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CROSS RIVER STATE

VISION STATEMENT

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.

MINISTERIAL MANDATE

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.

VISION

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.

Mission

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.

News In Pictures

Cross River State Governor, Senator Prince Bassey Otu, Saturday, inspected the ongoing renovation of the Governors lodge. The Governor was accompanied on the inspection by his chief of staff, Hon. Emmanuel Ironbar amongst others









**NIGERIA****SECRETARY TO THE STATE GOVERNMENT
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PRESS RELEASE

The Governor of Cross River State, His Excellency, Senator Prince Bassy Edet Otu, has appointed five members into the Cross River State Sports Commission, effective immediately.

The appointees are:

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| 1. Etta Lawrence Itanya | - | - | - | - | Chairman |
| 2. Queen Gladys Festus | - | - | - | - | Member |
| 3. Hon. Njarani Gabriel Ushie | - | - | - | - | Member |
| 4. Sunny Ndep Ebam | - | - | - | - | Member |
| 5. Ekpenyong Effiom Okon | - | - | - | - | Member |

The appointments are part of the government efforts to promote sports development and excellence in the State.

Prof. A. Owan Enoh
Secretary to Government of the State



NIPR President Makes Case for C'River Info Officers' Cadrenization

..as New State Exco Takes Oath of Office

By Nakanda Iyadim and Esther Okoi



The President and Chairman of the Governing Council of the Nigerian Institute of Public Relations (NIPR), Dr. Ike Neliaku, has emphasized the need for the Cross River State Government to domesticate the Federal Government circular on the cadrenization of its information officers.

According to him,

this move would accord public relations practitioners in the State the recognition they deserve, similar to practices at the federal level.

Dr. Neliaku, represented by Council member and former Rivers State Commissioner for Information, Pastor Paulinus Nsirim, made this call in Calabar during the grand finale of the maiden edition NIPR Week which coincided with the

inauguration of the newly elected State Executive Council members and the 29th Edwin Eja Memorial Lecture held at Hogis Royale, Calabar, over the weekend.

He noted that implementing the circular on cadrenization would not only change the title of information officers to Information and Public Relations Officers but would also enhance confidence in the



profession,
empower
practitioners in
public
communication,
and improve

productivity for
effective service
delivery.

The Governing
Council Boss

thanked Governor
Bassey Edet Otu
for donating a
parcel of land for
the State Chapter's
image house and



extended gratitude to the Commissioner for Information, Dr. Erasmus Ekpang, for his instrumental role in the acquisition and active participation in their activities.

Reacting to the 29th Edwin Eja lecture theme, "AI in Public Relations: Disruption or Opportunity for Practitioners?", Dr. Neliaku informed attendees that AI is here to stay, urging professionals to develop AI skills and utilize available tools to adapt to

current realities if they must remain relevant in their place of work.

While congratulating the newly sworn-in State Executive members, led by Pastor Austin Mboso, he encouraged them to remain united and implement programmes that would foster growth of the body in the State through consistent training.

He also thanked the outgoing State Chairman, Mr. Benedict Onah Okache, for his

significant contributions to the success of the national body and his dedication to standardizing public relations practice in Cross River State and wished him well in his future endeavour.

Chairman of the Occasion, Mr. Daniel Udofia, Chairman and CEO of Davanla Nigeria Limited, urged public relations professionals to help restore the country's damaged image and pledged support to the



State Chapter.

In his goodwill message, Commissioner for Information, Dr. Erasmus Ekpang congratulated the new State Executive Council and committed to supporting their success.

On his part, the Guest of Honour and Group

Managing Director of Hogis Group, Dr. Ikechukwu Okwe called on the institute to create a suitable training curriculum for hoteliers in the State, stressing the need for improved human and public relations skills to enhance service delivery in the hospitality industry.

