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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.

# Governor Bassey Otu Fulfils Promise: Rewards WAFCON Star Miracle Usani with N50 Million In Calabar



In a grand display of commitment to youth empowerment and sports excellence, the Executive Governor of Cross River State, Senator Bassey Otu, has fulfilled his pledge to Super Falcons defender Miracle

Usani.

The Governor presented the football star with a cash reward of ₦50 million and a plot of land in Calabar, following her pivotal role in Nigeria's victory at the 2025 Africa Women's Cup of Nations (WAFCON).

The celebratory event, held at the prestigious Huggies Royal Hall in Calabar, brought together sports enthusiasts, government officials, and well-wishers to honor the 18-year-old Yakurr-born sensation.



Governor Otu, who was represented at the event by his Special Assistant on Sports, Hon. Chief Ekanem Ekpenyong, emphasized that the reward was not just a gift but a "debt of honor" fulfilled. The Governor noted that the administration remains steadfast

in its "People First" mandate, ensuring that excellence by Cross Riverians on the global stage is recognized and rewarded.

Representing the Wife of the Governor, Rev. (Mrs.) Eyoanwan Bassey Otu, was the Commissioner for Sports Development, Hon. Agnes Atsu. In her

remarks, she lauded Usani as a "shining beacon of hope" for young girls across the state, proving that with determination, the "girl child" can conquer the world. She also thanked the Governor for being a father who always supports his children and keeps to his words.



More Than Just a Cash Prize Beyond the ₦50 million and the land gift, the Governor also

announced several high-level honors for the young defender:

- VVIP Status: Usani has been conferred with the

state's highest protocol status for private citizens, granting her access to all official state functions.

- Sports

**Ambassador:** She was officially named a Sports Ambassador of Cross River State, tasked with inspiring the next generation of athletes.

- "Miracle on the Pitch": The Governor affectionately dubbed her the "Miracle on the Pitch," recognizing her grit and tenacity during the continental tournament in Morocco.

In a thank you remark, Miss Miracle recounted her journey towards becoming a footballer and the obstacles she faced.

**"My Journey Wasn't Easy, "Growing up in Ugep, people told me that football was for boys and**

that I would become too masculine. There was no female team, so I played with the boys. Today, I stand here as a champion, and I am proud to represent Cross River and Nigeria," she said.

A visibly emotional Miracle Usani, accompanied by her parents, expressed her profound gratitude to Governor Otu for keeping his word and giving hope to athletes from the state, she promises to continue being a good ambassador of the state and keep the State flag flying high.

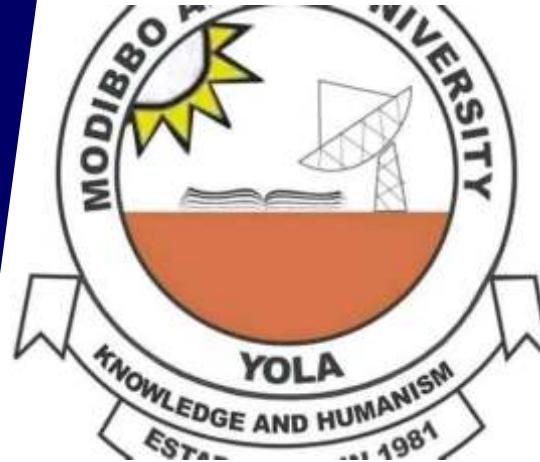
The ceremony served as a platform for the state government to reiterate its commitment to rebuilding sports

infrastructure.

The Commissioner for Sports Development highlighted that the state is currently undergoing structural reforms to ensure that "many more Miracles" are discovered from the grassroots level.

This gesture follows a growing trend of sports support by the Otu administration, which previously rewarded Super Eagles star Terem Moffi for his AFCON exploits, signaling a new "Season of Sweetness" for athletes in the state.

# Gov Otu Bags Honorary Doctorate from Modibbo Adama University



In recognition of what it described as his far-reaching contributions to governance, public service and humanitarian development across Nigeria, Modibbo Adama University (MAU), Yola, has announced the conferment of Honorary Doctorate on Cross River State governor, Senator Bassey Edet Otu.

The announcement which was contained in an official letter dated January 20, 2026, and signed by the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Ibrahim Umar stated that the decision followed the approval of both the University Senate and Governing Council, underscoring the institution's collective endorsement of Governor Otu's

leadership credentials and service record.

According to Prof. Umar, "the honour reflects the University's tradition of celebrating leaders whose careers embody service, integrity and societal impact," noting that Governor Otu's public life has been marked by people-centred policies and

a humane approach to governance, which, he said, "have earned him respect within and beyond the borders of Cross River State."

The Vice-Chancellor further explained that Governor Otu will receive the Doctor of Humanities (Honoris Causa), a distinction reserved for individuals whose influence transcends professional boundaries to positively shape social development and national cohesion. "The award is in recognition of your outstanding contributions and humanitarian services," the University stated in its official announcement.

Beyond the

symbolic value of the honour, the University described the conferment as an affirmation of Governor Otu's role as a bridge-builder in public life, whose governance philosophy prioritises inclusion, institutional strengthening and sustainable development. Prof. Umar observed that such qualities align with the core values Modibbo Adama University seeks to promote through its academic and civic engagements.

The formal investiture will take place during the 29th and 30th combined convocation ceremony of Modibbo Adama University, scheduled for Saturday, January 31, 2026. The ceremony will be held at the

University's Convocation Square in Yola, Adamawa State.

While extending the University's congratulations, Prof. Umar, on behalf of the Governing Council, Senate and staff, expressed appreciation for Governor Otu's contributions to national development and public service. He added that the institution "looks forward to the opportunity to formally recognise your achievements," while conveying assurances of the University's highest regards as it anticipates the Governor's presence at the landmark convocation ceremony.

# No State Can Be Economically Viable Without an Enabling Environment for the Private Sector - Dep. Gov Odey



The Deputy Governor of Cross River State, Rt. Hon. Dr. Peter Odey, has emphasized that no state can attain sustainable economic growth without

deliberately creating an enabling environment for private sector participation.

Odey made this statement on Wednesday while receiving the

National President of the National Association of Chambers of Commerce, Industry, Mines and Agriculture (NACCIMA), Engr. Jani Ibrahim, OON, during a courtesy



## visit to Government House, Calabar.

According to the Deputy Governor, government alone cannot drive economic prosperity, stressing that policies, infrastructure, and regulatory frameworks must be intentionally designed to attract and protect private investments. "No state can be economically viable without

creating an enabling environment for the private sector to thrive. When businesses succeed, jobs are created, revenues increase, and development becomes sustainable," Odey said.

