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VISION STATEMENT

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

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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 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.

Otu Orders Withdrawal of Complaint, Discontinuation of Case Against Odama

By Kingsley Agim



Cross River State Governor, Senator Bassey Edet Otu, has directed the withdrawal of a complaint against Denis Odama, a young Cross Riverian who was reported to the Police by some of his aides over what the Governor described as a “derogatory and

insidious” statement against his person.

Governor Otu gave the directive in a statement published on his verified Facebook page, saying he had been fully briefed on the matter and, “as a father and leader,” had directed the aides involved to withdraw their complaint against Odama.

“I have also directed the Honourable Attorney General and Commissioner for Justice of the State to urgently review the matter and, in the exercise of his constitutional discretion, take the necessary steps to discontinue the case, so that Mr. Odama may be

released from the correctional centre without further delay and reunited with his family,” the Governor stated.

Otu said his decision was informed by his firm belief in the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, particularly Section 39, which guarantees every citizen the right to freely express themselves.

“I remain committed to upholding this right for all Cross Riverians, including those who criticise me,” he said.

The Governor, however, urged young people to exercise their constitutional

freedom responsibly, with due regard for the cultural values and moral standards of the people.

“I also encourage our young people, even as they exercise this constitutional freedom, to do so responsibly and with regard for the cultural values and moral standards we hold dear as a people,” Otu said.

He stressed that his mandate from the people included listening to their views and acting on positive suggestions, advice and constructive criticism.

“You voted me as your Governor to listen and to act on positive suggestions, advice, and constructive criticism, and I will

continue not only to listen, but to act accordingly,” he said.

The Governor’s intervention signals a conciliatory approach to the controversy surrounding Odama’s case and reinforces his stated commitment to freedom of expression and constructive engagement with citizens.

Otu also called for collective responsibility in protecting the state, declaring: “Cross River State is our collective responsibility to protect.”



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- Minimum of OND Nautical Science/Marine Engineering
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- Age between 20 to 27 years

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(Salary Scale: SSS4) (GL 08)

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QUALIFICATIONS:

- OND Nautical Science
- OOW (Unlimited) Certificate of Competency
- Mandatory Certificates
- Seafarers Medical Certificate
- Age between 22 to 35 years

POSITION: (8) SENIOR MARINE OFFICER/ENGINEER (Salary Scale: SSS2) (GL.10)

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Class 2 Certificate of Competency (Deck), Chief Mate Unlimited or 1st Mate Certificate
- Mandatory Certificates
- Seafarers Medical Certificate
- Age between 25 to 35 years

POSITION: (9) ASST. MANAGER HARBOURS (Salary Scale: SSS1) (GL.12)

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Class 1 Certificate of Competency (Deck) Unlimited
- Mandatory Certificates
- Seafarers Medical Certificate
- Age between 25 to 35 years
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Qualified and interested candidates should send their applications with comprehensive CV including email, contact address (not P. O. Box), mobile telephone numbers and qualification within six (6) weeks of this publication to:

www.nigerianports.org/careers, or submit their applications to General Manager Human Resources, Nigerian Ports Authority, 26/28 Marina, Lagos.

Only short-listed applicants would be invited to undergo written test, interview and medical examination.

NOTE THAT THERE IS NO FEE REQUIRED FOR ANY EMPLOYMENT PROCESS IN NIGERIAN PORTS AUTHORITY

We are aware of illegal websites purported to be of the Nigerian Ports Authority, soliciting for applications for employment.

Members of the public are advised to disregard any other website apart from the one given above.

Invest in Cross River, CRIRS Chair Urges Investors

By Achiane Adams



The Executive Chairman of the Cross River State Internal Revenue Service (CRIRS), Prince Edwin Okon, has showcased the state's vast investment opportunities, urging investors to explore its rich

economic potential for sustainable growth and returns.

Prince Okon made the call at the just-concluded Abuja Business & Investment Expo (ABIE) 3.0, held under the theme, "Building Nigeria's Capital:

Investment as a Catalyst for Economic Growth."

The Expo brought together investors, policymakers, global investment stakeholders and business leaders to explore opportunities



capable of driving economic development and shaping the future of Africa's largest economy.

At the forum, Prince Okon highlighted Cross River's comparative advantages in tourism, agriculture and mining, positioning the state as a strategic investment destination with considerable

opportunities across the sectors.

He noted that Cross River's rich tourism assets, vast agricultural resources and abundant mineral deposits provide a strong foundation for sustainable investment, job creation, revenue generation and broad-based economic growth.

The CRIRS Chairman therefore encouraged

investors to look beyond conventional investment destinations and take advantage of the opportunities available in Cross River State, describing the state as a promising frontier for investors seeking new and viable opportunities.









Government of Cross River State, Nigeria

17TH AUGUST, 2026.

NPA RECRUITMENT 2026: CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FROM CROSS RIVER INDIGENES

Eligible and qualified Cross River State indigenes are invited to take advantage of the ongoing 2026 recruitment exercise of the Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA) for various positions in marine operations, engineering, radio communication and port management.

Available positions include Pilot Trainee, Marine Engineering Trainee, Trainee Seaman, Signalmen-in-Training, Radio Officer II, Assistant Manager Radio, Marine Officer II, Senior Marine Officer/Engineer, and Assistant Manager Harbours, among others.

Interested applicants who meet the stipulated qualifications and professional requirements are encouraged to apply within the stated period.

IMPORTANT: Applicants are required to submit copies of their application printouts to the Desk Officer, Office of the Commissioner for Wealth Creation and Employment, Cross River State, for documentation and necessary follow-up.

Application is **FREE**.

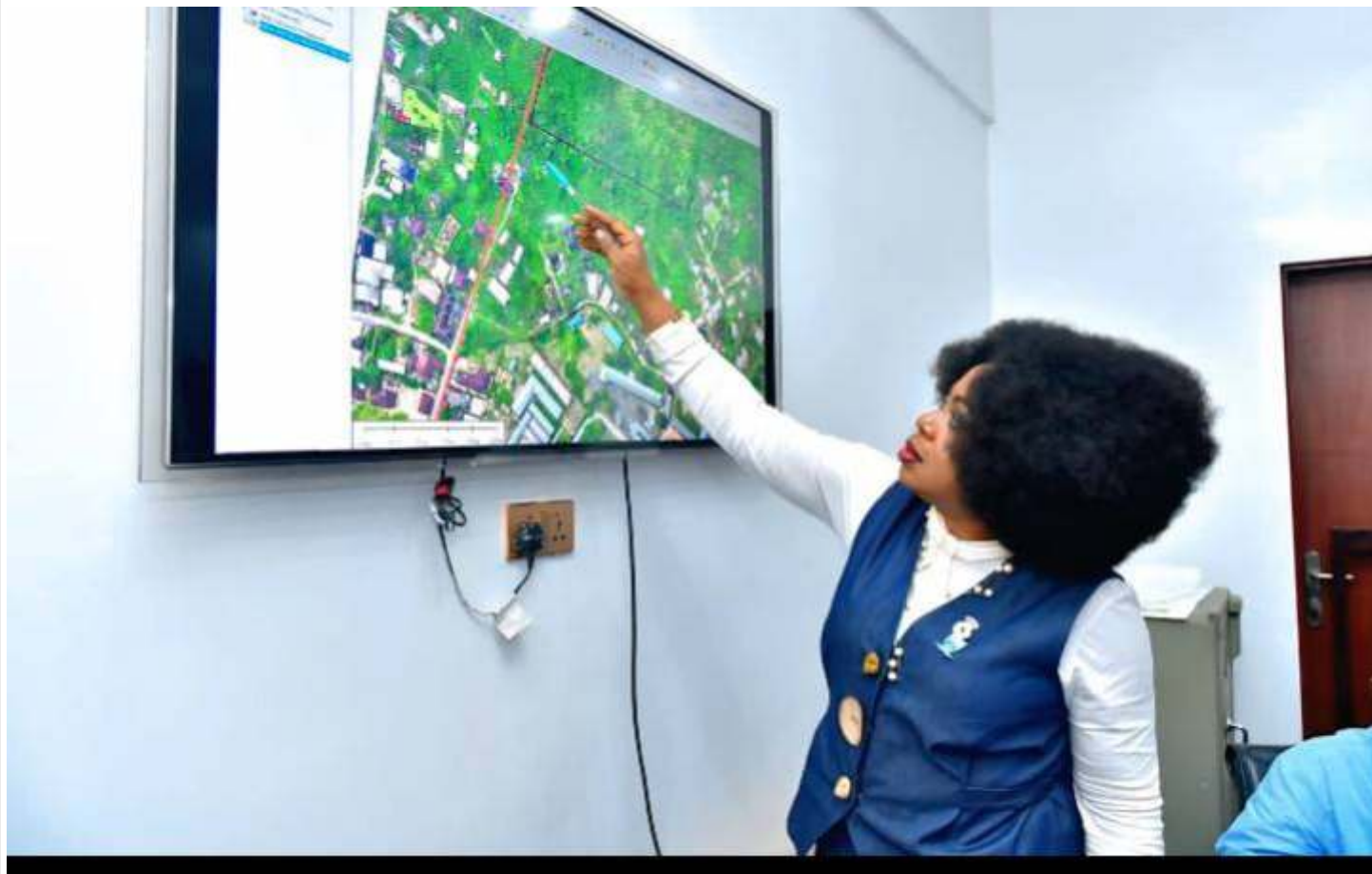
Eligible Cross River indigenes are encouraged to seize this opportunity and apply promptly.

