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

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Uzodimma to head the 73-man APC National Convention Coordination Committee



The Imo State Governor, Hope Uzodimma, the Chairman of the Progressive Governors' Forum (PGF), has been appointed as the head of the 73-person Central Coordination Committee for the All Progressives Congress (APC) National Convention scheduled for March 2026.

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6. H.E. Fr. Hyacinth Iormem Alia (Benue) – Member
7. H.E. Prof. Babagana Umara

Zulum (Borno) – Member
8. H.E. Sen. Bassey Otu (Cross River) – Member
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15. H.E. Umar
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(Kaduna) –
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(Katsina) –
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Idris – Member

20. H.E. Ahmed
Usman Ododo
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Olusola Sanwo-
Olu (Lagos) –
Member

22. H.E. Engr
Audu Abdullahi
Sule (Nasarawa)
– Member

23. H.E. Hon
Mohammed Umar
Bago (Niger) –

Member

24. H.E. Prince
Abiodun Adedapo
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(Ogun) – Member

25. H.E. Lucky O.
Aiyedatiwa (Ondo)
– Member

26. H.E. Caleb
Manasseh
Mutfwang
(Plateau) –

Member

27. H.E. Sir
Siminalayi Fubara,
GSSRS (Rivers) –
Member

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Ahmed Aliyu
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Member

30. H.E. Chief Bisi
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Member

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CON – Member

33. H.E. Abdullahi
Umar Ganduje,
PhD, CON –
Member

34. H.E. Sen.
Godswill Akpabio,
GCON – Member

35. Rt. Hon.
Tajudeen Abbas,
GCON – Member

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Jibrin, CON –
Member

37. Rt. Hon.
Benjamin Kalu,
CON – Member

38. H.E. Sen.
Anyim Pius
Anyim, GCON –
Member

39. H.E. Sen. Ken
Nnamani, GCON –
Member

40. H.E. Sen
Ahmed Lawan,
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Aminu Bello
Masari, CFR –
Member

42. Rt. Hon.
Patricia Etteh –
Member

43. Rt. Hon.
Dimeji Bankole –
Member

44. Rt. Hon.
Yakubu Dogara,
CFR – Member

45. Rt. Hon. Femi

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– Member

46. Sen. Michael
Opeyemi
Bamidele, CON –
Member

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Mohammed Tahir
Monguno –
Member

48. Sen. Oyelola
Yisa Ashiru –
Member

49. Sen.
Nwebonyi Onyeka
– Member

50. Sen. Adeola
Solomon
Olamilekan –
Member

51. Sen. Ovie
Omo-Agege, CFR
– Member

52. Rt. Hon. Idris
Wase – Member

53. Hon.
Babangida S. M.
Nguroje (OFR) –
Member

54. H.E.
AbdulAzeez
Abubakar Yari –
Member

55. Sen. Sani
Musa – Member

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Agom Jerigbe –

Member
57. Senator Uche
Ekwunife –
Member

58. Hon. Prof.
Julius Ihonvbere,
CON – Member

59. Hon. Usman
Bello Kumo –
Member

60. Hon. Abdullahi
Ibrahim Ali Halims
– Member

61. Hon. Ibrahim
Ayokunle Isiaka –
Member

62. Hon. Abubakar
Kabir Abubakar
Bichi – Member

63. Hon. Jimi
Benson – Member

64. Hon. Abiodun
James Faleke –
Member

65. Hon. Boma
Goodhead –
Member

66. H.E. Philip
Shaibu – Member

67. Rt. Hon.
Akintunde

Adegboye –
Member

68. Hon. Bala
Mustapha –

Member

69. Hon. Ibrahim

Kabiru Masari –
Member

70. Senator Atiku
Bagudu –
Member

71. Gen.
Christopher Musa,
Rtd. – Member

72. Alhaji
Mohamed Idris
Malagi – Member

73. Senator
Ibrahim Gaidam –
Member

BREAKING: Otu Jarigbe Appointed Member APC Convention Central Planing Committee



Governor Bassey Otu of Cross River State and Sen Jarigbe Agom Jarigbe, representing Cross River North Senatorial district have been appointed into the 73- man All Progressives Congress (APC) national Convention Central planning Committee.

The 2026 APC Convention committee is headed by Governor Hope Uzodimma with all APC Governors, Senate President, Chief of Staff to the President, Ayim.Pius Ayim and other party stalwarts as members.

The leadership of APC recently released schedule of

activities for the 2026 ward, local government, zonal and national convention in pursuant to Article 11 of the party constitution.

According to the time table, Ward Congress will hold on Thursday, February 19, 2026, local government Congress February 19, 2026, State Congress Saturday, March 7, 2026, Zonal Congress Saturday, March 18, 2026 and National Convention Wednesday, March 25 ,2026 - Saturday, March 28, 2026.



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2026 APC NATIONAL CONVENTION Central Coordination Committee

The National Working Committee (NWC) of the All Progressives Congress (APC) has constituted the following as the Central Coordination Committee for the 2026 National Convention of the All Progressives Congress.

