged the students to embrace unity, discipline, and peaceful coexistence, cautioning against divisive tendencies and social vices. He also revealed plans to empower 40 women in the constituency through skill acquisition and entrepreneurship programmes, aimed at fostering financial independence and sustainable livelihoods.

Earlier, the Chairman of the Central Planning Committee and Supervisor for Works in Mkpato Enin, Hon. Ikanke Samuel, confirmed that all beneficiaries were thoroughly screened and verified as genuine indigenes of the area. He commended the lawmaker for his foresight and dedication to youth empowerment, describing the initiative as a model for inclusive representation and responsible leadership.

In their separate goodwill messages, a former Mkpato Enin Chairman, Lady Ekaete Usip; PDP Chapter Chairman, Comrade Isaiah Akpan; the Supervisor for Education; and the National President of Mkpato Enin Students acknowledged the lawmaker's consistent investment in education. They maintained that the gesture was a reflection of the constituency's long-standing values of learning, empowerment, and community progress.

Speaking on behalf of the beneficiaries, Miss Joy Frank and Oku Ita appreciated the support and pledged to justify the confidence reposed in them through academic excellence and good conduct.



AKSG Presents 2025 Q3 Budget Implementation Report

• *Records 86.9% budget performance, reaffirms transparency, accountability*

In line with its commitment to transparency, accountability, and open governance, the Akwa Ibom State Government, has presented the 2025 Third Quarter (Q3) Budget Implementation Report, reflecting an impressive 86.9 percent performance rate.

The report was presented on Wednesday, October 29, by the Commissioner for Budget and Economic Planning, Dr. Nsikan Nkan, during a media briefing, held at the ministry's conference room, Uyo.

Dr. Nkan described the exercise as a fulfillment of the administration's promise to keep citizens informed about the State's financial performance, consistent with Governor Umo Eno's leadership style anchored on openness, sincerity, and accountability.

He noted that the quarterly briefing serves to dispel misinformation about the State's finances and reinforces the government's commitment to transparency and good governance.

Providing a detailed breakdown, the Commissioner explained that the 2025 Budget of Consolidation and Expansion, valued at ₦955 billion, recorded the following Q3 results as at September 30, Recurrent Revenue of ₦318,098,985,597.70, representing 108.1% performance. Recurrent Expenditure of ₦117,787,671,752.45, representing 77.1% performance and the Capital Expenditure of ₦419,270,014,524.20, representing 91.4% performance.

This brought the cumulative budget performance for Q1–Q3 to ₦830,210,013,299.42, equivalent to 86.9% of the approved annual estimate.



Dr. Nkan further disclosed that the State had generated revenue beyond the initial budget projections, which necessitated the passage of a Supplementary Budget by the Akwa Ibom State House of Assembly. He noted that the fourth-quarter report will be based on the revised ₦1.65 trillion budget recently assented to by Governor Eno.

The Budget helmsman expressed appreciation to the State Information machinery for effectively promoting the ARISE Agenda and ensuring accurate information dissemination, as well as to the media community, particularly members of the Nigeria Union of Journalists (NUJ), for their balanced reportage.

The Commissioner for Information, Rt. Hon. Aniekan Umanah, represented by the Permanent Secretary, Akparawa James Edet, lauded the Governor Eno's openness and inclusive governance approach, describing the quarterly presentation as a hallmark of true democracy. He urged journalists to continue supporting the government's developmental strides while ensuring that their "breaking news does not break the society."

Also speaking, the State NUJ Chairman, Comrade Nsibiet John, applauded Dr. Nkan for sustaining the quarterly budget briefings, which he said have strengthened trust and eliminated public suspicion. He reaffirmed the media's commitment to objective reporting of government activities.

The presentation, according to observers, further underscores the Umo Eno administration's unwavering resolve to institutionalise transparency, accountability, and citizen engagement in governance.



Former Speakers Declare Unwavering Support for Gov Eno

• *Endorse President Tinubu for 2027*



The Akwa Ibom State wing of the Conference of Former Speakers of State Legislatures of Nigeria, has unanimously expressed its unflinching confidence and total support for the leadership of the Governor, Pastor Umo Eno.

The declaration was made on Thursday, October 30, during the 2025 Annual Conference of the group, held at D'Angelo Hotel, Ewet Housing Estate, Uyo, with a communiqué issued at the end of the meeting, and read by the Chairman of the Conference, Rt. Hon. Nse Ekanem.

Stressing that their position was based on objective assessment and empirical evidence of performance, devoid of political bias or sentiment, the former Speakers commended Governor Eno for his people-oriented leadership and the measurable achievements of the ARISE Agenda, which they noted has enhanced unity, inclusiveness, and sustainable development across the State.

According to the communiqué, the Conference emphasised that as former custodians of legislative oversight, their evaluation of the administration was grounded in truth and fairness. They affirmed that the developmental strides recorded under the Governor's stewardship, have repositioned Akwa Ibom on a path of growth, peace, and stability.

