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# CROSS RIVER STATE

## **VISION STATEMENT**

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## **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.

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

## **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 Otu Flags Off Construction of Phase II of 17km Boki East-West Road



**A**s part of ongoing efforts to enhance connectivity and stimulate socio-economic development in rural communities, and in fulfillment of his administration's commitment to

improving road infrastructure across Cross River State, Governor Bassey Otu on Thursday performed the groundbreaking ceremony for the construction of the second phase of the 17-kilometre Boki East-West Road at Onitsha Farm in

Boki Local Government Area.

Speaking at the ceremony, the Governor, who was represented by his deputy, Rt. Hon. Dr. Peter Odey, described the road project as a critical intervention designed to open



up rural areas and address long-standing transportation challenges. He noted that the road would significantly improve access between communities, ease the movement of people and goods, and support agricultural activities, which remain the mainstay of the local economy.

Rt. Hon. Odey emphasized that improved road infrastructure would not only reduce transportation costs but also increase the income-generating capacity of rural households by enabling farmers to transport their produce to markets more efficiently. He further reaffirmed the Otu-led administration's commitment to

delivering people-oriented projects that promote inclusive growth and improve the quality of life, particularly in hard-to-reach communities.

Revealing that the state government has provided counterpart funding for the construction of major rural roads under the Rural Access and



Agricultural Marketing Project (RAAMP), including roads in previously unreach ed communities in Boki LGA and other parts of the state, Odey called on traditional rulers, youth, and stakeholders of the benefiting communities to take ownership of the project by supporting the contractor in executing it

according to schedule. He also urged the contractor to prioritize local content by utilizing local materials, labor, and services to boost economic growth.

In her welcome address, the Executive Chairman of Boki LGA, Hon. Mrs. Beatrice Etta Nyiam, praised Governor Otu for fulfilling his

campaign promises. She described the road as a gift that carries "hope, progress, and promise" for the people of Boki, noting that it will transform lives by opening up communities, easing the transport of farm produce, boosting trade, creating jobs for youths, and attracting new economic



opportunities.

Hon. Nyiam further emphasized that the road symbolizes unity by connecting communities and strengthening social bonds within the LGA. She expressed gratitude to the Governor, highlighting that the people of Boki recognize leadership that

delivers on its commitments and assured that they are ready to show their appreciation in the 2027 elections.

On his part, the Commissioner for Works, Engr. Pius Ankpo, appealed to the Council Chairman, traditional rulers, and youth to ensure adequate security and support for the contractor, assuring

that his ministry would carry out routine supervision to guarantee timely completion in line with agreed standards and specifications.

In separate goodwill messages, the House of Representatives member for Boki/Ikom Federal Constituency, Hon. Victor Abang,



House of Assembly members for Boki 1 and 2, Hon. Bette Obi and Rt. Hon. Dr. Hilary Bisong, Commissioner for Information, Dr. Erasmus Ekpang, and the Paramount Ruler of Boki, HRM Otu Fredalin Akando, all expressed appreciation to Governor Otu for prioritizing rural development and economic

## People First in Action

empowerment through strategic infrastructure investments across the state and pledged their continued support for his administration.

The high point of the ceremony was the ribbon-cutting

by the Deputy Governor, symbolizing the commencement of the project, which will cut across Onitsha Farm-Boje-Katabang and terminate at Kanyang Junction along the Ikom-Obudu highway.









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# HOS Flags Off Security Surveillance and Patrol for MDAs in CRS in Partnership with Nigeria Legion and Peace Corps

By: Kera Okem



The Cross State

Head of Service Orok Bassey Okon Esq. has officially flagged off a comprehensive security surveillance and patrol initiative in collaboration with the Nigeria Legion and the Peace Corps of Nigeria, as part of efforts





to strengthen the safety of government facilities and assets.

The flag-off ceremony marks a renewed commitment by the Office of the Head of Service to proactive security management across government premises. The

initiative is designed to enhance monitoring, early detection, and rapid response to security threats affecting public property.

