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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

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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.



Gov. Otu Calls for Expanded Clean Energy Investments to Power Cross River's Blue & Green Economies



overnor of Cross River State, Senator Prince Bassey Edet Otu, has called for increased clean energy investments to accelerate development across the state's blue and green economies.

Governor Otu,
represented by his
Deputy, Rt. Hon.
Peter Odey, made
the call at the Rural
Electrification
Agency (REA)
Strategic Roundtable
held in Abuja on
Tuesday. He
commended REA for
its strong support in

expanding
electricity access
across the state
through regulatory
backing, technical
assistance, and the
development of
bankable
renewable energy
projects.

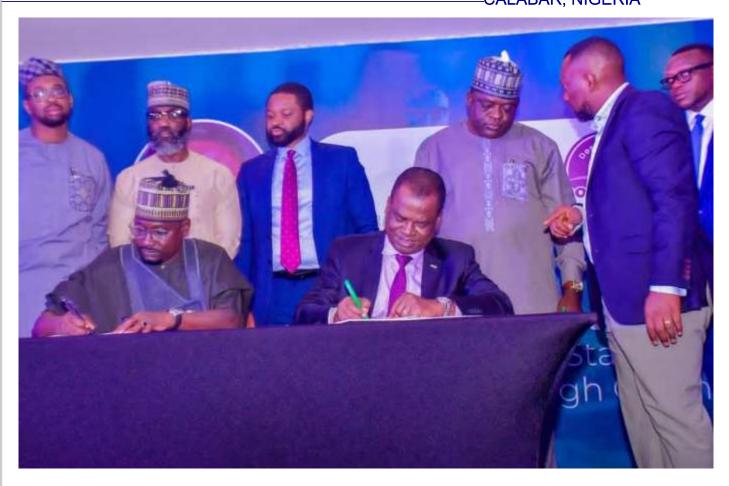
He highlighted major



achievements, including the 10MW solar farm at the University of Calabar, developed with support from the German government and private partners, which has significantly improved power supply to the university and its

teaching hospital.
He also noted the installation of minigrids at the General Hospital, Ogoja, and the Navy Reference Hospital, Calabar, as well as the distribution of 10,000 home solar units and over 1,000 solar streetlights and transformers.

Despite these gains, Rt. Hon.
Odey stressed that 15 of the state's 18 LGAs still lack reliable power. He cited Ikom's prolonged blackout and persistent outages in Ogoja as examples, emphasizing the need for increased intervention. He



reaffirmed the state's commitment to establishing more solar minigrids, hybrid systems, and energy-as-a-service models to unlock opportunities in fisheries, agriculture, forestry, and ecotourism.

Earlier, the Secretary to the Government of the State, Prof. Anthony OwanEnoh, underscored the administration's "People First" agenda, noting that improving electricity access has remained a top priority since 2023. He said the roundtable brings together RESCOs, policy experts, and government officials to accelerate electrification in unserved communities. According to him, the discussions aim to clarify

government support, strengthen partnerships, and secure commitments for mini-grid development.

Setting the tone for the event, REA's Managing Director/CEO, Dr. Abba Aliyu, praised Cross River State for creating an enabling policy environment. He disclosed that 19



renewable energy projects are currently underway and, upon completion, will inject 26MWh of power, reaching over 78,565 households and SMEs. He emphasized that the 2023 Electricity Act empowers states to shape their energy future, noting that Cross River has taken commendable steps in attracting

critical clean energy investments. He also highlighted the deliberate theme, "Sustainable Impact Beyond Policies," reflecting the state's transition from policy formulation to real clean energy deployment.

The highpoints of the roundtable included presentations on REA's community mapping tools and financing by the Agency's Executive Directors, an overview of renewable energy opportunities in Cross River by the Director General of the State Electrification Agency, Mr. Francis Ekpo, and the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the **Cross River State** Government and the RFA.





CROSS RIVER STATE

SECRETARY TO THE STATE GOVERNMENT OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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24th November, 2025.

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:

- Etta Lawrence Itanya
 Queen Gladys Festus
 Hon. Njarani Gabriel Ushie
 Sunny Ndep Ebam
 Chairman
 Member
 Member
 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



Tourism Ambassadors Visit Cross River SUBEB, Seek Partnership on Girl-Child Campaign

By Joy Ndoma



mbassadors of Tourism from several Nigerian states on Tuesday paid a courtesy visit to the Executive Chairman of the **Cross River State** Universal Basic **Education Board** (SUBEB), Mrs. **Fedelia Ókpo** Ene, seeking collaboration on their nationwide Girl-Child

Campaign, slated for various schools across the country.