The body, also applauded the synergy between Governor Eno and the Senate President, Senator Godswill Akpabio, describing their

collaboration as a model of political maturity that has continued to yield positive outcomes for peace, political stability, and socio-economic progress in the State.

In a related resolution, the Conference endorsed President Bola Tinubu, as their preferred candidate for the 2027 Presidential Election. The endorsement, according to them, was aimed at fostering continuity in leadership and sustaining the current

momentum of development at both the Federal and State levels.

The former Speakers cautioned against divisive politics, blackmail, and factionalism by certain political actors, warning that such tendencies threaten the peace and progress currently being nurtured under Governor Eno's administration. They reiterated their conviction that no coalition, regardless of its size or funding, could derail the Governor's re-election bid in 2027.

Concluding, the Conference reaffirmed its total support for the administration, and called on all political stakeholders, groups, and citizens to rally behind his vision for a united, peaceful, and prosperous State. Nine out of ten former Speakers, including Rt. Hon. Bassey Essien, Rt. Hon. Peter Umoh, Senator Nelson Effiong, Rt. Hon. Ignatius Edet, Rt. Hon. Anietie Etuk, Rt. Hon. Samuel Ikon, Rt. Hon. Aniekan Uko, and Senator Aniekan Bassey, attended the conference and signed the communiqué.



Pastor Eno Awards Full Scholarship to Orphan Student, Confidence Robert

The State Governor, Pastor Umo Eno, has granted a full secondary school scholarship to Confidence Okon Robert, an orphan from the Ewang community in Mbo Local Government Area.

The compassionate gesture, followed a touching message the young boy sent through the State's Support Groups Portal, appealing for assistance to pursue his education.

In his message, Confidence wrote, "His Excellency, I want you to send me to a military secondary school. I have no father or mother." Deeply moved by the plea, Governor Eno immediately directed his Senior Special Assistant on Support Groups, Pastor Samuel Edet, to verify the authenticity of the appeal.

Pastor Edet, then embarked on an investigation alongside the Special Assistant to the Governor on Support Groups, Mr. Victor Etangnkanga, and some group heads. Their findings confirmed that the young boy genuinely lives in an uncompleted building in Ewang community and was sincere about his educational aspirations.

"Based on the Governor's instructions, we visited Ewang and confirmed that Confidence



was truthful about his condition and eager to learn. He expressed a strong desire to attend Command Science Secondary School, Efa, in Etinan," Pastor Edet explained.

Encouraged by Pastor Edet, Master Confidence applied to the school and personally met with the Commandant, sat for the entrance examination, and successfully passed. His admission into JSS 3 was subsequently approved, with all fees fully paid by Governor Eno.

Announcing the development during the October edition of the Glory Summit in Eket, Pastor Edet described the Governor's action as a sincere expression of compassion and testament to his inclusive governance philosophy. He further revealed that representatives from the Support Groups Directorate will visit Confidence during the school's visiting day on November 1.

Through this thoughtful intervention, Pastor Eno, has once again demonstrated his unwavering commitment to giving hope to the less privileged, supporting orphans, and promoting access to quality education for every Akwa Ibom child.



AKHA Seeks Establishment of Central Revenue Account for A'ibom Govt



The Akwa Ibom State House of Assembly, has called on the State government to establish and operationalise a State Central Revenue Account (SCRA) by the beginning of the 2026 fiscal year, to serve as a centralised treasury for all revenues generated across the State.

The House also urged the government to design and deploy a centralised multi-channel digital payment platform, to be named before the end of this year, that will integrate all Ministries, Departments, Agencies (MDAs) and local government areas (LGAs). The proposed platform, according to the lawmakers, should ensure that all government payments are made electronically and automatically remitted into the SCRA.

The resolution followed a motion sponsored by the House Leader and Member, representing Nsit Ubium State Constituency, Rt. Hon. Otobong Bob, and seconded by Hon. Udobia Udo, during Tuesday, October 28, plenary.

In his motion, Rt. Hon. Bob urged the Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of Science and Digital Economy, working jointly with the Accountant General's Office and the State Internal Revenue Service (AKIRS), to ensure that all MDAs and LGAs are boarded onto the platform within three months of its development. He explained that the system would facilitate the issuance of invoices, receipts, and permits, thereby reducing informal or manual cash handling in government transactions.

The House Leader, recalled that the Federal Government introduced the Treasury Single Account (TSA) policy in 2012 under the administration of President Goodluck Jonathan, which was later fully implemented by President Muhammadu Buhari's administration to consolidate all government revenues into a single account at the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN).

Rt. Hon. Bob noted that several States, including Kano, Kaduna, Niger, Lagos, and Oyo, have already domesticated and adopted digital payment platforms that enable MDAs to collect and process payments through a centralised system. He explained that such systems allow citizens and residents to make payments for government services, levies, taxes, and remittances through various channels, including mobile apps, USSD codes, and online platforms, ensuring seamless and cashless revenue collection.