S/N	NAME	POSITION
1.	H.E. Sen. Hope Uzodinma, CON (Imo)	Chairman
2.	H.E. Alh. AbdulRahman AbdulRazaq, CON (Kwara)	Vice Chairman
3.	H.E. Hon Mai Mala Buni, CON (Yobe)	Secretary

4.	H.E. Umo Bassey Eno, PhD, (Akwa Ibom)	Member	34.	H.E. Sen. Godswill Akpabio, GCON	Member
5.	H.E. Douye Diri, (Bayelsa State)	Member	35.	Rt. Hon. Tajudeen Abbas, GCON	Member
6.	H.E. Fr. Hyacinth Iormem Alia (Benue)	Member	36.	Sen. Barau I Jibrin, CON	Member
7.	H.E Prof. Babagana Umara Zulum (Borno)	Member	37.	Rt. Hon. Benjamin Kalu, CON	Member
8.	H.E. Sen. Bassey Otu (Cross River)	Member	38.	H. E. Sen. Anyim Pius Anyim, GCON	Member
9.	H.E. Rt. Hon. Sheriff F. Oborevwo (Delta)	Member	39.	H. E. Sen. Ken Nnamani, GCON	Member
10.	H.E. Rt. Hon Francis Nwifuru (Ebonyi)	Member	40.	H. E. Sen Ahmed Lawan, GCON	Member
11.	H.E. Sen. Monday Okpebholo (Edo)	Member	41.	H.E. Rt. Hon. Aminu Bello Masari, CFR	Member
12.	H.E Abiodun Abayomi Oyeboji, (Ekiti)	Member	42.	Rt. Hon. Patricia Etteh	Member
13.	H.E. Peter Mbah, (Enugu)	Member	43.	Rt. Hon. Dimeji Bankole	Member
14.	H.E Alh Muhammed Inuwa Yahaya (Gombe)	Member	44.	Rt. Hon. Yakubu Dogara, CFR	Member
15.	H.E. Umar Namadi (Jigawa)	Member	45.	Rt. Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila, CFR	Member
16.	H.E. Abba Kabir Yusuf (Kano)	Member	46.	Sen. Michael Opeyemi Bamidele, CON	Member
17.	H.E. Sen. Uba Sani, CON (Kaduna)	Member	47.	Sen. Mohammed Tahir Mungono	Member
18.	H.E. Dikko Umaru Radda (Katsina), Ph.D., CON	Member	48.	Sen. Oyelola Yisa Ashiru	Member
19.	H.E. Dr Nasir Idris	Member	49.	Sen. Nwebonyi Onyeka	Member
20.	H.E Ahmed Usman Ododo (Kogi)	Member	50.	Sen. Adeola Solomon Olamilekan	Member
21.	H.E. Babajide Olusola Sanwo-Olu (Lagos)	Member	51.	Sen. Ovie Omo-Agege, CFR	Member
22.	H.E Engr Audu Abdullahi Sule (Nasarawa)	Member	52.	Rt Hon. Idris Wase	Member
23.	H.E. Hon Mohammed Umar Bago (Niger)	Member	53.	Hon. Babangida S. M. Nguroje (OFR)	Member
24.	H.E. Prince Abiodun Adedapo Oluseun, CON (Ogun)	Member	54.	H.E. AbdulAzeez Abubakar Yari	Member
25.	H.E Lucky O. Aiyedatiwa (Ondo)	Member	55.	Sen. Sani Musa	Member
26.	H.E Caleb Manasseh Mutfwang (Plateau)	Member	56.	Sen. Leonard Agom Jerigbe	Member
27.	H.E Sir Siminalayi Fubara, GSSRS (Rivers)	Member	57.	Senator Uche Ekwunife	Member
28.	H.E. Alh Ahmed Aliyu (Sokoto)	Member	58.	Hon. Prof. Julius Ihonvbere, CON	Member
29.	H.E. Agbu Kefas (Taraba)	Member	59.	Hon. Usman Bello Kumo	Member
30.	H.E. Chief Bisi Akande, CFR	Member	60.	Hon. Abdullahi Ibrahim Ali Halims	Member
31.	H.E. Sen. Adams Oshiomhole, CON	Member	61.	Hon. Ibrahim Ayonkunle Isiaka	Member
32.	H.E. Sen. (Dr.) Abdullahi Adamu, CON	Member	62.	Hon. Abubakar Kabir Abubakar Bichi	Member
33.	H.E. Abdullahi Umar Ganduje, PhD, CON	Member	63.	Hon. Jimi Benson	Member
			64.	Hon. Abiodun James Faleke	Member
			65.	Hon. Boma Goodhead	Member
			66.	H. E. Philip Shuaibu	Member
			67.	Rt. Hon. Akintunde Adegboye	Member
			68.	Hon Bala Mustapha	Member
			69.	Hon. Ibrahim Kabiru Masari	Member
			70.	Senator Atiku Bagudu	Member
			71.	Gen. Christopher Musa, Rtd.	Member
			72.	Alhaji Mohamed Idris Malagi	Member
			73.	Senator Ibrahim Gaidam	Member

NOTE: Details of the inauguration of the Central Coordination Committee for the 2026 National Convention of the All Progressives Congress will be announced in due course.

Signed:
Senator Surajudeen Ajibola Basiru, Ph.D., BL
National Secretary

Sights and Scenes from the Governor Bassey Otu's 'Governor of the Year' award ceremony held on Saturday at the Eko Hotel and Event Centre, Lagos













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PRESS STATEMENT
**CROSS RIVER WILL RECOVER ALL OIL WELLS
LOST AND MORE**

Cross River State Government had on 28th July, 2025 issued a Press Statement titled "RE:76 OIL WELLS, RESTATEMENT OF FACTS" where all the emerging facts regarding the surreptitious allocation of Cross River State 76 Oil Wells to Akwa Ibom State and all related matters thereto were clearly enunciated for public information.

In 2025 Cross River State petitioned the President and RMAFC, NBC, NUPRC and OSGOF with evidence of 245 new Oil Wells derivation allocation with a comprehensive scientific, geological and Legal EVIDENCE justifying Cross River State's Oil producing Status.