Earlier in his

address, the immediate past chairman of the Chapter, Mr. Benedict Okache explained that his administration focused on Professionalizing Public Relations and giving the Institute visibility in the State, which he accomplished within available resources.



He appreciated the State Government for the enabling environment given to practitioners to thrive and the support enjoyed from the Government and her parastatals.

While speaking on the theme of the

NIPR Week, Pastor Mboso mentioned that although AI is taking over jobs, it will not take over emotional intelligence and relationships building, as well as other human relational activities of Public Relations practice.

Highlights of the occasion included Award presentations, among others.









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Gov Abdulrazaq commends President's hands-on approach as Eruku 38 regain freedom



After many days of hard work by security forces and government representatives, HE AbdulRahman AbdulRazaq (CON) is excited to announce the freedom of 38 persons who were

recently abducted in an attack on Christ Apostolic Church (CAC) Eruku, Ekiti LGA, Kwara Kwara.

The Governor says this is wholly due to the hands-on approach of President Bola Tinubu, GCFR, who

has personally led the efforts to free the abductees.

The abductees were freed today, November 23. The Governor is immensely grateful to President Bola Tinubu, GCFR, for his direct initiative that made this happen.

The President had called off his scheduled trip for the G20 Meeting in South Africa to attend to the breaches in Kwara and Kebbi States. He had also directed heightened security deployments to Kwara, in what underlined his firm commitment to the safety and wellbeing of our people and



Nigerians as a whole.

The Governor also expresses appreciation to the Office of the National Security Adviser; the Department of State Services (DSS); the Nigerian

Army; Nigeria Intelligence Agency; and, of course, the Nigeria Police, which has graciously deployed four new tactical teams to Kwara State on the directive of the President.

The Governor also

thanks members of the security forces across board, thought leaders, religious institutions, and all Kwarans for their support and goodwill since the unfortunate incident.

NCH 2025: WHO Supports Cross River Nursing Colleges with Buses, Equipment.

By Kingsley Agim



The 66th National Council of Health, held in Calabar in 2025, themed "My Health, My Right: Accelerating Universal Health Coverage through Equity, Resilience, and Innovation," witnessed a significant milestone.

The Cross River State Government, represented by Deputy Governor, Rt Hon. Peter Odey, received a donation of three 18-seater buses and medical equipment for the Colleges of Nursing Sciences in Calabar, Ogoja, and Obudu from the World Health Organization

(WHO).

Odey who declared the event opened on behalf of Governor Bassey Edet Otu, emphasized the need for stronger collaboration with the Federal Ministry of Health and partners to improve Nigeria's healthcare system.



Prof Muhammed Ali Pate, Coordinating Minister of Health and Social Welfare, commended WHO for their support and urged the beneficiary institutions to utilize the donated resources effectively, emphasizing the importance of nurturing productive nursing professionals.

Dr Pavel Ursu, WHO Country

Representative in Nigeria, reaffirmed WHO's commitment to advancing healthcare services in Nigeria and Cross River State, assuring continued support.

The donated buses and medical equipment were handed over to Eld(Dr)Henry Egbe Ayuk, Cross River State Commissioner for Health, for onward delivery to the beneficiary colleges. The handover ceremony

was witnessed by the Minister of State for Health, Dr Iziaq Adekunle Salako, Federal Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Health, Daju Kachollom (mni), FCT, and 36 state commissioners and their permanent secretaries, healthcare sector stakeholders, and top government officials from Cross River State.









CRIDCOM Chairman Redefines Greatness as Cross River Marks International Men's Day

By Deborah-Oyo Oyo



In a bid to deepen engagement with the Nigerian medical diaspora, the Cross River State Diaspora Commission (CRIDCOM) hosted

Dr. Jide Menakaya, President of the Medical Association of Nigerians Across Great Britain (MANSAG), for a courtesy visit aimed at fostering collaboration and

investment in the State's healthcare sector.