He also highlighted that countries such as India, Sri Lanka, Ghana, and even Nigeria (through REMITA), have successfully implemented integrated digital payment systems that make government remittances and services more efficient. According to him, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) recognises the Treasury Single Account as a key public finance management tool that consolidates cash resources, reduces borrowing costs, enhances fiscal transparency, and improves cash management.

Expressing concern, the House Leader warned that without the immediate establishment and full implementation of the SCRA, the State government may continue to suffer revenue leakages, mismanagement of funds, and inefficiencies in financial tracking and control.

The motion received broad support from other lawmakers, including, Rt. Hon. KufreAbasi Edidem, Rt. Hon. Effiong Johnson, Hon. Lawrence Udoide, and Hon. Itorobong Etim, who described the initiative as vital for promoting transparency, accountability, and fiscal discipline in public finance management.

In his ruling, the Speaker, Rt. Hon. Udemé Otong, directed the Clerk of the Assembly, Mrs. NsikapAbasi Orok, to convey the House's resolution to Governor Umo Eno for prompt implementation.



Urue Offong/ Oruko: Uno Reaffirms People-Centered Policy, Commissions 300KVA Transformer in Umume

Reaffirming his administration's people-centered development policy, the Chairman of Urue Offong/Oruko Local Government Area, Rt. Hon. Uno Etim Uno, has commissioned and handed over a 300KVA electricity transformer to Umume Village, fulfilling a major campaign promise and restoring power after more than two years of blackout.

Speaking at the event, which held on Monday, October 27, at the transformer site in Umume, Rt. Hon. Uno described himself as a "chief servant" dedicated to improving community welfare through responsive and inclusive governance. He explained that the project was a direct outcome of the Needs Assessment Report he initiated before his election, designed to address specific community challenges.

The commissioning followed his recent recognition in Abuja, where he received the "Iconic Best Chairman of the Year" Award for exemplary leadership and grassroots development achievements.

Community stakeholders, including Elder



Charles Emene, Hon. Eno John, and Ulap Godwin Effiong, lauded the Chairman for delivering on his promises, describing him as "the father of light" and "Offong Unwana" (King of Light) for bringing electricity back to the area.

In appreciation, the Village Head of Umume, Chief Edet John, presented the Chairman with traditional gifts and royal blessings, while the women led songs of thanksgiving for his compassion and generosity.

Prominent figures, including Chief Edet Isong, Barr. Effiong Oboho, Hon. Emmanuel Isong, and Ulap Nkweama Edenteghe, also commended the Chairman's visionary and people-oriented leadership.

The event was attended by several dignitaries, political heads and a cross section of the people.



Nigerian-American Football Tournament, Season 3 Kicks Off in A'lbom

•As CSCS Ibiaku Itam (Boys and Girls) emerge winners, to represent State at finals in November

The Season 3 edition of the Nigerian-American Flag Football Tournament, has been declared open in the State.

Declaring the tournament open on Wednesday, October 29 at Community Secondary School, Ikot Okubo, Uyo, the Permanent Secretary, State Secondary Education Board (SSEB), Mr. OkonTom, said the Ten participating schools were competing for the coveted championship title.



In his opening remarks, Mr. Tom expressed delight at the growing popularity of the sports in the State, noting that Akwa Ibom had made remarkable achievements since the inception of the competition in Nigeria, emerging as the first State to win the maiden edition in 2023 and securing second place in 2024. He described the milestone as evidence of the State's leadership and excellence in school sports nationwide.

The PS emphasised that all participating teams must uphold the core values of transparency, discipline, and fair play throughout the competition to avoid disqualification. He also encouraged the players to give in their best to ensure that the Golden Cup returns to Akwa Ibom at the end of the national finals.

Earlier, the Director of School Sports, Mr. Emmanuel Ebong, recalled Akwa Ibom's outstanding performances in previous editions. He averred that in

2023, Government Secondary School, Afaha Eket (Boys category) and Adiaha-Obong Secondary School, Ekpene Ukim (Girls category) represented the State, with the boys' team clinching the Golden Trophy. Then in 2024, Community Secondary Commercial School, Ibiaku Itam, represented the State in both categories and returned with silver medals.

Mr. Ebong further revealed that all participants who represented the State in the previous editions were awarded scholarships in addition to monetary prizes, courtesy of the tournament organisers.

In her vote of thanks, the Principal of Community Secondary School, Ikot Okubo, Mrs. Enobong Ikpe, appreciated the State Secondary Education Board for its presence and support during the event. She wished all participating schools success in the competition.

At the end of the tournament, Community Secondary Commercial School, Ibiaku Itam (Boys and Girls categories) emerged overall winners, and will represent Akwa Ibom State at the National Grand Finale scheduled to hold in Abuja from November 18 - 22.

