

PLATEAU STATE BUSINESS ENABLING REFORM ACTION PLAN (BERAP) 2023										PROGRESS REPORT		
S/N	Business Enabling Reform Areas	Reform Objectives	Action Steps	Description and Key Targets	Responsible MDA	Contributing MDAs	Budget	Planned Start Date	Planned End Date	Status Report	Description of Status	Next Steps
1	Land, Property Titling and Use	Administrative reforms and streamlining of land registration procedures	A. More sensitization on the Land Use charge to simplify access to Land for business	All Private Sector Players, Business Owners, potential investors and MSMEs  <b>Target Objective:</b> Increase awareness by 70% on the land use charge for businesses	Plateau State Ministry of Lands, Survey and Town Planning	Jos Metropolitan Development Agency (JMDB), Plateau State Ministry of Urban and Physical Planning, Plateau State One Stop Investment Centre (OSIC), Plateau State Small and Medium Development Agency (PLASMDA), Plateau Investment and Property Development Company (PIPC) Ltd, Ministry of Justice	N/A	14th July, 2021	31st December, 2023	Completed	The process for the digitization of archives in the Ministry of Lands and Survey has been initiated.  The advertisement for the procurement of a vendor to upgrade PLAGIS has been completed and the vendor has been mobilized to the site	
			B. Ease the criteria and procedures for registering land for business	<b>Target Objective:</b> Reduce the land registration processes and procedures for businesses to five steps		Jos Metropolitan Development Agency (JMDB), Plateau State Ministry of Urban and Physical Planning, Ministry of Justice						
			B.1. Design simpler and more transparent procedures for land transactions and Titling	<b>Target Objective:</b> The guidelines help make land deals more transparent by urging governments to conduct impact assessments of proposed investments in land to determine their impact on local people and land rights.								
			C. Reduce the time/days taken for land and property titling	<b>Target Objective:</b> Improve service speeds, and ensure expedited urgent applications processed within 30 working days		Jos Metropolitan Development Agency (JMDB), Plateau State Ministry of Urban and Physical Planning						
			D. Sustain the cost of acquisition process of land/property by 50%	<b>Target Objective:</b> Provide sustainable solution that will facilitate and increase land ownership transaction and environment-friendly workspace by 80%								
2	Reducing the number of steps and time for processing building permit approval	Improve transparency, efficiency and facilitate access to regulations	A. Identify the relevant MDAs involved in the inspection process	All Private Sector Players, Business Owners, potential investors and MSMEs. <b>Target Objective:</b> To ensure interactions within the reform system to produce substantial impact by 80%	Jos Metropolitan Development Board (JMDB)	Plateau State Lands, Survey and Town Planning (Office of the Surveyor General), Ministry of Works All Lands departments in the 17 LGAs	N/A	9th November, 2022	16 February, 2023	Completed	Regulations on building and construction permits have been designed and uploaded to the State Government website. These have been used to sensitize the public over radio and other media outlets	
			A.1. Develop a schedule to jointly inspect a site and identify lead agency	<b>Target Objective:</b> To ensure that project activities go forward as planned and are according to requirements, standards		Plateau State Lands, Survey and Town Planning (Office of the Surveyor General) All Lands departments in the 17 LGAs						
			B. Communicate the revised procedures to the personnel	<b>Target Objective:</b> This is essential in order to avoid costly mistakes and errors		Plateau State Lands, Survey and Town Planning (Office of the Surveyor General) All Lands departments in the 17 LGAs						
			B.1. Communicate to relevant stakeholders within the sector	<b>Target Objective:</b> To gain greater understanding of the set objectives and adapt to deliver on the project mandate		Plateau State Lands, Survey and Town Planning (Office of the Surveyor General) All Lands departments in the 17 LGAs						