Hon. Patrick Egbede
Commissioner,
Ministry of Wealth Creation and Employment.



Over 80% of UNICROSS Land Plundered, Varsity Seeks Urgent Govt Intervention

By Kingsley Agim



The University of Cross River State (UNICROSS) has raised the alarm over the extensive loss of its original landholding to encroachment, with the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Francisca Bassey, disclosing that over 80 per cent of

the University's land in the affected area had been taken over, as she called for urgent intervention by the Cross River State Government to protect the institution's remaining land and facilitate its expansion.

Prof. Bassey made the call while receiving the report and survey documentation on the University's land boundaries from the Surveyor-General of Cross River State, Surv. Patrick Edet Bassey, during a meeting at his office attended by



members of the University Management Team.

A major outcome of the engagement was the resolution of the boundary issue involving the University's Ogoja Campus, following a recent survey exercise conducted by the Surveyor-General and his technical team.

Presenting the outcome of the

exercise, the Surveyor-General confirmed that the Ogoja Campus land had been properly delineated and mapped, resulting in the preparation of a new survey plan which he formally presented to the University. He congratulated the Vice Chancellor and the University Management on the development.

The engagement also provided

clarification on the University's land position around its Calabar Campus, with the Surveyor-General drawing from historical records, survey information and an orthophoto presented during the meeting.

The survey findings and historical records showed that a significant portion of UNICROSS's original



landholding had been lost to encroachment over the years. Prof. Bassey disclosed that approximately 80 per cent of the University's land in the affected area had been taken over, noting that its original landholding extended considerably beyond the area currently occupied by the Calabar

South Secretariat.

The Vice Chancellor said the extensive encroachment had severely constrained the University's ability to undertake the physical expansion required to meet the needs of its growing academic, administrative and residential population.

She explained that

the situation had made the protection and efficient utilisation of the University's remaining land particularly urgent, especially through the development of high-rise structures that would maximise available space.

According to her, the rising cost of constructing high-rise buildings,



driven largely by inflation, had further complicated the University's expansion plans, while TETFund interventions, although critical to the institution's development, were subject to funding limits that might not adequately cover major high-rise projects at prevailing construction costs.

Prof. Bassey therefore sought greater intervention by the Cross River State Government and other relevant authorities to enable UNICROSS to maximise its limited land through strategic infrastructural development.

She stressed that the challenge was no longer simply

about securing land, but ensuring that the University had adequate space to accommodate its future growth as it expands its academic programmes, student population, staff strength and infrastructure.

The Vice Chancellor appealed to the

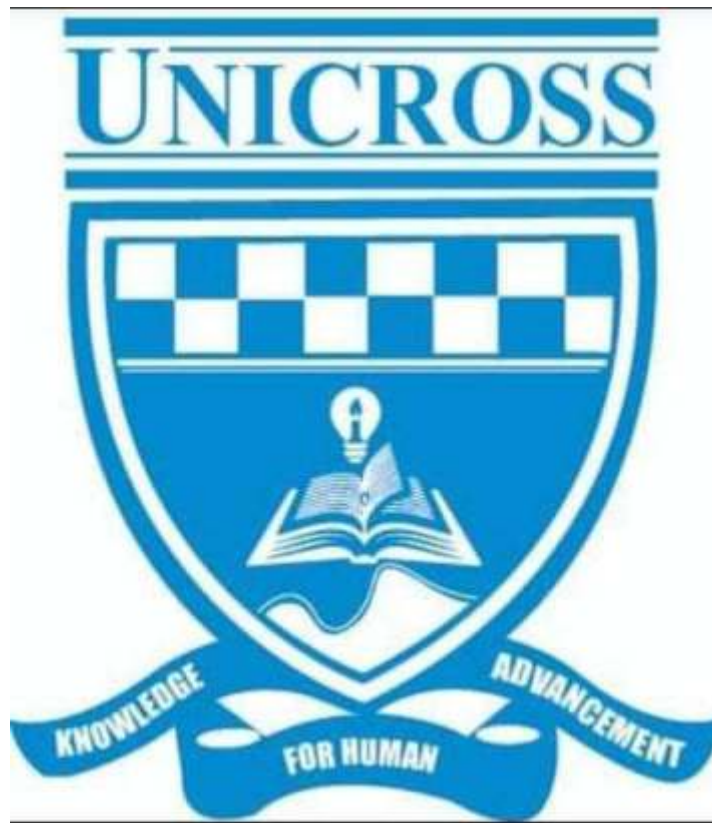


relevant authorities to urgently address the issue of encroachment, protect the remaining University land and explore appropriate measures, including the provision of alternative land, to support UNICROSS's expansion within the Calabar metropolis.

She noted that additional land was particularly important in view of challenges affecting some existing staff quarters, including flooding, while emphasising the need for modern academic facilities, administrative buildings, staff accommodation and other infrastructure to support the University's long-term development.

Prof. Bassey urged stakeholders to recognise University land as a critical institutional asset that must be protected for present and future generations, and called on those occupying portions of the institution's property to desist from further encroachment.

She expressed appreciation to the



Surveyor-General and his technical team for their professional efforts in resolving the Ogoja boundary matter and providing greater clarity on the University's land position in Calabar, describing the new survey documentation as an important basis for improved land administration, physical planning and infrastructural development.

The Vice Chancellor also acknowledged the support and interest of the Governor of Cross River State, Senator Bassey Edet Otu, in the development and repositioning of UNICROSS, noting that the prompt government intervention and response of the Surveyor-General demonstrated the administration's commitment to addressing issues

affecting the University.

She reaffirmed the commitment of the University Management to safeguarding its land assets and working with the Cross River State Government and other stakeholders to secure the land and infrastructure required to meet UNICROSS's growing academic, administrative and residential needs.



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Governor, Cross River State

With Esteemed Regards From His Excellency, Senator Prince Bassey Edet Otu, PNIRP

Take Advantage of NPA Recruitment, Egbede Tells Cross Riverians

By Mbessan Omang



The Cross River State Commissioner for Wealth Creation and Employment, Hon. Patrick Egbede, has urged indigenes of the state to take advantage of the Nigerian Ports Authority, NPA, 2026 recruitment exercise.

