



KANO STATE

SABER ACTION PLAN 2024

13TH DECEMBER, 2023

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

Event: Stakeholders' Consultation for BERAP 2024
Date: 22 - October - 2023.
Venue: Millenium Hall, Tahir Guest Palace, Kano.

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MEETING REPORT FOR THE 2024 BUSINESS ENABLING REFORMS ACTION PLAN (BERAP) STAKEHOLDERS CONSULTATION

Event: Stakeholders' Consultation for BERAP 2024
Date: 22nd October 2023
Venue: Millennium Hall, Tahir Guest Palace, Kano
Attendance: 17 Participants, Representing Various MDAs and Private Sector Entities

1. Introduction and Objectives

The consultation meeting for the Kano State Business Enabling Reforms Action Plan (BERAP) 2024 was held with the objective of aligning stakeholders from various sectors towards achieving a business-friendly environment. This meeting served as a crucial platform for discussing the challenges, setting priorities, and defining actionable plans that support business growth and attract investment to Kano State.

2. Opening Remarks

The session commenced with an address by Abduljabbar Umar, Director General of KanINVEST. His opening remarks emphasized the government's commitment to reform policies that would simplify business procedures, improve regulatory efficiency, and create a favorable environment for both local and international investors.

3. Overview of BERAP 2024 Goals

An overview of BERAP 2024 was provided, outlining the primary goals for the upcoming year. These included:

- Enhancing the ease of business registration and licensing processes.
- Reducing bureaucratic bottlenecks across key sectors.
- Improving access to financial services and investment incentives.
- Strengthening support for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs).
- Implementing transparent and accessible grievance redress mechanisms.

4. Participant Profile and Attendance Breakdown

The attendance was comprised of 17 representatives, including officials from key MDAs (Ministries, Departments, and Agencies) and private sector representatives. The breakdown of participants is as follows:

Public Sector (MDAs):

- Kano State Urban Planning and Development Agency (KNUPDA)
- Kano Investment Promotion Agency (KanINVEST)
- Kano State Ministry of Agriculture
- Kano State Ministry of Justice
- Kano State Tourism Board
- Kano State Judiciary
- Kano Internal Revenue Service (KIRS)
- Kano State Ministry of Finance

Private Sector:

- Members and leadership of KACCIMA

- Members and Leadership NASSI
- Fiscal Discipline and Development Advocacy Centre (**FIDAC**)

Each participant's contact information was verified and documented, including their name, designation, and organization. Representatives ranged from high-level government officials to CEOs and legal advisors in the private sector, ensuring diverse perspectives in the consultation.

5. Activity Summary

a. Presentation of Current Business Environment Challenges
Representatives from KanINVEST presented a detailed analysis of the current business climate in Kano State, highlighting key areas that require reform. Challenges discussed included:

- Delays in business registration and licensing processes.
- High tax burdens on small businesses.
- Limited access to loans and grants for local enterprises.
- Bureaucratic delays within government offices impacting business operations.

b. Breakout Session on Sector-Specific Reforms

Participants were divided into breakout groups to focus on specific sectors and propose targeted reforms. The sectors covered included Agriculture, Finance, Infrastructure Development, and Legal/Regulatory Framework. Each group discussed the main barriers affecting their respective sectors and proposed solutions. For instance:

- Agriculture: Participants recommended subsidized loans and streamlined land acquisition processes.
- Finance: The Finance group emphasized the need for tax incentives and simplified tax filing procedures for SMEs.

c. Stakeholder Feedback on Proposed Reforms

Following the breakout sessions, stakeholders reconvened to share insights from their group discussions. Key feedback from the participants included:

- The necessity for a one-stop-shop approach to business registration to reduce time and costs.
- Improved collaboration between government agencies and private sector partners for streamlined operations.
- Regular training sessions for MDA staff to ensure better service delivery and customer relations.

d. Development of Actionable Roadmap

The session concluded with the drafting of a tentative roadmap for BERAP 2024, which includes:

- Timeline for Reforms: Targeting the implementation of major reforms by mid-2024.
- Performance Metrics: Establishing KPIs to measure the success of each reform action.
- Agency Responsibilities: Assigning roles to specific MDAs for efficient coordination.

6. Key Decisions and Next Steps

1. Prioritization of Reforms: Immediate reforms will focus on tax incentives, streamlined licensing processes, and digitalization of MDA services.
2. Grievance Redress Mechanism: A robust system similar to Reportgov.ng is planned for Kano State, aiming to improve public feedback mechanisms and accountability in service delivery.
3. Periodic Review Meetings: It was agreed to conduct quarterly review meetings to monitor progress and address emerging challenges.