The event was attended by several Directors of the Board, including Mr. Joseph Eton (Monitoring and Evaluation); Mrs. Rosalyn Inyang-Ibom (Schools Services); Mr. Udem Udoia (Field Services); Mrs. Monica Isobara (Material Resources); Mrs. Emem Akpan (Administration and Supplies) and Mrs. Etimfon Ndon (Head of Accounts).



Ikot Ekpene: Hon Nkom, Rotary Club Intensify Campaign Against Polio



Sylvester Kalu, lauded the synergy between Rotary and local councils in supporting immunization across the state. Similarly, Rotarian Akan Emah, Rotarian Ndiana Isong, and Rotarian Adesegun Tijani emphasised that despite Nigeria's polio-free status, ongoing surveillance and vaccination are essential to prevent resurgence.

The Chairman of Ikot Ekpene Local Government Area, Hon. Aniefiok Nkom, in partnership with Rotary Club International, has launched the 2025 World Polio Day campaign to promote awareness on immunization against poliomyelitis.

The event, held on Friday, October 24, at the Primary Health Centre, Operation Base, Ikot Ekpene, featured a road walk, unveiling of the End-Polio signage, and the decoration of the Council Chairman with the Polio Insignia.

Hon. Nkom, who was accompanied by his wife, reaffirmed his administration's commitment to prioritising the health of children and the elderly health through routine immunisation and health awareness programmes. He commended Rotary International for selecting Ikot Ekpene as a host and pledged continued collaboration to sustain public health efforts.

The Polio State Representative, Rotarian

They noted that the 2025 World Polio Day



reinforces Rotary's global partnership with WHO, CDC, and UNICEF to ensure a polio-free world.

The World Polio Day, observed annually on October 24, raises awareness on the importance of vaccination and honors efforts towards global polio eradication.



Education, ICT Remain my Administration's Priority - Esit Eket Chairman

The Chairman of Esit Eket Local Government Area, Hon. Uduak Ikot, has reaffirmed her administration's unwavering commitment to education and ICT development, describing them as vital tools for empowering the next generation and driving sustainable progress.

She made this known recently, while receiving an Award of Honour from the Nigerian Society of Engineers (NSE), Eket Chapter, in recognition of her exceptional contributions to education, digital innovation, and human capacity development across Esit Eket.

The award presentation formed part of the 2025 Engineering Week and Annual General Meeting of the Society, themed, "Beyond the Barrel: Engineering Indigenous Capacity in Exploration and Production Operations," held at the Banquet Hall, Villa Marina Hotels, Eket.

Presenting the award, the Eket Branch Chairman of NSE, Engr. Edima Ekanem, applauded Hon. Ikot's leadership and investment in digital education, particularly



the Free Holiday Tech Camp, a seven-week training initiative where participants built robotic cars, learned programming, and gained self-reliance skills.

He commended her foresight in promoting youth-centered education and awarded cash prizes to the five best-performing participants from the programme, encouraging them to apply their skills productively.

In her response, Hon. Ikot thanked NSE for the recognition, describing it as a motivation to further strengthen education and ICT as key pillars of her administration's development policy. She pledged to sustain ongoing programmes that promote digital literacy, innovation, and academic excellence across Esit Eket.



Prof Umoh Commends Nigerian Army's Educational Interventions, Advocates Collective Commitment to Quality Education

The Commissioner for Education, Prof. Ubong Umoh, has commended the Nigerian Army for its commitment to educational development through the Chief of Army Staff (COAS) Special Intervention Civil-Military Cooperation (CIMIC) Project.

Speaking during the commissioning of a renovated classroom block and WASH facilities at St. Dominic's Primary School, Mbak Etoi, Uyo, on Monday, October 27, Prof. Umoh described the initiative as a demonstration of the Army's dedication to community development and human capital growth.

The project, executed by Major General Aniedi Edet, an indigene of Mbak Etoi, comprised fully renovated classroom blocks equipped with desks, staff offices, office furniture, and modern Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) facilities.

Lauding Major General Edet for remembering his roots, noting that the intervention aligns with the ARISE Agenda of Governor Eno, which emphasises transformation and innovation in the State's education sector, Prof. Umoh further highlighted that the project embodies the principle that "education for all is the responsibility of all."

The Commissioner also reaffirmed the State government's commitment to fostering strong civil-military relations, citing ongoing support for military educational institutions such as the Nigerian Navy Military School, Ikot Ntuen, and the Command Science School, Efa in Etinan.

He praised the management and staff of St. Dominic's Primary School for maintaining high academic standards and commended the pupils for their excellent performances during the ceremony, describing them as a testament to the effectiveness of the government's education reforms.



In his remarks, Major General Aniedi Edet explained that his decision to renovate his alma mater, established in 1935, was motivated by a desire to preserve the school's rich legacy. He described the intervention as an effort to "rebuild both the structure and the memory" of the institution, while recalling its historical significance as a beacon of learning and discipline.

