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To become a leading Nigerian State with prosperous, healthy and well educated citizens; living in harmony with people and nature, and pursuing legitimate interest in freedom moderated by good governance.

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To project and protect the image of Government and act as Chief Image Maker/Spokesman for the State as well as supervision of the State Media Organisation.

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To be the best organ of the State for the promotion of positive values, its image and overall endowment to Cross Riverians, Nigerians and the Diaspora.

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To utilize in harmony all apparatus of government media to effectively disseminate information, educate and entertain the public, using the electronic, print media and interpersonal communication channels.

Carnival Calabar: Diaspora Band Debuts 2nd Dry Run

By Deborah-Oyo Oyo



The Governor of Cross River State, Senator Prince Bassey Edet Otu, represented by Deputy Governor ,Rt. Hon. Peter Odey, has officially integrated the Carnival Calabar Diaspora Band into the Carnival

Calabar family during the 2nd dry run held at the Millennium Park, Calabar, with the theme "An Epic Journey Through Time," marking a major milestone in the festival's 20th anniversary celebration.

Speaking at the ceremony, the Governor hailed the Carnival Calabar as a globally recognised cultural phenomenon, saying the inclusion of the Carnival Calabar Diaspora Band



reflects the administration's commitment to reconnecting Cross Riverians around the world with the State's cultural and

tourism identity. "The world has embraced Carnival Calabar as a life-changing concept. Carnival Calabar has become part of our

history and legacy, and it will remain with us for the rest of our lives," he said.

Governor Otu added that



integrating the Diaspora Band is a significant step in strengthening the bond between Cross River State and our citizens worldwide. "This administration is committed to ensuring that our Diaspora is not just watching from afar but fully represented in the story we tell as we mark 20 years of Carnival Calabar. Today's

unveiling of the 20th anniversary mascot reaffirms our vision of a Carnival that is inclusive, global, and culturally grounded," he further noted.

The Chairman of the Carnival Commission, Sir Dr. Gabe Onah, highlighted the significance of the recent homecoming of over 92 Diaspora returnees, who

acted as organic tourists during homecoming reconciliation visits. Dr. Onah explained that these returnees brought back the culture, experiences, and knowledge they had acquired abroad to share with their homeland, reinforcing Cross River's global cultural connections.

"The Diaspora Band is one of the most recent additions to the history of the Carnival. For 20 years, we have built a cultural brand that has travelled the world, and now the world is returning home to take its place in the parade. This integration aligns with the Governor's directive to deepen diaspora participation, expand cultural exchange, and tell a more complete Cross River story, one that includes our people at home and our people across continents," he said.

Speaking on the development, Chairman of the Cross River State

Diaspora Commission, Prince Otu Okor, expressed gratitude to Governor Otu for his support for the initiative, calling the integration of the Diaspora Band a major milestone in the State's cultural diplomacy and diaspora engagement efforts.

"This integration gives our diaspora a real place in the carnival story. It shows that Cross Riverians abroad are not just visitors but contributors to our cultural identity," he said.

One of the visiting Diasporans, Dr Valerie O'Neal from Trinidad and Tobago, participated in the unveiling ceremony and expressed excitement at the

growing cultural bridge between Cross River and the global community.

Commissioner for Programmes Development and Events at CRIDCOM, Evang. Mrs Margaret Inde, PhD, also shared her thoughts on the significance of the Diaspora Band.

"We at CRIDCOM are proud to lead initiatives that connect our people across the globe and showcase the richness of Cross River culture. This band ensures our diaspora is part of the story," she said.





Gov Otu Splashes N86m on C'River Cocoa Estate Landlord Communities

By Ebi Collins



In a major boost to agrarian host communities and in fulfilment of a long-standing promise, Governor Bassey Otu has approved the payment of N86 million in royalties to cocoa landlord communities in

Etung, an unprecedented intervention described as the largest single payout in the history of the state's cocoa administration.

The breakthrough was announced on Thursday, during a

high-level meeting between state government officials and representatives of cocoa landlord communities, held at the Traditional Rulers Council Chambers in Calabar.



Addressing journalists after the meeting, Secretary to the State Government, Prof. Anthony Owan Enoh, said the engagement became necessary to harmonize positions on the sharing formula for the newly approved funds.

"We've never had N20 million in the history of cocoa in Etung," he noted. "But for the first time, the government approved N86

million."

Prof. Enoh explained that the magnitude of the amount triggered questions about the size of land contributed by each community to cocoa production. To ensure an equitable distribution, he revealed that the government has constituted a committee for the eight officially recognized cocoa landlord communities to verify land contributions and other related claims.

"Every community brings forward the volume of land contributed to the government. That will now give a sharing formula for the money," he added.

Commissioner for Agriculture and Irrigation Development, Hon. Johnson Ebokpo, appealed for cooperation from the affected communities, assuring that the committee's work would be

transparent,
inclusive and fair.

The Paramount Ruler of Etung Local Government Area, HRM Ntui-Atue, Anthony Ntui-Etta, lauded the initiative and urged community members to guard against any form of division over the funds.

"We have settled ourselves and agreed that this royalty shouldn't bring disunity among us," he said.

While acknowledging outstanding arrears inherited from previous administrations, the monarch expressed gratitude for Governor Otu's resolve to deliver on his word. "During the campaign, he

promised us he's going to pay and he has done it," he stated.

Secretary of the landlord communities, Barr. Hollis Bassey Isong, described the governor's action as magnanimous and unprecedented, noting that no administration before now had released such a large sum to cocoa landlord communities.

The secretary of the verification committee and Special Adviser to the Governor on Asset Management and Recovery, Barr. Gilbert Agbor, assured that the committee would complete its work within two weeks as directed.

He added that the Otu administration

intends to sustain royalty payments. "His Excellency said it's a season of sweetness. Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar," he remarked.