He reaffirmed the commitment of the state government to reforms that promote ease of doing business, support small and medium-scale enterprises, and strengthen

partnerships with organized private sector groups. He highlighted ongoing initiatives such as the revamping of the Obudu Ranch Resort, the successful reclamation and ongoing restoration of the Tinapa Business and Leisure Resort, the partnership with Afreximbank for the \$3.5 billion Bakassi Deep Seaport Project, and African

Development Bank (AfDB) support for the construction of a Special Agro-Processing Zone in the state, among others.

Odey further noted that the administration of Governor Bassey Otu remains focused on leveraging private sector expertise and capital to unlock the state's economic potential.

Earlier, the NACCIMA President, Engr. Jani Ibrahim, commended the administration of Governor Bassey Otu for its urban renewal initiatives, infrastructure development, and improved security across the state. He described Cross River State as highly rated

among sub-national governments in terms of tourism potential and economic drive, applauded its openness to private sector engagement, and called for sustained collaboration to enhance industrialization, trade, and investment.

Assuring the Deputy Governor of NACCIMA's readiness to work closely with the state government to create opportunities for entrepreneurs and investors, Ibrahim appealed for government support for the Renewed Hope NACCIMA Economic Village and the One Billion Palm Tree Planting Project, which he said would create jobs and boost the national economy, in

alignment with President Bola Ahmed Tinubu's Renewed Hope Agenda.

The highlight of the event was the formal conferment of Rt. Hon. Dr. Peter Odey as a NACCIMA Ambassador, which was attended by former National President of NACCIMA, High Chief Bassey Edem, President of the Calabar Chamber of Commerce, Industry, Mines and Agriculture (CALCCIMA), Mr. Kelly Ayamba, members of his executive council, and other stakeholders.

# Northern Senatorial District Leadership for Growth & Development Tour Concludes in Yala LGA



The Cross River State Northern Senatorial District Leadership for Growth and Development Tour on Wednesday concluded its maiden district-

wide engagement with a visit to Yala Local Government Area.

Led by the Chairman of the Forum, Chief Tony Undiandeye, the delegation met with traditional

rulers, chiefs, elders, and key stakeholders, where critical issues affecting the Northern Senatorial District were discussed. Chief Undiandeye emphasized the importance of

unity, mobilization, and collective commitment toward sustained development, particularly ahead of the 2027 general elections.

In his welcome address, the Chairman of Yala Local Government Area, Hon. Fred Okem, described Yala as a culturally rich area endowed with vast natural resources, including its well known natural salt. He noted that the visit would help identify priority areas for growth and development and commended ongoing initiatives aimed at transforming the local government. Hon. Okem also applauded Governor Senator

Prince Bassey Edet Otu for his commitment to Yala, citing improved road infrastructure that has significantly reduced travel time between Okuku and Mfom.

The delegation also paid a courtesy visit to the Yala Council of Elders, led by the Paramount Ruler of Yala, His Royal Majesty, Ogamode Eje Ipoule, where the team received prayers and royal blessings.

Stakeholders and community members used the opportunity to call for increased road construction, especially in rural communities, as well as expanded opportunities for youths in the area.

Also speaking,

Chief Dr. Peter Ojie stressed the need for sustained development in Yala and Cross River State, noting that meaningful progress requires collective responsibility. He urged citizens to register for their Permanent Voter Cards (PVCs) and participate in e-registration with the All Progressives Congress (APC), while commending the developmental strides of the state government under Governor Senator Prince Bassey Edet Otu.

The event attracted council chairmen and vice chairmen from across the Northern Senatorial



District, party leaders, and other stakeholders. Notable attendees included Hon. Dr. Martins Achadu, Member representing Yala II State Constituency in the Cross River State House of Assembly; Hon. Brian Odey, APC Chairman, Yala LGA; Hon. Godwin Odama, Vice Chairman of Council; Chief Hon. Steve Ogbaji, Secretary of Council; Hon. Boniface Okache, Deputy Chief of Staff; Hon. Mrs. Theresa Ngozi Ezama, Yala Women Leader; SP M.K. Yusuf,

Divisional Police Officer, Yala Division; Civil Defence Superintendent Okunjom, among others.

Earlier today, the State Chairman of APC Cross River State, Ntufam Ekum Ekok Ojogu and the State Secretary, Pastor Patrick Asikpo, held a meeting with Cross River National Assembly Caucus.

The meeting which took place in the office of the NASS Caucus leader, Distinguished Senator Jarigbe Agom Jarigbe, seeks to foster

peace and unity in the state chapter of the party, as well as strategize on how to move the party forward, beginning with the ongoing E-registration exercise.

In attendance were Distinguished Senator Eteng Williams (Cross River Central), Hon. Bassey Akiba (Odukpani/Calabar Municipality), Hon. Alex Egbona (Abi/Yakurr), Hon. Mike Etaba (Obubra/Etung), and Hon. Godwin Offiono (Ogoja/Yala).

# Cross River Remains Meningitis-Free, Health Ministry Assures Residents

By Kingsley Agim



The Cross River State Government has reassured residents that the state remains free of cerebrospinal meningitis, dismissing recent rumours of an outbreak and

urging the public to remain calm while relying on verified health information.

Speaking in response to media inquiries over alleged cases, including reports linked to the

University of Calabar Teaching Hospital (UCTH), the Commissioner for Health, Dr. Henry Egbe Ayuk, stated categorically that there is no epidemic or confirmed case of

cerebrospinal meningitis anywhere in the state.

Dr. Ayuk explained that cerebrospinal meningitis, which is commonly caused by bacterial or viral infections and often affects children in crowded settings, presents with symptoms such as high fever, body weakness and stiffness, and can be fatal if not promptly treated. He noted that the Ministry of Health immediately stepped up investigations following the circulation of unverified reports.

According to the commissioner, all samples collected from suspected or presumptive cases have returned negative, affirming

that Cross River State remains meningitis-free. "There is certainly no evidence of cerebrospinal meningitis in Cross River State," he stressed.

While giving the assurance, Dr. Ayuk said the state has maintained a high level of preparedness to respond to any public health emergency. He disclosed that disease surveillance teams are on alert across health facilities and communities, carrying out active case searches for early detection and prompt reporting.

He added that health promotion teams have intensified sensitization of caregivers, clinicians and

community members on the signs of meningitis and the importance of early presentation at health facilities.

The commissioner urged residents to disregard rumours capable of causing panic and to continue cooperating with health authorities by reporting any unusual symptoms through appropriate channels.

The assurance, he said, reflects the state government's commitment to protecting public health through proactive surveillance, transparency and sustained investment in disease prevention and response.

# Group Commends Cross River Deputy Governor, Confers Grand Patron Title



A humanitarian and sociocultural group, Mbea Mbea, has commended the Deputy Governor of Cross River State, Rt. Hon. Peter Odey, for his outstanding contributions to the growth and development of

the state, as well as his consistent support for humanitarian causes, during a courtesy visit to his office at Government House, Calabar, on Tuesday.