Major General Edet expressed deep appreciation to the Chief of Army Staff, Lt. Gen. O.O. Oluyede, Governor Umo Eno, and the Taraba State Governor, Dr. Agbu Kefas, for their inspiration and support towards the successful completion of the project.

Representatives of the Chief of Army Staff, Taraba State Governor, Chief of Civil-Military Affairs, as well as the Chairman of Uyo Local Government Area, Hon. Uwemedimo Udo, and Chairman of Uyo Capital City Development Authority (UCCDA), Hon. Anietie Eka, also delivered goodwill messages, describing the initiative as a model for sustainable community partnership.

The event featured cultural and academic displays, donations to staff and pupils, and awards of recognition presented to distinguished military, political, and educational personalities.

Among dignitaries in attendance were, the Archbishop of Methodist Church Nigeria, Diocese of Uyo, Arch. John Kokobassey; Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Works and Fire Service, Pastor Ignatius Ekwere; Permanent Secretary, SUBEB, Dr. Roseline Mfon; Clan Head of Etoi, Eteidung Boniface; senior military officers and their spouses, as well as several education and political stakeholders.



Udobia Champions Unity, Empowers Constituents with N7 Million Support, Rewards Football Stars

The Member representing Esit Eket/Ibendo State Constituency in the Akwa Ibom State House of Assembly, Hon. Udobia Udo, has restated his commitment to unity and grassroots empowerment through a series of impactful engagements across his constituency.

During a Thanksgiving Service at Qua Iboe Church, Upenekang, on Sunday, October 26, the lawmaker donated N5 million to support church projects, welfare services, educational grants, and small-scale businesses within the congregation.

In his remarks, the lawmaker expressed gratitude to God and the people of Ibendo for their continued support, urging the church to sustain prayers for peace and unity across the state. He commended Governor Umo Eno for his transformational leadership and ongoing developmental strides.

Additionally, Udobia disbursed N2million to youths, women, and stakeholders as part of his empowerment initiative.



Later in the day, he joined the Special Assistant to the Governor on Support Groups at the Grand Finale of the Patience Umo Eno Memorial Football Tournament held at Afaha Ekpenedi, Esit Eket. The Coordinator of the Office of the First Lady, Lady Helen Obareki, performed the kick-off, while Ward 2 emerged champions.

In recognition of their performance, Engr. Udobia rewarded the winning teams with N1 million; N500,000 for the first place, N300,000 for the second, and N200,000 for the third place commending their sportsmanship and unity.



The thanksgiving service attracted several dignitaries including, Rev. Ekpeme Effanga, General Superintendent of Qua Iboe Church; Hon. Glory Effiong, Chairman of Ibendo LGA; Hon. Ikoedem Ekong, Commissioner for Labour and Manpower Planning; and Hon. Ndifreke Etieketa, Leader of Esit Eket Legislative Council, among others, who praised the lawmaker's people-focused leadership.

Over 2,000 Students Benefit as GIFA Concludes Statewide Back-to-School Initiative in Ibeno



In continuation of its drive to promote literacy and learning, the Golden Initiative For All (GIFA), has concluded its 2025 Back-to-School programme at Upenekang, Ibeno.

The initiative, which aimed at providing school materials for indigent students in public schools across the State, witnessed a large turnout of enthusiastic students and teachers from Ibeno Grammar School and other schools in the area on



Wednesday, October 29.

Speaking at the event, the Coordinator, Office of the First Lady, and Chairman, Board of Trustees of GIFA, Lady Helen Obareki reaffirmed GIFA's unwavering commitment to complementing the State government's free and compulsory education policy, stressing that the Back-to-School programme was instituted to ensure that no child is left behind in the quest for quality education. She emphasised that education remains the bedrock of development and a key driver of sustainable growth in the society.

Represented by Hon. Selina Ukpato, Member for Ikot Abasi/Eastern Obolo State Constituency in the Akwa Ibom State House of Assembly, Lady Obareki explained that GIFA is dedicated to bridging existing gaps that hinder access to quality education, especially in rural communities. She urged the students to take their studies seriously and uphold discipline, obedience, and hard work as virtues that guarantee future success.

Describing the students as the future of Akwa Ibom, the Coordinator charged them to believe in their dreams. "Education is your key to success. Believe in yourself, study hard, and never give up. Remember, education is not just preparation for life, it is life itself," she stressed, adding that the distributed materials represent renewed opportunities for learning and growth.

Welcoming the First Lady's team, the Ibeno Chairman, Hon. Glory Effiong, expressed deep appreciation to Lady Obareki for bringing the programme to her area. She noted that as a proud GIFA volunteer, hosting the Back-to-School initiative in Ibeno has strengthened the Council's partnership with the Foundation in delivering meaningful benefits to the people.

Goodwill messages were delivered by the Vice Chairman, Hon. Ukpogon Dan, GIFA partners, education stakeholders, and members of the political class, including an interactive session with Pastor Anne Abraham, who enlightened the students on the Foundation's eight thematic areas, emphasising how each aligns with its mission to foster human capital development.