Leading the delegation was Ambassador Michael Dickson from Yenagoa, Bayelsa State, who also serves as the national president of the group. He explained that the campaign focuses on addressing

issues affecting young girls, including rape, molestation, and unsafe abortion, adding that the young ambassadors are touring states to educate girls on how to protect themselves, report abuse, access support systems, and acquire vital skills.



During the visit, the delegation presented a souvenir to the SUBEB Chairman in commemoration of the meeting. **Ambassador** Dickson also introduced other members of the national executive, including **Ambassador** Henrietta Bassey from Odukpani LGA, Cross River State, Miss Creative Nigeria and National Vice President; **Ambassador**

Rebecca Bassey from Akwa Ibom State, Welfare Officer; Ambassador Akwandu Deborah, National Secretary; and Ambassador Nsisong Macauley.

In her address, the National Vice President, Ambassador Henrietta Bassey highlighted the association's achievements, which include rebranding the image of pageantry in Nigeria, empowering

market women, hosting free medical outreaches, donating educational materials to schools, flagging off the Girl-Child Campaign nationwide, providing skills acquisition training, implementing free breakfast projects, and donating an 18seater bus to support community needs.

The group also expressed





appreciation to
Mrs. Ene for her
contributions to
the growth and
development of
Cross River State.
They requested
her to serve as
Patron and
Mentor to the
Association of
Beauty Queens
and Kings of

Nigeria and officially invited her to their upcoming conference and 14th anniversary, scheduled for December 10, 2025, in Akwa Ibom State, where she is expected to receive an award and be crowned as Patron of the

Cross River State branch.

Responding, the SUBEB Chairman, commended the ambassadors for their vision and efforts to uplift communities. She prayed for God's guidance upon their work, encouraged them



to remain united, and expressed gratitude for the gift presented to her.

Mrs. Ene pledged her support for the campaign and advised that it should not be limited to the girl

child alone but expanded to include the boy child, noting that both genders require protection and empowerment. She assured the delegation of SUBEB's readiness

to collaborate with them in advancing educational and social development initiatives across the state.



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Commissioner Lukpata Commits to Supporting FOLUR-IP Implementation in Cross River State

By Iloke Egbe



ommissioner for the ■Ministry of **International Donor** Coordination, Elder Dr. Hippolatus O. Lukpata, has assured the Management of the Food System, Land Use, and **Restoration Impact** Program (FOLUR-IP) Nigeria of the **Cross River State** Government's unwavering

support for its implementation across eight local governments in the State.

Speaking during the recent State Project Management Committee Meeting held at the project office near the Navy field in Calabar, he expressed satisfaction with the project's progress and current phase.

Dr. Lukpata thanked the national committee members for their dedication to executing project activities as outlined in the project documentation.

Earlier, Chief Technical Adviser for FOLUR-IP, Prof. Adebayo Shittu, highlighted the





necessity of the meeting for project advancement, serving as the approving authority for activities and financial expenditures.

He shared the project's progress report and mentioned an

extension of its lifespan to 2027, addressing previous challenges to ensure smooth implementation.

Mr. Shittu
emphasized the
importance of
gender issues and
building women's
capacity within the

project, promoting integrated landscape management and sustainable food systems. The meeting was attended by representatives from all relevant ministries and departments.





C'River, UNICEF Train 120 Youth Volunteers on Social Behavior Change in Odukpani

By Nakanda Iyadim



n a proactive effort to enhance the safety of children during their crucial first 1,000 days, the Cross River State Government, in partnership with UNICEF, has

trained 120 youth volunteers from 20 communities in the Odukpani Local Government Area.

This training program, part of a UNICEF-assisted community engagement initiative, aims to

empower these youth leaders in essential family practices, including antenatal care, immunization, exclusive breastfeeding, complementary feeding, birth registration, and



the reduction of open defecation. They are expected to advocate for these practices at the community level.

While declaring the training programme held at the Odukpani Town Hall open, the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of

Information, represented by Director of Information Mr. David Akate, expressed gratitude to UNICEF for its ongoing support for Cross River's children and mothers.

> "Today, we gather here with a shared purpose: to gain knowledge that uplifts and

empowers our children and pregnant women, who are the heart of a thriving society," Akate stated.

He commended UNICEF and all partners for their commitment, urging volunteers to take the training seriously and act as ambassadors of



social behavior change in their communities. He reaffirmed the Ministry's commitment to implementing community action plans effectively.

In a goodwill message, Mr. John Asanye, State Director of the National Orientation Agency, encouraged volunteers to become agents of change by promoting lifesaving practices within their communities, adding the Cross River State and indeed Nigeria was looking up to them to drive the desired social change in their respective communities.

UNICEF SBC
Consultant Ms.
Blessing
Eberechukwu
emphasized the
importance of
ownership in the
program,
encouraging
volunteers to
impact their
focused groups
effectively.