The Chairman of CRIDCOM, Prince Otu Okor, received Dr. Menakaya and described the visit as a timely opportunity for Cross River to connect with global Nigerian medical professionals. He said, "We are committed to creating enabling pathways for diaspora partnerships that align with the State's investment and development agenda." He also emphasised the State's readiness to support initiatives that improve healthcare delivery and attract investment.



Prince Otu highlighted that healthcare remains a priority within Cross River's broader development framework, noting that partnerships with the diaspora can foster knowledge transfer, skills development, and medical tourism opportunities for

the State.

The meeting explored structured ways to engage diaspora healthcare professionals in long-term programmes, ensuring that expertise brought to Nigeria translates into lasting local impact.

Dr. Menakaya

outlined plans for the upcoming National Diaspora Week, a coordinated initiative by seven Nigerian medical diaspora associations to train thousands of healthcare professionals across the country. He stressed that Cross River, in the South-South zone,



would benefit from specialised women's health training, including ultrasound, endometriosis management, and laparoscopic procedures led by the Australian chapter.

He acknowledged the challenge of previous one-off outreach programmes, saying, "Even before I became president, I used to do outreach as an individual, but the

impact ended when I left. This initiative is designed to be sustainable, creating a structured platform for continuous engagement and skill transfer."

The National Diaspora Week involves diaspora medical associations from the UK, US, Canada, Germany, Australia, and other regions, with each association assigned to a specific geopolitical zone to deliver specialised

training and mentorship.

The courtesy visit reinforced CRIDCOM's role as a bridge between the State and the global Nigerian diaspora, positioning Cross River as a hub for medical excellence, professional training, and long-term healthcare investment in the South-South region.

Medical Residency Sponsorship Bill Passes Second Reading in CRHA

By Itam Offor



The Cross River State House of Assembly, on Wednesday, passed for second reading a bill seeking to provide a legal framework for the establishment, structure, and administration of

the Medical Residency Training Sponsorship Programme in the state.

The proposed legislation aims to institutionalize the funding and standardization of residency training

for medical professionals across Cross River State.

Leading debate on the bill, its sponsor, Hon. Cyril James Omini (Yakurr I), explained that a clear legal structure is

necessary to tackle the long-standing challenges the state faces in retaining medical doctors and dental surgeons in the civil and public service.

According to the Yakurr lawmaker, the Residency Training Programme for medical practitioners and dental surgeons aligns with the National Residency Training Act, 2017.

Omini noted that the bill will enhance the quality of specialist medical training and improve healthcare delivery across the state. He emphasized that it will also address the persistent shortage of medical doctors in state-owned hospitals.

In his remarks, the Deputy Leader, Rt. Hon. Davies Etta (Abi), commended the sponsor of the bill, adding that it will encourage medical doctors to take up employment with the state after completing their residency programmes.

Other lawmakers who contributed to the debate expressed unanimous support, stressing that strengthening medical residency training is essential to addressing the state's shortage of specialists and improving the retention of healthcare workers.

They added that sustainable sponsorship of residency training will help reduce brain drain,

popularly referred to as the "Japa syndrome" and boost the overall capacity of the state's health sector.

The Speaker, Rt. Hon. Elvert Ayambem, commended the sponsor and members for their dedication to people-centered legislation. He referred the bill to the Committee on Health for further legislative action.

APC Stalwart, Mrs . Omokhuebey Advocates More Participation In Ongoing Voters Registration



An APC stalwart in Akamkpa Local Government Area, Mrs Agnes Cyril has urged Cross Riverians to take advantage of the ongoing Continuous Voters Registration exercise nationwide to obtain their voters card.

The astute

politician emphasized on the power of the voters card which she said was the only legitimate means to exercise electoral authority during elections at all levels.

Mrs Omokhuebey who was speaking to our correspondent in an exclusive interview

pointed out the unpalatable situation in almost all the Wards in Akamkpa where many inadvertently disenfranchised themselves by failing to possess voters card.