7. Closing Remarks

The meeting concluded with closing remarks from Hamid Sidi Alli, who acknowledged the collaborative efforts of all participants and reiterated the importance of sustained commitment towards achieving the BERAP 2024 objectives.

8. Attendance List

1. Abduljabbar Umar – DG, KanINVEST
2. Hamid Sidi Alli – Closing Remarks
3. Bilkisu Muh'd Ibrahim – KNUPDA
4. Aminu M. Kawu – KanINVEST
5. Sani S. Bello Kaura – KACCIMA
6. Suleiman B. Suleiman – Kano State Ministry of Agriculture
7. Ibrahim Yahaya Allege – Kano State Ministry of Agriculture
8. Muhammad Mukhtar Tuggar – Kano State Tourism Board
9. Salisu Haliru – Kano State Ministry of Justice
10. Zahura Muktar – Judiciary
11. Kabiru Ibrahim – KIRS
12. Fatima Musa Maidawa – Masabuka Enterprise
13. Ibrahim Danyaro – Kano State Ministry of Finance
14. Murtala Alhaji Garba – Dangote Farms
15. Badamasi I.A – KWASCRI Kano
16. Amira Yaradua – MYEN of Kano
17. Auwal Rabiu – MYEN of Kano

9. Conclusion

The stakeholder consultation successfully gathered insights and commitments from both public and private sectors for the BERAP 2024 agenda. This collaborative effort marks a positive step forward in creating a conducive business environment in Kano State, with plans to implement practical reforms and improve the ease of doing business for all stakeholders.


Abduljabbar Umar
SABER Focal Person


Hamid Sidi Ali
Secretary

STATE BUSINESS-ENABLING REFORM ACTION PLANS (BERAP) & PROGRESS REPORT

State:	KANO		
Reporting period:	FY 2024		
SABER Focal Person:	IMAM INUWA GWALE		
List of contributing entities:	State Government and Private Sectors		
URL Link to the published BERAP	Finance.kn.gov.ng	land.kn.gov.ng	https://knupda.kn.gov.ng/
Is this plan approved by the State Executive Council (SEC)	Yes	Choose as appropriate	
If this was approved by SEC, please state date:	27th December 2023		

KANO STATE BUSINESS-ENABLING REFORM ACTION PLAN (BERAP) FOR 2024

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 governments procedures, access to information, clear cut processes to encourage new businesses.	1. Our plan is to leverage on 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 MDA's to ensure transparency in processes and procedural activities and importantly to publish such reforms and information	1. New Businesses can now have direct access to information quickly with out bottlenecks 2. Time reduction in access to information and the ability to understand what is required to setup a business without having to know anyone	Business Communities	KanInvest	Ministry of Justice, Min. of Finance, Public Procurement Bureau, Bureau of Land, KNUPDA, Min of Planning and Budget, Min of Science and Tech, Min of Information	70,000,000.00	January, 2014	December, 2024
2	Enhanced Regulatory Reforms	To reduce the bottlenecks and durations for applicable regulations in setting up a business	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	Ministry of Commerce, Investment, Industry, Cooperatives, and Solid Mineral, Ministry of Justice, Min of Land and Physical Planning, KNUPDA, KIRS.	50,000,000.00	January, 2014	December, 2024
3	Update of Web link to relevant MDAs website for ease of access	This will update linkages with relevant MDAs website and ease access to vital information. Thus facilitating the one-stop-shop for investors.	1. Finalization of Update of Website by relevant MDAs (Bureau for Land, KNUPDA, Commerce, KIRS). 2. Creation of 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	Ministry of Land and Physical Planning, KNUPDA, KIRS, Ministry of Commerce, Min of Science and Tech	70,000,000.00	January, 2014	December, 2024
4	Update 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.	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	Ministry of Land and Physical Planning, KNUPDA, KIRS, Ministry of Commerce, Min. of Justice, Agriculture, Health, Environment, Nigeria Custom Service, Nigeria Immigration Service, NEPC, NIPC, CAC, FIRS, NEPZ	30,000,000.00	January, 2014	December, 2024
5	Update of Investor Checklist on the KanInvest Website	To update checklist for investors to obtain information of all prerequisites for investing in the State.	1. Integration of the investor checklist with relevant laws and policies of government. 2. Share the updated checklist with Relevant stakeholder MDAs. 3. Submission of Checklist to KanInvest Management committee for validation. 4. Uploading of the updated checklist on the KanInvest Website	1. 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 of a downloadable checklist to the KanInvest website.	Investors, KIRS	KanInvest	Ministry of Land and Physical Planning, KNUPDA, KIRS, Ministry of Commerce, Min. of Justice, Agriculture, Health, Environment, Nigeria Custom Service, Nigeria Immigration Service, NEPC, NIPC, CAC, FIRS, NEPZ	100,000,000.00	January, 2014	December, 2024
6	Public-Private-Partnership Law	Enactment of a PPP Law to establish standards and nodalities for PPP models of investment in the State.	1. Draft PPP bill drawn up and incorporating the relevant PPP modalities to be adopted 2. Bill sent to the Ministry of Justice for legal review/legal drafting. 3. Bill presented to the EXCO for validation or amendment. 4. Bill sent to the House of Assembly for scrutiny and enactment	1. Drafting of a PPP document for the State by KanInvest. 2. Submission of the draft Bill to Min. of Justice for legal review. 3. Presentation to State Executive Council on the PPP Law by KanInvest. 4. Forwarding of the Approved PPP Bill to Kano State House of Assembly. 5. Follow up by KanInvest with the KSHA.	Investors, businesses, development partners, organizations, KIRS and Public Procurement Bureau	KanInvest	Ministry of Justice, House of Assembly, Min. of Finance, Public Procurement Bureau.	100,000,000.00	January, 2014	December, 2024
7	One-Stop-Shop	To establish connectivity between relevant government agencies, by providing efficient, transparent and fast tracked services to investors.	1. Provision of ICT infrastructure. 2. Set up of 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 centre. 3. To provide investment facilitation services and reduce the time required to process regulatory approvals and permits through integration.	Ministry Commerce, KIRS, Bureau of land management, Investors, general public.	KanInvest	Ministry of Land and Physical Bureau for Land Management, KNUPDA, KIRS, Ministry of Commerce, Investment, Industry, Cooperative and Solid Minerals, Min. of Justice, Judiciary, Agriculture, Health, Environment, Ministry of Science and Tech, etc.,	30,000,000.00	January, 2014	December, 2024