Speaking during an interview with members of the media, the Deputy Commandant of the Nigeria Legion

Corps, D.C. Ntiedo Akpan, alongside Inspector Okweche Odey Dominic of the Peace Corps of Nigeria, explained that the surveillance and patrol exercise is aimed primarily at safeguarding government properties and critical infrastructure.



According to them, the partnership underscores a shared responsibility in supporting existing security frameworks and ensuring a secure environment for public service operations. They both assured the public of their unwavering commitment to duty, pledging to remain alert, disciplined, and vigilant at all times

in the discharge of their responsibilities.

In further demonstration of support for the initiative, the Head of Service has also provided essential security gadgets to aid effective surveillance, communication, and patrol activities. The provision of these tools is expected to significantly improve operational

efficiency and responsiveness on the field.

The Head of Service reaffirmed that the collaboration with the Nigeria Legion and the Peace Corps of Nigeria forms part of a broader strategy to protect government assets, promote safety, and reinforce confidence in public institutions.

# Sights and Scenes from Cross River IRS 1-Day New Tax Reform Sensitization for Cross River Central Senatorial District in Ikom Local Government Area.







# Senator Jarigbe Attends APC Stakeholders' Meeting in Obudu, Supports with N10 Million



The Senator representing Cross River North Senatorial District, Senator Jarigbe Agom Jarigbe, earlier today attended a stakeholders' meeting of the All

Progressives Congress (APC) in Obudu Local Government Area of Cross River State.

The meeting, held alongside Distinguished Senator Eteng Jonah

Williams, was aimed at reinforcing collective commitment to party unity, strengthening strategic organization, and promoting economic development within



the party and the Local Government Area.

Senator Jarigbe expressed his heartfelt

appreciation to party leaders and stakeholders for their sacrifices, dedication, and unwavering support. He urged all members to remain

united, be their brother's keeper, and work collectively for the growth and success of the party in Obudu LGA. In



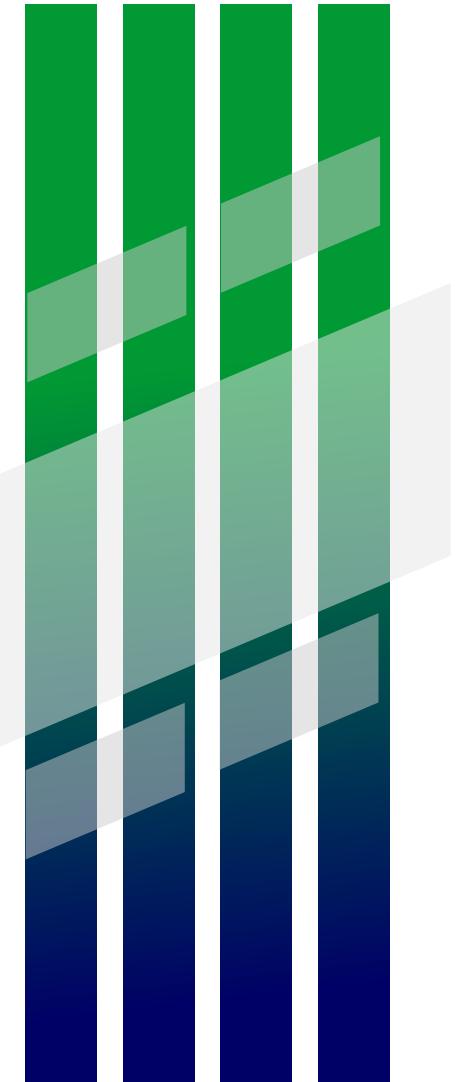
furtherance of this commitment, he supported the meeting with the sum of ₦10 million, while Senator Eteng Jonah Williams contributed ₦1 million.

The lawmaker also called on stakeholders to intensify efforts toward mobilization for the party's e-registration

exercise, emphasizing that data-driven approaches are critical to effective political planning, mobilization, and electoral success.