She particularly encouraged the youths of her Ward not be lethargic about this all important exercise and go out and grab the political strength that would enable them seamlessly choose their political leaders.

The progressive advocate said that as a politician of high repute, the onus lies on her to promote high level participation in electoral exercises to guarantee good



governance and leadership.

Mrs Omokhuebey, a sound politician, an environmentalist with rare skills in conflict and peace resolutions said that she is committed to an improved political climate in her Ward, Awi, constituency 1,

Akamkpa Local Government Area.

The humbly and focused community leader used the opportunity to commend the State Governor, Apostle Senator Prince Bassey Edet Otu for his dexterity towards the growth of the socio-economic and political landscape of the State as well as

the leadership of the All Progressive Congress , APC the unity of purpose of the party.

CASWI Partners with Cross River to Empower 1,000 Women Through Eco-Smart Livelihood Project

By Obaseoyi Bassey



Care for Social Welfare International (CASWI) has unveiled a transformative partnership with the Cross River State Ministry of Commerce aimed at empowering

1,000 women through an innovative Eco-Smart Livelihood Project.

This initiative seeks to enhance the livelihoods of marginalized and displaced women while promoting

sustainable development in the region.

Disclosing this during an advocacy visit to the Ministry of Commerce Headquarters in Calabar, CASWI's State Programme

Manager, Mr. Ifeanyi Damian, highlighted the Women Eco-Smart Empowerment and Leadership Project.

According to him, this initiative will incorporate climate-smart agriculture, fisheries, and poultry practices, along with waste-recycling techniques to produce crop yields, animal feed, and organic fertilizers.

Mr. Damian stressed that the project aligns closely with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), emphasizing its commitment to improving the lives of forcibly displaced women in Cross River

State.

He underscored the importance of the partnership with the Ministry of Commerce for maximizing impact and ensuring long-term sustainability.

In her response, the Honourable Commissioner for Commerce, Dr. Abigail Duke Orok, expressed her gratitude for the initiative, adding that it will go along way to alleviate poverty.

She reaffirmed the Ministry's dedication to fostering women-centered economic development in the state.

"This partnership represents our dedication to building a more inclusive and

prosperous society," Dr. Orok stated.

She further noted that the initiative aims to empower women by helping them establish businesses, achieve economic independence, and take on leadership roles within their communities.

"With this sustainable practices, the project not only aims to uplift the economic status of women but also to contribute positively to environmental conservation. Participants will receive training in eco-friendly practices that can be adopted within their communities.



"This initiative stands as a vital step towards bridging the gender gap in economic empowerment and promoting sustainable practices. The collaboration between CASWI and the Ministry of Commerce showcases a commitment to inclusivity and social

responsibility.

"The Eco-Smart Livelihood Project promises to be a game-changer for the women of Cross River State, providing them with the tools and resources necessary to thrive in today's challenging economic landscape," she added.

The Eco-Smart Livelihood Project is set to launch in the Akpabuyo Local Government Area, with both CASWI and the Ministry optimistic about its potential to yield transformative outcomes for women across Cross River State.

Cross River Hosts First-Ever National Council on Health as Gov Otu Reaffirms Commitment to UHC

By Kingsley Agim



Cross River State on Monday welcomed delegates from across the country to the 66th Regular Session of the National Council on Health (NCH), marking the first time the nation's

highest health policy-making body is convening in the state. The five-day event is holding at the Calabar International Convention Centre (CICC).

Declaring the Council open,

Governor Bassey Otu, represented by his Deputy, Rt. Hon. Peter Odey, described the hosting of the NCH as a significant honour for Cross River. He stated that the gathering carries immense implications for the



Renewed Hope Agenda and Nigeria's collective pursuit of a stronger, more equitable health system.

Delivering the Governor's message, he emphasized that the Council underscores the shared responsibility to protect the health and well-being of

all Nigerians, noting that its resolutions require the full attention and commitment of every stakeholder.