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, and Transparency	1. Enhancement of revenue collection 1.1. conversion of analog based data to digital geodatabase (e.g conversion of Analog Survey plans to digital), used in automated billing system, e.g land used charge, CofO processing, post CofO processing (ongoing with 20,000 units scanned land files and related land records) 2. Facilitate C of O process 2.1 Skills enhancement and sharing, for sustainability for service delivery 3. Online access to official Maps, assessment, and Land title status by general public 3.1 enhancement of official website for online assessment/billing, payment, maps, information and technical services 3.2 Online customer care 4. Transparency 4.1. Adequate Records management, proper audit and accuracy D.2 Facilitate building plan approval.	Draft Bill to be passed by State Assembly The key target is to sustain GIS based automation processes online	Government, Civil Servants (Min of Land and Physical Planning, KNUPDA) and General Public.	Min of Land and Physical Planning	KNUPDA, Fire Service, ministry of Justice, Police Service Commission, Housing Cooperation, Local Government, Emirate Council, Ministry Of Commerce, NMDPRA, KANINVEST, KIRS	45,000,000.00	January, 2014	December, 2024
9	E-court service portal	1. Facilitate State access to justice 2. Enables Access to e-forms, filing 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	1. To facilitate access to e-court services online. 2. To enable quick resolution of cases through digitalization of court data and procedures.	General Public.	High Court	1- Sharia Courts, 2-Ministry of Justice	50,000,000.00	January, 2014	December, 2024
10	Consolidation and Codification of State & Local Government revenue administration Law	The aim of the reform is to review the consolidated State & Local Government revenue laws, and to ease the payment of these revenues	1. To allow for raising single demand notice to tax payers and single collecting MDA 2. To update single and unified payment solution 3. Approval for the joint state & local government revenue committee.	To harmonise all Taxes/levies in order to have a single Demand Notice.	Taxpayers	KIRS.	State House of Assembly, Min. of Finance, Min. of Justice, Min. for Local Government, Min of Land and Physical Planning	5,000,000.00	January, 2014	December, 2024
11	Strengthening Taxpayers Grievance and Complaint Redress Mechanism (Tax Clinic)	To strengthen enabling environment for communication with State teaming taxpayers where taxpayers can directly lay complaints and be address in good time, it's a unit that educates the taxpayers on the importance of paying taxes as and when due.	To inculcate into our teaming taxpayers a voluntarily tax compliance habit, which most of the taxpayers are currently lacking.	Sensitization through organising Tax dialogues, Seminars, Conferences, Radio jingles, meetings with traditional Rulers and religious Leaders.	1. Government is the major beneficiary of the project because voluntary tax compliance will lead to a significant increase in the State IGR which will allow the government to finance its laudable programs and projects. 2. Taxpayers will also benefit from services provided by the government	Kano State Internal Revenue Service (KIRS)	Ministry of Information and Ministry for Local Government and Chieftancy affairs	5,000,000.00	January, 2014	December, 2024
12	Automation process	To ease taxpayers sufferings and blocking of revenues leakages by automating the entire tax process including the : Tax payer profiling, assessment, collection, accounting and reporting.	1. Bringing our products and services to taxpayers door-step through Tax process automation. 2. To integrate KIRMAS into KIGRA as payment gateway	Total movement from paper work to digital, and the key targets are; taxpayers, tax administrators and practitioners.	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	5,000,000.00	January, 2014	December, 2024
13	Online business premises registration	To fast track business premises registration and reduce the process within 24 hours after payment	1. Training of staff for quick response and effective monitoring on the platform.	1. Access to e-registration form for online filling and submission by applicants. 2. 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.	30,000,000.00	January, 2014	December, 2024
14	Construction of 108Km Fibre Optic Network in Metropolitan Kano -	1. To unify fibre infrastructure by the deployment of a single cable duct for all telecommunication companies operating in the State, improving internet access to Government institutions and businesses, enhancing E-Governance, and exploring other revenue sources (internet access for organizations etc).	1. Ducting & Sub-ducting infrastructure services 2. Fibre cable installation	Integrating ICT and other communication line into underground single duct	Government Offices, Businesses	Ministry of Works and Infrastructure	KNUPDA, Fire Service, ministry of Justice, Police Service Commission, Housing Cooperation, Local Government, Emirate Council, Ministry Of Commerce, DPR, KANINVEST, KNUPDA.	Construction of 78Km Fibre Optics Network N1, 991,599,761.29 Construction of 30Km Fibre Optics Network N 764, 768, 658. 27	January, 2014	December, 2024
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 provision of uninterrupted power supply to the major segment of businesses thereby reducing militating power instability	1. Construction of Generating Station : 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) 2. Improving electricity supply for commercial/industrial areas 3. improving water supply to industrial areas.	Industry, businesses and general public	Min. of Works and Infrastructural Development	KHEDCO	Kano Hydro power project N1,088,938,272.31	January, 2014	December, 2024