An Inter-Agency Committee was constituted by Mr. President and exercise conducted in November 2025 confirming additional Oil Wells derivation allocation for Cross River. The current Inter-Agency Committee opened a public hearing for the presentation of the report having shared the coordinates to both States.

The result is obvious, Cross River State is an Oil producing State with Oil Wells within its maritime territory beyond, 67 or 76 Oil Wells.

As at today, Cross River still maintains that position which necessitated the writing of the petition in the first Instance to the President, His Excellency, Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu, GCFR, over the injustice meted to us as a State.

We bore the brunt of handing over a part of Bakassi to the Republic of Cameroon all these years. It baffles our imagination how only a portion of Bakassi was ceded to Cameroon while the Oil Wells found their way to Akwa Ibom that was not part of the dispute in the first place.

Thanks to Mr. President, the Federal Government Inter-Agency Technical Committee was set up to look into the emerging matters.

Comprehensive visits, mappings and findings have been made to the area in dispute by all concerned and new discoveries have emerged in the area which was not demarcated, boundaries have been set between the Cross River State estuaries and the Cameroon.

Therefore, the Committee should be allowed to present their findings to show the actual location of the Oil wells within both States. Cross River State deplores every divisive plot to disrupt the conclusion of this findings, report and implementation.

We have absolute confidence in the joint Committee and urge them to remain resolute in rewriting the wrongs of the past.

Cross River State under the Administration of Sen. Prince Bassey Otu is governed by God. What is truly ours will be returned to us.

We are hopeful of getting back all our Oil Wells.



Erasmus Ekpang *Ph.D., anipr, ftifuh*
Commissioner for Information.

Cross River Non-Indigenes Back Gov. Otu's Efforts to Reclaim 76 Oil Wells

By Bello Audu



Mazi Okey Maduekwe
SA Non Indigenes Affairs
Cross River State

The Special Adviser on Non-Indigenes Affairs, to Governor Bassey Otu of Cross River State, Mazi Okey Maduekwe has thrown his weight behind the Cross River State Government's

renewed push to reclaim the 76 oil wells disputed with Akwa Ibom State.

Maxi Okey also called for the full release of the 13% derivation fund from the oil wells which has accumulated over

the years.

Mazi Okey stated this in Calabar while reacting to the conclusion of work by the Inter Agency Committee set up by the Federal Government to look into the



disputed Oil Wells between Cross River State and Akwa Ibom State and commended the administration of Governor Prince Bassey Edet Otu, saying the Non-Indigenes Community in the State, is ready to support the second term re-election bid of Governor Otu and other Political heavyweights in the forthcoming 2027 General Elections.

The Special

Adviser urged the National Boundary Commission and the Revenue Mobilization, Allocation, and Fiscal Commission to conduct their deliberations with transparency, fairness, and objectivity, guided by facts, equity, and constitutional provisions while at the same time resisting all forms of devisive tendencies to change their reports.

Mazi Okey also used the

opportunity to encourage Non-Indigenes across the 18 Local Government Areas of the State to register massively in the on-going voters' registration in order to get their PVCs as well as participate in the on-going All Progressives Congress - registration by those interested to joining the Party.

Gov. Otu Dedicates Awards, Says "I'm Energised To Do More"



Cross River State governor, Senator Prince Bassey Edet Otu, weekend, said the award of a Doctorate (Honoris Causa) by the Modibbo Adama University, Yola, as well as The Sun Newspaper Governor of the

Year was a charge on him to do more, even as he dedicated the two awards to Cross Riverians at home and in the diaspora

and partners who have contributed to the state's progress.

Governor Otu won both laurels on the



same day, with the prestigious The Sun Newspaper award coming on the heels of the conferment of an Honorary Doctorate on Saturday, January 31, 2026 at a colourful ceremony held at the Eko Hotels and Event Centre, Lagos.

"This award is dedicated to all Cross Riverians,

both home and abroad, and to everyone who has worked to take us to where we are today," Governor Otu said amid loud cheers from supporters who accompanied him to the event. "I deeply appreciate the love and support. I love all of you."

Expressing gratitude to The Sun Newspaper, the

governor described the honour as both a recognition of collective effort and a renewed call to greater service, noting that the awards initiative has, over the years, promoted excellence and national development.

"From the deepest of my heart, I bring you very warm felicitations

from the good people of Cross River State,” he said. “The sustainability of this Sun project has added value to Nigeria’s development. Over the years, I have watched closely and observed that most recipients of this award have contributed meaningfully to building Nigeria’s future.”



Governor Otu commended the leadership of The Sun Newspaper for sustaining the tradition, praising its Chairman for providing a platform that inspires public office holders and private sector leaders to remain committed to service and national growth.

“This is truly a call

for greater service, and I believe it will further strengthen the commitment of all awardees to what they are doing,” he added.

The governor described the recognition as an affirmation that his administration’s efforts across key sectors in Cross River State are receiving national attention, stressing

that the honour would further energise his government to deliver more dividends of democracy.

“This recognition shows that what we are doing in Cross River State is being seen and appreciated. It gives us even more momentum to do better,” he said, adding that



"as we move towards our third year in office, we are working across all our thematic areas with renewed energy. We are committed to building a greater Cross River State and contributing to a bigger and better Nigeria."

Several prominent Cross River indigenes attended the ceremony in solidarity with the

governor and warmly congratulated him on the achievement, expressing sheer goodwill and pride in his leadership. They included the Deputy Governor, Rt. Hon. Peter Odey; Speaker of the State House of Assembly, Rt. Hon. Elvert Ayambem; Senators Jarigbe Agom Jarigbe, Asuquo Ekpenyong, and Eteng Jonah Williams; members

of the House of Representatives and State House of Assembly; Chief of Staff to the Governor, Chief Emmanuel Ironbar; members of the State Executive Council, popular music sensation, Nyanya Mbuk; and other dignitaries.