The meeting was graced by several dignitaries, including the Deputy Speaker of the Cross River State House of Assembly, Hon. Sylvester Agabi; the

Executive Chairman of Obudu LGA, Hon. Peter Undiandeye; Hon. Martins Orim; Hon. Kjay Agba; Chief Tony Undiandeye; Hon. Boniface Eraye; Hon. Ken Aklah; Dr. Mathias Angioha; and many other party leaders and stakeholders.





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## AREAS OF DISCUSSION

- REFORM AGENDA FOR THE CRS CIVIL SERVICE.
- GRATUITY PAYMENTS.
- PROMOTIONS IN THE SERVICE.

DATE :  
SATURDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2026

TIME:  
8AM - 9AM

OROK BASSEY OKON  
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Our Ref: GO/HOS/155/V.VIII/24

January 22, 2026

To all:

**Permanent Secretaries,  
Directors/Heads of Administration  
Heads of Departments**

**NOTICE OF MONTHLY AEROBICS EXERCISE AND ROUTINE HEALTH CHECK-UP  
FOR ALL CIVIL/PUBLIC SERVANTS**

In line with His Excellency Senator Prince Bassey Edet Otu, the Governor of Cross River State's approval as referenced in the Head of Service circular no: 7/2025 for replacement of monthly sanitation with a coordinated Aerobics Fitness Session and Routine Medical Check-Up for all Civil/Public Servants of Cross River State.

I have the directives of the Head of Service to respectfully invite all Civil/Public Servants to the exercise scheduled for:

**Date:** 30<sup>th</sup> January 2026

**Venue:** U.J Esuene Stadium, Calabar.

**Time:** 7am Prompt

Permanent Secretaries & Heads of Administrations in all MDAs should ensure all Civil/Public Servants attend and on time.

This should be treated with utmost importance, please.

Thank you.

Yours Faithfully,

**Dr. Mrs. Mary Theresa Agede Ebe  
Permanent Secretary (SWO)  
For: Head of Service**





## PRESS RELEASE

Following the political tension and breakdown in relations between the Executive and Legislative arms of Ikom Local Government Council, the State Chairman of our party, APC, **Ntufam Ekum Ekok Ojogu**, has called for an emergency meeting.

### **The meeting will involve:**

- \* The Executive Chairman and Vice Chairman
- \* The Leader and other Members of the Legislative Council
- \* Chapter Chairman and Secretary.

**\*Date:**\* Monday, 26th January, 2026

**\*Venue:**\* Party Secretariat

**\*Time:**\* 12:00 noon

Attendance at this meeting is **\*mandatory\*** for all invited stakeholders.

Signed:

**Hon. Emmanuel Edem Inyang, JP**

Publicity Secretary

Executive Caretaker Committee

APC, Cross River State Chapter

23rd January, 2026

# C'River Gov't Trains Officials on Anti-Money Laundering, Terrorism Financing



**Photo:** Representative of Governor Bassey Otu, Deputy Governor Peter Odey (middle); Vice Chairman and CEO of Cross River State Planning Commission, Dr. Bong Duke (seated at immediate left hand of the Deputy Governor) followed by Mr. Pius Ankpo, Commissioner for Works & Infrastructure, Dr. Ade Shonubi, Lead Facilitator & Fmr Deputy Governor of CBN; Dr. (Mrs.) Glory Effiong, Accountant General of the State (seated at the immediate right hand of the Deputy Governor), followed by Director General of Due Process and Price Intelligence, Mr. Charles Atu, among other government officials and participants at the event.

The Cross River State Government has reaffirmed its zero-tolerance stance on corruption, money laundering and terrorism financing with the

commencement of a two-day Strategic Level Anti-Money Laundering/Countering the Financing of Terrorism (AML/CFT) Workshop for senior government

officials.