In his opening remarks, the Public Relations Officer of the group, Dr.

Cornel Elah, said the delegation, made up of like-minded friends drawn from diverse ethnic and cultural backgrounds across Nigeria, undertook the visit to formally appreciate the Deputy Governor's people-oriented leadership and his



supportive role in the Governor Bassey Otu-led administration, as well as to identify with Governor Otu's vision for a more inclusive and progressive Cross River State.

He explained that "Mbea" is an Ibil word meaning friend, while Mbea Mbea signifies double friendship, symbolizing unity, loyalty, and collective responsibility. Although the Ibil people are located in Ogoja Local Government Area, he emphasized



that the group's membership transcends tribe, tongue, and religion.

The PRO further outlined the group's key interventions, which include career and guidance counselling programmes in schools across the state, as well as civic enlightenment and voters' rights

education, aimed at empowering young people and strengthening democratic participation.

Also speaking, Dr. Edmund Odok, Chairman of Mbea Mbea and immediate past Head of the Department of Mathematics, University of Cross River State



(UNICROSS), said the honour was in recognition of the Deputy Governor's exemplary leadership, humility, and commitment to human capital development. He added that the group looks forward to strategic collaboration under his patronage.

In his response, the Deputy Governor, Rt. Hon. Dr. Peter Odey, expressed gratitude for the honour and

commended the group for its selfless service to society. Accepting the title of Grand Patron, he assured members of his readiness to continually support their humanitarian and enlightenment programmes across the state.

Odey also reiterated the government's commitment to promoting synergy between public office holders and civic organizations in advancing unity, social responsibility, and sustainable development in

Cross River State.

The high point of the visit, which was also attended by the Chairman of Bekwarra Local Government Council, Hon. Egbung Odama Egbung, among other dignitaries, was the formal conferment of the title of Grand Patron of Mbea Mbea on the Deputy Governor by the group's chairman.

# Ekpang Rallies Constituents, Stakeholders For Gov. Otu

## .....Calls for Massive APC E-Registration

By Benedict Okache



Cross River State Commission for Information, Dr Erasmus Ekpang has urged constituents and other stakeholders from his Ogep Ward in Boki Local Government Area

to close ranks and mobilize Youths in the area to participate massively in the on-going All Progressives Congress Membership e-registration in order to be relevant under the new dispensation.

Dr Ekpang, who gave the charge in his office in Calabar when Youths of Ogep Ward paid him a solidarity visit, pointed out that Governor Bassey Edet Otu has taken pragmatic steps



to recalibrate the entire State with different development projects.

"For me, I am particularly happy that Governor Otu is touching Boki people. Tomorrow, the Governor will be performing the groundbreaking

and flag off of construction of the East-West Road. We all know how important that road is to our people and I have absolute confidence that the

Governor will take this project to a logical conclusion", Dr Ekpang emphasized.

The State Image Maker lauded the





Ogep Youths for the confidence reposed in him, noting that he would deliver on his mandate given him by Senator Otu while at the striving hard to carry along his constituents in the over all interest of the people

"I feel highly honoured on this visit. It shows leadership and I am impressed that the Youths are leading the way, which is important to us all and a strong indication that Ogep Ward has a great future in all of you here", he enthused.

I charge you all to mobilise our people to get involved in the on-going APC Party e-registration. We must get ready to support the re-election of Governor Otu come 2027. We need to reciprocate the Governor's magnanimity for



giving your son this platform to excel, while also assuring that Government will continue providing dividends of democracy to the people ".

Earlier in his welcome address, the Leader of the Ogep Youths Solidarity Movement, Mr Stephen Onabe Akan said the essence of the solidarity visit was to congratulate

Commissioner Ekpang on his fast emerging leadership, noting that his performance as Commissioner for Information has continued to regularly place Cross River State on the front burner of public discourse.

We are aware Governor Otu just been announced as Silver Bird Man of the year 2025 and The Sun Man of the Year 2025, Mr Akan

stated, this is the result of hard work.

He appreciated the Governor for the trust reposed in him, assuring that they will do their best to mobilise support for the People First administration of Governor Bassey Edet Otu..

# Hon. Pius Ankpo Bolsters APC E-Registration in Akamkpa with Motorcycles and Logistics Kits



In a strategic move to ensure the success of the ongoing All Progressives Congress (APC) e-registration exercise, the

Cross River State Commissioner for Works and Infrastructure, Hon. Ankpo Pius Edet, has empowered lead agents across the 10 wards of

Akamkpa Local Government Area with brand-new motorcycles and essential registration kits.

Enhancing Grassroots



## Mobility

The distribution ceremony, held at the Obasi Hotel in Akamkpa, was attended by a host of notable APC stalwarts and party leaders.

The provision of these motorcycles and logistics kits is designed to eliminate transportation barriers, allowing agents to reach even the most remote areas of the LGA.

While presenting the items, Hon. Ankpo charged the recipients to maintain the highest standards

of integrity and diligence. He emphasized that the success of the party's data-driven growth depends on their efficiency in the field.

"We have proactively addressed the logistical challenges that could have hindered your work," Hon. Ankpo stated.

"I urge you to take full advantage of this support to boost the political standing of our LGA. Our goal is to ensure every supporter is duly captured in the

electronic database."

The initiative follows Hon. Ankpo's recent public endorsements of the e-registration drive, where he joined other high-ranking state party leaders in calling for a massive turnout.

By providing these tools, the Commissioner has transitioned advocacy into action, ensuring Akamkpa remains a stronghold for the APC in Cross River State.

# Canaan City Fm General Manager Pays Familiarization Visit To Commissioner For Information

By Rose indie/Solomon Effiom



The General Manager of Canaan City FM 99.5, Dr. Fidelis Umongbale, has paid a familiarization visit to the Cross River

State Ministry of Information in Calabar, as part of his efforts to strengthen collaboration between the media and government.

The visit, which took place at the Ministry of Information headquarters, was aimed at formally introducing the



new General Manager to the Commissioner for Information, Dr Erasmus Ekpang and fostering a working relationship that would enhance

effective information dissemination and public enlightenment across Cross River State.

Welcoming the

delegation, the Director of Public Relations in the Ministry, Mr Benedict Okache, gave an overview of the ministry's history, mandate, and operational

structure. He highlighted the various departments within the ministry and their roles in projecting government policies, programmes, and achievements to the public.

Mr. Godwin Figo, the Head of Administration at Canaan City FM commended the Commissioner for Information for his open-door policy and accessibility, describing it as a leadership style that has strengthened synergy among stakeholders in the information sector. He also reflected on the role of public broadcasting, referencing the presence and operational challenges of



Radio Nigeria in Cross River State, and emphasized the importance of sustained support for media institutions by Government.

In introducing the new General Manager of Canaan City FM, Mr. Figo described Dr. Umongbale as a seasoned professional and a PhD holder in Marketing,

expressing confidence that his expertise and leadership would further reposition the station for growth, relevance, and impactful programming.