			B.2. Automate the process of obtaining permit	<b>Target Objective:</b> Cost reduction, increase productivity and availability by 50%		Plateau State Lands, Survey and Town Planning (Office of the Surveyor General) All Lands departments in the 17 LGAs						
			C. Implement and track performance	<b>Target Objective:</b> Mitigate risk and meet deadlines		Plateau State Lands, Survey and Town Planning (Office of the Surveyor General) All Lands departments in the 17 LGAs						
			C.1. Collate Statistics and data on implementation	<b>Target Objective:</b> Towards measuring the effectiveness of the reform strategy		Plateau State Lands, Survey and Town Planning (Office of the Surveyor General) All Lands departments in the 17 LGAs						
3	<b>Comprehensive Reform of State Tax Administration</b>	Harmonization of the Plateau State tax system to reduce regulatory burden on MSMEs and the private sector	A. Eliminate tax raids and multiple tolls on MSMEs	Private Sector, MSMEs and potential investors. <b>Target Objective:</b> The harmonization of the tax laws will reduce tax raid and multiple tolls on MSME by 60%	Plateau State Board of Internal Revenue Service (PSIRS)	Plateau State Board of Internal Revenue Service (PSIRS), 17 Local Government Councils, Federal Inland Revenue Services, Office of the Governor	NA	21st November, 2021	29th December, 2023	Completed	Part 3 of the Consolidation Revenue Law allows for the harmonization	The presumptive tax which has been signed into law addresses this reform objective
			B. Rationalized tax administration to reduce overlapping between tiers of government	<b>Target Objective:</b> This will strengthen tax capacity towards improving governance and accountability		17 Local Government Councils,						
			C. Document and disseminate whole tax obligations of MSMEs according to sectors	<b>Target Objective:</b> To increase the process of filing and paying taxes on a timely basis by 70%		17 Local Government Councils,						
4	<b>A bill for a law to establish the Co-operative Societies Commission</b>	Easing the process for business and cooperative registration and formalization	A. The Cooperative Agency Bill when passed into law will enhance the process for registering cooperative societies	MSMEs, Private Sectors. <b>Target Objective:</b> Enhance registration of cooperative societies by 30%	Ministry of Justice	Ministry of Commerce, Plateau State House of Assembly, PSIRS	NA	31st March, 2023	31st December, 2023	Completed	The Bill passage was not completed before the end of the 9th Assembly.	The Attorney General will present the bill to the State Executive Council and submit to the 10th House of Assembly for adoption and passage  The 1-year retainer-ship with the PRTV will be leveraged for sensitization to MSMEs in addition to other community platforms
			B. Create awareness and Compliance to the Cooperative laws by MSMEs	<b>Target Objective:</b> Increase awareness and compliance by 60%		Ministry of Commerce, Ministry of Information, PSIRS						
			A. Strengthen the existing Alternative Dispute Resolution mechanism (Mediation and Reconciliation)	MSMEs, Private Sectors and Potential Investors. <b>Target Objective:</b> To increase rapidly, confidentiality and flexibility in resolving commercial disputes by 20%								

5	<b>Contract Enforcement and Dispute Resolution</b>	This reform is aimed at reducing the cost and process of settling commercial disputes especially by MSMEs in Plateau State	A.1. Establish more Alternative Dispute Resolution Centres across the State	<b>Target Objective:</b> 40% Increase in dispute settlements in a more cost-effective manner	Plateau State Ministry of Justice	Plateau State Ministry of Justice, Plateau State Judiciary, Plateau State House of Assembly	NA	7th November, 2022	16th September, 2023	Completed	The State Multi door courthouse and Citizens Mediation Centre serve as the ADR platform  The Ministry of Justice has a 1-year retainer ship with the Plateau Radio Television Corporation to provide weekly updates on the activities of the mediation centres.  There are 25 small claims courts across the state	
6	<b>Improving the investment climate and investment facilitation services for private sector investment</b>	A Bill for a Law to establish Investment Promotion Agency in Plateau State to attract foreign direct investments and strengthen local businesses	The IPA bill has been developed and sent to the Plateau State House of Assembly.	Investors, MSMEs, private sector. <b>Target Objective:</b> Reduce the cost of doing business, and drive job creation and income growth	Ministry of Justice	Plateau State Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Ministry of Justice, Plateau State One Stop Investment Centre (PS-OSIC), PIPC, Plateau State House of Assembly	NA	6th December 2022	31st March, 2023	Completed	The Bill passage was not completed before the end of the 9th Assembly.  The Attorney General will present the bill to the State Executive Council and submit to the 10th House of Assembly for adoption and passage	
7	<b>Launch of Plateau State Agricultural Policy</b>	The policy is developed to drive the growth of the agriculture sector with attention on key contemporary issues such as poverty, climate change, gender, PLWDs, inputs support and data	A. Development of policy implementation matrix with focus on the SDG elements	MSMEs, Farmers, Private Sector <b>Target Objective:</b> To increase adoption of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) in Plateau State; and improvement of the efficiency & effectiveness	Plateau State Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development	Plateau State Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Ministry of Environment, Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (FMAD), Local Government Areas	NA	10th January, 2023	31st December, 2023	Completed	The Agricultural Policy has been completed, approved and adopted by the Plateau State Executive Council and was launched by the last administration.  The Ministry used the policy document to develop a 3-year budget for 2024 - 2026	
			B. Produce and distribute policy and implementation manual to relevant Stakeholder	<b>Target Objective:</b> Produce copies of the policy implementation manual and distribute to the relevant Stakeholders								
			C. Undertake advocacy on policy and the implementation Strategies	<b>Target Objective:</b> To enable a progressive increase in the contribution of policy to the State economy								
			D. Implement policy with focus in key areas that meets SDGs Objectives	<b>Target Objective:</b> To strengthen SDGs objectives through evidence based practical approach								