The workshop, organised by the state government through the State Planning Commission, holds at Monty Suites, Calabar,



and attracted top public officers across Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs). It will last for two days.

Declaring the workshop open, Governor Bassey

Edet Otu, represented by his Deputy, Rt. Hon. Peter Odey, described the training as timely and strategic, noting that it would significantly strengthen financial prudence

and governance in Cross River State.

"I have gone through the programme of events and I am pleased with what I have seen," the Deputy Governor



said. "This training is going to strengthen us financially, strengthen how we do things in Cross River State, and make us more prudent in the way we manage public funds."

He stressed that the Otu-led administration has zero tolerance for fraud, money laundering and related financial crimes, warning that any official found culpable would face firm consequences.

"This administration has zero tolerance for anything that has to do with fraud or money laundering. Those who have indulged in such acts already know the consequences, and we will not hesitate to continue enforcing discipline," he said.

Odey charged participants to fully internalize the training and cascade the knowledge to colleagues not in attendance, especially at the local government

level, emphasizing that the workshop should serve as a safeguard against actions capable of exposing officials to anti-corruption agencies. He assured that such capacity-building programmes would be sustained and possibly held more frequently to continuously reinforce ethical financial practices.

Earlier in his welcome address, the Vice Chairman and Chief Executive

Officer of the State Planning Commission, Dr. Bong Duke, described the workshop as a strategic intervention aimed at protecting the state's economy, strengthening governance structures and safeguarding public resources.

Dr. Duke noted that money laundering and terrorism financing pose real threats to economic stability and sustainable development, adding that public officials are custodians of trust whose actions directly impact the state's future. He explained that the training was designed to move participants

beyond awareness to practical competence in identifying risks, strengthening controls and enforcing compliance in line with both national and international standards.

The Lead Facilitator and former Deputy Governor of the Central Bank of Nigeria, Dr. Ade Shonubi, commended the Cross River State Government for its foresight and commitment to good governance. He said the decision to prioritize a strategic-level engagement for senior officials demonstrated strong leadership and dedication to transparency and accountability.

Dr. Shonubi noted that the recent removal of Nigeria from the global grey list marked progress but cautioned that sustained effort was required at both federal and sub-national levels. He stressed that effective AML/CFT implementation at the state level was critical to protecting public finances, strengthening institutions and boosting investor confidence.

Also speaking, the Accountant General of Cross River State, Dr. (Mrs.) Glory Effiong, described the workshop as a crucial step towards sustaining the state's growing reputation for financial



credibility and investor friendliness. She said the administration of Governor Otu remains committed to building a transparent, accountable and corruption-resistant financial system.

According to her, participants were carefully selected to ensure continuity and long-term impact,

urging them to go beyond theory and apply the lessons learned to daily operations. She expressed confidence that the training would further position Cross River as a leading state in financial governance.

Participants at the workshop included Directors of Finance and Procurement, principal officers in MDAs, as well as

selected audit, legal and treasury staff. The training aims to equip them with practical skills to detect and prevent suspicious transactions, strengthen procurement transparency, manage AML/CFT risks, and align state financial processes with national and international best practices.

# Odere Appointed to NEC Technical Committee on Livestock Development



The Honourable Commissioner for Finance, Cross River State, Dr. Michael Odere, has been Appointed as a member of the Technical Committee on Livestock Development constituted by the National Economic Council (NEC), further underscoring his growing role in national economic and sectoral reforms.

Dr. Odere's Appointment

followed his active participation and earlier engagements representing the Executive Governor of Cross River State, His Excellency, Senator Prince Bassey Edet Otu, at meetings of the NEC Ad-Hoc Committee on Livestock Development.

His contributions at the policy level earned him a place on the Technical Committee charged with reviewing existing frameworks and

recommending practical and implementable livestock development programmes across the country.