Speaking during the visit, Dr. Umongbale praised the Commissioner for Information for his accessibility and proactive engagement with the media. He

acknowledged notable achievements recorded by the ministry, particularly in projecting the image of the State and its leadership,

the General Manager commended the Commissioner for his commitment to transparent communication and extended an invitation for him to appear on Canaan City FM. According to Dr. Umangbale, the on-air engagement would provide an opportunity to brief citizens directly on the achievements of the State Government and ongoing developmental initiatives.

Responding, the Commissioner for

Information, Dr Erasmus Ekpang, expressed appreciation for the visit and congratulated Dr. Umangbale on his appointment. He noted that both parties share similar ideals regarding the role of the media in governance and development, emphasizing that strategic communication remains vital to building public trust and promoting good governance.

The Commissioner also highlighted key achievements of the Ministry of Information so far, reiterating its resolve to continue projecting government activities accurately and responsibly noting that the ministry's efforts have contributed to recognitions and

awards received by the State Government. He assured the General Manager of the Ministry's readiness to work closely with Canaan City FM, stressing that a strong partnership with the media would contribute significantly to making Cross River State better informed and more prosperous.

The familiarization meeting concluded on a note of mutual commitment to collaboration, with both sides expressing optimism about a productive relationship anchored on professionalism, public interest, and sustainable development.

# Obudu General Hospital set for Commissioning Soon

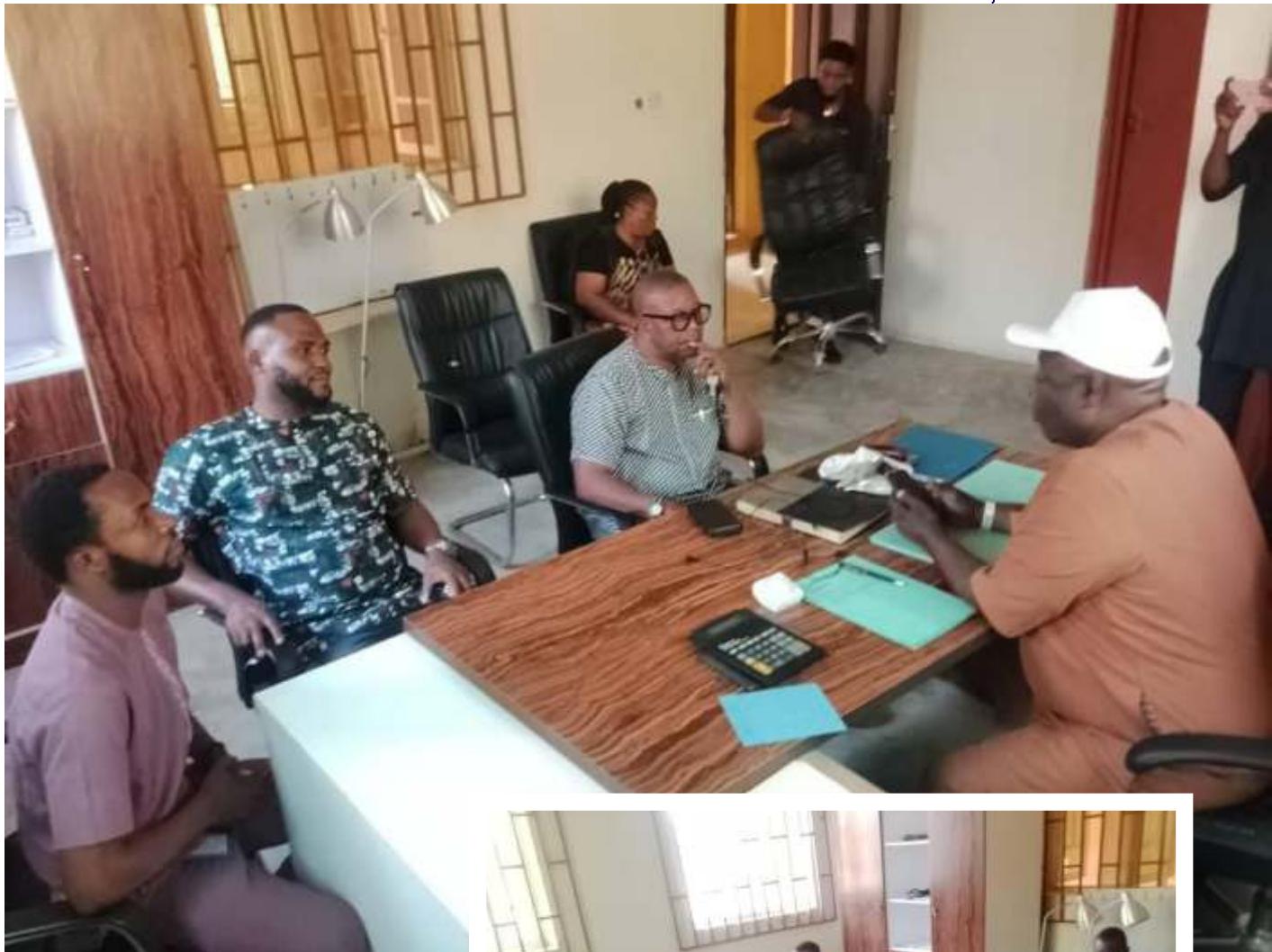
By Kingsley Agim and Jessica Ubi



The Cross River State Government, through the Ministry of Health, has commenced the final preparations for the unveiling

of the newly completed General Hospital, Obudu, signaling a major boost to healthcare delivery in Obudu and its surrounding communities.

Located along Ogoja Road, the facility is being positioned as a premier centre for healing, equipped to deliver quality, people-centred



medical services. The project, spearheaded by the Commissioner for Health, Dr. Henry Egbe Ayuk, PhD, represents a significant stride in the state government's resolve to bridge healthcare gaps through modern infrastructure and improved access to care.



Following a recent site inspection, key project leaders converged to fine-tune the operational roadmap ahead of the hospital's formal take-off.

The inspection focused on ensuring that all wards, laboratories and critical service areas are fully ready for immediate clinical



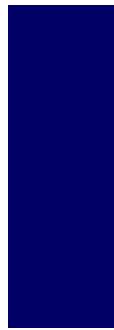
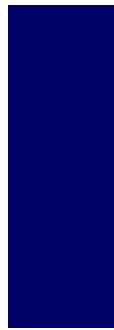
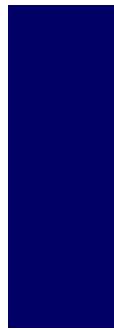
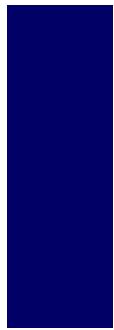
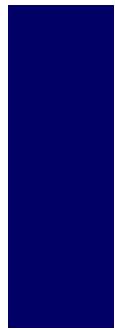
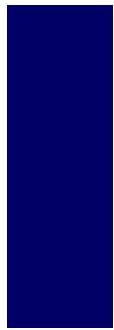
use, with the overarching goal of transitioning the facility into a fully functional medical institution without delay.