In a statement

issued in Calabar on Monday, Egbede said the recruitment presents a strategic opportunity for qualified Cross Riverians to secure employment and contribute to the growth of the nation's maritime sector.

The NPA, in its official circular,

extended a specific invitation to qualified indigenes of Cross River State to apply for various technical and operational roles.

The vacancies span key areas including marine operations, engineering, radio communications, and port

management.

Listed positions include Pilot Trainee, Marine Engineering Trainee, Trainee Seaman, Signalman-in-Training, Radio Officer II, Assistant Manager Radio, Marine Officer II, Senior Marine Officer/Engineer, and Assistant Manager Harbours. Egbede advised eligible candidates who meet the stipulated qualifications and professional requirements to submit their applications online via the official NPA careers portal: www.nigerianports.gov.ng/career within the stipulated application period.

To facilitate documentation and follow-up, the Ministry directed applicants to also submit a printed copy of their online application to the Desk Officer in the Office of the Commissioner for Wealth Creation and Employment, Cross River State.

The Commissioner emphasized that the application process is entirely free of charge and cautioned the public against patronizing fraudsters.

"We urge all qualified Cross River indigenes to take advantage of this opportunity by applying promptly," Egbede stated.

"This is a chance to contribute to the nation's



maritime sector and build a rewarding career."

He further noted that the Governor, Senator Prince Bassey Otu, remains committed to creating access to federal opportunities that will enhance the welfare and economic fortunes of Cross River people.



GOVERNMENT OF CROSS RIVER STATE, NIGERIA

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2026/2027/2028 APPROVED SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS



TERM	RESUMPTION	CLOSING	DURATION	HOLIDAYS
1 ST TERM 2026/2027	MONDAY 14 TH SEPTEMBER, 2026	FRIDAY 4 TH DECEMBER 2026	12 WEEKS 5 WEEKS (HOLIDAYS)	SATURDAY 5 TH DECEMBER, 2026 TO SUNDAY 10 TH JANUARY, 2027
2 ND TERM 2026/2027	MONDAY 11 TH JANUARY, 2027	THURSDAY 25 TH March, 2027	11 WEEKS 2 WEEKS (HOLIDAYS)	FRIDAY 26 TH March, 2027 TO SUNDAY 11 TH April, 2027
3 RD TERM 2026/2027	MONDAY 12 TH April, 2027	FRIDAY 9 TH July, 2027	13 WEEKS 8 WEEKS (HOLIDAYS)	SATURDAY 10 TH July, 2027 TO SUNDAY 5 TH SEPTEMBER, 2027
1 ST TERM 2027/2028	MONDAY 6 TH SEPTEMBER, 2027	FRIDAY 3 RD DECEMBER, 2027	13 WEEKS 5 WEEKS (HOLIDAYS)	SATURDAY 4 TH DECEMBER, 2027 TO SUNDAY 9 TH JANUARY, 2028

ALL NATIONAL PUBLIC HOLIDAYS WILL BE OBSERVED INCLUDING OTHER DATES THAT MAY BE ANNOUNCED BY THE CROSS RIVER STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

- Boarding Students are to report to their Schools on Sundays preceding each term's resumption date.
- All Public and Private Schools must adhere strictly to this School Calendar as failure to do so will attract serious sanction.

Inaku, Theresa Iyozo (Mrs.)

Director Schools

For: Commissioner for Education.

Third Legislative Year: Assembly Service Commission Chair Congratulates Speaker, Members

By Iloke Egbe



The Chairman of the Cross River State House of Assembly Service Commission, Ntufam Hon. Victor Okon, has congratulated the

Speaker and members of the 10th Assembly on the successful conclusion of their third legislative year.

He noted that their quality legislation

and robust oversight functions have distinguished the 10th Assembly as a uniquely impactful one in the state's history.

Ntufam Okon made this known in his office at the Commission's Complex in Calabar, during a meeting with commissioners and management staff.

He stated that the Commission has enjoyed relative peace and a strong working relationship with the leadership and members of the House.

The Chairman also extended his

appreciation to the Governor, His Excellency Senator Prince Bassey Edet Otu, for his fatherly role in the state, which he said had significantly facilitated the smooth conduct of House businesses.

He attributed the prevailing peace across the state to the Governor's people-oriented governance.

Speaking on the significance of the third anniversary and the recess currently being observed by the Honourable members, Okon explained that the recess is constitutionally mandated.

He encouraged members to use the period to

reconnect with their constituents, while those with oversight responsibilities should undertake results-based engagements with stakeholders involved in the implementation of government policies and programmes.

He further advised the members to find time to rest and interact with their constituents, noting that such engagement would provide valuable feedback.

He expressed great satisfaction with the Speaker's coordinating efforts and harmonious working relationship with the members.

In his contribution, the Commissioner

in charge of Administration, Sir Leonard Anyogo, expressed delight at the mutual respect between the Honourable members and the Commissioners of the Assembly Service Commission.

He also thanked the Governor for providing a conducive environment that enables them to work without friction.

All Commissioners of the House of Assembly Service Commission were in attendance at the meeting.

C'River Govt Backs Treasure Antigha's Guinness World Record Debate Marathon Attempt

By Nakanda Iyadim



In a significant endorsement of academic excellence, the Cross River State Government has pledged its full support for a bold Guinness World Record attempt by Miss Treasure Antigha, a 400-level Law undergraduate at

the University of Calabar, and her crew. The record bid is for the longest debate marathon. Commissioner for Information and Orientation, Pastor Ekpenyong Ene Cobham, gave the assurance on Wednesday when Miss Treasure Antigha led her

Treasure Global team on a courtesy visit to his office in Calabar. Cobham confirmed that the administration of Governor Bassey Otu is fully committed to supporting the student's ambitious "Marathon Debate"



project. The attempt, which seeks to break the existing record for the longest continuous debating session, is an exciting youth-driven initiative that deserves encouragement, he said. The State's image maker emphasised that Governor Otu views such intellectual ventures as vital to

the state's development. "Gov Otu will support any intellectual adventure embarked upon by any Cross Riverian, irrespective of their background," Cobham stated. "This administration is not just about infrastructure; it is about building a society that values critical thinking, resilience, and the pursuit of

excellence." He further assured that beyond the extensive media coverage his office would provide, the State Government would offer the necessary logistical and financial backing to ensure the attempt succeeds. "We have the human capital," he added. "Now, we are providing the platform." Earlier,



the team lead, Miss Treasure Antigha, congratulated the Commissioner on his recent redeployment to the Ministry and thanked him for the warm reception. She promised to use the platform to promote intellectuality among the youth, steering them away from the negative vices often associated with their

demographic. According to Treasure, "We are currently preparing for a 48-hour debate marathon which will take place in Calabar, Cross River State. The aim is not only to attempt a Guinness World Records achievement but also to create a platform where young people can come together, share ideas, debate important issues and develop their confidence in public

speaking and intellectual engagement." She explained that the competition is scheduled to hold at the University of Calabar Conference Centre, commencing on 15th October 2026. Hosting the event at the University will provide an appropriate academic environment for the intellectual nature of the project, while also



creating visibility for the initiative. "Through media coverage, student participation, content creation and public engagement, we aim to showcase the event, the University and Cross River State to a wider Nigerian and international audience before, during and after the 48-hour marathon," she added. Treasure detailed that the activity would

feature structured debate sessions supported by volunteers, timekeepers, medical and welfare teams, technical personnel, documentation teams and other members of the organising team. Students, young leaders, organisations, and members of the public will also be involved in various ways throughout the event. She stressed that her

vision extends beyond the record attempt: "After the marathon, I want the work to continue beyond the record attempt. The experience and platform created through the project will be used to encourage more young people to participate in intellectual activities, leadership and public speaking. It will also serve as a



foundation for the Treasure Antigha National Debate 2027 and other youth-focused initiatives." "For me, the most important thing is that the 48 hours should not just end as a record. I want it to leave something behind; confidence in young people, opportunities for them to use their voices, and a stronger culture of

intellectual engagement," she added. The Guinness World Record attempt is expected to put Cross River State on the global map for intellectual achievement. The record for the longest individual debate marathon involves speaking for extended periods on a single or rotating set of topics, with strict rules governing breaks and topic

changes. Treasure and her team aim to surpass the current record of 27 hours and 58 minutes, set on 23 October 2023 by the College Historical Society (The Hist) of Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland.