Gov Otu Conferred with Honorary Doctorate by Modibbo Adama University



Cross River State governor, Senator Bassey Otu was weekend, conferred with an Honorary Doctorate by the Modibbo Adama University (MAU), Yola, in recognition of what the institution

described as his far-reaching contributions to governance, public service and humanitarian development across Nigeria.

The prestigious honour was conferred during its combined 29th and 30th convocation

ceremonies.

The conferment of the Doctor of Humanities (Honoris Causa) followed the collective approval of the University Senate and Governing Council, a decision described by the Vice-Chancellor,



Prof. Ibrahim Umar, as "a unanimous academic salute to a life of service defined by integrity, inclusion and measurable societal impact." According to him, "this honour is reserved for leaders whose influence transcends office and geography, touching lives and strengthening

institutions."

Prof. Umar noted that Governor Otu's public career exemplifies people-centred leadership and humane governance. "His approach to power has been guided by compassion and conscience," the Vice-Chancellor said. "Governor Otu has consistently demonstrated that

governance is not merely about authority, but about responsibility to humanity."

The University stated that the object of the award was to celebrate Governor Otu's outstanding contributions to social development, national cohesion



and humanitarian service, adding that his leadership philosophy resonates strongly with the core values of Modibbo Adama University. "He is a bridge-builder in public life," Prof. Umar observed, "a leader whose governance

prioritises inclusion, institutional strengthening and sustainable development." In his acceptance remarks, Governor

Otu described the award as "a profound affirmation that service to humanity is the highest credential any leader can

GOVERNOR BASSEY OTU

GOVERNOR OF THE YEAR



responsibility that accompanies such recognition. "An honorary doctorate is not a destination; it is a renewed call to duty," he said. "It challenges one to deepen the commitment to justice, equity and compassion in public life.

Today, Modibbo Adama University has reminded me that leadership must always be accountable to the people it serves."

Touching on education and national development, the Governor remarked that universities remain the soul of any progressive society.

"Institutions like MAU are not just centres of learning; they are crucibles where

earn." He added: "I receive this doctorate not as a personal trophy, but as a tribute to the collective efforts of all those

who believe that governance must uplift the human spirit."

Governor Otu further reflected on the

the future of our nation is forged," he noted. "I dedicate this honour to young Nigerians whose dreams depend on leadership that is purposeful and humane."

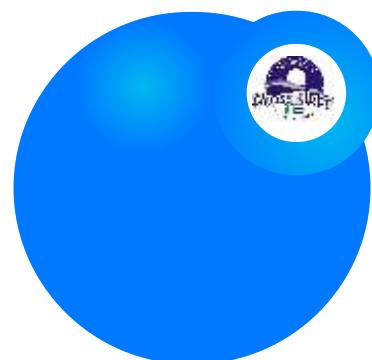
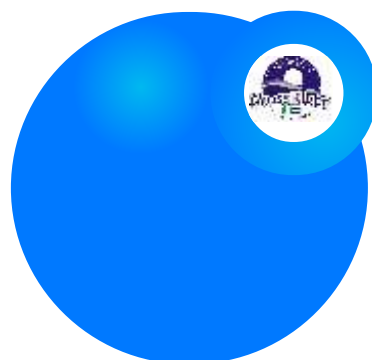
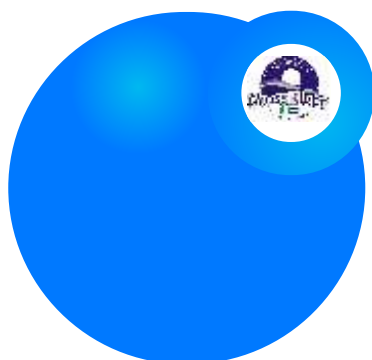
He also paid tribute to the University for what he described as its "courage to celebrate values, not just titles." According to him, "by honouring service, integrity and humanity, Modibbo Adama University has reinforced the moral compass of leadership in Nigeria."

"I would be remiss if I departed this historic gathering without saluting my brother and friend, Professor Afolabi Ogufekun,"

Governor Otu declared. "I made it a personal duty to be here today, no matter the circumstances, because he is a man I hold in the highest esteem—both for the depth of his intellect and the strength of his character." Reflecting on Professor Ogufekun's impact, the Governor added, "I have followed with keen interest the remarkable work he has done here in Adamawa State. His contributions speak loudly and stand worthy of emulation. For some of us who are relatively new in leadership, these are the kind of exemplary footsteps we are eager to follow and carry forward." Governor Otu also

commended the Modibbo Adama University community for its academic vitality and discipline.

"I must sincerely thank the entire university family," he said, "from the security personnel I encountered today, to the impressive body of students whose performances clearly rise above average. What I have seen here reassures me that this institution is firmly on a path of growth and excellence." Expressing optimism about the future of the University, he noted, "With the calibre of leadership and commitment evident here, I am confident that Modibbo Adama



University will continue to expand in stature, influence and scholarly relevance."

The Governor concluded on a note of gratitude and fellowship, saying, "I deeply appreciate all those who journeyed with me to witness this memorable occasion. Your presence has added meaning to this honour, and I remain profoundly grateful for the solidarity and goodwill that surround this

moment."

Earlier, the Vice-Chancellor, on behalf of the Governing Council, Senate and staff, expressed gratitude for Governor Otu's contributions to national development. "We are proud to be associated with a leader whose legacy speaks beyond politics," Prof. Umar said, adding that the University "looks forward to sustained engagement with leaders who inspire hope and unity."