The highlight of the event, was the distribution of school bags, exercise books, mathematical sets, and other essential learning materials to more than 500 pupils drawn from both public and private schools across Ibeno LGA, while the excited students entertained the guests with songs, poems, and dances, in appreciation of continuous support.

Dignitaries in attendance included Mrs. Nsikap Akpan, wife of the Member representing Nsit Ibom State Constituency, Mrs. Doris Nkan, wife of the Commissioner for Budget and Economic Planning, and Mrs. Veronica Odiong, wife of the Chairman of Mbo Local Government Area.

The initiative, launched in Ibesikpo Asutan Local Government Area for Uyo Senatorial District, moved to Essien Udim LGA for Ikot Ekpene Senatorial District and concluded in Ibeno, for Eket Senatorial District.

The visit came barely two weeks after Lady Obareki inaugurated a health facility named after her mother, Pastor Patience Umo Eno in the LGA.



Int'l White Cane Safety Day: A'ibom Joins Global Community to Mark 2025 Celebration

•As Hon Ibanga reaffirms govt's commitment to inclusive governance



Akwa Ibom State, on Wednesday, October 29, joined the global community to commemorate the 2025 International White Cane Safety Day, renewing its commitment to inclusion, empowerment, and equal opportunity for persons with visual impairment.

The celebration, which commenced with a White Cane Awareness Walk at the Women Development Centre, IBB Avenue, Uyo, was themed, “Vision Beyond Sight: Celebrating Independence, Resilience, and Recognising Achievements of the Blind.”

Speaking at the event, the Commissioner for Humanitarian Affairs, Hon. Emem Ibanga, expressed gratitude to God for the opportunity to celebrate the resilience and accomplishments of persons who are blind and visually impaired. She described them as symbols of courage, determination, and hope in the society.

The Commissioner lauded Governor Umo Eno for his inclusive leadership and consistent support to the disability community, noting that the State has recorded historic progress in advancing the welfare and dignity of Persons Living With Disabilities under his administration.

She highlighted several humanitarian interventions, including the ₦100 million Educational Intervention Fund for students with disabilities, the enrolment of over 1,200 PWDs into the ARISE Health Insurance Scheme, the construction of ARISE Compassionate Homes, and various ICT and agricultural empowerment programmes. Others included, the provision of

mobility aids and the appointment of PWDs to strategic positions in government, in a resolve to build an inclusive society.

Calling for stronger collaboration, the Commissioner urged philanthropists, community leaders, and corporate organisations to support the visually impaired through employment opportunities, scholarships, mentorship, and improved accessibility initiatives. She emphasised that, “The visually impaired are our brothers and sisters; their success is our collective success. Together, we can create a society that truly embodies vision beyond sight.”

Earlier, the National President of the Nigeria Association of the Blind (NAB), Mr. Stanley Oyebotu, applauded the Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs for its continuous partnership with the disability community. He advocated for capacity-building programmes for PLWD clusters to enhance their participation and productivity, while he also urged the blind community to educate the public on the proper use of the white cane.

The event also featured a keynote address on “Enhancing Stakeholder Participation in Ensuring Accessibility: Advancing Rights under the Discrimination Against Persons With Disabilities Act, 2018,” delivered by Barr. Clifford Thomas, as well as goodwill messages from Mr. David Okon, Total Inclusion Ltd; AKECA President, Barr. Emmanuel Archibong, Comrade Ubong Ikpe, other NGOs and corporate partners.

The highlight of the celebration, was the symbolic presentation of white canes to visually impaired persons by the Commissioner.



Urue Offong/ Oruko: Elizabeth Uno Champions Unity, Empowerment Among Women



The First Lady of Urue Offong/Oruko Local Government Area, Mrs. Elizabeth Uno, has reaffirmed her resolve to promoting unity, faith, and women's empowerment throughout the area.

Addressing participants at the October edition of the Women's Monthly Prayer Summit at the Council Secretariat on Tuesday, October 28, Mrs. Uno who thanked God for His faithfulness, expressed gratitude to the women for their steadfast support. She charged them to remain patient, prayerful, and united, assuring that ongoing empowerment initiatives under her leadership would reach every woman in due time.

Delivering a sermon on the theme, "The Hand of God Is Upon You," the Guest Minister, Pastor Ini Sada, encouraged women to recognise their divine purpose, declaring that every woman is a vessel of destiny and not a mistake in God's plan.

The gathering featured intercessory prayers for families, the Local Government, Akwa Ibom State, and Nigeria, as well as special prayers for the Chairman, Rt. Hon. Uno Etim Uno,

his wife and staff.

Also, 30 women from the 10 wards of the area received business support grants to boost their small-scale enterprises.

Additionally, an illustrious son of the area, Mr. Bassey Oyen, donated wrappers that

were distributed to women.

Relevant stakeholders, commended Mrs. Uno for her dedication to the spiritual and economic upliftment of women in Urue Offong/Oruko.