The appointment comes on the heels of the inauguration of a High-Level NEC Ad-Hoc Committee on Livestock Reform, established to coordinate and drive the implementation of far-reaching reforms in Nigeria's livestock



sector. The high-powered committee is chaired by the Governor of Kebbi State and includes the Governors of Bauchi, Niger, Ondo, Imo, and Cross River States. Other members are the Honourable Ministers of Livestock Development; Agriculture and Food Security; Budget and Economic Planning; the Senior Special Assistant to the President on

Agribusiness; and representatives of the NEC Secretariat.

The committee held its inaugural meeting today in Abuja, marking a significant milestone toward a coordinated, sustainable, and results-oriented approach to livestock development nationwide.

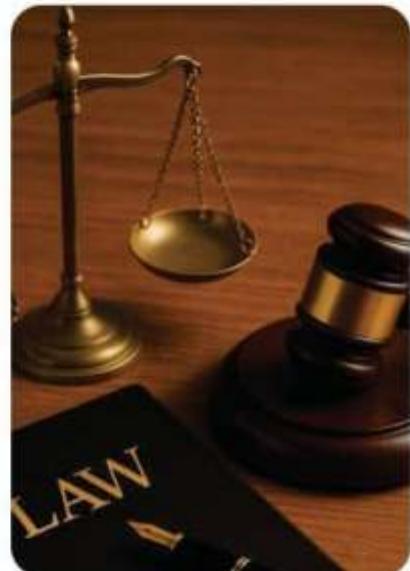
Dr. Odere's inclusion in the Technical Committee highlights Cross

River State's strategic relevance in national economic planning and reflects confidence in his expertise, leadership, and commitment to policies that promote inclusive growth, food security, and sustainable development within Nigeria's livestock value chain.



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# Federal Character Commission Gets New Leadership As Stella Odey-ekpo, Others Take Oath



The Federal Character Commission (FCC) has entered a new phase of leadership with the swearing-in of Hon. Dr. Mrs. Stella Odey-Ekpo alongside other newly appointed commissioners. The oath-taking ceremony marked their formal assumption of office and reaffirmed the Commission's

constitutional mandate to promote fairness, equity, and balanced representation in federal appointments and the distribution of national resources. Hon. Dr. Mrs. Odey-Ekpo's inauguration has been widely welcomed, with stakeholders expressing confidence in her capacity,

experience, and commitment to advancing the objectives of the Commission. A post-swearing-in get-together held at Assets Garden, Garki Area 8, Abuja, attracted a distinguished array of guests, including her husband, Chief Victor Effiom Ekpo; Senator Jarigbe Agome Jarigbe,



representing Cross River North Senatorial District; Senator Eteng Jones Williams of Cross River Central; Hon. Godwin Offionor, Member representing Ogoja/Yala Federal Constituency; Hon. Alex Egbona, representing Yakurr/Abi Federal Constituency; and Hon. Michael Irom Etaba, representing Obubra/Etung Federal

Constituency. Also in attendance were the Acting Chairman of the Cross River State APC, Ntufam Ekum Ekok Ojogu; former Chief of Staff to the Cross River State Governor, Hon. Chief Martins

Orim; Hon. High Chief Timmy Tom Edam; Princess Mary God'sfavor Amorjay; Hon. Regina Anyogo, former member representing Yala I State Constituency; Hon. Gabriel Bravo Oluohu, former





Supervisory Councillor for Finance, AMAC; Hon. Odey Ekawu, former Commissioner for Environment; Engr. Mrs. Anjor David Obande, Founder/CEO of Jorjor Mother & Child Foundation; Hon. Asu Okang, former Commissioner for Information; SSA Phylo Modlin

Odu; staff of the Federal Character Commission from Cross River State; and several other dignitaries. With the new leadership in place, the Commission is expected to deepen transparency, inclusiveness, and accountability while ensuring that no section of the country is

marginalized in the conduct of public affairs. The development reinforces a renewed pledge by the Federal Government to national unity and the principles of fairness and equitable representation in governance.