Speaking to newsmen during the inspection, Dr. Ayuk emphasized the urgency attached to the project, stressing the administration's readiness to commence operations as soon as final

preparations are concluded. "Once everything is put in place, I will not waste time to come and start the operation," the commissioner assured.

Dr. Ayuk said staffing and security featured prominently in the review process. "The hospital has already secured a core team of professionals, including trained nursing graduates

and an experienced laboratory technician, as efforts intensify to close remaining personnel gaps. Particular attention is being given to establishing a robust 24-hour security system to safeguard the hospital's modern medical equipment and ensure uninterrupted service delivery. Plans are already



underway to strengthen security staffing to guarantee round-the-clock protection.”

In a bid to entrench community ownership and trust, the commissioner revealed that the Ministry of Health is mobilizing a wide network of stakeholders ahead of the hospital’s launch, adding that engagements are ongoing with the Obudu Local Government Council, faith-based

organizations such as the Catholic Church, Christian Association of Nigeria (CAN), and Pentecostal Fellowship of Nigeria (PFN), as well as the National Union of Road Transport Workers (NURTW), youth councils, and traditional leaders from Obukpa and Gbara communities of Obudu local government area.

“By drawing in these diverse groups, the Ministry aims to ensure broad awareness, collective

responsibility and sustained patronage of the facility. With final legal and administrative processes nearing completion, the General Hospital Obudu is poised to usher in a new era of accessible, and quality healthcare, accentuating the Cross River State Government’s commitment to improving the wellbeing of its people,” Ayuk concluded.

# CR SACA, ISSUP Partner to Address Rising HIV and Substance Abuse Risks

By Asari Eso



The Director General of the Cross River State Agency for the Control of AIDS (CR SACA), Dr Charles Iwara, has disclosed plans to partner the Calabar Chapter of the International Society of Substance Use Professionals

(ISSUP) to strengthen HIV prevention and substance abuse control.

Dr Iwara who made the disclosure when he led a delegation from his office on a courtesy visit to the body at their Secretariat, located at the Federal Neuro Psychiatric

Hospital, Calabar, Wednesday, expressed concern over the increasing HIV risk in the State, noting that "effective responses can no longer rely solely on treatment."

He emphasized the need for stronger prevention



strategies, adding, "Collaboration, joint planning, and coordinated programming are key to achieving results."

Highlighting the role of young people in the HIV response, DG maintained that, "Youth are both the most active and most vulnerable group.

Sustained youth engagement is critical to reducing HIV prevalence. Our global target is zero new infections by 2030, and we are committed to working with partners to achieve this goal."

Responding, the outgoing Calabar Coordinator of ISSUP, Dr Uchechi Onukogu, expressed his

delight on the collaboration, saying, "ISSUP is a global network of professionals dedicated to advocacy, intervention, treatment, and prevention of substance use. We operate at both international and grassroots levels and are open to professionals, families, and

# Hos Leads Drive For Monthly Aerobics And Medical Checks

By: Kera Okem



In line with HOS Circular No. 7/2025, which replaces the Monthly Sanitation Exercise with Aerobic Exercise and Medical Checks, the Head of Service of Cross River state Orok Bassey Okon Esq. has taken the lead in advancing the

initiative aimed at promoting the health and wellbeing of civil servants.

As part of efforts to ensure the smooth implementation of the programme, the Chairman of the Cross River State Sports Commission, Mr. Etta Lawrence, and

the Director of Sports, Mrs. Rosemary Usang, paid a courtesy visit to the Office of the Head of Service to conclude final arrangements. Discussions during the engagement focused on stadium assessment, medical and



health screening, the deployment of professional aerobic instructors, and other critical logistics required for the successful actualisation of the exercise.

The Head of Service emphasised that the Monthly Aerobics Exercise

will hold on every last Friday of the month, stressing that the initiative is designed to encourage healthy living, physical fitness, and improved productivity within the public service.

The Head of Service further reaffirmed the administration's

commitment to reforms that prioritise the wellbeing and efficiency of the Cross River State workforce, noting that the collaboration with relevant stakeholders remains key to the success of the programme.

# CRSG to Commence 2026 Measles-Rubella and HPV Vaccination Campaign February 4



The Cross River State Government has announced the commencement of the 2026 Measles-Rubella (MR) Vaccination Campaign, alongside the Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) vaccination, across the state.

The announcement was made by the Cross River State Primary Health Care Development Agency (CRSPHCDA) in

collaboration with the Ministry of Health and development partners. The vaccination exercise is scheduled to take place from Wednesday, February 4, to Sunday, February 15, 2026, across all 18 Local Government Areas of the state.

Speaking on the campaign, the Director-General of CRSPHCDA, Dr. (Mrs.) Vivien Mesembe Otu, disclosed that the Measles-Rubella

vaccine will be administered to children aged 9 months to 14 years, while the HPV vaccine will be given to adolescent girls aged 9 years to protect them against cervical cancer. She added that routine immunization services for children aged 0–23 months will also be provided during and after the campaign.

Dr. Otu explained that measles and rubella remain



major public health concerns, capable of causing severe fever, congenital malformations, blindness, miscarriage in pregnant women, and even death if not prevented. She emphasized that vaccination remains the most effective means of protecting children from birth against these diseases.

The campaign, she noted, forms part of a nationwide vaccination exercise by the Federal Government of Nigeria, aimed at strengthening immunity among

children and reducing the spread of vaccine-preventable diseases across the country.

According to the Director-General, vaccinations will be administered at health facilities, schools, churches, mosques, markets, recreational centres, palaces, motor parks, shopping malls, and other public locations where eligible children can easily be reached.

The agency assured residents that trained health workers will be deployed to all designated vaccination posts to

ensure a smooth, respectful, and child-friendly process. Parents and caregivers have been urged to seize the opportunity and ensure that no eligible child is left unvaccinated.

"All vaccines to be administered during the campaign are free, safe, effective, and fully funded by the government," the agency stated.

**She advised members of the public seeking further information to contact 08065153097 or 07036696010.**

# NCCSALW Takes Custody of Arms Surrendered by 80 Repentant Militants in Cross River

By Kingsley Agim



The National Centre for the Control of Small Arms and Light Weapons (NCCSALW), South-South Zone, has formally received a cache of arms

and ammunition surrendered by 80 repentant militants in Cross River State, marking another significant turning point in the state's drive to consolidate peace and security.

The weapons were handed over to the Centre on Monday by the Office of the State Security Adviser, following the successful disarmament of militants who had operated within



the creeks of Calabar and Akpabuyo Local Government Area.