C'River Trains Staff on Professionalism, Discipline, as Otu Administration Reinforces Public Service Ethics

By Otu Ronnie Orlando



The Cross River State Ministry of Establishments, Training and Pensions has conducted a one-day in-house training programme for both newly employed and existing staff, aimed at strengthening professionalism, ethical conduct,

discipline, and strict adherence to public service rules and regulations. The training, held at the Ministry's headquarters, Calabar on Wednesday, was organized in line with the directive of the Head of Service, Barr. Orok Bassey Okon, calling on Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) to

undertake regular retraining programmes to enhance the capacity, efficiency, and effectiveness of public servants. The initiative also enjoyed the full support and approval of His Excellency, Senator Prince Bassey Edet Otu, Governor of Cross River State, whose administration continues to prioritize professionalism, discipline, and efficient service delivery across the State public service. Declaring the programme open on behalf of the Commissioner for Establishments, Training and

Pensions, Hon. Mrs. Lawrence E. Ita, the Permanent Secretary, Mr. Donatus E. Esu, charged staff to uphold civil service rules and remain committed to their responsibilities. He urged them to be punctual, proactive, and diligent in their duties; maintain a positive image of the Service; respect constituted authority; avoid unnecessary conflicts; and dress appropriately for the office. He advised staff to desist from wearing jeans trousers to the workplace, emphasizing the importance of a decent and professional appearance. The training featured both morning and afternoon sessions, with

resource persons drawn from various departments of the Ministry. During the morning session, the Director of Administration, Dr. Ignatius Undie, spoke on Workplace Professionalism, emphasizing the need for competence, punctuality, responsibility, teamwork, respect, and a positive attitude in the discharge of official duties. Mr. Achibong-Achibong presented a paper on Public Service Rules and Regulations, explaining the importance of understanding and complying with established procedures, lawful directives, and appropriate workplace conduct. The Director of Training, Mr. Patrick Ibu, presented on

Standards of Conduct for Public Officers, stressing integrity, honesty, impartiality, accountability, and dedication, while warning against corruption and abuse of office. The afternoon session featured presentations on Store Management, Occupational Health, Safety and Welfare, Ethics and Values in Public Service, and Discipline and Misconduct. The Internal Auditor, Mr. Festus Ofutet, spoke on store management, highlighting the need for proper documentation, accountability, and transparency, as well as effective coordination among Procurement, Stores, Accounts, and Audit Units to

curb errors, duplicate payments, fictitious supplies, and loss of public property. Dr. Ignatius Undie also addressed occupational health and welfare, underscoring the importance of a safe work environment, accident prevention, and staff well-being for improved productivity. On ethics and values, Mr. Achibong-Achibong cautioned against falsification of records, fraud, extortion, intimidation of junior officers, and lobbying for postings to so-called "juicy" MDAs, while reiterating the importance of professional dressing. Mr.

Patrick Ibu rounded off with a session on discipline and misconduct, outlining the consequences of violating established regulations and encouraging staff to align their conduct with service expectations. The programme was highly interactive, with staff asking questions, sharing experiences, and raising concerns. A major point of discussion centred on retirement benefits and access to housing-related funds. Staff called for stronger mechanisms to ensure that workers who contribute throughout their years of service can derive meaningful benefits upon retirement, and advocated for improved monitoring and accountability to

strengthen schemes designed to support civil servants post-service. Overall, the training provided a vital platform for knowledge-sharing, self-assessment, and professional re-orientation. It reinforced the core principle that effective governance begins with discipline, integrity, competence, accountability, and commitment to duty. The initiative marks another significant step by the Ministry toward building a more knowledgeable, ethical, and responsive workforce capable of delivering quality and efficient service to the people of Cross River State.

Cross River Tightens Rules for Mass Empowerment, Bars Politicians, Recent Beneficiaries

By Kingsley Agim



Joseph Aruku, who disclosed the guidelines, said the framework was anchored on Governor Bassey Edet Otu's People-First agenda and designed to promote fairness, transparency, accountability and community participation in the selection of beneficiaries.

The Cross River State Youth Empowerment Scheme (YES) has introduced stringent eligibility and verification guidelines for the forthcoming Mass Empowerment Programme, barring serving

political office holders, party officials and recent beneficiaries of government interventions in a bid to ensure that the initiative reaches genuine grassroots citizens.

Chairman of the Scheme, Dr. Kalita

Aruku explained that serving political appointees from the national to local government levels, their immediate family members, elected representatives from the national to ward levels

and their immediate family members would be ineligible to participate in the programme.

He said party officials at all levels, including national and state officers, chapter chairmen and secretaries, as well as their immediate family members, would also be excluded from the scheme.

According to him, individuals who have received government empowerment support within the past three years, together with their immediate family members, would equally be barred from participating.

Aruku added that beneficiaries of significant

government support, including contracts, grants or official scholarships, and their immediate family members, would also be ineligible for the forthcoming programme.

He said the restrictions were intended to prevent the concentration of government empowerment opportunities among individuals who already have access to public resources or have recently benefited from government interventions.

Instead, Aruku said priority would be given to individuals described as "Community Anchors"—citizens who demonstrate active participation

in community development and grassroots civic engagement.

He explained that prospective beneficiaries would be nominated through recognised community leaders and grassroots stakeholders who could attest to their character, community involvement and eligibility.

Aruku said all submitted names would subsequently undergo scrutiny by designated Ward Development Officers to ensure that nominees complied with the established eligibility requirements.

In a further measure to strengthen transparency and public accountability, he disclosed that the proposed list of beneficiaries would be published at least two weeks before distribution to allow members of the public to scrutinise the names.

According to him, members of the public would be permitted during the period to submit petitions or formal objections against any proposed beneficiary.

He stressed that where a complaint was found to be credible after verification, the affected individual would be

disqualified and replaced.

Aruku said the framework was developed to ensure that the empowerment programme serves citizens who genuinely require support and have demonstrated commitment to the development of their communities.

He reaffirmed Governor Otu's commitment to a People-First approach in which empowerment is deployed as an instrument for improving livelihoods, promoting inclusion and advancing genuine grassroots development.

The YES Chairman said the rigorous verification process would help protect

the integrity of the programme, minimise political capture and ensure that government support is directed to citizens who need it most.

He added that the framework would make the forthcoming Mass Empowerment Programme a more transparent and tightly scrutinised grassroots intervention, with citizens playing a direct role in verifying prospective beneficiaries and promoting accountability in the distribution of government support.

IYWF: Cross River Reaffirms Commitment to Empowering Women Farmers

Ekanem-Faith Usang



The Cross River State Government has reaffirmed its commitment to empowering women farmers and strengthening their contribution to food security, agricultural transformation and economic

development across the state.

The Commissioner for Agriculture and Irrigation Development, Hon. Johnson Andiambey Ebokpo Jnr., stated this during the commemoration of the United Nations International Year

of the Woman Farmer at Professor Eyo Ita House, Marian, Calabar, held under the theme, "Leveraging and Supporting Women as Champions for Agri-Food System Transformation."



Ebokpo said the celebration provided an opportunity to move beyond recognising the contributions of women farmers to pursuing sustained and transformative interventions capable of improving their livelihoods, productivity and participation in the

agricultural value chain.

He described women as critical drivers of Cross River's agricultural economy, noting their significant roles in food production, processing, marketing and household food security.