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# CSC holds First Meeting, Constitutes Welfare Committee

By Iloke Egbe



The Director of administration, Cross River State Civil Service Commission Elder Dr Isang Ofem has called on Staff of the

Commission to prepare themselves to abreast the task ahead of them for this year, that the year promises to be far better than last year.

He gave the charge during the first interface with Staff of the Commission for the year 2026 held at the Conference CSC



## New Secretariat Complex Calabar.

He acknowledged the giant strides of the commission's chairman Sir, Maurice Effiawatt and the effective support given by commission members that resulted in the massive facelift of the commission building as the most comprehensive renovated building in the Secretariat.

He admitted that

the Head of Service is ready to reposition the service with tangible evidence through the series of circulars that attend to different challenges in the service, therefore, every Staff should gear up and play the part as it concerns them.

He reminded Staff that, Head of Service circular on certificate verification and promotion progressions falls directly on the commission and

the process will start first in the commission before other Ministries, Departments and Agencies while directing Staff to start submitting their comprehensive documents in a file, adding that the commission will also commence re-classification of files for easy tracing.

Some of the circulars emphasized on that will take



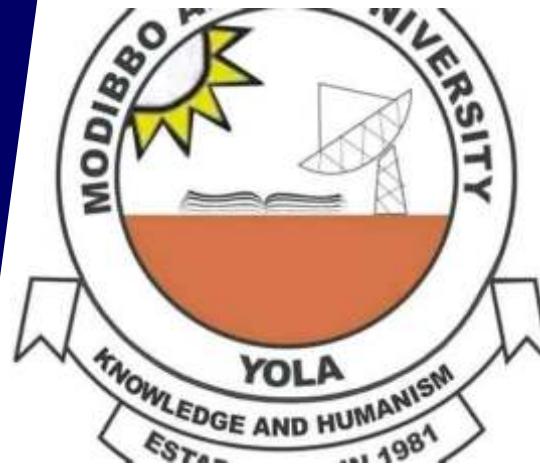
immediate effects in the service include circular on sanitation which is replaced with aerobics and medicals screening, that which bars Civil Servants from using unrecognizable titles, deductions and loans issues, payment for electricity bills by Head of Service for MDAs, and

training on ICT. Adding his voice, the Director of Account Mr. Fabian Mbotor emphasized the need for staff welfare scheme schedule should be strengthened.

Highlights of the meeting was the constitution of a five man welfare committee headed by Mr Johnny Sam

John, head of Department, Discipline and Appeals in the commission, and featured questions and answers from Staff. In attendance were all Staff, Directors and heads of Departments in the commission.

# 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.

# Ekpang Rallies Constituents, Stakeholders For Gov. Otu

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

By Benedict Okache



Cross River State Commissioner 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