The ceremony concluded on an atmosphere of academic splendour and civic pride, as Modibbo Adama University reaffirmed its tradition of recognising excellence in service. For Governor Bassey Edet Otu, today's honour stood not only as a laurel of achievement, but as an enduring reminder that true leadership is measured by its impact on humanity.

Speaker Ayambem Congratulates Gov Otu on Honorary Doctorate, Sun Newspaper Governor of the Year Award



The Speaker of the Cross River State House of Assembly, Rt. Hon. Elvert Ayambem, has congratulated Governor of Cross River State, Senator (Prince)

Bassey Edet Otu, on his conferment with an Honorary Doctorate Degree by Modibbo Adama University, Yola, and his emergence as Governor of the Year at the Sun Newspaper Awards.

The Speaker described the twin honours as a clear validation of Governor Otu's purposeful leadership and people-focused governance. "These



recognitions are well deserved. They reflect a leadership style anchored on service, integrity, and a genuine commitment to the welfare of the people,” Rt. Hon. Ayambem said.

According to him, the conferment of the Doctor of Humanities (Honoris Causa)

on the Governor by Modibbo Adama University brings the national relevance of his contributions to governance and humanitarian development. “That a respected academic institution unanimously found the Governor worthy of this honour speaks volumes about the

impact of his leadership beyond the boundaries of Cross River State,” the Speaker stated.

Rt. Hon. Ayambem also hailed Governor Otu’s emergence as Governor of the Year at the Sun Newspaper Awards, noting that the recognition



mirrors the positive changes being witnessed in the state under the People First Agenda. "The Sun Newspaper award affirms that the steady strides in infrastructure, education, healthcare, agriculture, and public service reforms in our state are being noticed at the national level," he said.

The Speaker added that the Governor's inclusive and consultative approach to

governance has strengthened public confidence and deepened cooperation between the executive and legislative arms of government. "Governor Otu has continued to lead with calmness, clarity of purpose, and accountability, and these qualities have translated into renewed hope for our people," Rt. Hon. Ayambem remarked.

He further described the honours as encouragement for the Governor to

sustain the tempo of development and remain focused on delivering tangible dividends of democracy. "On behalf of the Cross River State House of Assembly, I congratulate His Excellency on these remarkable honours and pray that God grants him continued wisdom, strength, and guidance as he leads our dear state to greater heights," the Speaker concluded.

Double Honours: Dr. Ayuk Felicitates Gov. Otu, Commends Visionary Leadership

By Kingsley Agim



double honours as a fitting recognition of purposeful leadership and people-centred governance.

Dr. Ayuk noted that the two prestigious recognitions, earned on the same day, reflect Governor Otu's unwavering commitment to service, inclusive development, and the steady repositioning of Cross River State on the national stage.

The Commissioner for Health, Cross River State, Dr. Henry Egbe Ayuk, has warmly congratulated Governor Bassey Edet Otu on his

conferment with a Doctorate (Honoris Causa) by Modibbo Adama University, Yola, and the 'Governor of the Year' Award by The Sun Newspaper, describing the

According to him, the governor's decision to dedicate the awards to Cross Riverians at home and in the

diaspora, as well as partners who have contributed to the state's progress, illuminates his humility, gratitude, and deep sense of collective responsibility.

"These honours are not just personal accolades; they are a celebration of the shared aspirations and collective efforts of the people of Cross River State under a leader who has consistently demonstrated vision, compassion, and resolve," Dr. Ayuk said.

He described the awards as a strong affirmation that the policies and reforms being

implemented across sectors by the Otu-led administration, especially in the health sector, are receiving deserved national recognition.

Dr. Ayuk further praised Governor Otu's declaration that the honours serve as a renewed call to greater service, noting that such a mindset reflects true leadership and reinforces confidence in the administration's commitment to delivering more dividends of democracy.

"As members of the State Executive Council, we are further inspired by His Excellency's renewed energy and dedication to do more for our people," he added.

"These recognitions strengthen our resolve to continue working diligently to actualise the administration's vision of a greater Cross River State and contribute meaningfully to a bigger and better Nigeria."

Dr. Ayuk concluded by wishing Governor Otu continued strength, wisdom, and success as he leads the state into a new phase of growth and transformation.

Obudu Council Chairman Congratulates Gov. Otu on Honorary Doctorate Award



The Chairman of Obudu Local Government Council, Hon. Dr.

(Amb.) Peter Akonf Undiandeye, KSM, has congratulated the Governor of Cross River State,

His Excellency, Senator Bassey Edet Otu, on his conferment with an Honorary

Doctorate Degree (Doctor of Humanities, Honoris Causa) by Modibbo Adama University, Yola, during the institution's combined 29th and 30th convocation ceremonies on Saturday, January 30th, 2026.

Speaking with journalists in Yola, Adamawa State, on the sidelines of the ceremony, Hon. Dr. Undiandeye described the honour as a well-deserved recognition of Governor Otu's exemplary leadership and impactful contributions to governance, public service, and humanitarian development.

