



KANO STATE SABER ACTION PLAN 2023

25TH JANUARY, 2023

**KANO STATE EASE OF DOING BUSINESS
ATTENDANCE SHEET**

Event: Stakeholder Consultation for BERAP 2023

Date: 16 - September - 2022.

Venue: Tahir Guest Palace, Kano (Majestic Hall).

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KANO STATE BUSINESS ENABLING REFORMS ACTION PLAN
Preparation and Implementation Planning Meeting

Meeting Agenda

Date: September 16, 2022

Time: 10:00 AM - 1:30 PM

Location: Majestic Hall, Tahir Guest Palace, Kano State

Objective: To review the progress, challenges, and next steps of the Kano State Business-Enabling Reform Action Plan (BERAP) with all contributing MDAs, private sector participants, and stakeholders.

List of Contributing MDAs and Private Sector Participants

Contributing MDAs:

- KanInvest - Lead agency for investment promotion and business facilitation.
- Ministry of Justice - Oversight of legal frameworks and regulatory reforms.
- Ministry of Commerce and Industry - Responsible for commerce regulations and promoting business-friendly policies.
- Judiciary - Ensuring legal accessibility and support for business-related legal processes.
- Ministry of Land and Physical Planning (MLPP) - Facilitates land and property management for businesses.
- Kano State Internal Revenue Service (KIRS) - Manages tax processes and incentives.
- Ministry of Budget and Planning (MOPB) - Oversees budget allocation for reform initiatives.
- Kano Urban Planning and Development Authority (KNUPDA) - Ensures compliance with urban planning regulations.
- Ministry of Tourism and Culture - Promotes tourism-related business opportunities.
- Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources - Supports agribusiness initiatives.
- Directorate of Economic Affairs (DIA) - Responsible for economic planning and policy development.

Private Sector Participants:

- Kano State Chamber of Commerce, Industry, Mines, and Agriculture (KACCIMA) - Key representative of the business community.
- National Association of Small Scale Industrialists (NASSI) - Represents small and medium enterprises in Kano.
- Greenswitch Consulting - Provides consultancy for implementing reforms.
- Kano Agricultural and Rural Development Authority (KARDA) - Involved in agribusiness and rural enterprise support.

Agenda:

1. Opening Remarks - Chair: DG of KanInvest Alhaji Hamid Sidi Ali, representing the Governor of Kano State; Special Guest: Imam Inuwa Gwale, SABER Reform Champion
2. Overview of BERAP Objectives and Vision - Presenter: KanInvest Team
3. Progress Reports on Key Reform Areas
4. Challenges and Solutions
5. Private Sector Engagement
6. Key Action Points and Timeline
7. Closing Remarks and Appreciation

Meeting Report

Meeting Date: September 16, 2022
Location: Majestic Hall, Tahir Guest Palace, Kano State Representing the Governor: DG of KanInvest Alhaji Hamid Sidi Ali
Special Guest: Imam Inuwa Gwale, SABER Reform Champion

Summary of Proceedings

- Opening Remarks:** The DG of KanInvest, representing the Governor, opened the meeting with remarks on the importance of BERAP for Kano State's economic growth. Abduljabbar Umar emphasized collaboration between the public and private sectors to drive reform success.
- Overview of BERAP Objectives and Vision:** KanInvest presented BERAP's objectives, focusing on regulatory transparency, digital service accessibility, and fostering investment through public-private partnerships.
- Progress Updates:**
 - **Access to Information:** The Judiciary shared efforts to digitize public records.
 - **Enhanced Regulatory Reforms:** The Ministry of Commerce reported a reduction in business registration times.
 - **PPP Law:** KanInvest shared progress on the PPP law, expected to streamline collaboration between Kano State and private businesses.
- Challenges and Solutions:** MDAs discussed resource limitations and technical challenges. Private sector representatives offered support in logistics and ICT expertise.
- Private Sector Engagement:** Discussions with private sector representatives on potential roles in supporting BERAP goals.
- Key Action Points and Timeline:** MDAs were assigned tasks with commitments for bi-monthly progress updates.
- Closing Remarks:** Abduljabbar Umar commended the participation and called for sustained effort to achieve BERAP's objectives.