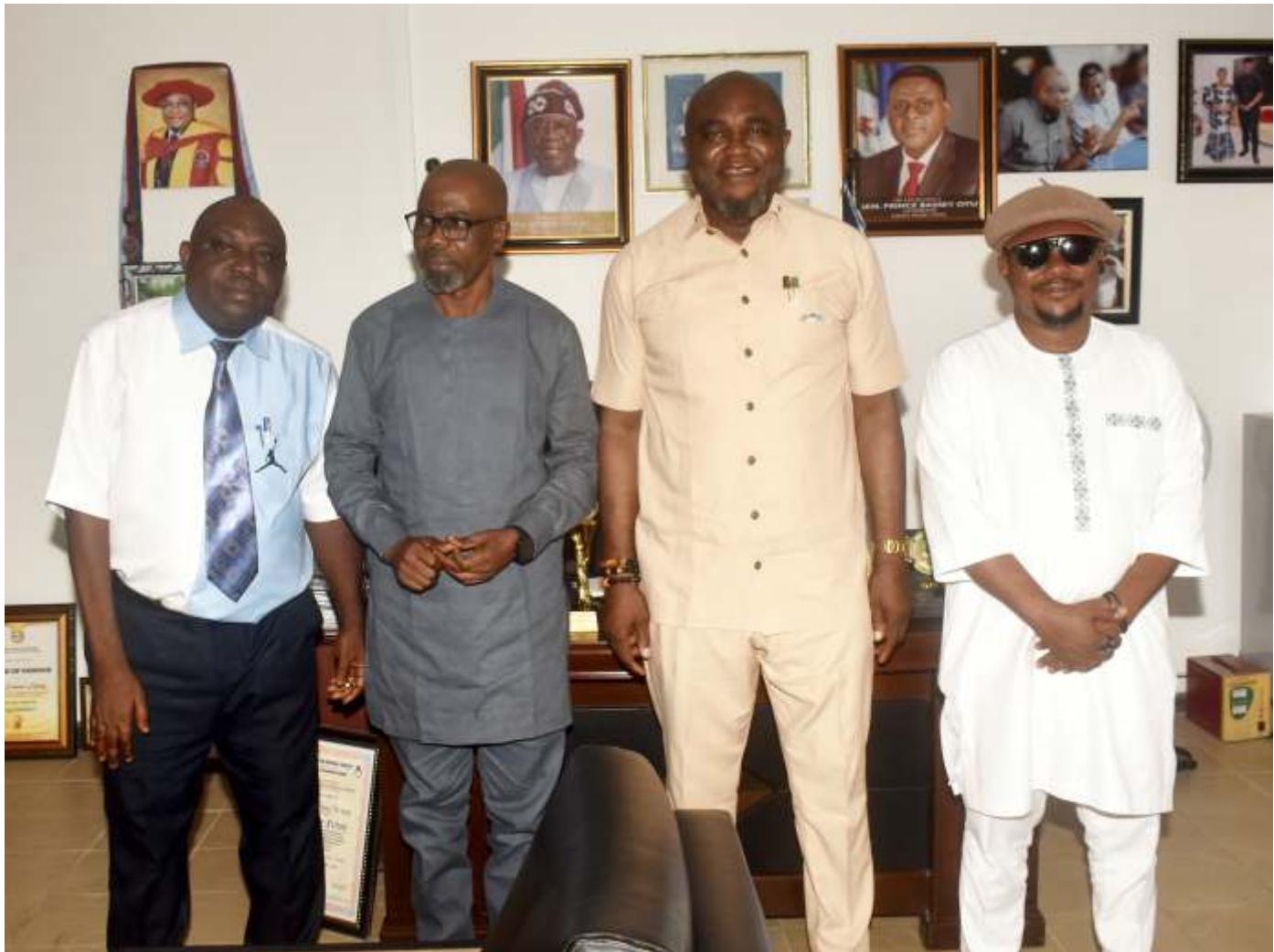
electronic database."

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.

# 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



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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