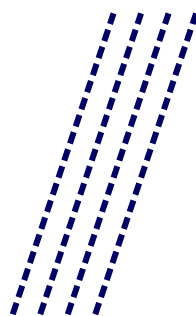
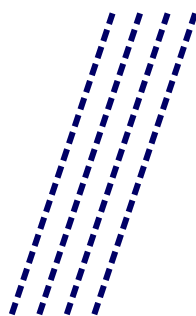
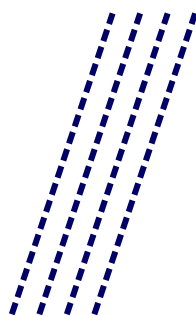
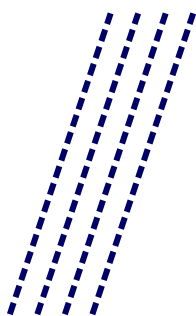
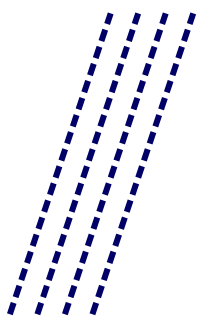
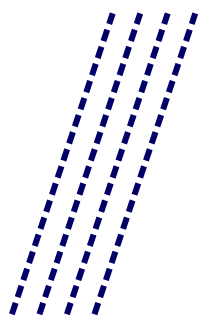
He noted that

since assuming office, Governor Otu has recorded remarkable milestones across critical sectors, particularly in education, infrastructure, healthcare delivery, and the overall welfare of citizens. According to him, the administration's interventions in the education sector - ranging from improved funding for public schools, revitalisation of learning facilities, to enhanced support for teachers, have strengthened human capital development across the state.

The Obudu Council Chairman further highlighted Governor Otu's strides in infrastructure development,

including the rehabilitation and construction of strategic roads, urban renewal initiatives, and investments in public utilities, which have improved connectivity, boosted economic activities, and enhanced the quality of life of residents.

In the health sector, Hon. Dr. Undiandeye commended the Governor's commitment to upgrading healthcare facilities, strengthening primary healthcare services, and expanding access to quality medical care, particularly for rural and vulnerable populations. He added that these



interventions have significantly improved health outcomes and reinforced confidence in the state's health system.

Beyond sectoral achievements, the Council Chairman emphasised that Governor Otu's administration has prioritised the overall welfare of Cross Riverians through people-oriented policies, social protection programmes, and inclusive governance that places the wellbeing of

citizens at the centre of decision-making.

"The conferment of this honorary doctorate is not only a personal honour to His Excellency but also a proud moment for the entire Cross River State," Hon. Dr. Undiandeye stated. "It affirms that leadership rooted in compassion, integrity, and service to humanity will always attract national and academic recognition."

On behalf of the government and

people of Obudu Local Government Area, he congratulated Governor Otu on the prestigious honour and prayed for renewed strength, wisdom, and divine guidance as he continues to steer the state on the path of sustainable development and shared prosperity, in line with his administration's 'People First' mantra and President Bola Tinubu's Renewed Hope Agenda.

C'River Education Commissioner Resolves TCTI–NASU Dispute, ..calls For Sustained Peace

By Patricia Ogbeche



The Cross River State Commissioner for Education, Senator Professor Stephen Odey, has mediated a peace meeting between the management of the Teachers Continuous Training Institute (TCTI) and officials of the Non-Academic Staff Union (NASU).

The meeting, held at the Ministry of Education Headquarters, Calabar, was convened to address and resolve all outstanding issues between the management of the Institute and its non-academic staff. The management and NASU delegation was led by the Director

General of TCTI, Professor Taoheed Adedaja, while key officials of the Ministry of Education were also in attendance.

Earlier, the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Education, Ntunkae Mrs. Offiong Ani Offiong, welcomed all stakeholders



and management staff, commending their willingness to engage in dialogue in the interest of peace and institutional progress.

While mediating

the discussions, Senator Odey ensured that all matters were thoroughly examined, stressing that every issue raised must be adequately addressed and fully

resolved. He emphasized that resolution should not be cosmetic, but driven by the right actions and the right outcomes.

The Commissioner charged all parties



to act responsibly and ensure that only lawful and proper procedures guide their actions going forward.

He further urged the Director-General and the management team

of TCTI to work closely with the union leadership, carry them along in decision-making processes, and promote absolute and sustained peace within the Institute.

According to him,

any action capable of undermining the prevailing peace would attract decisive intervention, with responsibility clearly placed on those involved.

Senator Odey also



noted that Governor Senator Dr. Bassey Edet Otu is a peace-oriented leader who remains committed to harmony and development across the state. He stressed that the Governor would not be pleased with conflicts arising from an institution that has significant developmental plans and a promising future.

The meeting ended on a positive note, with all parties reaffirming their commitment to dialogue, cooperation, and peaceful coexistence in the interest of institutional growth and staff welfare.

The meeting was attended by Dr. (Mrs.) Afiong Ugbaja, Special Adviser to the Governor on Education; Mrs. Offiong Ani Offiong,

Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Education; Professor Taoheed Adedoja, Director-General of TCTI; Chief Obeten Obeten, Director of Administration; as well as other key stakeholders, management staff of the Ministry of Education, management staff of TCTI, and officials of the Non-Academic Staff Union (NASU).

NIPR President Approves Reciprocal 20% Registration Discount for NPRW 2026 and WPRF



The President of the Nigerian Institute of Public Relations, Dr. Ike Neliaku, has approved a reciprocal 20% registration discount for participants of Nigeria Public Relations Week (NPRW) 2026 and the World Public Relations Forum.

A Press

Statement signed by Chief Yomi Badejo-Okusanya, fnipr, Chairman, National Planning Committee of the 3rd Nigeria Public Relations Week, Kaduna 2026, said the approval applies to both members and non-members of the Institute and forms part of NIPR's commitment to

expanding access, encouraging global exposure, and rewarding professional participation across its flagship events.

Under the approved arrangement, participants who first register for the World Public Relations Forum will automatically receive a 20%

discount when registering for Nigeria Public Relations Week 2026. Similarly, participants who first register for Nigeria Public Relations Week 2026 will automatically receive a 20% discount when registering for the World Public Relations Forum.