The event was attended by the Vice Chairman, Hon. Arit Ambit; Leader of the 8th Legislative Council, Hon. Sunday Eyo; Deputy Leader, Hon. Mercy Dan; Mrs. Quincy Efombruh; councillors; supervisors and APC executives.



Esit Eket: Chairman Urges Farmers to Embrace Free Oil Palm Seedlings Initiative



Nigeria. She urged farmers to take advantage of the opportunity to expand oil palm cultivation and increase their income through both subsistence and commercial agriculture.

Officials from the Oil Palm Sub-Programme Committee also informed participants about the benefits of the programme, urging them to cultivate oil palm on a larger scale to boost productivity and sustainability.

The Chairman of Esit Eket Local Government Area, Hon. Uduak Ikot, has called on farmers in the area to embrace Governor Umo Eno's free oil palm seedlings distribution initiative, aimed at promoting agricultural growth and rural development.

Hon. Ikot made this appeal during a sensitisation meeting with the Akwa Ibom State Agriculture and Food Security Committee and Esit Eket stakeholders, held at the Council Secretariat, Uquo, recently.

Represented by the Vice Chairman, Rt. Hon. Eddy Etangkanga, the Chairman said the initiative reflects Governor Eno's commitment to empowering farmers, diversifying the economy, and repositioning Akwa Ibom as a leading hub for oil palm production in

They further outlined the Governor's long-term vision of making Akwa Ibom the nation's leading palm oil producer and establishing Nigeria as a significant exporter in the global palm oil market.

Stakeholders at the meeting commended the State government for the initiative and assured them of their readiness to ensure its success in Esit Eket.



Abak: Charles Engages Stakeholders in Preparation for 2026 Fiscal Budget

The Chairman of Abak Local Government Area, Hon. Ime Charles, has reaffirmed her administration's dedication to inclusive governance and participatory development as part of the Council's preparation for the 2026 fiscal year budget.

Hon. Charles gave the assurance on Wednesday, October 29, during a Town Hall Meeting with key stakeholders held at the Abak Local Government Secretariat.



The interactive session brought together traditional rulers, community leaders, civil society representatives, market associations, artisans, youth and women groups, and other critical stakeholders to contribute ideas towards shaping the 2026 budget.

In her remarks, the Council Chairman described the meeting as part of efforts to ensure that the budget reflects the genuine needs and priorities of the people. She emphasised that the budgeting process is a collective responsibility that requires broad-based participation to

achieve inclusive and sustainable development. Hon. Charles who highlighted the successes recorded from previous budget cycles, noting that several impactful projects across the area were achieved through stakeholder collaboration. She identified education, healthcare, agriculture, economic empowerment, and environmental sustainability as key focus areas for the 2026 fiscal year.

Reaffirming her administration's commitment to transparency, accountability, and efficient resource management, the council boss assured that funds allocated in the 2026 budget would be judiciously utilised, with regular updates provided to the public on project implementation.



Stakeholders at the meeting commended the Chairman for her open-door leadership, and people-centred approach to governance, pledging continued support to sustain the ongoing development efforts across Abak Local Government Area.

Ikono Chairman Restates Commitment to Food Security, Rural Development

The Chairman of Ikono Local Government Area, Rt. Hon. Oto-obong Essien, has restated her administration's commitment to food security and rural development through sustainable agricultural initiatives.

Speaking during a bumper yam harvest at the ARISE Model Farm in Ibiaku Ntok Okpo, on Thursday, October 30, Hon. Essien said the project reflects the practical implementation of Governor Umo Eno's ARISE Agenda at the grassroots.

She appreciated the Governor for supporting local governments to drive agricultural growth and pledged continued partnership with the Ministry of Agriculture to expand the farm and



strengthen local food production. The Commissioner for Agriculture, represented by Mrs. Patricia Ekpo commended the Chairman's foresight and assured of the ministry's support to boost yields and promote agribusiness.

The Coordinator of the Office of the First Lady, Lady Helen Obareki, represented by Hon. Inibehe Etukudo, lauded the initiative as a model for grassroots governance, while Mrs. Ime Udo, Chairman of the State Hotels and Tourism Board, noted its tourism potential.

Traditional rulers, led by HRM Edidem Nana Itang, praised the Council Chairman's leadership, describing the project as a step towards agricultural excellence and rural transformation in Ikono.



Nkom Strengthens Ties with Grassroot Leaders to Boost Voter Registration

The Chairman of Ikot Ekpene Local Government Area, Hon. Aniefiok Nkom, has called on the Authentic Council of Village Chairmen, Ikot Ekpene Chapter, to partner with his administration in intensifying community sensitisation on the ongoing Continuous Voter Registration (CVR) across all wards in the area.



Hon. Nkom made the appeal on Thursday, October 30, when he received members of the group during a courtesy visit to his office at the council secretariat. He emphasised that active participation in the CVR exercise is vital to the political and socio-economic development of the local government.