NIPR CROSS RIVER CHAPTER JANUARY MEETING

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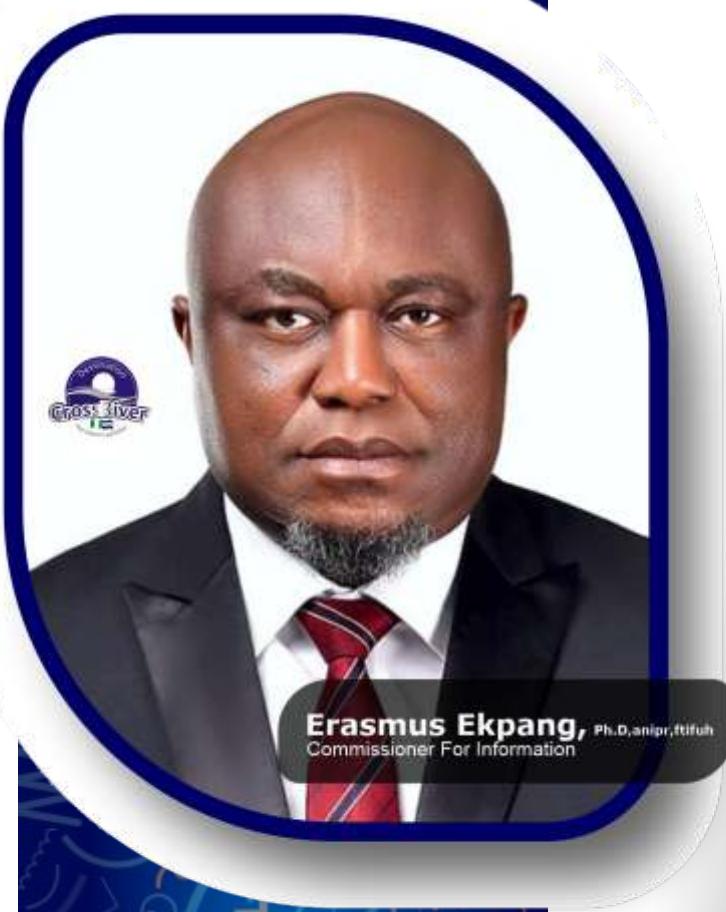
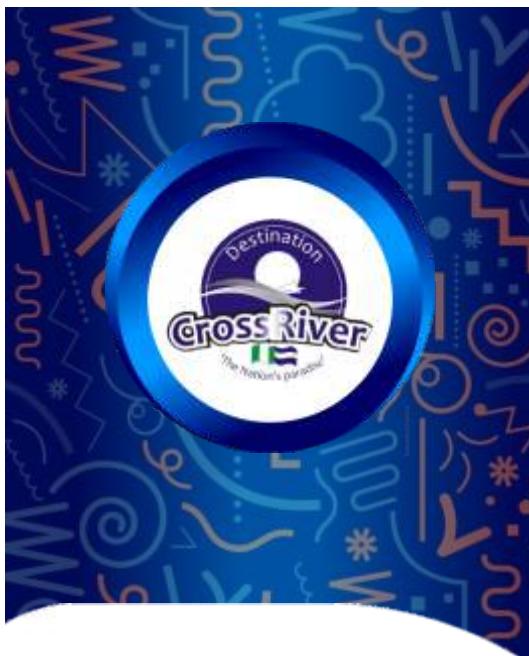
## VAT ON BANKING FEES WAS NOT INTRODUCED BY THE NIGERIA TAX ACT

**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:

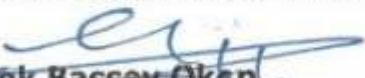
- Ensuring the integrity and accuracy of the State payroll.
- Verifying Staff credentials, appointments, promotions and progression records.
- Eliminating payroll irregularities and strengthening personnel management systems.

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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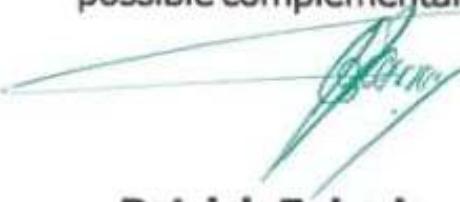
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Cross Riverians wishing to be enlisted into the Nigerian Army are encouraged to take advantage of the information provided in the above advertorial to apply and submit the printouts ( hard copies) to the Desk Officer, in the office of the Commissioner 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

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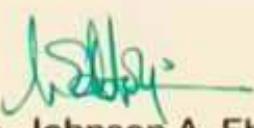
**NOTICE TO TRACTOR BENEFICIARIES WITH OUTSTANDING  
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The Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation Development hereby informs all beneficiaries who have made the required down payment for tractors but are yet to take delivery from the Ministry's premises 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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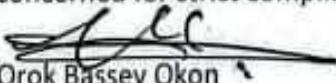
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**HEAD OF SERVICE CIRCULAR NO. 9/2025**  
**RE-DESIGNATION OF THE INFORMATION CADRE AS INFORMATION & PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER CADRE**

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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