			E. Monitor and Evaluate policy implementation periodically	<b>Target Objective:</b> To develop evaluation tools and assess the impacts of smart projects								
8	<b>Mainstreaming Gender and Vulnerability in the distribution of State Government subsidized agricultural inputs such as fertilizer, seeds, agrochemicals</b>	This reform area is to achieve allocation of 30% subsidized agro inputs to smallholder farmers living with disabilities and vulnerable women with the aim of increasing food production	A. Identify and collate data of persons living with disabilities and vulnerable women smallholder farmers across the 17LGAs	Persons living with disabilities, vulnerable women that are smallholder farmers. <b>Target Objective:</b> To promote access to sectoral public data for innovation and digital economy development	Plateau State Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development	Plateau Ministry of Women Affairs, Disability Rights Commission, LG Council, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development	NA	6th May, 2022	31st December, 2023	Completed	A technical committee has been set up by the State Government and a report for implementation is expected.	
		B. Verify the collated list and give potential beneficiaries means of identification	<b>Target Objective:</b> To keep up to date with the activities of the ecosystem and to inform the stakeholders									
		C. Make budget estimate of items for the identified persons and profiled groups	<b>Target Objective:</b> To ensure that MSME obtain requisite support									
		D. Set a distribution of subsidized items to the groups	<b>Target Objective:</b> Clear and practical guidelines for the distribution of subsidized items									
		E. Monitor the distribution of subsidized items to the various categories	<b>Target Objective:</b> To provide implementable guidance for Information									
		F. Prepare annual report on mainstreaming	<b>Target Objective:</b> To establish trust in distribution processes									
9	<b>Environmental Sector Reform</b>	Stimulating economic activities through waste to wealth	A. Integrated Waste Management, Recycling and Energy Generation in Plateau State	Potential Investors, Private Sector, MSMEs. <b>Target Objective:</b> To develop guidelines for sustainable management of processes	Ministry of Environment	Ministry of Environment, Plateau Infrastructure and Regulatory Agency, Plateau Investment and Property Development Company (PIPC) Ltd, Ministry of Finance	NA	9th March, 2023	16th May, 2023	Completed	The waste management project is being pursued under PPP. The guidelines have been developed through stakeholders meetings.	
		B. Simplify the process and procedure for getting EIA by clarifying the steps and fees	<b>Target Objective:</b> Simplify the process and procedure to Seven steps	Federal Ministry of Environment, NESREA		The Ministry has simplified the processes and will approve the EIA guidelines following clarity of fees and procedures by the Federal Ministry of Environment						
			A. Implementation of the Plateau State Gender and Equal Opportunities Law, 2015	MSMEs, PWDs, Private Sector. <b>Target Objective:</b> It will enable women and men to make decisions that impact more positively on their lives.							The Gender and Equal Opportunity Commission was established in 2022 to implement the State Gender and Equal Opportunities Law 2015. The budgetary allocation for 2024 is	
			B. Establishment of Gender and Equal Opportunities Law	<b>Target Objective:</b> Facilitate the implementation of the Law								

10	Gender mainstreaming and inclusive growth	To enhance opportunities for gender inclusion and reduce challenges for women in business	C. Designation, training and deployment of Gender Focal Persons in key MDAs (35) and all the 17 LGAs in the state	<b>Target Objective:</b> To train 2000 people including people With Disabilities on Gender Mainstreaming	Ministry of Women Affairs	Office of the Head of Service, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Women Affairs,	NA	31st March, 2023	31st December, 2023	Completed	<p>N64,000,000 implemented under the Ministry of Women Affairs</p> <p>A proposal for an addendum to the law to include clear guidelines in alignment with best practices and international standards for the Commission will be submitted to the Attorney-Generat</p> <p>All 96 MDAs have a focal person.</p> <p>A Gender Mediation team comprising the Director of Social Service, Information Officer, Head of Women Unit and a Mediator has been established across the 17 LGAs</p>	
11	Reform of the Critical Infrastructural Sector	This is to expand existing structures and develop new ones towards ensuring that such infrastructure like roads etc open up the state economic landscape.	A. Construction and completion of the Legacy projects initiated across the three senatorial districts of Plateau State. These projects comprise 4 modern hospitals, 3 vocational and technical schools etc	Private Sector, Individuals, Students, MSMEs. <b>Target Objective:</b> To improve the quality of life of people in the rural areas through impvded health delivery and thereby enhance economic activities. In addition, improve vocational and technical skills development in schools	Ministry of Finance	Ministry of Works, Ministry of Housing, Ministry of Urban and Regional Planning, Ministry of Lands, Survey and Town Planning, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Health	NA	1st June, 2022	31st May, 2023	Completed	Projects in the reform area were inherited. However, the current administration has reviewed all contracts and mobilized contractors to site	
			B. Completion and commissioning of the British-American Overhead Bridge and Dualisation of Lamingo Junction Road	<b>Target Objective:</b> Prevent traffic congestion, and to ease the movement of goods and persons into the Central Business District of Jos thereby lubricate economic activities	Ministry of Works							
			C. Completion and commissioning of the State High Court Headquarters Complex	<b>Target Objective:</b> To enhance Judicial Services and by extension settlement of commercial disputes.	Ministry of Housing and Urban Development							
			D. Construction of Markets with modern facilities across the three senatorial districts to boost commerce and agricultural produce	<b>Target Objective:</b> To revitalize the economy of the state with the vast opportunities it holds for individual commercial activities	Ministry of Commerce and Industry							