The State's Social Mobilization



Officer also announced the launch of the second round of **Optimize Maternal** Newborn and Child Health Week (OMNCHW2) and the Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) vaccination for girls aged 9 across all 18 Local Government Areas, urging volunteers to

mobilize community members to ensure vaccination uptake, highlighting that the vaccines are safe, free, and effective.

The interactive training session comprised paper presentations by resource persons in key thematic areas, followed by a technical session

led by Ms. Juliana Atialikong, Deputy Director, National Orientation Agency and technical advisor to the program.

The session outlined specific roles of the Community Youth Volunteers (CYVs) as they return to their respective communities.









Tourism Ambassadors to Honour Sports Commissioner

By Mercy Ekpong



ross River
State Tourism
Ambassadors,
operating under
the auspices of
Beauty Queens of
Nigeria, have
announced the
nomination of Hon.
Agnes Atsu, the
Commissioner for
Sports
Development, for

"Mother of Sports" award. This recognition highlights her significant contributions to sports within the state and her unwavering support for various initiatives aimed at promoting athleticism.

The announcement was made during a recent visit by a delegation led by Queen Henrietta Bassey, who met with Commissioner Atsu in her office in Calabar. During this meeting, Queen Henrietta formally conveyed the news

of the nomination, expressing the association's admiration for the commissioner's dedication to sports and community welfare.

According to Queen Henrietta, the award acknowledges Hon. Atsu's involvement in the association's palliative campaign and her continuous endorsement of sporting activities across the state. "Her commitment to improving sports development is commendable," she stated, emphasizing the positive impact of Atsu's efforts on local athletes and communities.

The awards ceremony is set to take place on December 10th in Uyo, the capital of Akwa Ibom State. This event promises to bring together various stakeholders in the sports and tourism sectors, celebrating those who have made remarkable contributions to sports development in Nigeria.

In addition to Queen Henrietta's remarks, Ambassador Ukeme Michael, the President of the Association, praised Commissioner Atsu for her exceptional work and dedication.

He described her as one of the best-performing commissioners in Cross River State, highlighting her role in advancing sports initiatives and fostering talent within the community.

The nomination and upcoming awards ceremony not only

honor individual achievements but also serve to inspire future generations of athletes and sports enthusiasts in Cross River State. The recognition of Hon. Agnes Atsu underscores the importance of supportive leadership in fostering a vibrant sports culture.

In her response, the Commissioner for Sports Development, Hon. Agnes Atsu, commended the group for their humanitarian spirit and commitment to giving back to the society.

She urged them to continue serving as role models for youths and the community, while assuring that the State government is ready to partner



CRIDCOM Chairman Honoured with Chieftaincy Title at Duke House Week 2025

By Deborah-Oyo Oyo



he Chairman of the Cross River State
Diaspora
Commission
(CRIDCOM), Hon.
Prince Otu E.
Okor, has been honoured with the chieftaincy title
Ada Idaha K'Ufok
Duke by the Duke
Royal House in
Calabar. The

honour was conferred during the Duke House Week Celebration 2025 in acknowledgement of his contributions to community development through the Diaspora Mission.

In his remarks, Hon. Prince Okor expressed gratitude for the recognition and reaffirmed his commitment to serving the people of Cross River State and its diaspora. "I am deeply humbled by this recognition, and I promise to dedicate myself to



the growth and wellbeing of our people and our House," he said.

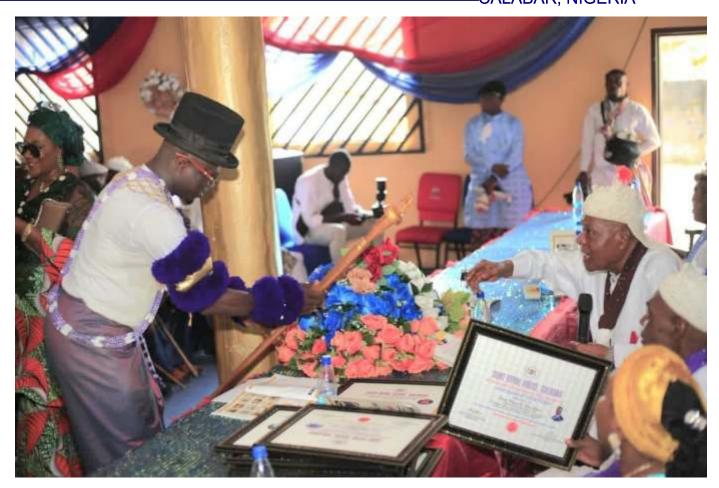
Chairman of the Occasion, High Chief Mkgeorge Okon Onyung, described the **Duke Royal House** as a lineage rooted in peace, unity, and progress. He reminded the honorees of the responsibility that comes with their induction, saying, "We bring you in so you may carry

out good deeds for the progress and continuous upliftment of this House, Cross River State, and Nigeria as a whole."