The committee is chaired by Dr. Odey Ikongha, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation Development, with membership drawn from the eight cocoa landlord communities.

Thursday's meeting also had in attendance the Special Adviser to the Governor on Chieftaincy Affairs, Sir Francis Edet, senior government officials and other representatives from the landlord communities.



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C' River Commissioner Champions Digital Innovation at 2025 DNICE Roundtable in Abuja

By Patricia Oli



The Cross River State Commissioner for Science, Innovation, and Technology, Assoc. Prof. Justin Beshel, is proudly representing the state at the esteemed 2025 Digital Nigeria

International Conference and Exhibition (DNICE) Roundtable in Abuja.

This three-day national gathering brings together ICT Commissioners and Heads of ICT Agencies from across the country.

The conference, themed "Innovation for a Sustainable Digital Future: Accelerating Growth, Inclusion and Global Competitiveness," aims to inspire and shape a digitally prosperous Nigeria.



It provides a vital platform for policymakers, industry leaders, and development partners to exchange ideas,

enhance intergovernmental collaboration, and align digital strategies for sustainable national progress.

The event features an impressive roster of dignitaries, including His Excellency, Vice

President Kashim Shettima, GCON, who officially opened the conference. Other notable attendees include Dr. Bosun Tijani, Honourable Minister of Communications, Innovation, and Digital Economy; Dr. Kashifu Inuwa Abdullahi, Director-General of the National Information Technology Development Agency (NITDA); Engr. Bisoye Coker-Odusote, Director-General/CEO of the National Identity Management Commission (NIMC); and Mrs. Jane Egerton-Idehen, Managing Director of the Nigerian Communications Satellite Limited (NIGCOMSAT).

The conference also saw

participation from captains of industry, representatives of the diplomatic corps, and key stakeholders from Nigeria's public and private digital economy sectors.

During the Roundtable, Assoc. Prof. Beshel reiterated Cross River State's commitment to fostering digital innovation and inclusivity. "Our mission is to build a digital Cross River that is globally competitive, inclusive, and future-ready. We are determined to translate innovation into tangible development for our people," he expressed with optimism.

Prof. Beshel's presence at the DNICE Roundtable highlights Cross

River State's burgeoning reputation as a digital frontier under the visionary leadership of His Excellency, Sen. Prince Bassey Edet Otu, Governor of Cross River State.

This participation marks another significant achievement within the Governor's "Season of Sweetness," a period characterized by progress, partnership, and innovation, which is steadily redefining the digital future of Cross River State.



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INVITATION

The Civil Service Commission, Calabar is inviting all Forest Guards employed in 2024 to attend a verification and validation exercise as scheduled below:

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| Monday 17th November, 2025 | – | Candidates from Southern Senatorial District |
| Tuesday 18th November, 2025 | – | Candidates from Central Senatorial District |
| Wednesday 19th November, 2025 | – | Candidates from Northern Senatorial District |

Accordingly, the exercise will hold at the Headquarters of the CRS Forestry Commission, Calabar by **9:00am daily**.

Candidates are also required to attend with original and photocopies of their credentials including two (2) recent passports.

Candidates must appear physically for the exercise. Failure to comply will be taken to mean such candidate has relinquished the appointment.

Sir Maurice Effiwatt, KSJI, JP⁺
Chairman



Gov Otu Unveils Carnival Calabar 20th Anniversary Mascot



Cross River State governor, Senator Bassey Edet Otu has officially unveiled the 2025 Carnival Mascot and the newly established Carnival Calabar Diaspora Band.

The unveiling

which was performed by the Deputy Governor, Rt. Hon. Peter Odey, took place during the Second Dry Run, held at the popular Eleven Eleven Roundabout. Calabar Cenotaph.

Speaking on behalf of the Governor, the

Deputy Governor described the unveiling as a symbolic and historic milestone that reinforces the cultural and tourism heritage of Cross River State. He emphasized that the new mascot captures the essence of the

20-year journey of Carnival Calabar, an event that has grown into one of Africa's most celebrated cultural showcases.

Highlighting the significance of the new emblem, the Deputy Governor explained that Governor Otu had earlier approved the creation of a mascot that reflects the beauty, growth, and resilience of the carnival.

"With great honour, and on behalf of the Governor of Cross River State, the Sweet Prince of Africa, Senator Prince Bassey Otu, we unveil this landmark design prepared to mark the 20th anniversary of Carnival Calabar," he proclaimed. "Carnival Calabar

has become part of our identity, part of our history, and it will remain with us for generations. To the glory of God and the good people of Cross River State, we unveil this icon in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit."

Additionally, there was the unveiling of the Carnival Calabar Diaspora Band, a special ensemble designed to reconnect Africans in the diaspora with their ancestral home by the Deputy Governor.

He noted that the administration has continued to deepen engagement with the diaspora community through the State Diaspora Commission, an initiative that has already recorded meaningful progress.

He said for two decades, Carnival Calabar has functioned as a global cultural bridge, showcasing the creativity, unity, and tourism potential of Cross River State to the world.

Also speaking at the event, the Chairman of the Cross River Carnival Commission, Mr. Gabe Onah, described the celebration as a tribute to the state's enduring cultural identity. "This is our state, the Pearl of the South," he said. "Today we are witnessing the unveiling of another icon of our collective effort over these 20 years. Though it is a 20-year road march, the heritage



belongs to Cross River State. Our culture is the engine of our tourism, and this year's celebration stands as a testimony."

He recalled the October homecoming of 92 brothers and sisters from the African diaspora who visited the state on a reconciliation and heritage tour, an experience that further inspired the creation of the Diaspora Band.

According to him, the Governor approved the band to provide a platform for Africans in the diaspora to tell their own story through culture, rhythm, and artistic expression.