The Commissioner said the administration of Governor Bassey Edet Otu was committed to addressing key challenges confronting women farmers, particularly limited access to finance, agricultural land, modern technology, inputs



and markets.

He disclosed that the government would pursue measures to expand access to low-interest agricultural credit and micro-grants for women-led agribusiness cooperatives, while engaging traditional institutions to address cultural barriers affecting women's access to agricultural land.

According to him, plans were also underway to provide farm inputs, solar-powered processing equipment and digital extension services, while equipping women farmers with sustainable agricultural practices to enhance their resilience to changing weather patterns.

Ebokpo urged development partners, financial institutions and private-sector investors to increase their support for women-led agricultural enterprises, describing such investment as critical to unlocking the full potential of women in agriculture.



"You are not just farm workers; you are agribusiness owners, innovators and leaders. The State Government sees you, values you and stands firmly behind you," he said.

The Commissioner commended the IFAD-supported Livelihood Improvement Family Enterprise – Niger Delta (LIFE-ND) Project for its

interventions aimed at improving rural livelihoods, particularly through support for women and youth in agriculture.

He noted that the project had contributed to improved access to training, climate-resilient seeds, processing equipment and high-value agricultural value chains, including

cassava, rice, poultry and aquaculture.

In a goodwill message, the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Commerce, Mrs. Philomena Nyiam Nyire, who represented the Commissioner for Commerce, described the recognition of women farmers as long overdue and



called for greater appreciation of their contributions to families, communities and the wider economy.

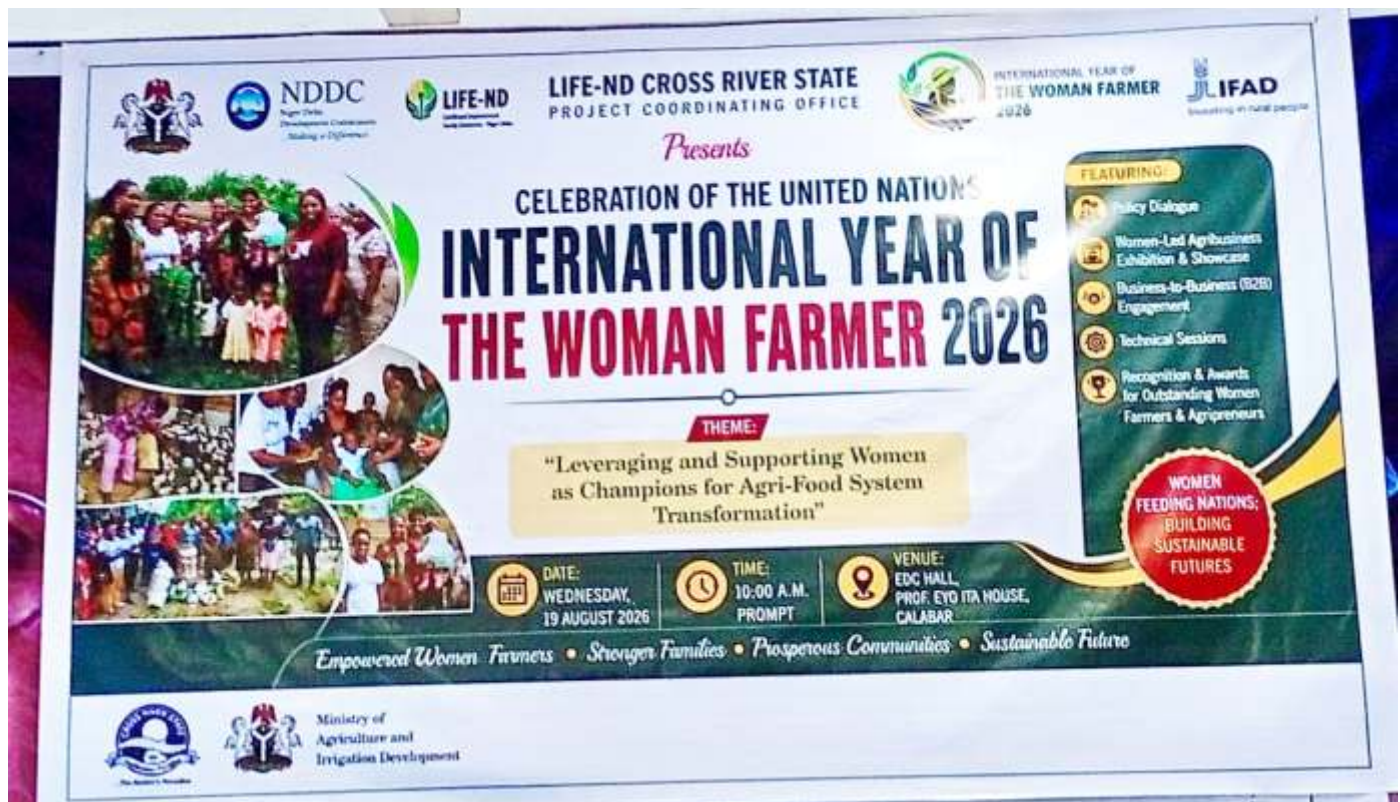
Similarly, the Director of Administration, Princess (Mrs.) Ekaete Oku, who represented the Commissioner for International Development

Coordination, called for the elimination of gender gaps in access to land, credit, education, technology and markets.

Representing the Commissioner for Women Affairs, the Nutrition Focal Person in the Ministry, Dr. Helen Ejure, advocated increased investment in

affordable financing, technology, market access and productive resources for women farmers, while stressing the need for greater participation of women in agricultural policy formulation and decision-making.

Representing the



Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC), Dr. Eme Inyang Abia said women constituted a significant proportion of the agricultural workforce and were involved in virtually every aspect of farming.

The Cross River State Project Coordinator of the FGN/NDDC/IFAD/LIFE-ND Project, Dr. Innocent Ogbin,

described women farmers as critical contributors to food production and food security, noting that their contributions often remained under-recognised.

Ogbin disclosed that the programme had so far enrolled 4,370 beneficiaries, comprising 2,237 women, including 402 women-headed households and 237 women living with disabilities.

He explained that the project's deliberate gender-inclusion strategy was designed to ensure that women benefit substantially from interventions aimed at reducing rural poverty, improving livelihoods and strengthening agricultural value chains.





Illegal Sand Mining Threatens Buildings, CUDA Sounds Alarm

By Miriam Esuabanga



The Calabar Urban Development Authority (CUDA) has sounded the alarm over the escalating environmental damage caused by illegal sand mining and indiscriminate excavation at the Mechanic Village area of Calabar, warning that the activities are

threatening residential buildings and could trigger a major disaster if urgent action is not taken.

The Executive Secretary of CUDA, Elder Ayi Etim Effiong, raised the concern when he led environmental health officers from the Authority on an inspection of the

affected area to assess the extent of degradation caused by illegal sand miners.

Elder Effiong, who was represented during the inspection by the Director of Environmental Health, Chief Gabriel Etim, expressed concern that what began



several years ago as seemingly harmless sand excavation had progressively developed into severe land degradation and gully erosion, leaving several buildings dangerously exposed.

He noted that the erosion had already damaged a section of the asphalted road network within the

Mechanic Village and was now dangerously approaching the highway at 8 Miles, while several houses had been left precariously close to the expanding ravine.

The Executive Secretary condemned the indiscriminate excavation of sand for commercial purposes, describing it as unacceptable and

contrary to environmental protection laws. He warned that the continued degradation of the environment could worsen erosion, compromise the structural integrity of buildings and expose residents to the danger of building collapse.

According to him, the activities of illegal sand miners were not only destroying the



natural environment but were also creating a serious threat to lives and property, requiring urgent and coordinated intervention.

He assured residents that CUDA, in collaboration with relevant government agencies and environmental

authorities, would mobilise appropriate measures to address the situation and prevent further damage.