Speaking to journalists in Calabar after receiving the arms, the Zonal Director of NCCSALW, South-South Zone, Alex Inemah Ebimiebo, PhD., commended the administration of Governor Bassey Edet Otu for according

priority attention to security matters, particularly the fight against the proliferation of arms and other weapons in the state.

Ebimiebo described the development as a testament to the effectiveness of the state government's peace-building initiatives and

collaborative security framework, noting that Cross River continues to stand out as one of the safest and most peaceful states in the country.

He also lauded the State Security Adviser, Major General Okoi Ubi Obono (rtd), for his strategic leadership and strong

collaboration with security agencies, which he said has translated into concrete gains in maintaining peace and stability across the state. He called for sustained synergy among all components of the state's security architecture to preserve and deepen the prevailing peace.

The NCCSALW Zonal Director disclosed that the Centre would immediately commence the statutory process for the destruction and disposal of the weapons received, in line with national and international best practices. He further urged Cross Riverians and residents of

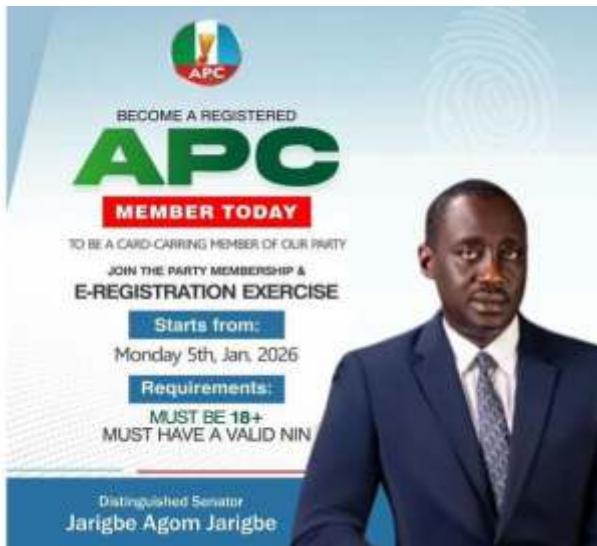
the state to shun acts capable of threatening public peace, while reaffirming the Centre's commitment to curbing the spread of illicit arms in Cross River State and the entire South-South Zone.

The arms surrendered by the militants were earlier laid down under Operation OKWOK at the Atimbo Rear Area, in an exercise coordinated by the 13 Brigade of the Nigerian Army in collaboration with the Cross River State Government. The repentant militants, drawn from two camps, voluntarily embraced the state's amnesty programme, surrendering assorted weapons including rifles,

guns, ammunition, explosives, speedboats and other military hardware.

Representing the State Security Adviser at the event, Inspector Adoga David assured that the Otu-led administration would not relent in its commitment to safeguarding lives and property in the state. He noted that the government's prompt response to security concerns and sustained support for security agencies have continued to boost morale and yield positive outcomes in the maintenance of peace.

# Senator Jarigbe Rallies APC Supporters to Embrace Digital Registration in Cross River North



The Senator representing Cross River North Senatorial District, Senator Jarigbe Agom Jarigbe, has called on all members of the All Progressives Congress (APC) nationwide to register, validate and mobilize in the ongoing e-membership exercise, describing it as the backbone of the party's digital strength.

Senator Jarigbe explained that the nationwide digital registration and revalidation exercise was introduced by the APC to update and authenticate its membership database, enhance transparency and ensure that every member is properly captured and recognized within the party's structure.

He called on all APC

members in Cross River North Senatorial District who possess only the old membership cards to visit their polling units and complete the digital registration and revalidation process.

"I appeal to all our members, from the ward level to the state level, to come out, register and revalidate their membership of our party because only this process can guarantee their recognition and secures future political participation within the party," the Senator said.



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## OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN **BOKI LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA, BOJE**

### **NOTICE**

**Due to unforeseen circumstances beyond our control, the \*Groundbreaking Ceremony of the Boki East–West Road\* has been rescheduled to \*Thursday, 22nd January, 2026 by 12:00pm\*. We regret any inconvenience this change may cause.**

#### **INVITEES**

Elders Advisory Members To The Governor,  
Chairman And Executives Of Ochibe Bokyi Association,  
Member Of The National Assembly, Ikom/boki, Federal Constituency  
Members, Cross River State House Of Assembly (boki I & Boki II),  
Members Of The Cross River State Executive Council,  
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APC Party Chapter Chairman And Party Executives,  
Leader Of The Boki Legislative Council And Councillors,  
Supervisors,  
All Political Appointees,  
Traditional Rulers Council,  
All Stakeholders,  
Women And Youth Organizations.

#### **INVITATION TO GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY**

You are hereby cordially invited to the \*Groundbreaking Ceremony of the Boki East–West Road\*, a precious New Year gift to the good people of Boki from \*His Excellency, Prince Bassey Edet Otu\*, Executive Governor of Cross River State.

\*Date: \*Thursday, 22nd January, 2026\*

\*Time: \*12:00pm prompt\*

\*Venue: \* Onitcha Farm - Boje Road, Boki.

This historic ceremony marks the audacious beginning of renewed hope, improved connectivity, and accelerated development in Boki Local Government Area.

Come, let us celebrate this great tidings together.

**Signed:**

**Hon. Eti-Eka (Mrs.) Beatrice Etta Nyiam  
Executive Chairman,  
Boki Local Government Area**



Our Ref: GO/SPC/ADM/111/VOL.I/87

Date: 19<sup>th</sup> January, 2026

The Hon. Speaker,  
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All Chairmen of Commissions & Boards,  
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#### STATE PLANNING COMMISSION CIRCULAR No. 1/2026

#### 2026 MDAs ACTION PLAN DEVELOPMENT, PERFORMANCE REVIEW AND STRATEGIC ENGAGEMENT TIMETABLE

The State Planning Commission hereby issues the official timetable guiding all Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) on the development, submission, presentation, implementation monitoring and performance review of 2026 Action Plans, in line with the State Development Framework and the policy direction of His Excellency, the Governor.

This circular also provides timelines for the Governor's 3rd Anniversary Performance Scorecard and the 2026 MDAs Performance and Strategic Retreat.

#### 1. 2026 MDAs ACTION PLAN DEVELOPMENT & APPROVAL PROCESS

Period	Activity
20 – 24 January 2026	Issuance of 2026 Action Plan Circular
26 – 30 January 2026	Submission of 2026 Action Plans
2 – 28 Feb 2026	MDAs Presentation

#### 2. QUARTERLY MDAs PERFORMANCE REVIEW SCHEDULE (2026)

All MDAs shall submit quarterly performance reports strictly based on approved Action Plan activities.