With the 2025 Carnival theme, "Traces of Time," the Diaspora Band will join the procession with a sub-theme that reflects shared history, collective memory, and the desire for cultural reconnection.

"This is the epic journey through time," he said. "The Diaspora Band speaks to a shared history, to the pain we seek to reconcile, and to the future we are building together. I call on all diasporans around the world, including myself, to join the Diaspora Band and help lead Carnival Calabar into its next phase."



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CRGIA Partners Cocoa-Coffee and Oil Palm Multi-Stakeholders Committee on Traceability Development

As Agency Allocates Office Space to Committee

By Sylvia Okoi



The Cross River Geographic Information Agency (CRGIA) has formed a strategic partnership with the Cocoa-Coffee and Oil Palm Multi-Stakeholders Committee to enhance traceability systems for key agricultural value chains in the state.

The partnership was formalized during a high-level meeting between the Agency's management and members of the committee.

Speaking at the meeting, CRGIA's Director General, Mr. William Archibong, described the collaboration as a

significant step towards improving data accuracy and accountability in the agricultural sector. He noted that the forthcoming traceability system will ensure that stakeholders, particularly producers of major cash crops, have access to reliable information regarding



farmlands, farm owners, intermediaries, extension service providers, transportation channels, and the income generated from agricultural produce.

In his remarks, Director of Operations, Mr. Jesam Iwara reiterated that the Geographic Information System (GIS) managed by

CRGIA serves as the state's central geographic data bank and will be utilized to support traceability activities. He emphasized that through best-practice data management systems, the Agency is committed to ensuring full ownership of the state's geographic data.

Iwara added that the partnership will

enhance monitoring of actors and activities within cash crop value chains, ultimately improving the certification and profitability of the state's agricultural products.

He encouraged farmers to obtain Certificates of Occupancy to secure their farmlands and enhance their



eligibility for government support.

Dr. Edet Otu, CRGIA's technical adviser, presented a demonstration of GIS integration in agricultural value chain management and traceability. He highlighted how accurate data storage and controlled access within CRGIA will improve the identification of farm owners, processing and holding facilities, farm locations, crop types, farm sizes, road

networks, and local government jurisdictions.

Responding on behalf of the committee, Prof. Damian Agom, Vice Chairman of the Cocoa-Coffee and Oil Palm Multi-Stakeholders Committee, expressed enthusiasm for the innovations introduced by CRGIA.

He commended the Agency for expanding its services into agricultural information systems

capable of providing the traceability data needed for state certification processes. According to him, these advancements will enhance the value of cash crops and boost financial inflow for farmers.

The event concluded with the symbolic handover of office keys for the Cross River Traceability Office at CRGIA.



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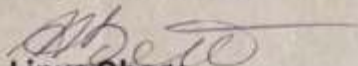
PRESS RELEASE

Gov Otu Appoints Barr. Eyo Nsa Ekpo, Dr. Calistus Aruku to Head Strategic Empowerment Initiatives

Cross River State Governor, His Excellency, Senator (Prince) Bassey Edet Otu, has approved the appointment of Barr. Eyo Nsa Ekpo as Chairman, Cross River Social Investment Programme (SIP). Barr. Ekpo, is a seasoned legal practitioner and public policy expert.

Similarly, His Excellency has approved the appointment of Dr. Calistus Aruku as Chairman, Cross River State Youth Empowerment Scheme (YES). Dr. Aruku, is an accomplished scholar and development strategist.

Governor Otu described both appointments as a deliberate step towards institutionalizing people-centred governance and deepening the culture of merit, capacity, and excellence. He charged the appointees to discharge their duties with diligence, integrity, and vision.


Linus Obogo

Chief Press Secretary/Special Adviser on Media and Publicity to the Governor



NEMA, SEMA Extend Local Emergency Management Committee Inauguration To Cross River Central And Northern Districts

By David Asu



The Cross River State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA), in collaboration with the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), has inaugurated Local Emergency Management Committees (LEMCs) across the Northern and Central Senatorial Districts of the State.

The inauguration

ceremonies, held in Ogoja and Ikom respectively, were part of ongoing efforts to strengthen grassroots disaster preparedness and response mechanisms across all local government areas of the State.

In Ogoja, the event took place at the Local Government Council Hall and covered five local government areas - Ogoja, Obudu, Yala, Bekwarra, and

Obanliku.

The Ikom ceremony, held at the Ikom Council Hall, brought together representatives from Ikom, Abi, Boki, Etung, Obubra, and Yakurr Local Government Areas.

Speaking during the inauguration, the Director General of SEMA, Mr. Antigha Edem Gill, highlighted the critical role of local emergency



committees in early disaster response and coordination.

He explained that the establishment of the committees is backed by law, and their effectiveness depends on collaboration among local authorities and relevant stakeholders.

Mr. Gill charged the Vice Chairmen, who serve as heads of the local emergency committees, to work in harmony with

their respective Chairmen, noting that effective cooperation was essential for timely and coordinated responses to emergencies.

He assured that SEMA would continue engaging local government Chairmen to address administrative concerns and ensure smooth committee operations.

The Head of Operations of NEMA

for Cross River and Akwa Ibom States, Mrs. Mmandu Aisueni, commended the initiative, describing it as a major step toward improving inter-agency collaboration and strengthening local capacity for disaster management.

She emphasized that emergency management goes beyond the distribution of relief materials and requires proactive



engagement with communities and institutions to mitigate risks.

The sub-head of the United Nations high commissioner for refugees (UNHCR), Ogoja, Mrs Irene Momodu, who partnered with the SEMA team for the inauguration, also urged members of the committees to work closely with their leaders and maintain vigilance in protecting lives and property within their communities.