Held under the theme "My Health, My Right: Accelerating Universal Health Coverage through Equity, Resilience, and Innovation," the 66th NCH seeks to drive Nigeria's progress toward Universal Health

Coverage (UHC) by strengthening primary healthcare, expanding equitable access, and reducing financial barriers, especially for vulnerable populations.

Governor Otu highlighted major achievements recorded in the state. He disclosed that Cross River has renovated and equipped more



than 100 primary healthcare centres across all 18 LGAs, with support from the World Bank IMPACT Project, the Basic Health Care Provision Fund, the state government, and development partners. He also noted that the state's Primary Healthcare-Based Health Palliative Programme is currently targeting

pregnant women in rural communities, children under five, and elderly persons over 70.

The Governor reaffirmed that the state has fully implemented the Consolidated Medical Salary Structure (CONMESS) for doctors and is currently constructing a modern general hospital in Ikom. He

added that the state is recruiting additional health workers and scaling up training programmes to improve service delivery. He also announced the establishment of four Colleges of Nursing to ensure a sustained pipeline of mid-level health professionals, and the creation of the Drug and Health Commodities Management



Agency to regulate medicine prices and improve access to essential health commodities. These reforms, he said, reflect his administration's unwavering commitment to transforming healthcare delivery and building a healthier, more prosperous Cross River State.

Speaking earlier, the Coordinating Minister of Health and Social Welfare, Prof. Muhammad Ali Pate, expressed deep appreciation to the Government and people of Cross River for what he described as exceptional hospitality. He noted that this year's NCH is taking place at a critical moment, two years after the

adoption of landmark reforms aimed at strengthening primary healthcare, expanding health insurance coverage, improving supply chains, modernizing hospitals, enhancing health security, and accelerating digital transformation.



Prof. Pate announced major federal strides that demonstrate the administration's renewed prioritization of health. These include the release of ₦68 billion for vaccine financing, already credited to the National Primary Health Care Development Agency, and ₦50 billion deployed to clear outstanding

arrears owed to health workers. He also disclosed that the Federal Government is working to increase health's share of the national budget by at least 0.6% in 2026, targeting a minimum of 6% of total federal expenditure, and urged states to raise their own health budgets by a minimum of 1% above 2025 allocations.

The Minister reported improvements in health outcomes nationwide, including reduced maternal mortality, increased access to essential services, and strengthened public confidence in the sector. He emphasized that current federal investments are ring-fenced to bolster frontline services, maintain

vaccine availability, secure reproductive health commodities, and equip hospitals and primary healthcare centres with tools required for effective service delivery.

The Minister of State for Health, Dr. Iziaq Adekunle Salako, said the NCH continues to provide a vital platform for advancing national conversations on quality of care, health financing, and Universal Health Coverage. He stressed that UHC is not merely about statistics, but about ensuring women receive skilled birth care, children get immunised, and families are protected from catastrophic health spending.

He noted that health insurance coverage has risen from 3% in 2019 to 17% in 2024, with over 20 million Nigerians now enrolled, and commended several states, including Cross River, for strong performances in PHC revitalisation and digital health innovation. He called for faster implementation of mandatory health insurance laws across all states, stronger funding for PHCs, innovative financing (including sin taxes and PPPs), and increased local production of medical supplies. Dr. Salako also appealed to striking health workers to return to duty in the national interest, reiterating that progress toward UHC demands equity, resilience, innovation, and collective effort.

Earlier in his welcome address, the Cross River State Commissioner for Health, Dr. Henry Egbe Ayuk, warmly acknowledged the presence of the Governor, represented by the Deputy Governor, as well as the Coordinating Minister of Health, the Minister of State, Commissioners, Permanent Secretaries, and other dignitaries. He assured delegates that the state government had put in place a fully enabling environment for a successful Council meeting, adding that Cross River was committed to ensuring that every participant enjoyed a comfortable and memorable stay in Calabar.