Quarter	Period Covered	Submission Window	Review Session
Q1	Jan – Mar 2026	6 – 10 April 2026	13 – 17 April 2026



Q2	Apr – Jun 2026	6 – 10 July 2026	13 – 17 July 2026
Q3	Jul – Sep 2026	5 – 9 October 2026	12 – 16 October 2026
Q4	Oct – Dec 2026	11 – 15 January 2027	18 – 22 January 2027

Outputs shall include the MDAs Performance, variance analysis, challenges and corrective action plans (possible solution).

### 3. GOVERNOR'S 3RD ANNIVERSARY PERFORMANCE SCORECARD (29 MAY 2026)

Period	Activity
6 – 17 April 2026	Call for MDAs Performance Data
20 – 30 April 2026	Data Verification and Validation
4 – 15 May 2026	Development of Governor's Scorecard Report
18 – 22 May 2026	High-Level Review and Approval
29 May 2026	Public Presentation of Scorecard

### 4. 2026 MDAs PERFORMANCE & STRATEGIC RETREAT

Period	Activity
9 – 13 November 2026	MDAs Annual Performance & Strategic Retreat

#### Focus Areas:

- ❖ Review of 2026 performance outcomes
- ❖ Implementation challenges and solutions
- ❖ Cross-MDA coordination and synergy
- ❖ Policy, budget and development alignment
- ❖ Strategic priorities for 2027 planning cycle

### 5. COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT

1. All MDAs are required to strictly comply with the timelines outlined in this circular.
2. Submissions must follow the State Planning Commission approved templates.
3. Performance review outcomes shall inform budget credibility, leadership assessment and policy decisions.

### 6. EFFECTIVE DATE

This timetable takes effect from **20<sup>th</sup> January 2026**.

Kindly accord this circular the seriousness it deserves.



**Dr. Bong Duke**

Vice Chairman/Chief Executive Officer  
State Planning Commission



12th January 2026

### **LETTER OF NOTIFICATION FOR 2026 MEASLES-RUBELLA VACCINATION CAMPAIGN AND HUMAN PAPILLOMA VACCINATION (HPV) IN CROSS RIVER STATE**

The Cross River State Primary Health Care Development Agency in collaboration with the Ministry of Health and development partners announces the commencement of the Measles-Rubella Vaccination Campaign for children 9 months to 14 years, Human Papilloma Virus Vaccination (HPV) for adolescent girls aged 9 years and routine immunization for children 0-23 months across the 18 Local Government Areas of the state from 4th to 15th February, 2026.

From the day a child is born vaccines stand as a shield of protection. Measles and Rubella can cause severe fever, blindness, miscarriage in pregnant women and even death. That is why every child from 9 months to 14 years must receive the measles-Rubella vaccine and every 9 year old girl must receive the HPV vaccine to prevent cervical cancer as the Federal Government of Nigeria will conduct a nationwide vaccination campaign to protect children across the country from these deadly diseases. The vaccination will take place at all health facilities, schools, mosques, churches, recreational centres, markets, palaces, motor-park, shopping malls and all places where eligible children can be found.

Routine vaccination continues after the campaign in all health facilities as health workers will be available at all designated posts in our various Communities. Don't wait or leave any child behind, visit your nearest health facility or any vaccination site nearest to you.

#### **DATE: WEDNESDAY 4TH - SUNDAY 15TH FEBRUARY, 2026**

Please be assured that all vaccines are **free, safe, effective, and already paid for by the Government**. The vaccination teams will work closely with local health authorities and educational stakeholders to ensure a seamless, respectful, and child-friendly process.

For enquiry call: 08065153097 or 0703 669 6010.

Yours faithfully,

**Dr. (Mrs) Vivien Mesembe Otu**  
Director General  
CRSPHCDA





## Cross River State Chapter Of NIPR Hosts Thrilling Monthly General Meeting

The Cross River State Chapter of the Nigerian Institute of Public Relations (NIPR) recently held its monthly general meeting, which was a resounding success. The event was graced by the State Honourable



Commissioner for Information, Dr. Erasmus Raja Ekpang, anipr, and marked a special occasion with the induction of Cross River State Chief of Staff, Hon. Chief Emmanuel Ironbar, anipr, along with other intending members. The meeting was filled with excitement and enthusiasm, led by the Chapter's Executive Council, headed by Pas. Austin Mboso, Ph.D.

The atmosphere was electric, with members looking forward to the upcoming Nigerian Institute of Public Relations Week (NPRW) 2026 in Croc City (Kaduna) with everyone echoing "La le La Le" meaning you are welcome.

The event showcased the vibrant spirit of the Cross River State Chapter of NIPR, highlighting the state's reputation as a hub for professional excellence .

It was indeed a momentous occasion that reinforced the bonds among members and underscored the importance of public relations in the state.







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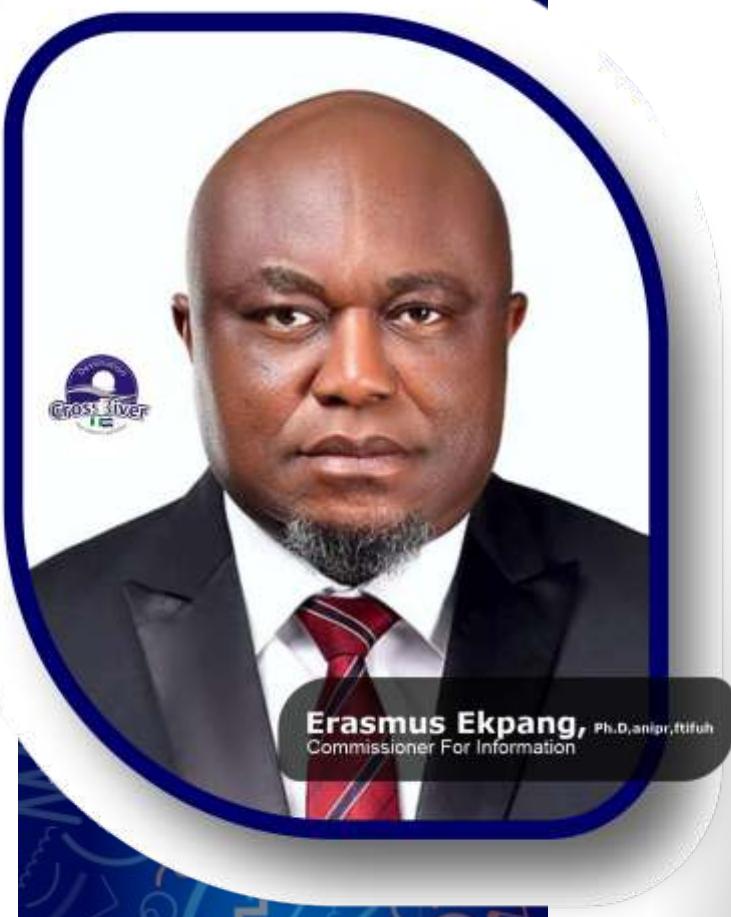
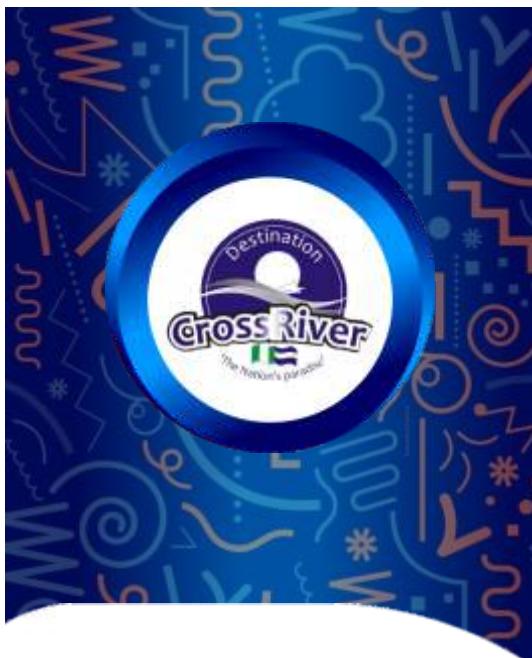
## VAT ON BANKING FEES WAS NOT INTRODUCED BY THE NIGERIA TAX ACT

