

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF BERAP 2025
WITH PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION HELD ON TUESDAY, 5TH
November, 2024 AT EBONYI STATE SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES
DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (EBSMEDA), KPIRIKPIRI, ABAKALIKI**

ATTENDANCE:

1. Mrs Chima Mary-----Ministry of Commerce and Industry
2. Mrs Anigor Elizabeth-----Ministry of Finance
3. Dr. Nworie Ben-----Ministry of Lands and Survey
4. Mrs Chinelo Onuigbo-----Ministry of Agriculture
5. Mr Joel Ebenyi-----Ministry Of Trade and Investment
6. Dr. Stephen Odo-----EBSMEDA
7. Mr Ije Emmanuel-----Ministry of ICT
8. Mrs Njideka Esther-----Ministry of Justice
9. Mr Irem Sylvester-----EBSIRS
10. Oru Chinelo-----New Foundation
11. Uchenna Nnachi-----ICEED
12. Ozo Uduka-----EBSCCIMA
13. Akochi Adaeze-----Market Women Association
14. Nwebonyi Francis-----Artisan Association, Ebonyi Chapter
15. Eld. Moses Nwankwo-----NASME
16. Okoti Felix-----NASSI
17. Orukpe Promise-----BOI, Ebonyi State Branch
18. Okoche Queen-----DOVENET
19. Godwin Okpoto-----MATAN
20. Lawrence Onu-----Ebonyi Export Club
21. Mary Alegu-----Women Entrepreneur Association
22. Atama Buchi-----Rice Farmers Association Ebonyi Chapter
23. Dr. Kelechukwu Okezie-----EB-Coalition of CSOs and NGOs
24. Christian Ogba-----Salt City Chambers of Commerce
25. Okpete Moses-----Ebonyi-Aba Business Connect
26. Chukwuemeka Agha-----Globus Bank, Abakaliki Branch

OPENING PRAYER: The meeting started with an opening prayer said by Mr Ozoemena Njoku, at about 10:15am.

OPENING REMARK: During his remark, the DG EBSMEDA & Focal Person SABER, Dr. Stephen I. Odo, welcomed everyone present and encouraged them to be attentive and participate actively in the course of the meeting.

He also informed them that it was a meeting of all private stakeholders and all State Relevant MDAs to review the ease of doing reforms in Ebonyi State with a view to ensuring that the State BERAP for 2025 incorporated reforms that would enhance the ease of doing in the State.

DISCUSSION:

During discussions, all the relevant MDAs as pertain to SABER made their contributions to the development of the 2025 Action Plan and it was tailored towards the under-listed highlights:

- ❖ Land Administration
- ❖ Regulatory Framework for Private Investment in Fiber Optic Infrastructure
- ❖ Public/Private Partnership
- ❖ Investment Promotion Frameworks
- ❖ Tax Administration
- ❖ Business Enabling Environment
- ❖ FRILIA
- ❖ Small Claims Court

The private sector Stakeholders made their contributed stating that a lot can be achieved if the reforms contained in the 2025 BERAP are effectively implemented.

They also encouraged the State government to make available adequate budgetary provisions in the State budgets to ensure a sustained implementation of the BERAP.

In his contribution, the Director General EBSMEDA and Focal Person SABER explained the need for the development of the action plan stating that it will aid in guiding each of the MDAs involved in carrying out the projects in their various Ministries for the development of the state.

CLOSING:

The meeting came to an end with a prayer said by Miss Queen Okoche at 2:05pm.