The discount is system enabled and will be applied automatically once the same email address is used for both registrations. No manual application or request is required.

Speaking on the approval, the President said, "This initiative reflects our commitment to

making professional development accessible while encouraging practitioners to engage both locally and globally. Nigeria Public Relations Week and the World Public Relations Forum are critical platforms for learning, networking, and shaping the future of the profession, and we want as many practitioners as possible, members and non-members alike, to benefit from these opportunities."

Participants are advised to ensure consistency in the email address used for both registrations in order to benefit from the approved discount.

The Nigerian Institute of Public Relations continues to advance professional excellence by creating value driven initiatives that strengthen learning, global engagement, and industry relevance.

Early bird registration for Nigeria Public Relations Week 2026 ends 28 February 2026.

Register here:
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Asset Recovery Adviser, Agbor, Celebrates Gov. Otu's Dual Honours

By Kingsley Agim



and The Sun Newspaper's 'Governor of the Year' Award, as national recognition of a leadership style rooted in good governance, institutional strength, and responsible stewardship of public resources.

Barr. Agbor said the simultaneous honours reflect an administration that has prioritised structure over spectacle and systems over shortcuts, particularly in the deliberate effort to restore value, order, and accountability to the management of state-owned

The Special Adviser to the Governor of Cross River State on Asset Management and Recovery, Barr. Gilbert Agbor, has

described the twin honours earned by Senator (Prince) Bassey Edet Otu, the conferment of a Doctorate (Honoris Causa) by Modibbo Adama University, Yola,

assets.

According to him, Governor Otu's approach to governance has redefined how public assets are viewed, not as expendable holdings, but as strategic instruments for development, service delivery, and intergenerational equity.

"These recognitions affirm that sustainable governance is built on strong institutions and careful stewardship," Agbor stated. "Under His Excellency's leadership, Cross River State has chosen to strengthen systems, enforce responsibility, and

ensure that public assets work for the people."

He noted that the administration's asset management and recovery drive has been guided by clarity of purpose, transparency of process, and a commitment to converting dormant or mismanaged assets into productive contributors to the state's economic and social development.

Barr. Agbor further observed that Governor Otu's dedication of the honours to Cross Riverians at home and in the diaspora reflects an understanding that governance is a collective enterprise and that public resources

must be managed in trust for the people.

"In dedicating these honours to the people, the governor reaffirmed that leadership is stewardship," he said.

"It is about safeguarding commonwealth today while securing opportunity for tomorrow."

The Special Adviser emphasized that the governor's insistence on strengthening institutions has created a governance environment where policies are implemented with continuity, accountability, and measurable outcomes.



"These honours are not endpoints but reinforcements," Barr. Agbor added.

"They reinforce the responsibility to deepen reforms, optimise public assets, and institutionalise

governance practices that will endure beyond individuals and administrations."

He concluded by congratulating Governor Otu on the double honours, expressing

confidence that the administration's legacy will be defined by systems strengthened, assets recovered, value restored, and public trust renewed.

C'River Boosts WASH Governance with Obubra Task Group Launch

By Nakanda Iyadim



The Cross River State Government through the Ministry of Water Resources, in a strategic partnership with the Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Agency (RUWATSSA), Self Help Africa (SHA), and the Society for Water and Sanitation (NEWSAN), has inaugurated the Obubra Local

Government Area Task Group on Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (LTG-WASH).

This initiative is designed to bolster governance and improve the delivery of essential services at the community level.

The inauguration took place during a comprehensive three-day institutional

strengthening exercise held at the Obubra Local Government Council Secretariat, weekend.

The event served as a platform for State officials, local leaders, and international development partners to align their efforts toward a common goal: ensuring that every



resident of Obubra has access to sustainable and safe water and sanitation facilities.

In his opening the ceremony, Dr. Okon Ita, Chairman of the State Task Group on Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (STG-

WASH), and Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Water Resources, emphasized that the move was a deliberate attempt at "system strengthening."

He pointed out that analyzing the LGA's current WASH status was

critical to identifying gaps, noting that no sustainable development can occur without the foundational oversight of a dedicated local task group.

Representing Dr. Ita, Engr. Eni Nkanu, a Director in the Ministry of



Water Resources, the PS called on the newly appointed members to serve with total commitment as WASH ambassadors in their domain.

He pledged the full support of the Ministry in making Obubra Open Defecation Free, vowing that the State would "leave no stone unturned" in its mission to upgrade the quality of public

health and hygiene infrastructure within the region.

In his welcome address, the Chairman of Obubra Local Government Area, Hon. Kingsley Arikpo, expressed deep appreciation for the State government's intervention.

Represented by Hon. James Ekoh, the Chairman described the inauguration as a "bold step" toward alleviating the challenges faced by

the people of Obubra, specifically highlighting the history of water-related health issues in the area.

A key highlight of the event was an in-depth overview of the WASH System for Health (WS4H) program. This four-year initiative, funded by the UK's Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO), is currently being implemented by Self Help Africa.

The programme is designed to build resilient systems that can withstand environmental and social challenges while remaining inclusive for all citizens.

Mr. Ferdinand Anok, the State Coordinator for Self Help Africa, who moderated the technical sessions, explained that the WS4H project operates in both Nigeria and Sierra Leone and that in Nigeria, the project focuses specifically on Kano and Cross River States, utilizing a deliberate "systems-first" approach to ensure that improvements in water and sanitation are permanent rather than temporary.

The inauguration marks a milestone in Cross River's broader strategy to institutionalize community-driven governance. By focusing on evidence-based planning, the state aims to meet universal access goals and significantly reduce the incidence of waterborne diseases like cholera, which has historically affected rural populations in the Obubra region.