Expressing gratitude on behalf of the newly inaugurated members, the Vice Chairman of Boki



Local Government Area, Hon. Lawrence Obi, thanked SEMA for extending the committee structure to the grassroots and pledged that members would discharge their duties with commitment and integrity.

The inauguration ceremonies mark

another milestone in the state's ongoing efforts to decentralize emergency management and enhance the resilience of local communities against disasters.



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Date: 15th November, 2025

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE LIGHT OF PRINCE OTU, WE RISE IN DEFENCE OF OUR SON, CHIEF EMMANUEL IRONBAR

When truth is challenged and integrity is placed on trial, noble voices must stand calmly, courageously, and with unshakable conviction. Today, Calabar South Local Government Area lifts her voice as one, to reaffirm the honour, loyalty, and tireless dedication of the Chief of Staff to the Governor of Cross River State, Chief Hon. Emmanuel Ironbar, our beloved son, whose commitment to service remains steadfast and true.

We hereby respond to a misleading and malicious publication circulated by Mr. Udo Ibok of Akwa Ibom State, a write-up steeped in falsehood and ill intent, crafted to malign the reputation of the Chief of Staff and to create unnecessary tension between His Excellency, Apostle Sen. Prince Bassey Edet Otu, and his trusted aide. This attempt at blackmail is not only reckless but reveals a deliberate desire to tarnish the image of a man who has given nothing but loyalty, wisdom, and dedication to the service of our state.

The Executive Chairman, Pst. Hon. Patrick Archibong and People of Calabar South Local Government Area, condemns this publication in the strongest yet most dignified terms. We recognize it for what it is, an act of desperation from an individual who seems to take pleasure in throwing mud at those who stand tall in honour.

Chief Hon. Emmanuel Ironbar remains a grassroots anchor, a tested political mind with deep understanding of governance, and a bridge-builder whose leadership radiates peace and purpose. His education, principles, and strategic insight continue to strengthen the pillars of this administration.

Long before the Renewed Hope era blossomed, he stood firmly beside Apostle Sen. Prince Bassey Edet Otu, through triumphs, through storms, through valleys and mountaintops, never flinching, never faltering, never betraying the sacred trust between a leader and his loyal companion. Together, they have laboured hand in hand to deliver the sweet transformation Cross River State now embraces.

To us in Calabar South, Chief Ironbar is more than a son, he is a model of loyalty, discipline, and steadfast commitment to the People's Governor, our Light, our Compass, our Father, our Brother, our Motivator, and our unifying Peace Ambassador, His Excellency Prince Bassey Otu.

We therefore call on Mr. Udo Ibok to desist immediately from further acts capable of inciting disaffection or disturbing the peace enjoyed under this administration. Cross River State is on a progressive path, and no smear campaign, however desperate, will derail the momentum of good governance.


NKESE ENEYO

**Chief Press Secretary to the Executive Chairman
Calabar South Local Government Council**



Hon. Emmanuel Eyo Empowers 130 Pupils/Students In Ward 7 In Maiden Annual Scholarship And Educational Support Programme



History was gracefully written in Ward 7, Calabar South, as Hon. Emmanuel Eyo, the Honourable Councillor

representing the ward, ignited a new flame of hope for children and young scholars through his pioneering Annual Scholarship and Educational Support

Programme.

The remarkable event, held at the APC Calabar South Chapter Office, 7 White House Street, on the 1st



of November, 2025, marked his first anniversary in office and stood as a radiant

celebration of education, compassion, and purposeful leadership. The

atmosphere brimmed with gratitude and inspiration as 130 pupils and students from 30 schools across the ward smiled home with scholarship awards and educational materials.

The beneficiaries, drawn from 3 government primary schools, 13 private nursery and primary schools, 6 government secondary schools, and 8 private and missionary secondary schools, represent the promising future of Ward 7; a future Hon. Emmanuel Eyo has vowed to nurture through sustained educational empowerment throughout his tenure.

In his address, Hon. Eyo, visibly



humbled and grateful, thanked God for the strength and grace to carry out what he described as “a duty to humanity.” He emphasized that education remains the greatest legacy any leader can bequeath to the next generation and pledged to sustain the initiative annually throughout his three-year tenure

as Councillor. “This scholarship is not a one-time event; it is a covenant with the future, a promise to lift the children of Ward 7 through knowledge, opportunity, and moral guidance,” he declared, drawing thunderous applause.

The event was graced by notable dignitaries, including the Executive Chairman of Calabar

South Local Government Council, Pst. Hon. Patrick Archibong, who commended Hon. Eyo’s humanitarian spirit and unwavering commitment to community development. “What we are witnessing today is the rebirth of leadership at the grassroots; leadership with a human face. Hon. Emmanuel Eyo has



set a golden example of what governance should be: people-centered, visionary, and inspiring,” the Chairman remarked.

Also in attendance were the APC Chapter Chairman of Calabar South, Pst. Otu Marshal; the Chapter Secretary, Comrade Williams Ibok; the Organising Secretary; the Special Adviser to the Governor on Community Relations, Chief Maurice Eyo Etim; and the Senior Special Assistant on Road Infrastructure, Mr.

Patrick Ita, among other stakeholders. They all praised the initiative as a testament to the party’s commitment to youth development and educational advancement.

The event concluded with heartfelt prayers, songs of appreciation, and emotional testimonies from parents and pupils who described the gesture as a divine intervention at a time many families struggle to keep their children in school.

Indeed, the Hon. Emmanuel Eyo

Annual Scholarship and Educational Support Programme has opened a new chapter for education in Ward 7 and rekindled faith in leadership that listens, uplifts, and builds a lasting legacy of service.

As the sun set over White House Street, one truth resonated in every heart present: education in Ward 7 has found a new champion and his name is Hon. Emmanuel Eyo.