The Council Chairman underscored the importance of the exercise as the foundation for credible and transparent elections, assuring that all necessary equipment has been provided at the local INEC office for a smooth registration process. He further highlighted that increased voter participation would help strengthen grassroots development and representation.

While commending the Council for their support during his electioneering campaign, Hon. Nkom reaffirmed his administration's readiness to continually engage traditional and community

leaders in governance. He also urged them to sustain peace and harmony within their respective communities.

Earlier, the Chairman of the Authentic Council of Village Chairmen, who is also the Special Assistant to the Governor on New Media, Pastor Solomon Essiet, along with the Acting Secretary, Hon. Monday Udo, applauded Hon. Nkom's achievements within one year in office.

They expressed appreciation for his inclusive leadership approach and pledged their unwavering loyalty and support to his administration, while appealing for more involvement of the Council in government programmes.

Pastor Essiet described the group as a key administrative link between the Village Heads and the grassroots, assuring of their commitment to partner with the council in mobilising residents for the ongoing voter registration exercise.



ARISE PROJECTS TRACKING



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KEY PROPOSALS & ACTIONS	ACTIVITY	APPROVAL STATUS	START DATE	END DATE	REMARKS
HUMAN RESOURCES FOR HEALTH	RECRUITMENT DRIVE FOR 3000 HEALTH WORKERS	APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR-IN-EXCO	1 ST SEPT. 2025	15 TH NOV. 2025	ONGOING
WELFARE BOOST & INCENTIVES FOR ALL HEALTH WORKERS	FIVE(5) NEW SPECIAL ALLOWANCES AND INCENTIVES INTRODUCED	APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR-IN-EXCO	1 ST NOV. 2025	PERMANENT WELFARE INCENTIVE BY GOVERNOR UMO ENO	ONGOING
POLICY REFORM	INTRODUCTION OF SKIPPING POLICY AS APPLICABLE IN THE FEDERAL PUBLIC SERVICE	APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR-IN-EXCO	1 ST NOV. 2025	PERMANENT WELFARE POLICY BY GOVERNOR UMO ENO	ONGOING
INFRASTRUCTURAL & EQUIPMENT UPGRADE (PHASE 1)	REHABILITATION OF 8 GENERAL HOSPITALS, 25 CHCS & PHCS, ISOLATION CENTRE & MOLECULAR DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY	APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR-IN-EXCO	1 ST NOV. 2025	30 TH APRIL 2026	ASSESSMENT & BOQ ONGOING
INFRASTRUCTURAL & EQUIPMENT UPGRADE (PHASE 2)	REHABILITATION OF ANOTHER 8 GENERAL HOSPITALS & 50 PHCS	APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR-IN-EXCO	2 ND JAN. 2026	31 ST AUG. 2026	ASSESSMENT & BOQ ONGOING
STAKEHOLDERS DIALOGUE	PRESENTATION OF STRATEGIC ROADMAP FOR STATE OF EMERGENCY TO THE HEALTH SECTOR AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC	APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR-IN-EXCO	7 TH & 8 TH NOV. 2025		COORDINATION & PLANNING ONGOING
TRAINING OF RESIDENT DOCTORS	PAYMENT OF 2025 MEDICAL RESIDENCY TRAINING FUND (2025 MRTF) [SUBJECT TO SIGNED AGREEMENT]	APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR-IN-EXCO	1 ST NOV. 2025	31 ST JAN. 2026	DOCUMENTATION ONGOING
KICK-OFF OF OPERATIONS AT MOTHER & CHILD SPECIALIST HOSPITALS	APPOINTMENT OF MEDICAL DIRECTOR & MANAGEMENT TEAM	APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR-IN-EXCO	PERMANENT HOSPITAL OPERATIONS TO COMMENCE 20 TH NOVEMBER, 2025		PREPARATION ONGOING
COMMISSIONING OF GENERAL HOSPITAL, UKANAFUN	COMPLETION OF HOSPITAL & STAFF QUARTERS CONSTRUCTION, INSTALLATION OF EQUIPMENT	APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR-IN-EXCO	COMMISSIONING FIXED 10 TH NOVEMBER 2025		PREPARATIONS ONGOING

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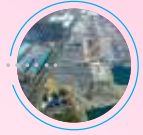
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- National and regional industrial and economic hub
- Occupies **14,517 hectares** of land
- IIC will create jobs and limitless investment opportunities



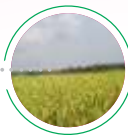
LIBERTY FREE TRADE ZONE

- 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.



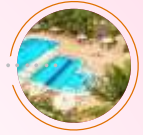
AGRICULTURAL INVESTMENTS

- 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



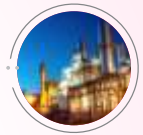
LARGE GAS RESERVES

- 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



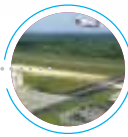
MARINE TRANSPORT

- 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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