Imam Inuwa Gwale
SABER Focal Person


Alhaji Hamid Sidi Ali
DG KANINVEST

KANO STATE BUSINESS-ENABLING REFORM ACTION PLAN (BERAP) 2023

S/N	Business Enabling Reform Areas	Reform Objectives	Action Steps	Description and Key Targets	Beneficiaries	Responsible MDA	Contributing MDAs	Estimated costs	Planned Start Date	Planned End Date
1	Access to Information	To provide adequate policies and reforms that would provide transparency in government's procedures, access to information, and clear-cut processes to encourage business startup.	1. we plan to leverage digital platforms (Web Portals, Document Management Portals) that would provide quick access to information. 2. Policies and Reforms shall be created in collaboration with supporting MDAs to ensure transparency in processes and procedural activities and importantly to publish such reforms and information	1. Business start-ups can now have direct access to information quickly without bottlenecks 2. Time reduction in access to information and the ability to understand what is required to set up a business without having to know anyone	Business Communities	KanInvest	KIRS, Min. of Finance, Min. for Local Government, Min of Commerce.	N/A	January, 2023	December, 2024
2	Enhanced Regulatory Reforms	To reduce the bottlenecks and durations for applicable regulations in setting up a business	Introducing a transparent procedure for getting registrations done, permits, land development, and acquisition. Develop and Complete the FRILLA Policy Document. Make available all regulatory procedures for easy access through our digital platforms	This will provide transparency and reduce the time for getting necessary regulatory documents	Business Communities	KanInvest	All other supporting MDAs	N/A	Q1 2023	Q2 2023
3	Creation of Web link to relevant MDAs website for ease of access	This will create linkages with relevant MDAs website and ease access to vital information. Thus facilitating the one-stop-shop for investors.	A. Finalization of Update of Website by relevant MDAs (Bureau for Land, KNUPDA, Commerce, KIRS). B. Creation of a direct website Link on the KanInvest Website to the MDAs	Update of Website by the MDAs in line with the Business Enabling Reform areas. Acquisition of source code for access and creation of the link on the KanInvest Website.	Investors and the general public	KanInvest	Bureau for Land Management, KNUPDA, KIRS, Ministry of Commerce	N/A	March, 2023	3rd, April, 2023
4	Documentation of all investment incentives in Kano	To provide all information on incentives available for investors from both the State and Federal Government.	1. Compilation of all investment incentives available in the State. 2. Compilation of all investment incentives offered by the Federal Government. 3. Integration of the incentives into one package. 4. Digitalization of the incentives and upload to the website for ease of access.	1. Collation of all incentives available in the State. 2. Collation of all incentives for investors both local and foreign, offered by the Federal Government. 3. Harmonization of the incentives into one document, digitalization of same, and uploading to the KanInvest website for ease of access.	Potential investors	KanInvest	Bureau for Land Management, KNUPDA, KIRS, Ministry of Commerce, Min. of Justice, Agriculture, Health, Environment, Nigeria Customs Service, Nigeria Immigration Service, NEPC, NIPC, CAC, FIRS, NEPZ	N/A	June, 2023	7th August, 2023
5	Digitalization of Investor Checklist on the KanInvest Website	Creation of a digitalized checklist for investors to provide information on all prerequisites for investing in the State.	Integration of the investor checklist with relevant laws and policies of government. 2. Harmonization of the checklist with stakeholder MDAs and Federal Agencies. 3. Submission of Checklist to KanInvest Board/EXCO for validation. 4. Uploading of checklist on the KanInvest Website	Engagement with stakeholder MDAs for integration of relevant policies and laws 2. Work with consultants to Harmonize the checklist based on best practices. 3. Submit the finalized checklist to higher authority for final validation. 4. Uploading a downloadable checklist to the KanInvest website.	Investors, MDAs	KanInvest	Bureau for Land Management, KNUPDA, KIRS, Ministry of Commerce, Min. of Justice, Agriculture, Health, Environment, Nigeria Customs Service, Nigeria Immigration Service, NEPC, NIPC, CAC, FIRS, NEPZ	2,750,000.00	March, 2023	4th, July, 2023