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1. November 17th: Opening of Marathon Village / accreditation of athletes & officials commence

Venue: Ikom Township Stadium

2. November 18th: Opening of Expo/Exhibition

Venue: Marathon Village

3. November 19th: Exhibitions & Symposium

Venue: Marathon Village

Sub Theme:

1. Cocoa: Blessing or Curse to Forests and Biodiversity Conservation

2. Cocoa: Blessing or Curse to Human and Local Communities

3. Cocoa: Blessing or Curse to Government Policies and Development.

4. November 20th: Tour to Afi Wildlife Sanctuary, Drill Ranch and Canopy Walkway

Venue: Muster Point Marathons Village

5. November 21th: Morning: Tour To Alok Stone Circle (monoliths)

Evening: Preliminary fun run, setup, cheerleaders & brassband parade, picnic and music

Venue: Agbokim Waterfall, Etung

6. November 22nd: Agbokim Falls Green Marathon 2025 kick-off 7am

Venue: Calabar road by border road junction, Ikom. Award/Prize giving Gala 4pm



Alok Monolith



Chimpanzees at Drill Ranch



Drills at Drill Ranch Buanchor Afi Mountain Wildlife Sanctuary

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Lukpata Honors Retired Perm Secretary Helen Bessong for Her Distinguished Service

By Iloke Egbe



Elder Hippolatus Lukpata, the Cross River State Commissioner for International Donor Coordination, has hailed the retirement of Mrs. Helen Bessong, Permanent Secretary of the

Ministry, as a testament to God's grace and a successful conclusion to her civil service career.

The Commissioner made these remarks during a send-off ceremony held at the State Planning

Commission Complex in Calabar, organized to recognize Bessong's significant contributions to the ministry.

Lukpata expressed his belief that God rewards diligent



service, referencing Ephesians 5:10, and encouraged Bessong to remain strong, as she has consistently demonstrated in her various roles. He thanked her for her unwavering support and contributions to the progress of the Ministry of International Donor Coordination (MIDC).

Acknowledging the challenges of transitioning to a

new phase of life beyond government service, he reassured Bessong that her legacy would be defined by her character and contributions.

He cited Jeremiah 29:11 to affirm that God's plans for her are filled with hope, reflecting the positive testimonies about her dedication to the Civil Service.

In her response, the retired Permanent Secretary took the opportunity to share

her experiences and cherished memories from her journey within the Civil Service. She expressed her gratitude to the Commissioner, management, and staff for their support and the amicable atmosphere fostered within the Ministry, attributing this to Lukpata's effective leadership.

The event was marked by heartfelt goodwill messages from staff, prayers for Bessong and the Ministry, the presentation of souvenirs, and a group photograph. Attendees included Directors, heads of departments, ministry staff, and well-wishers, all united in honoring Bessong's remarkable career.

UBEC, CRSUBEB Hold State 2024 Basic Education School Sports Competition final in Cross River

By: Joy Ndoma



The Universal Basic Education Commission (UBEC), in collaboration with the Cross River State Universal Basic Education Board (CRSUBEB), has concluded the state finals of the 2024 UBEC/SUBEB Sports Development Intervention Project, bringing together pupils from primary schools across the

state for a day of athletics, football, and cultural displays.

The event, held in Calabar, had the Governor of Cross River State, Prince Bassey Otu, as Special Guest of Honour, while the Guest of Honour was Sen. Stephen Odey. The Executive Chairman of SUBEB, Mrs. Fedelia Okpo Ene served as Chief Host.

Immaculate Conception Primary School, Calabar, emerged overall champion with 330 points, followed closely by Holy Child Convent Primary School, Ugep, with 320 points, while PCN Primary School, Akim, placed third with 300 points.

The competition opened with a welcome remark by the Director of Academic Services,



Mr. Ana Caroline, before participants took to the field for track events, including 100m and 200m races for boys and girls, 4x4 relays, and a football match kicked off by the Executive Chairman of SUBEB, Cultural

performances were also featured.

Participating schools included:

- Immaculate Conception Primary School, Calabar
- Holy Child Convent Primary School, Ugep
- PCN Primary

- School, Akim
- PCN Primary School, 4 Corners Ikom
- PCN Primary School, Anong, Abi
- Especially Asu Egbe, Ikom
- St. Theresa Primary School, Ogoja



The event was graced by top education officials, including SUBEB Board Secretary Mr. Etta Inyang, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Education Mrs. Offiong Ani Offiong, and Board Member

I, Hon. Joseph Ogar. Delivering remarks on behalf of the Commissioner for Education, Prof. Stephen Ode, the Permanent Secretary, emphasized the importance of sports participation in child

development. She noted that teachers should be concerned when children fail to engage in physical activities, stressing that play keeps pupils vibrant and prevents isolation. She urged parents



and teachers to stop discouraging children from outdoor play, adding that competitions teach valuable lessons about resilience. "Not winning does not mean failure; it simply means it is not your turn. With more effort, you can outshine the previous winner," she said.

The Permanent

Secretary also highlighted that before any school is approved to operate, it must have an equipped playground, observing that the sporting activities showcased the "psychomotor domain in action." She encouraged parents to support their children's interest in sports, noting that "today, footballers are

among the richest professionals in the world."

The state finals marked another step by UBEC and CRSUBEB toward strengthening grassroots sports and promoting holistic education among young learners.



GOVERNMENT OF CROSS RIVER STATE, NIGERIA
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF PRESS SECRETARY/SPECIAL ADVISER
MEDIA AND PUBLICITY TO THE GOVERNOR
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE, CALABAR, CROSS RIVER STATE

November 10, 2025

PRESS RELEASE

**Appointment of Secretary of Cross River State Land Use and Allocation
Committee (LUAC)**

In line with ongoing reforms to entrench transparency and due process in land administration, His Excellency, Senator (Prince) Bassey Edet Otu, Cross River State Governor, has approved the appointment of Surveyor Efiom Edem Ekpenyong as Secretary of the State Land Use and Allocation Committee (LUAC), following the retirement of Mr. Obase Ekaba.