During an interactive session with residents of the affected community, they disclosed that more than 20 buildings were now dangerously close

to the ravine created by continuous excavation and erosion.

The residents expressed fears that the affected structures could eventually collapse if urgent intervention was not undertaken to stabilise the area, halt further sand excavation and



CUDA

check the progression of the erosion.

They further revealed that several appeals had previously been made to the government and relevant authorities, particularly when the problem was still at an early stage, but said no substantial

intervention had been undertaken.

The residents therefore appealed to the Cross River State Government and CUDA to urgently stop further illegal sand mining, reclaim the degraded area and deploy measures to safeguard lives and property in the community.

The inspection team observed that immediate and coordinated action was required to halt further environmental degradation, protect the threatened buildings and road infrastructure, and avert a potentially devastating disaster in the area.



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Below is the list of presidential candidates and their running mates as displayed by INEC on **August 1, 2026**.

SN/	POLITICAL PARTY (OFFICIAL INEC NAME)	ACRONYM	PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE	VICE-PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE
1.	Action Alliance	AA	Adekunle Rufai Omoaje	Shehu Hussaini
2.	African Action Congress	AAC	Omoyele Sowore	Magashi Haruna Garba
3.	African Democratic Congress	ADC	Atiku Abubakar	Rotimi Amaechi
4.	Action Democratic Party	ADP	Abbas-Bin Aliyu	Ike Chinazam
5.	All Progressives Congress	APC	Bola Ahmed Tinubu	Kashim Shettima
6.	Allied Peoples Movement	APM	Seyi Makinde	Ibrahim Adamu Bala
7.	All Peoples Party	DP	Yusuf Kabiru	Ofordile Peace Egobia
8.	Boot Party	BP	Adenuga Sunday	Mustapha Usman Turaki
9.	Democratic League of Africa	DLA	Memeh Samuel	Balogun Alex
10.	Labour Party	LP	Okereke Sunday Chibuzor	Konto Hajja Bintu
11.	Nigeria Democratic Congress	NDC	Peter Obi	Rabiu Musa Kwankwaso
12.	National Democratic Party	NDP	Okwori Ada Elizabeth Frederick	Chikwuemeka Uchenna Anthony
13.	New Nigeria Peoples Party	NNPP	Dikwa Suleiman Mohammed	Abubakar Isah
14.	National Rescue Movement	NRM	Okereke Iken Esther	Samuel Magdalene Gali
15.	Peoples Democratic Party	PDP	Senator Sandy Onor	Umaru Babangida
16.	Peoples Redemption Party	PRP	Donald Duke	Buba Musa
17.	Social Democratic Party	SDP	Adebayo Adewole Ebenezer	Bugaje Usman Mohammed
18.	Young Progressives Party	YPP	Chukwu Anita Zugwai	Egbeola Olawale Mertins
19.	Zenith Labour Party	ZLP	Nwanyanwu Daniel Danerechukwu	Hassan Khalid



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It is not the final list of nominated candidates.



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INEC ANNOUNCES 2027 CAMPAIGN TIMETABLE

The Independent National Electoral Commission has released the approved campaign periods for Nigeria's 2027 General Elections, in accordance with the Electoral Act 2026.

KEY CAMPAIGN DATES



PRESIDENTIAL & NATIONAL ASSEMBLY



Campaign opens
19 August 2026



Campaign closes
15 January 2027



Election day
16 January 2027



GOVERNORSHIP & STATE ASSEMBLY



Campaign opens
9 September 2026



Campaign closes
5 February 2027



Election day
6 February 2027



WHAT THE ELECTORAL ACT REQUIRES

- Campaigns may begin no earlier than **150 days** before an election.
- Every campaign must end **24 hours** before polling begins.
- Parties, candidates and supporters must follow the approved dates.
- Breaches may attract sanctions under the law.



Political parties and stakeholders are urged to respect the timetable and support a **peaceful, transparent and credible electoral process.**





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As we step into this stratum of heavenly restoration, we pray the most high to imbued you with greater wisdom and grace to function in conformity with the image of His Son (Romans 8:29)

Thank you, your Excellency, may God continue to lead and reward you in Jesus Name.

Sen. (Prince) **Bassey Edet Otu**,
Governor, Cross River State

Pastor **Ekpenyong Ene Cobham**
Commissioner for Information
and Orientation





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August 12, 2026

All Heads of Ministries, Departments & Agencies (MDAs),
All Local Government Councils
All Educational Institutions

HEAD OF SERVICE CIRCULAR NO: 13/2026
OUTSTANDING CONCERNS FROM ONLINE PERSONNEL AUDIT/VERIFICATION EXERCISE

Following the conclusion of first phase of the Online Personnel Audit/Verification Exercise, it has been observed that some officers and pensioners were unable to complete the exercise due to technical and administrative challenges. Consequently, the Head of Service has constituted a Committee to consider and resolve the outstanding issues preventing affected officers and pensioners from completing the online verification exercise.

Affected officers and pensioners who have not been captured are advised to appear in person before the Committee at the designated venues according to the schedule below:

Date	Venue	Local Government Areas Covered
17/08/2026	Office of the Head of Service, New Secretariat Complex, Calabar	CMG, Calabar South, Bakassi, Akpabuyo, Odukpani and Akamkpa
18/08/2026	Yakurr Local Government Council, Hqtrs.	Biase, Yakurr, Abi and Obubra
19/08/2026	Ikom Local Government Council, Hqtrs.	Obubra, Ikom, Etung and Boki
20/08/2026	Ogoja Local Government Council, Hqtrs.	Boki, Ogoja, Yala and Bekwarra
21/08/2026	Obudu Local Government Council, Hqtrs.	Obudu, Obanliku and Boki

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Affected officers and pensioners are required to appear before the Committee with the original copies and photocopies of all relevant supporting documents, as applicable, as follows:

1	Name Mismatch	NIN printout, BVN printout, Marriage Certificate (where applicable), Newspaper Publication, Sworn Affidavit, Valid means of identification, Letter of Appointment
2	BVN-Related Issues	BVN printout, NIN printout, Valid means of identification, Letter of Appointment
3	Incorrect Bank Account Details	Six (6) months' salary/pension bank statement, BVN printout, NIN printout, Valid means of identification, Letter of Appointment
4	Other Cases	Affected officers and pensioners with other verification-related issues are required to present any relevant supporting documents necessary to establish and authenticate their correct records, including their Letter of Appointment.

All affected officers and pensioners are strongly advised to **appear in person** with the relevant original documents and photocopies. This will enable the Committee to examine their cases and resolve outstanding issues accordingly.

Officers and pensioners are therefore advised to take advantage of this opportunity to resolve their outstanding verification issues.

All Heads of Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs), Local Government Councils and other relevant authorities are requested to bring this circular to the attention of all affected officers and pensioners under their supervision.

All concerned are advised to treat this exercise with the utmost seriousness and urgency.