As part of the three-day activities which commenced on January 27, 2026, the newly formed committee underwent a rigorous capacity assessment. This ensured that the members of the LTG-WASH and the Council's existing WASH department

are equipped with the technical knowledge and management skills required to oversee large-scale sanitation projects.

The newly inaugurated leadership of the Obubra LTG-WASH includes Mrs. Florence Asuk as Chairperson and Mr. Nyiam John as Co-chairperson. They are supported by a dedicated team comprising Otu Ekanem (Secretary), Mr. Oyom Ayang (Mobilization Officer), and Mr. Ovat Obo (Public Relations Officer), all of whom are tasked with driving the local hygiene agenda forward.

World NTD Day: C'River State Calls for Urgent Funding to Eradicate "Deadly but Preventable" Diseases

By Nakanda Iyadim



In a strategic move to combat Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) in the State, the Cross River State Government has called on the Federal Government and international development partners to scale up funding and clinical action.

Speaking during a commemorative road walk to mark World NTD Day, in Calabar, Friday, the State Director of NTDs, Pastor Veronica Mark Onen, described the occasion as "historic," noting that awareness is the first line of defense against diseases that currently plague 16 out of the state's 18 Local

Government Areas.

Mrs Onen highlighted the gravity of the public health challenge, identifying four specific diseases that remain endemic across Cross River to include Onchocerciasis (River Blindness), Lymphatic Filariasis



(Elephantiasis), Schistosomiasis (Bilharzia) and Soil-Transmitted Helminthiasis (Intestinal Worms).

"Those of us that go on fieldwork can attest to the fact that almost

all the LGAs in the State are endemic to one of these diseases or another," Onen stated.

"We are joining the global community to create awareness about these deadly

but preventable diseases," She reiterated.

The State Director emphasized that while the administration of Governor Prince Bassey Otu has remained



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The sensitization campaign aims to educate the populace on the availability of free treatments and preventive medicines



distributed throughout the State. By bridging the gap between healthcare providers and the rural communities most at risk, the Agency hopes to see a significant drop in infection rates in the coming year.

World Neglected Tropical Diseases Day is observed every year on 30 January. Neglected tropical diseases (NTDs) are a diverse group of conditions that still affect one billion people worldwide, primarily in vulnerable and underserved communities. Yet they are



preventable, treatable, and can be eliminated.

According World Health Organization (WHO), in 2024, around 1.4 billion people required interventions against neglected tropical diseases, a 36% decrease from 2010. As of early 2026, 58 countries have successfully eliminated at least one NTD—demonstrating significant progress toward the WHO's global target of 100 countries reaching elimination by 2030.



Governor Otu Prioritises Workers' Health with Monthly Aerobics and Medical Exercise

By: Kera Okem



event, the Head of Service, Orok Bassey Okon Esq. noted that the programme would be held every last Friday of the month, emphasizing that a healthy workforce remains critical to an effective and responsive civil and public service. In his opening address, he urged all civil servants to take full advantage of the opportunity provided by the state government, stressing that personal health should be a priority for every worker.

In line with the people's first administration's commitment to the welfare and productivity of the Civil/Public Service, the Governor of Cross River State, Prince Bassey

Edet Otu, has commenced a monthly aerobics and medical fitness programme for Civil/Public Servants through the Office of the Head of Service.

Speaking at the

The maiden edition of the exercise began



with comprehensive medical checks for participating staff, including blood pressure screening, blood sugar tests, hepatitis screening and other basic health assessments, before the aerobics session commenced. The initiative is designed to



promote healthy living, early detection of health conditions and improved work efficiency among public servants.

According to the Head of Service the initiative reflects Governor Otu's people centred



leadership and his resolve to build a vibrant, disciplined and healthy civil/public service capable of delivering quality service to the people of Cross River State.

Participants expressed appreciation for the programme, with several staff describing it as

one of the best initiatives introduced by the Head of Service. They commended the administration for prioritizing their wellbeing and creating an avenue for regular health monitoring alongside physical fitness.

The event recorded the presence of Permanent

Secretaries, Directors and other senior government officials, underscoring the collective commitment of the state's leadership to fostering a culture of wellness within the public service.



A Hearty *Congratulations* to the **People First** GOVERNOR

On behalf of the Management and Staff of the Cross River State Ministry of Information, I extend our warmest felicitations to our indefatigable Governor and the father of the New Cross River State, His Excellency, Senator Prince Bassey Edet Otu, on his remarkable "Triple Crown" of honors.

Your recent recognitions are not just accolades; they are a resounding validation of your visionary leadership trajectory

- * Sun Man of the Year 2025 (The Sun Newspapers)
- * Governor of the Year 2025 (Silverbird Group) and
- * Honorary Doctorate Degree (Modibbo Adama University, Yola)

These honors recognize your outstanding contributions and humanitarian services that have resonated far beyond the borders of Cross River State.

Your "People-First" Agenda has sparked an unprecedented transformation, evidenced by Infrastructural Revolution as attested to in Comprehensive road networks stretching across all three Senatorial Districts.

Worthy of note also is your unending Human Capital Development: Massive employment opportunities and a renewed focus on social welfare empowerments, Radical improvements in healthcare delivery and educational standards, among others.

Your commitment to sustainable growth has truly turned the "Season of Sweetness" into a reality for every Cross Riverian. Your awards serve as a beacon of excellence, proving that when leadership is centric to the people, the world takes notice.

Congratulations, Your Excellency!



Signed:

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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 20th 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



PRESS RELEASE

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.


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