6	Public-Private-Partnership Law	Enactment of a PPP Law to establish standards and modalities for PPP models of investment in the State.	1. Draft PPP bill drawn up and incorporating the relevant PPP modalities to be adopted 2. The bill is sent to the Ministry of Justice for legal review/legal drafting. 3. The Bill is presented to the EXCO for validation or amendment. 4. The bill is sent to the House of Assembly for scrutiny and enactment	1. Engagement of a Technical Consultant on PPP. 2. Drafting of a PPP document for the State by KanInvest and Consultant. 3. Submission of the draft Bill to Min. of Justice for legal review/input. 4. Presentation of the PPP Law to the Council by KanInvest. 5. Forwarding of the finalized PPP Bill to Kano State House of Assembly by the Ministry of Justice. 6. Follow up by KanInvest with the KSHA.	Investors, businesses, development partners, organizations, MDAs.	KanInvest	Ministry of Justice, House of Assembly, Min. of Finance, Public Procurement Bureau.	1,768,000.00	2nd, January, 2023	31st April, 2023
7	Digital One-Stop-Shop	To establish connectivity between relevant government agencies, by providing efficient, transparent, and fast-tracked services to investors.	1. Provision of necessary ICT infrastructure (CPUs, Server, Internet, intranet, etc). 2. Set up the connectivity 3. Creation and integration of an e-business platform linking all relevant MDAs. 4. Train relevant service providers from the various MDAs 5. Monitor and evaluate.	1. Creation of a single window platform where investors can apply for business registration, submit relevant documents, and make appropriate fee payments. 2. Enable KanInvest to be able to track and review the services of participating agencies at the center. 3. To provide investment facilitation services and reduce the time required to process regulatory approvals and permits through integration.	State Government, Investors, general public.	KanInvest	MDAs, Bureau for Land Management, KNUPDA, KIRS, Ministry of Commerce, Min. of Justice, Agriculture, Health, Environment, etc.,	N/A	31st, April, 2023	30th, November, 2023
8	GIS-based Automation processes of obtaining C of O and post C of O processes	Enhancement of Revenue Collection, Facilitate C of O processes, Online access to official maps survey plans, Cadastral plans digitization, assessment, e-payment by the general public, Transparency,	A. Enhancement of revenue collection A.1. Conversion of analog-based data to digital geodatabase (e.g conversion of Analog Survey plans to digital), used in the automated billing system, e.g land used to charge, CofO processing, post-CofO processing (ongoing with 15,000 units scanned land files and related land records) B. Facilitate the C of O process B.1 Skills enhancement and sharing, for sustainability for service delivery C. Online access to official Maps, assessments, and E-payment by the general public C.1 Enhancement of the official website for online assessment/billing, payment, maps, information, and technical services C.2 Online customer care D. Transparency D. 1. Adequate Records management, proper audit, and	Bill signed off by State Assembly and the Executive Governor in the 2023 state budget, Mda included are Bureau for Land Management, KNUPDA, Ministry of Finance, Budget and Planning Ministry. The key target is to sustain GIS-based automation processes online	USERS/RECIPIENT: Government, Civil Servants (Bureau for Land Management, KNUPDA) stakeholders	Bureau for land management	KNUPDA, Fire Service, Ministry of Justice, Police Service Commission, Housing Cooperation, Local Government, Emirate Council, Ministry Of Commerce, DPR, KANINVEST	500,000,000-800,000,000	January, 2023	Dec-23

9	E-court service portal	1. Facilitate State access to justice 2. Enables Access to e-forms and procedures for easy retrieval.	1. Creation of e-court platform 2. Sourcing of the technical personnel 3. Training and onboarding of Users 4. Digitalization of Court data for easy access	To facilitate access to e-court services online. To enable quick resolution of cases through digitalization of court data and procedures.	General Public Judiciary Businesses Justice sector Stateholders Small claims.	Min. of Justice	N/A	10,000,000	January, 2023	31/12/2023 Date of termination
10	Consolidation and Codification of State & Local Government revenue administration Law,	The reform aims to bring together into single document, the State & Local Government revenue laws and to ease the payment of these revenues +B13	i. To allow for raising single demand notice to taxpayers and single collecting MDA ii. to provide single and unified payment solution iii. set up joint state & local government revenue committee Facilitate discussions between civil society organizations and the State House of Assembly for the quick passage of Kano State & Local Government Tax Law.	Fastrack the legislative process and ensure a quick signing of the passed laws	The reform is aimed at easing the suffering and constant harassment taxpayers experience from different tax-collecting authority	KIRS, State House of Assembly, Min. of Finance, Min. of Justice, Min. for Local Government, Min of Commerce.	N/A	January, 2023	December, 2023	
11	Establishment of Taxpayers Grievance and Complaint Redress Mechanism (Tax Clinic)	To create an enabling environment for communication with State teaming taxpayers where taxpayers can directly make complaints and be addressed in time. It's a unit that educates the taxpayers on the importance of paying taxes as and when due.	To inculcate our teaming taxpayers a voluntary tax compliance habit which most taxpayers like.	Sensitization through organizing Tax dialogue, Seminar, Conferences, Radio jingles, traditional rulers, and ulamas (Imams)	1. The government is the major beneficiary of the project because voluntary tax compliance will lead to an increase in the State IGR which allows the government to finance its laudable programs and projects. 2. Taxpayers will also benefit from the services provided by the government	Kano State Internal Revenue Service (KIRS)	Ministry of Information and Ministry for Local Government and Chieftancy affairs	6,000,000:00	January, 2023	December, 2023
12	Automation process	Bringing our product and services to taxpayers' doorstep through automation of tax administration from taxpayers' profiling, assessment, accounting, and reporting.	To ease taxpayers' suffering and block revenue leakages	Total movement from paperwork to digitals and the key target are; taxpayers, tax administrators, and practisioners.	The government would have a comprehensive taxpayers database for manipulations and future recurrences	KIRS/Lead Technical advisers Messr. ITC System Global Nigeria. Supervised by Min. of Finance.	Office of the Head of service Kano State	N/A	January, 2023	Continued Process