Orak Bassey Okon
Head of Service





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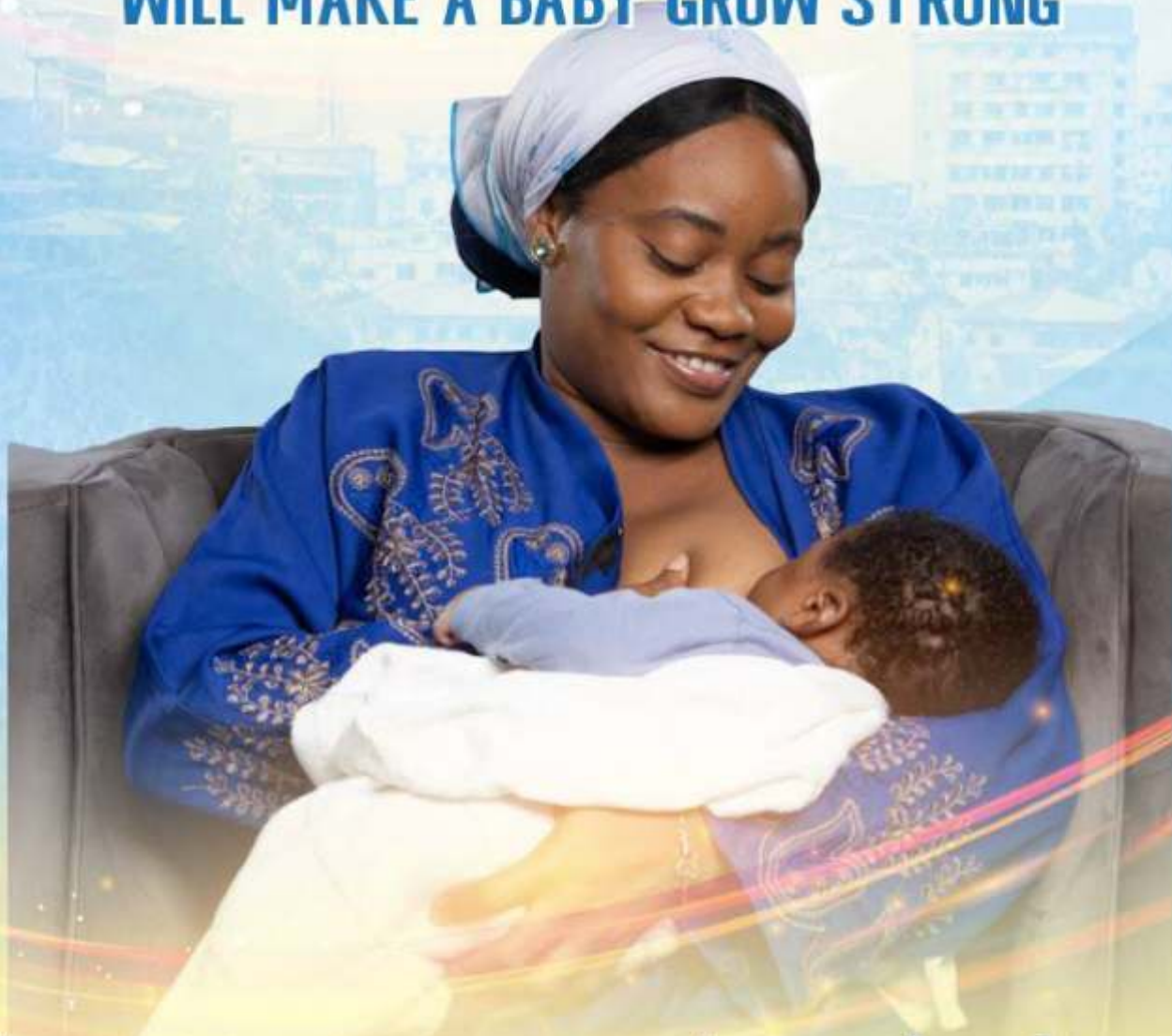


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**Help Mama wey
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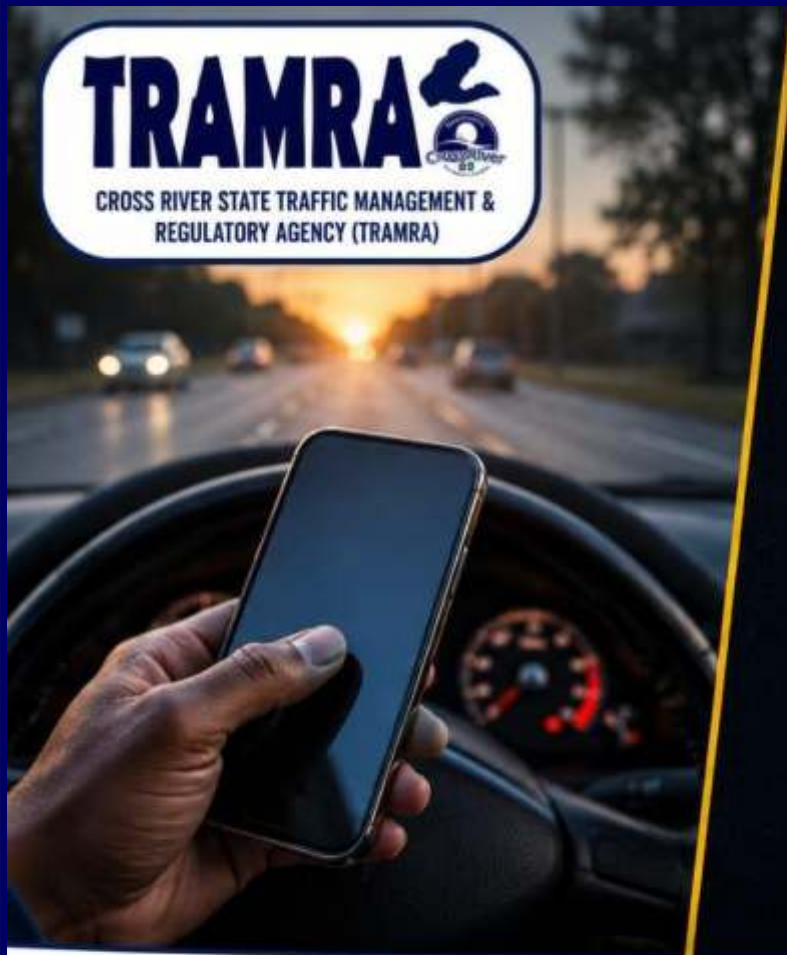


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23rd July 2026

PRESS RELEASE

EXTENSION OF THE SUSPENSION OF ALL SCRAP-RELATED ACTIVITIES IN CROSS RIVER STATE

Further to the Press Release dated the 23rd of February 2026, communicating His Excellency, Senator Prince Bassey Edet Otu's approval of the suspension of all scrap-related activities, the Cross River State Government hereby notifies the general public that the suspension has been extended for a further period of one (1) month expiring on the 23rd August 2026.

As stated in the previous Press Release, the suspension was necessitated by the increasing incidents of vandalism, theft and destruction of public infrastructure by scavengers, scrap dealers and their agents, and the significant security threat posed to the State. This extension is intended to enable Government conclude the ongoing review of the laws, policies and regulatory framework governing scrap-related activities in Cross River State. The objective is to strengthen the regulatory regime, identify and protect legitimate operators, and implement measures that effectively prevent the infiltration of criminal elements into the sector.

Government regrets any inconvenience caused to legitimate businesses and law-abiding operators. However, the protection of public infrastructure, the preservation of public order and security remain paramount. Members of the general public are accordingly informed that the suspension remains in full force and that any person or organization found engaging in scrap-related activities in contravention of this directive shall be dealt with strictly in accordance with the law.



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E-signed :

ASP EITOKPAH SUNDAY AKATA, anipr, misma
Police Public Relations Officer
Cross River State Police Command





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- ✓ Commercial drivers: Do not overload.
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03

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Maintain a longer following distance. It gives you more time to react and stop safely.



04

USE YOUR LIGHTS

Switch on your headlights even during the day to improve visibility and help others see you.



05

AVOID FLOODED ROADS

Do not drive through flood water. You may not know how deep it is. Turn back or find a safer route.



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NOV. 15TH	NOV. 22ND	NOVEMBER	DEC. 6TH
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DEC. 13TH	DEC. 26TH	DEC. 26TH	DEC. 27TH
PARADE OF THE BANDS	BIKERS CARNIVAL	STREET PARTY/ COLOUR RUNS	
DEC. 28TH	DEC. 29TH	DEC. 30TH	



THEME
Rethinking
OUR COLLECTIVE
Destiny

Kingsley Agim, anipr

SECTORIAL STRIDES is a special analytical column that chronicles and evaluates the achievements of the administration of Governor Bassey Edet Otu under the People First Agenda. Written by Kingsley Agim, the column takes readers beyond headlines and project commissioning ceremonies to examine the impact of government policies, programmes, and interventions across key sectors of the state's economy and public service.