The Governor further directed that no backdated Letters of Offer or Allocation be processed, and no new allocation proceed without proof of statutory payment, except where waivers are expressly granted. He also revoked all allocations issued without proper documentation, underscoring his administration's commitment to accountability and the prudent management of public assets under the People First agenda.

Linus Obogo,

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UNIVERSITY OF CALABAR CALABAR



Office of the Registrar

MEMO

From: Registrar

To: University Community

Ref. No.: UC/REG/CIR/138

Date: 7th November, 2025

SUBJECT: RE: EXTENSION OF 2025/2026 ADMISSIONS

Our earlier memo Ref: UC/REG/CIR/138, dated 4th November, 2025 on the above subject, refers.

This is to inform the University community that the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) has extended the closing date of the admission exercise for 2025/2026 session to 17th November 2025. Sequel to the above, Management has directed that all suitable/qualified Candidates who scored 150 and above in the UTME admission should forward their requests for admission in the underlisted programmes.

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| 2) French | 22) Broadcasting |
| 3) Education Geography | 23) Development and Communication Studies |
| 4) Education Religious Studies | 24) Journalism and Media |
| 5) Education History | 25) Public Relations |
| 6) Special Needs Education | 26) Strategic Communication |
| 7) Chemical Engineering | 27) Computer Science Education |
| 8) Building | 28) Agricultural Economics |
| 9) Urban and Regional Planning | 29) Agricultural Extension |
| 10) Mathematics | 30) Agribusiness |
| 11) Statistics | 31) Early Childhood Education |
| 12) Education Mathematics | 32) Integrated Science (Education) |
| 13) Environmental Education | 33) Marine Science |
| 14) Physical and Health Education | 34) Physics with Electronics |
| 15) Library and Information Science | 35) Sustainable Development Studies |
| 16) Agricultural Education | 36) Religious and Cultural Studies |
| 17) Fine and Applied Art | |
| 18) Crop Science | |
| 19) Animal Science | |
| 20) Soil Science | |

Those seeking admission should urgently change to any of the above programmes not later than Thursday 13th November, 2025.

Thank you.

Dr. (Mrs.) Chukwuka I. Icha, *MANUPA, MCIPM, FICA, FIA*

Registrar

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- ☐ Pumpkin Farming
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- ☐ Horticulture

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METHOD OF APPLICATION

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Our Ref: CR/MOI/AD/162/Vol.IV/741

4th November, 2025

PRESS STATEMENT

ILLEGAL OPERATIONS OF LOTTERY AND GAMING BUSINESSES IN CROSS RIVER STATE

The attention of the Government of Cross River State has been drawn to the illegal and deceptive operations of some Lotteries and Gaming Companies and Organisations in Cross River State without proper registration and authorisation from the Cross River State Lotteries and Gaming Agency established by Law No 3. of 2024.

These illicit operations being perpetrated by some Lotteries and Gaming businesses, both those with physical office addresses and those operating online, are a flagrant violations of the Supreme Court Judgement of 22nd November, 2024 which nullified the National Lotteries Act 145 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria 2005 and vested the regulatory powers over Lotteries and Gaming businesses on States of the Federation of Nigeria.

The Government of Cross River State wishes to restate categorically here that by the Cross River State Lotteries and Gaming Law assented to by His Excellency, Governor Bassey Edet Otu on the 12th of May, 2025, only the Cross River State Lotteries and Gaming Agency is vested with powers to issue Licences and regulate Lotteries and Gaming businesses and Services in any part of the State, be it a physical office or online.

For the avoidance of any doubt, these Lotteries and Gaming activities include Online Sports Betting, Casino Games, Public Online Lotteries, Pools Betting, Raffle Draws, Scratch Cards, Interactive Games and any other game of chance where a stake and potential winning is involved.

Government hereby enjoins all Radio and Television Stations operating in the State to please liaise effectively with the Advertising Regulatory Council of Nigeria (ARCON), the Cross River State Signage and Advertising Agency (CRISSAA) to demand for the Agency's Operational Permit before accepting to publicize their businesses on air as paid advertisements.

Finally, the Government sincerely appreciates and thanks all Lotteries and Gaming Companies and Organisations that have complied with the Law and solicits the understanding and cooperation of all concerned while also making it clear that violators/defaulters shall face the full wrath of the law.

**Thank you all as you continue to
"Think Cross River State", please.**

Erasmus Ekpang Ph.D., anipr, Rifu
Commissioner for Information.

For more details and compliance, contact:

The Director General
CRS Lotteries and Gaming Agency,
5E, Abang Odok Ogar Close, Off Mekenge Layout, Marian Road,
Calabar. **07070967372**
www.lotteryandgaming.crossriverstate.gov.ng/contact



Calabar High School in Jamaica is a distinguished all-male secondary school located in Kingston, established by the Jamaica Baptist Union in 1912.

It has become one of the country's most respected schools, known for academic excellence and a strong athletic tradition, especially in track and field, producing at least five Rhodes Scholars over the years.

The school's name, Calabar, reflects a deep historical connection, it was brought to Jamaica by enslaved Africans from the Calabar region in Nigeria, a historic river-port city in West Africa.

This link symbolizes the enduring ties between Jamaica and Africa, highlighting how heritage and identity are celebrated through education.

Calabar High School quickly built a reputation for excellence after its founding in 1912. By the 1930s and '40s, it was producing outstanding scholars like Bradley Phillips and Harvey DaCosta, who won prestigious scholarships including the Rhodes Scholarship. Many alumni, such as Caleb Watson Cousins and the Robinson brothers,



.....Land Management and Beyond.....