**The Nigeria Revenue Service (NRS)** wishes to address and correct misleading narratives circulating in sections of the media suggesting that **Value Added Tax (VAT)** has been newly introduced on banking services, fees, commissions, or electronic money transfers. This claim is categorically incorrect.

**VAT** has always applied to fees, commissions, and charges for services rendered by banks and other financial institutions under Nigeria's long-established VAT regime. **The Nigeria Tax Act did not introduce VAT on banking charges**, nor did it impose any new tax obligation on customers in this regard.

**The Nigeria Revenue Service** urges members of the public and all stakeholders to disregard misinformation and to rely exclusively on official communications for accurate, authoritative, and up-to-date tax information.

Signed  
Nigeria Revenue Service (NRS)



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### **HEAD OF SERVICE CIRCULAR NO. 1/2026**

### **PAYROLL AUDIT, CREDENTIALS/PROGRESSION VERIFICATION FOR SERVING OFFICERS AND PENSION VERIFICATION FOR PENSIONERS**

The attention of all Civil Servants in the State Public/ Civil Service is hereby drawn to the approval of His Excellency, the Governor of Cross River State, authorising the Office of the Head of Service to conduct a comprehensive Payroll Audit and Pensioners Verification for the State Public Service.

The exercise is aimed at:

- Ensuring the integrity and accuracy of the State payroll.
- Verifying Staff credentials, appointments, promotions and progression records.
- Eliminating payroll irregularities and strengthening personnel management systems.

The Payroll Audit will be conducted simultaneously with Credentials and Career Progression Verification for serving officers. While a Pension Verification Exercise will be carried out for pensioners. The Nigerian Union of Pensioners (NUP) is hereby notified accordingly.

All serving officers are directed to immediately collate and present copies of their service records to the administrative heads of their MDAs, but not limited to:

- Letter of First Appointment
- Letter of confirmation of appointment
- All Promotion Letters up to current grade level
- All Educational Certificates used in the course of service
- Any other official personnel records as may be required

Further details on the schedule, modalities and documentation requirements for the exercise will be communicated in due course.

  
**Orok Bassey Oken**

Head of Service





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g. NIN.

Application Starts: 1 January 2026 Application Closes: 3 February 2026  
For further details, please call 070-32000000 or 080-32000000 from 0800 - 1800 hrs (Mon - Sun) only

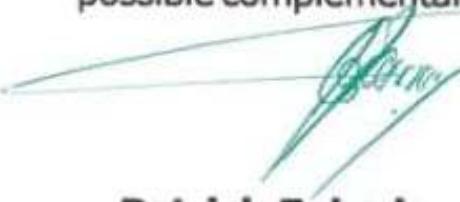
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Cross Riverians wishing to be enlisted into the Nigerian Army are encouraged to take advantage of the information provided in the above advertorial to apply and submit the printouts ( hard copies) to the Desk Officer, in the office of the Commissioner for Wealth Creation and Employment, Calabar for possible complementary actions.

  
**Patrick Egbede**  
Commissioner,  
Ministry of Wealth Creation and Employment, CRS





January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026

**PRESS RELEASE**

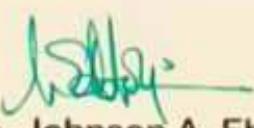
**NOTICE TO TRACTOR BENEFICIARIES WITH OUTSTANDING  
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The Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation Development hereby informs all beneficiaries who have made the required down payment for tractors but are yet to take delivery from the Ministry's premises that they are required to do so on or before Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup>, January, 2026.

Kindly note that any tractor not collected on or before the stated deadline will be reassigned to individuals on the waiting list.

Where such reassignment occurs, affected beneficiaries will be required to wait until the next batch of tractors is delivered to the Ministry before allocation can be reconsidered.

This notice is issued to ensure efficient allocation and optimal utilization of available tractors. All concerned beneficiaries are therefore urged to comply promptly.



Hon. Johnson A. Ebokpo KSM  
Commissioner





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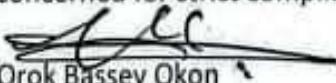
DECEMBER 10, 2025

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**HEAD OF SERVICE CIRCULAR NO. 9/2025**  
**RE-DESIGNATION OF THE INFORMATION CADRE AS INFORMATION & PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER CADRE**

The Office of the Head of Service wishes to notify the Ministry of Information of the re-designation of the existing Information Cadre to the Information & Public Relations Officer (IPRO) Cadre with immediate effect.

2. The re-designation is in line with ongoing reforms aimed at strengthening professional communication functions, enhancing public engagement, and ensuring alignment with national and global standards of public information management.
3. Consequently, the following academic qualifications and professional certifications shall now be recognized and accepted for entry, progression, and professional practice within the Information & Public Relations Officer Cadre:
  - a. Bachelor's Degree in Mass Communication
  - b. Bachelor's Degree in Journalism
  - c. Bachelor's Degree in Theatre Arts
  - d. Other related degrees and communication-based qualifications
  - e. Professional certifications from the Nigerian Institute of Public Relations (NIPR)
  - f. Professional certifications from other recognized and reputable bodies in the field of communication, media, and public relations.
4. You are requested to take necessary steps to implement this directive, including updating all establishment records, scheme of service references, and relevant personnel documentation to reflect the new designation.
5. Please bring the contents of this circular to the attention of all officers and departments concerned for strict compliance.

  
Orok Bassey Okon  
Head of Service





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- 3**  
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The office will assess applicable charges, registration fees, processing fees, etc. Make the required payment.
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