Dr. Ayuk encouraged guests to explore the city's rich culture and hospitality and thanked development partners, the WHO, Commissioners of Health, and all stakeholders for their unwavering commitment to improving health outcomes nationwide. He wished all delegates productive deliberations and a successful 66th National Council on Health.

In her vote of thanks, the Permanent Secretary of the Federal Ministry of Health and Social Welfare, Daju Kachallom, described this year's NCH as exceptional. She said the

deliberations over two days were frank, rigorous, and energised, reflecting a deep commitment to building a stronger and more resilient health system.

She expressed profound gratitude to the Government and people of Cross River State, noting that hosting an event of this scale required remarkable coordination and dedication. She commended Governor Otu for the warmth, hospitality, and preparedness that ensured the entire health sector community was well received in Calabar. She also acknowledged the Obong of Calabar for his support and the enduring relevance of traditional institutions in public health advocacy.

The Permanent Secretary praised the Ministers, Commissioners for Health, Permanent Secretaries, Directors, Heads of Agencies, and development partners for their depth, honesty, and forward-looking contributions. She further commended Sokoto, Jigawa, Zamfara, Taraba, Delta, FCT, Plateau, and Ekiti States for excelling in the implementation of the 65th NCH resolutions, saying their progress demonstrates what is achievable when political will aligns with competence.

C'River Commissions First Creche at New Secretariat Complex

By Iloke Egbe



The Cross River State Government has commissioned its first Creche Centre at the new Secretariat Complex in Calabar, encouraging nursing mothers among civil servants to utilize the facility, established by the people's first governor.

Speaking during

the commissioning, Dr. Uju Awukah, Special Assistant to the President on Public Health and Nutrition, expressed her enthusiasm to the Executive Governor, emphasizing that the approval of the creche demonstrates the government's commitment to its promises.

"This is the kind of leadership that Nigeria needs," she

stated, praising the initiative for fostering accountability and financing in public projects.

Dr. Awukah thanked Pastor Dr. Bong Duke, Vice Chair and CEO of SPC, for his role in coordinating nutrition activities in the state. She noted that the presence of key stakeholders indicates a



commitment to fulfilling requests made during the establishment of the creche.

The Head of Service, Barr. Orok Bassey Okon, highlighted that this facility complements the state's six-month paid maternity

leave, allowing mothers to care for their children while working.

Mrs. Nkem Eyong Ubana, State Nutrition Officer, mentioned that funds for the creche were provided by the state government, with efforts coordinated

by Pastor Dr. Duke.

The event was attended by various dignitaries, including the Permanent Secretary of the Public Service Office, Mrs. Glory Udo-Oji, and other key officials.





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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.

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.....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

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EXERCISE DATES

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

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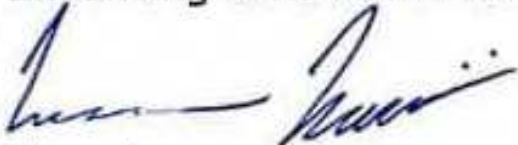
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For: Director General

Cross River Geographic Information Agency.

Tips on Safe Speed Practices

1. OBEY SPEED LIMITS – THEY ARE SET FOR YOUR SAFETY.

2. ADJUST SPEED TO CONDITIONS

3. KEEP SAFE DISTANCE

4. AVOID OVERSPEEDING

5. KNOW YOUR VEHICLE SPEED LIMITS

6. WATCH OUT IN BUILT-UP AREAS

7. USE ENGINE BRAKING ON SLOPES

8. BE CAUTIOUS ON CURVES



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BISHOP DR. (Mrs) Eyoanwan Bassey Otu
WIFE OF THE GOVERNOR OF CROSS RIVER STATE

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



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.
- 6** Registration and Delivery
Final registration is completed at the Lands Registry.
Registered documents are delivered to the applicant (client).

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