30th October 2025

PUBLIC NOTICE

CROSS RIVER GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION AGENCY (CRGIA), INVITATION FOR FIRST PHASE OF RECORDS UPDATE AND OBTAINING OF CERTIFICATES OF OCCUPANCY WITHIN THE SOUTHERN SENATORIAL DISTRICT

The **Cross River Geographic Information Agency (CRGIA)** is the primary agency tasked with land management in the State. The end point of all transactions on Government Land across the State is a Certificate of Occupancy signed by the Governor of Cross River State. In line with this, CRGIA invites all allottees of Government Land across the Southern Senatorial District to update their records with the State Government and obtain or Recertify their Certificate's of Occupancy

BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATION

Participants are advised to take advantage of this exercise to

- Obtain Certificates of Occupancy (for those who were previously not issued)
- Recertify and obtain the new digital, bankable and tamper-proof C of O
- Resolve Conflicting Ownership Records
- Avoid Encumbrance and Encroachment
- Avoid Cancellation of Allocation or Revocation of C of O

Cross River State Geographic Information Agency (CRGIA)

Murtala Muhammed Highway, Opposite Metropolitan Hotel
Calabar, Cross River State

Tel: 234-464068, 234-8035238992, 234-08139716652

Website: www.crgia.crossriverstate.gov.ng E-mail: info@crgia.crossriverstate.gov.ng

EXERCISE DATES

The Records Update Exercise will take place from **1st November 2025** to **19th December 2025**.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

Bring any supporting documents related to your land transactions in Cross River State, including but not limited to:

- Allocation letters
- Survey Plans
- Receipts
- Agreements
- Other relevant documents

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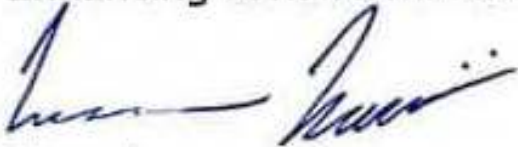
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Signed:

Director Operations

For: Director General

Cross River Geographic Information Agency.

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FOR SHORT SERVICE COMBATANT COMMISSION COURSE 49/2026

1. Applications are invited from eligible Nigerians for commission into the Nigerian Army (NA) as Short Service Combatant Commission (SSCC) officers. The SSCC application is open to both civilians and serving military personnel with appropriate qualifications. On completion of training and when commissioned as officers, the SSCC officers would serve only in the Combat Arms (Infantry and Armour Corps) and Combat Support Arms (Artillery, Engineers, Signals and Intelligence Corps) of the Nigerian Army.

Entry Requirements

2. All applicants must satisfy the following conditions:
- a. Be a citizen of Nigeria by birth, as defined in the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (as amended).
 - b. Be a male or female between the ages of 23 and 27 by 9 January 2026.
 - c. Be medically, mentally and physically fit according to Nigerian Army Standards.
 - d. Civilian applicants must be recommended and attested to his/her good character by at least 2 recognizable referees who are either a Local Government Chairman/Secretary or an officer of the Armed Forces not below the rank of a Lieutenant Colonel and equivalent/Assistant Commissioner of Police who must hail from the applicant's state of origin. Passport photographs of referees must be affixed to the letter of attestation.
 - e. Candidates must submit a Letter of Attestation from their former institutions.
 - f. Measure in height at least 1.68m (for male) and 1.65m (for female).
 - g. Must not have been convicted by any court of law. Military personnel must not have any disciplinary case and must be endorsed by the Commanding Officer/Commander.
 - h. Possess at least a first degree with not less than Second Class Lower Division or HND of not less than Lower Credit in the arts, sciences or humanities from

accredited university or institution of higher learning. Courses of study must also be accredited at the time of study.

i. Possess valid birth certificate endorsed by the National Population Commission, Hospital or Local Government Council or valid age declaration.

j. Possess a valid certificate of state of origin.

k. Applicants (other than serving members of the Armed Forces) must possess NYSC discharge certificate or a valid certificate of exemption.

l. Only tertiary academic credentials obtained from Year 2017 to date will be considered.

m. Applicants must present valid contact addresses and telephone numbers of parent/guardians and Next of Kin.

n. Candidates must not have any body inscriptions or tattoos.

o. Candidates must tender all original copies of educational certificates (primary to tertiary).

p. Service personnel must present valid military identity cards and letters of recommendations by their Commanding Officers/Commanders. They must also present valid letter(s) of official sponsorship in tertiary academic institutions. Additionally, they must have served for a minimum period of 5 years in the Armed Forces of Nigeria. All Service personnel applicants are under obligation to declare their Service status on application as required by Harmonised Terms and Conditions of Service for the Armed Forces of Nigeria. Failing to do so constitutes an offence in addition to disqualification at any stage.

q. Candidates must not be members of any cult/secret society/fraternity.

r. Candidates must not have been dismissed or withdrawn on disciplinary grounds from any military or para-military training institutions.

Conditions of Service

3. SSCC will be granted for 15 years. Ten years will be on the active list (Initial bonding period) renewable thereafter for a period not more than 5 years. No extension shall be granted after the fifteenth year of commission except on conversion to regular combatant commission where applicable.

a. Officer cadets who successfully complete the military training shall be granted the rank of second lieutenant with seniority effective date of commencement of cadet training.

b. SSC officers shall have the privilege to convert to Regular Combatant Commission, however, it is not automatic. It is based on availability of vacancy and other criteria that are or will be in force from time to time.

c. All graduating officer cadets must sign an acceptance of the terms and conditions governing the SSCC before they are granted commission into the Nigerian Army.

d. The reckonable period of service for civilians who become commissioned officers will be based on the date of commencement of cadet training while that of military personnel applicants would be effective date of enlistment.