The Patriarch of the Duke Royal House, His Royal Highness Etubom Bassey Okor, offered prayers for God's guidance and strength for Prince Okor.

"May God continue to bless you and grant you the wisdom and strength to carry on with the good works you have been doing," he said, emphasising the importance of service to the community.

In her goodwill message, CRIDCOM's Commissioner for Finance and Accounts, Mrs. Emily Maduike, described Prince Okor as a leader "who knows his onions" and fully grasps what it takes to manage the Commission,



praying for continued achievements under his stewardship.

The occasion also saw the conferment of honorary titles on other distinguished individuals, including Barr. Mrs. Anita Ekei Pascal, Commissioner for Public Private Partnership at

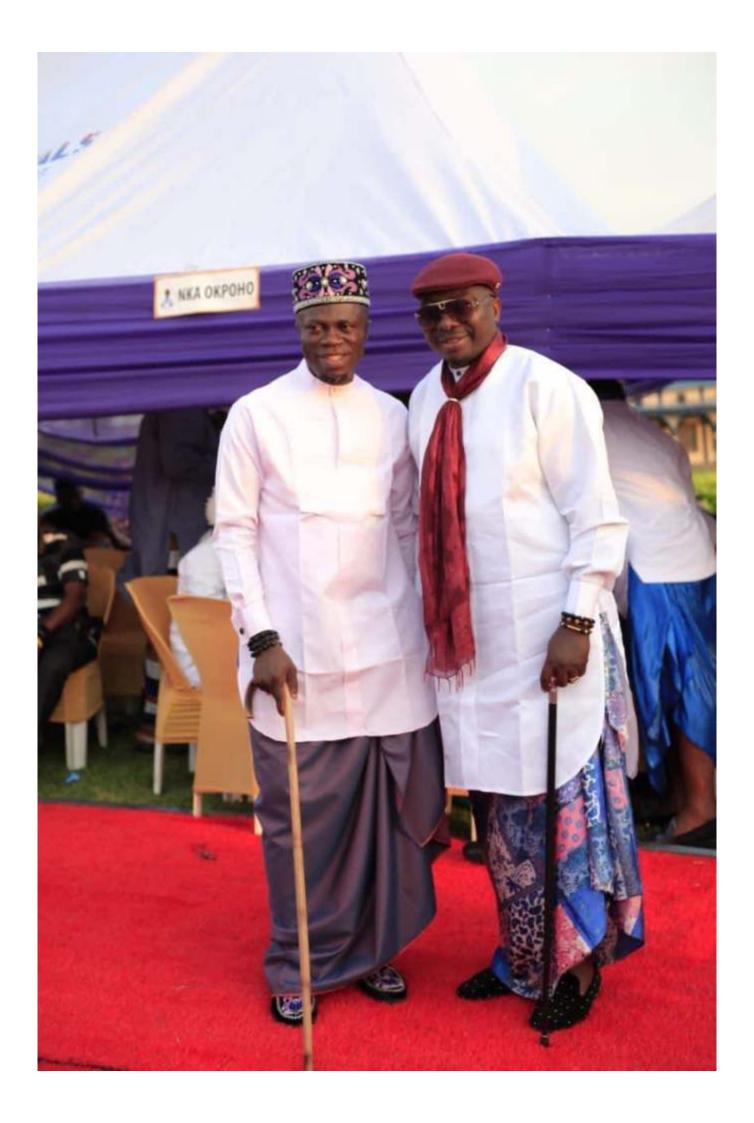
CRIDCOM.

Celebrating the milestone with him were family, friends, colleagues, and well-wishers, all expressing joy and admiration. Many described the honour as welldeserved, applauding his tireless efforts and leadership within the Commission and the diaspora community.

The celebration, rich in culture and heritage, brought together dignitaries, community leaders, and members of the Duke Royal family, featuring vibrant cultural displays, traditional dances, and music that added colour and energy to the event.

















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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 ep.D., anipr, ftifuh
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





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 allotees 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
- Resolve Conflicting Ownership Records
- Avoid Encumbrance and Encroachment
- Avoid Cancellation of Allocation or Revocation of C of O

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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CROSS RIVER GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION AGENCY (CRGIA)*

Enhancing Land Administration in Cross River State

Signed:

Director Operations

For: Director General

Cross River Geographic Information Agency.

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STEPS TO OBTAIN CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY IN CROSS RIVER STATE

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Submit Application Form with Required Documents
Fill and submit the form along with necessary documents,
e.g. Registered Title Document, survey plan, identification, etc.

Assessment and Payment of Fees.
The office will assess applicable charges, registration fees, processing fees, etc. Make the required payment.

Inspection and Publication (for private land)
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Notice of application is published for 21 days to allow for objections.
After clearance, Governor's Approval in Principle is obtained.

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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