13	Online business premises registration	To fast-track business premises registration and reduce the process within 24 hours after payment	1. Outline of the process and procedures for business premises registration including fees are documentation and made available online and downloadable. 2. Training of staff for quick response and effective monitoring of the platform.	Access to e-registration form for online filling and submission by applicant. 3. Online printout of notification of payment and access to e-Certification for printing.	Businesses, General Public, Government	Min. of Commerce	KIIRS, KAnInvest, Bureau of Statistics, SERVICOM.	N/A	January, 2023	December, 2023
14	Construction of 108Km Fibre Optic Network in Metropolitan Kano	1. To unify fiber infrastructure by the deployment of a single cable duct for all telecommunication companies operating in the State, 2. Improving internet access to Government institutions and businesses, 3. Enhancing E-Governance, and exploring other revenue sources (internet access for organizations etc).	1. Ducting & Sub-ducting infrastructure services 2. Fibre cable installation 3. Fibre cable installation	integrating ICT and other communication lines into an underground single duct	Government Offices, Businesses	Ministry of Works and Infrastructure	Min. of Lands, KNUPDA	Construction of 78Km Fibre Optics Network N1, 991,599,761.29 Construction of 30Km Fibre Optics Network N 764, 768, 658. 27	April, 2022	December, 2023
15	Provision of efficient, reliable, and affordable electricity that is environmentally friendly (Construction of Tiga & Challawa Hydro-Power Project)	1. Provision of reliable and affordable electricity to light industries 2. improve business activities in the state through the provision of uninterrupted power supply to the major segment of businesses thereby reducing militating power instability	Construction of Generating Station: Tiga is nearly completed, Challawa is ongoing 2. Evacuation of electricity power 3. Set up of a Transmission sub-station 4. Completion of a Distribution station 5. Completion of Distribution lines	1. Availability of clean energy (environmentally friendly) 1. Improving electricity supply for commercial/industrial areas, 2. Improving water supply to industrial areas.	Industries, businesses, and the general public	Min. of Works and Infrastructural Development, Kano Hyrod-Electric Power Development Company (KHEDCO)	KHEDCO	N/A	N/A	1st Phase February, 2023 Completion of 2nd Phase 31st December, 2023



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The Director General,
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Kano State Investment Promotion Agency,
Kano State.

**EXTRACT FROM THE STATE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL CONCLUSION NO 3
OF 2023**

**RE: APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT BUSINESS ENABLING REFORMS ACTION PLAN
(BERAP) FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE STATE ACTION BUSINESS ENABLING
REFORMS (SABER)**

Dear Director General,

This is to formally acknowledge receipt of your memorandum submitted for the Council's consideration, titled "**MEMORANDUM SEEKING FOR COUNCIL'S APPROVAL ON THE DRAFT BUSINESS ENABLING REFORMS ACTION PLAN (BERAP) AS A CRITERIA TO ENABLE THE STATE GOVERNMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE STATE ACTION BUSINESS ENABLING REFORMS (SABER).**"

We are pleased to inform you that, following extensive deliberations at the State Executive Council meeting held on Wednesday, 25th January, 2023, the Council has granted approval for the draft Business Enabling Reforms Action Plan (BERAP). This approval signifies Kano State's commitment to creating an enabling environment for business and to participating in the State Action Business Enabling Reforms (SABER) as outlined in your submission.

The Council took note of the following:

- 1. That all relevant Ministries, Departments, and Agencies (MDAs) in Kano State have expressed readiness to collaborate and exert maximum effort to ensure the successful implementation of BERAP, achieving the desired results for the State; and**
- 2. That the Business Enabling Reforms Action Plan (BERAP) will serve as a critical eligibility criterion for Kano State's engagement in SABER, in alignment with our objectives to foster a business-friendly environment.**

We commend KanINVEST for spearheading this important initiative and encourage continuous efforts in the implementation of BERAP to further enhance Kano State's investment climate.

Please proceed with the necessary steps for implementation in accordance with this approval.

Thank you for your dedication and contribution towards Kano State's economic development.

Yours sincerely,



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