Method of Application

4. Applications are to be made online free of charge from 9 October to 12 November 2025.

a. How to apply:

(1) Go online and visit Nigerian Army recruitment webpage at: recruitment.army.mil.ng and choose SSC option.

(2) You will be redirected to the page where you can read the conditions of entry for SSCC Course (SSC) 49/2026.

(3) Click on the "Apply Now" button for SSC 49/2026 as per your qualification.

(4) Next, you will be prompted to indicate whether you are serving or have served in the Armed Forces of Nigeria. Choose the appropriate option and proceed.

(5) If you do not have an active account (from previous application), click on "Sign Up" (a verification will be sent to your email) enter your login details and log in. Otherwise log in with your existing details.

(6) Fill out the online form and ensure all required documents listed below are uploaded:

- (a) Recent passport photograph.
- (b) Educational certificates (of qualification indicated).
- (c) Certificate of state of origin.
- (d) Birth certificate or age declaration.
- (e) NIN and BVN Slips.

b. Print Out. Applicants must print out their online generated photo-slip on completion of their application. The first page is to be signed by the Registrar of any Court of Law while the second page is to be signed by the applicants' Local Government Chairman/Secretary or any military officer of the rank of Lieutenant Colonel or equivalent and above who hails from an applicant's state of origin. Successful applicants would present their printed application forms (photo-slips, guarantors form, attestation form etc) to the Selection Board during interview.

CLOSING DATE

5. All applications must be submitted not later than 12 November 2025.

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In regards to the above advertorial the Ministry of Wealth Creation and Employment has opened a desk Office for interested Cross Riverians to submit printouts of their applications to the Desk Officer at the Ministry of Wealth Creation and Employment, Establishment Building, New Secretariat Complex, Murtala Mohammed Highway, Calabar.

The printouts are expected to reach the Desk Officer as soon as possible.

e-signed:

Hon. Patrick Egbede

Commissioner



CIVIL DEFENCE, CORRECTIONAL, FIRE AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES BOARD (CDCFIB)

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

The Civil Defence, Correctional, Fire and Immigration Services Board (CDCFIB) wishes to notify candidates who applied for recruitment into the Nigerian Correctional Service (NCoS), Nigeria Immigration Service (NIS), Federal Fire Service (FFS), and Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) to visit its official recruitment portal at **<https://recruitment.cdcfib.gov.ng>** from Thursday, 30th October 2025, to check if they have been shortlisted for the next stage of the exercise as well as centres for the Computer Based Test (CBT).

Shortlisted candidates are further requested to take note of the venue, date as well as time scheduled for the CBT.

All applicants are enjoined to take note of the Board's portal address highlighted above to avoid being scammed.

e-Signed

AM Jibril

Maj Gen (Rtd.)

Secretary to the Board

29th October, 2025

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HIS EXCELLENCY
SEN. PRINCE BASSEY EDET OTU
GOVERNOR OF CROSS RIVER STATE

Nigeria Forest Security Service to Recruit 30,000 Across the Nation, Applications Open 11 November 2025



Abuja, Nigeria – The Nigeria Forest Security Service (NFSS) hereby announces a major nationwide recruitment exercise to enlist 30,000 new personnel to its ranks. The application portal will open on 11 November 2025.

This bold initiative is part of NFSS's expanded efforts to bolster security in

Nigeria's forest reserves, counter illegal logging, protect wildlife, and support national efforts to combat insurgency, banditry, and criminal activities that often exploit bush and forested areas as hideouts.

Key Details & Objectives

Number of Positions: 30,000 new forest guards to be deployed nationwide

Application Start Date: 11 November 2025

Mandate:

- Protect forest reserves and biodiversity
- Patrol forest zones and adjacent communities
- Detect and prevent crimes within forest areas (illegal logging, poaching, encroachment, etc.)
- Support other

security agencies in forested terrains

State Allocation:
Positions will be distributed across all 36 states and the Federal Capital Territory (FCT), in proportion to forest density and security needs

Supervising Bodies:
The Office of the National Security Adviser (NSA) and the Ministry of Environment will oversee the recruitment and training process

Training & Vetting:
Applicants will undergo medical, physical, and background screening, followed by training in forest security, intelligence gathering, and inter-agency coordination

Requirements & Eligibility

Prospective applicants must meet the following:

1. Citizenship: Must be a Nigerian citizen
2. Age: Between 18 and 35 years
3. Education: Minimum of Senior Secondary School Certificate (SSCE) or its equivalent
4. Physical & Mental Fitness: Must be fit for the rigors of field duty
5. Character: Clean criminal record; able to pass security vetting.

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applications to the Desk Officer at the Ministry of Wealth Creation and Employment, Establishment Building, New Secretariat Complex, Murtala Mohammed Highway, Calabar.

The printouts are expected to reach the Desk Officer as soon as possible.

e-signed:
Hon. Patrick Egbede
Commissioner



STEPS TO OBTAIN CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY IN CROSS RIVER STATE

- 1** Obtain an Application Form at CRGIA's Office, Old Secretariat Road, Off Murtala Mohammed Highway, Calabar, Cross River State
- 2** Submit Application Form with Required Documents
Fill and submit the form along with necessary documents, e.g. Registered Title Document, survey plan, identification, etc.
- 3** Assessment and Payment of Fees.
The office will assess applicable charges, registration fees, processing fees, etc. Make the required payment.
- 4** Inspection and Publication (for private land)
Property is inspected by LUAC officials
Notice of application is published for 21 days to allow for objections.
After clearance, Governor's Approval in Principle is obtained.
- 5** C of O (Certificate of Occupancy) Engrossment and Signing
The Certificate of Occupancy is prepared (engrossed) and signed by the Governor or delegated authority.
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