16	e - government in the state	1. To ensure transparency in state government activities 2. To simplify the process	Ensure utilisation of the State Integrated Financial Management Information System (SIFMIS)	Automation of all Government financial transaction of the state	Public financial management MDAs	Ministry of Finance SIFMIS	1. Ministry of Finance 2. Ministry of Planning and Budget, 3. Office of the head of civil service, 4. Audit office(State and Local Govt), 5. Public procurement bureau 6. Kano Internal Revenue Service	50,000,000.00	January, 2014	December, 2024
17	Policy Review/ Developemnt	To review and develop some policies and bills that will improve service delivery in line with the state development priorities	Institutionalizing state development plan priorities across 11 sectors of the state	Review of the existing Medium Term Sector Strategy (MTSS) of 9 sectors and remaining 2 are ongoing in the state	All MDAs	Min of Planining & Budget	Ministry of Works and Infrastructure, Education, health, Agric, Commerce, Justice, information, Women affairs, Environment, Local government OHCS	100,000,000.00	January, 2014	December, 2024



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The Honourable Commissioner,
Ministry of Land and Physical Planning,
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 Honourable Commissioner,

This is to formally acknowledge receipt of your memorandum submitted for the Council's consideration, titled "**MEMORANDUM SEEKING COUNCIL'S APPROVAL ON THE 2024 BUSINESS ENABLING REFORMS ACTION PLAN (BERAP) AS A CRITERION 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, 13th December, 2023, the Council has granted approval for the 2024 Business Enabling Reforms Action Plan (BERAP). This approval further demonstrates Kano State's commitment to fostering an enabling environment for business and to actively participating in the State Action Business Enabling Reforms (SABER), in alignment with the objectives outlined in your submission.

The Council noted the following:

1. That all relevant Ministries, Departments, and Agencies (MDAs) in Kano State have committed to collaborate and exert maximum effort to ensure the successful implementation of the 2024 BERAP, thereby achieving the desired outcomes for the State.
2. That the 2024 Business Enabling Reforms Action Plan (BERAP) will serve as a vital eligibility criterion for Kano State's participation in SABER, aligning with our mission to create a business-friendly environment.

We commend the Ministry of Land and Physical Planning for its leadership role in championing this initiative and encourage sustained efforts to enhance Kano State's investment climate through the successful execution of BERAP.

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

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



HON. ABDULLAHI BAFFA BICHI

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Kano State