Each edition will spotlight a specific sector, providing a fact-based assessment of milestones recorded by ministries, departments, and agencies, while highlighting how these achievements are

improving the lives of Cross Riverians and advancing the state's development objectives.

From infrastructure and healthcare to education, agriculture, tourism, economic development, and social welfare, etc, Sectorial Strides offers a comprehensive account of the administration's journey, achievements, and legacy, one sector at a time.

The inaugural edition focuses on the Infrastructure Cluster, examining the transformative investments in roads, power, water resources, transportation, aviation, and border community development that are helping to reshape Cross River State's socio-economic landscape.



COMPLETED RENOVATION AND FURNISHING OF THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE COMPLEX, CALABAR

INFORMATION SECTOR

Gov. Otu: Repositioning Cross River's Information Sector for Transparency, Digital Governance, Global Visibility



Kingsley Agim, anipr

Information is the lifeblood of governance. It shapes public perception, inspires confidence, preserves history and connects government with the governed. Recognising this reality, Governor Bassey

Edet Otu made the revitalisation of Cross River State's information ecosystem a strategic component of his People First Agenda, transforming what had long been regarded as a routine government communication apparatus



into a dynamic instrument for transparency, citizen engagement and institutional efficiency.

Three years into the administration, the information sector has emerged as one of the state's most improved sectors, recording remarkable progress in digital transformation, public communication, media relations, broadcasting, institutional strengthening and archival documentation. The reforms implemented between 2023 and 2026 have not only modernised government information management but have also significantly enhanced Cross River

State's visibility on the national and international stage.

Prior to 2023, many of the structures responsible for government information management had suffered years of neglect. Critical communication infrastructure was outdated, public engagement had diminished, digital platforms were inactive, and the Ministry of Information operated with severe manpower and technological limitations.

Governor Otu's administration responded with deliberate investments





aimed at rebuilding the Ministry into a modern public communication institution capable of meeting the demands of contemporary governance.

For the first time in well over a decade, the Ministry underwent comprehensive institutional revitalisation. Modern ICT equipment was procured, digital workflows introduced, and office operations significantly improved through technology-driven systems. Equally significant was the recruitment of 20 new personnel (information officers), ending a manpower deficit that had persisted for more than 13 years and injecting fresh capacity into government information management.

These reforms improved operational efficiency while

laying the foundation for a more responsive and professional information service.

Perhaps one of the administration's most visible achievements has been the deliberate repositioning of Cross River State within the national media landscape.

Under Governor Otu, the Commissioner for



Information maintained consistent appearances on leading national television networks including Channels Television, AIT, ARISE News, TVC, NTA and other major platforms. These engagements provided opportunities to explain government policies, address public concerns, counter misinformation and showcase development initiatives across multiple sectors.

According to official records, Cross River's national media visibility rose dramatically from approximately 28 percent in 2022 to about 78 percent by 2025, representing one of the most

significant improvements in government media presence in recent years.

Beyond publicity, the initiative strengthened transparency, improved policy communication and restored public confidence in government information.

One of the landmark achievements of the administration was the revival of the Ministry of Information's official website, www.moi.cr.gov.ng, which had remained inactive since 2015.

The restoration of the website was



accompanied by the establishment of official social media platforms on Facebook, Instagram and X (formerly Twitter), creating an integrated digital communication ecosystem capable of reaching citizens both within Nigeria and across the diaspora.

These platforms now provide timely updates on government activities, policy decisions, public announcements and developmental projects, ensuring that citizens receive information directly from official sources.

Government estimates indicate that the

digital platforms currently account for approximately 70 percent of the Ministry's publicity reach, with a target of increasing coverage to 95 percent by 2027 through full integration with the state's official digital platforms.

The daily publication and electronic distribution of government news bulletins to Ministries, Departments and Agencies have further strengthened real-time information dissemination and inter-agency communication.

One of the less publicised but highly significant reforms has been the



restoration of official government documentation.

For years, several statutory government publications had suffered irregular production, affecting record keeping and legal documentation.

The Otu administration reversed this trend through the commercial printing and publication of Government Gazettes, White Papers, Tender Journals and all enacted state laws, including the 2025 Appropriation Law.

These publications have strengthened

institutional memory, improved legal documentation, enhanced transparency and preserved important government decisions for future generations.

Similarly, the resumption and sustained production of official government bulletins since January 2023 has restored a vital information channel that had previously become inactive.

Another landmark achievement has been the revival of Giant Strides Magazine, the Ministry's flagship publication showcasing government projects, programmes and development



initiatives.

The magazine, which had not been published since July 2017, resumed publication in October 2023 and has remained consistent.

Within three years, seven editions have been completed, and more than 13,000 copies have been distributed across Nigeria.

Beyond public enlightenment, the publication now serves as an enduring documentary record of the Otu administration's developmental journey and a valuable archival resource for future generations.

Governor Otu's administration also demonstrated an appreciation for strategic storytelling as a tool for investment promotion and image building.

The production and nationwide broadcast of the documentary "Governor Otu @2" represented a significant milestone in government communication.

Aired on Channels Television, AIT, ARISE News, TVC, NTA and other national networks between May and June 2025, the documentary highlighted achievements across multiple sectors, projecting Cross River State to a nationwide audience and strengthening

investor confidence in the state's development agenda.

Combined with regular press briefings and sustained media engagements, these initiatives have ensured that government activities remain accessible, verifiable and visible.

While embracing digital communication, the administration equally recognised the importance of grassroots engagement.

Through sustained mass mobilisation campaigns, coordinated press releases, Information Officers deployed across Ministries, Departments and Agencies, and the Village Square Broadcast Programme, government information

reached communities that traditionally had limited access to digital media.

The Village Square initiative particularly strengthened communication with traditional institutions, promoted indigenous values and ensured that government policies were explained in culturally relevant ways.

This combination of digital innovation and community engagement has significantly expanded the reach of government communication across urban and rural communities alike.

CRBC's Digital Revolution

If the Ministry of Information experienced institutional renewal, the





Cross River Broadcasting Corporation underwent a complete technological transformation.

Over the last three years, CRBC evolved from a conventional broadcasting station into a modern multimedia organisation.

The Corporation introduced a fully paperless digital newsroom, enabling

real-time news production and significantly improving operational efficiency.

To guarantee uninterrupted broadcasting despite Nigeria's persistent power challenges, four television and radio studios were equipped with inverter systems, virtually eliminating on-air interruptions caused by electricity



outages.

Additional investments included the installation of a new 20/2-kilowatt radio transmitter, a 13KVA electrical substation, comprehensive remodelling of radio studios, reception areas, conference facilities and newsroom infrastructure, as well as the acquisition of a new operational vehicle.

These improvements have substantially enhanced staff productivity and broadcast quality.

Perhaps the most transformative

achievement at CRBC has been the expansion of its audience beyond traditional terrestrial broadcasting.

Television services were migrated to satellite and Free-to-Air platforms, while Radio Garden integration enabled global online radio streaming.

The launch of the Naija TV mobile application, migration to the GOtv platform and government-supported NIGOSAT carriage services further expanded access to Cross River programming.

Today, CRBC reaches audiences across more



than ten local government areas while simultaneously serving viewers and listeners across Nigeria and the international diaspora.

For the first time, Cross River's stories are being told simultaneously to local communities and global audiences.

Understanding the changing media landscape, has CRBC established a modern podcast studio through collaboration with diaspora media partners in the United States.

This initiative has opened new opportunities for digital content production while positioning the Corporation to compete within today's evolving multimedia environment.

Equally important was the expansion of indigenous language programming following the acquisition of National Broadcasting Commission thematic language licences.

Combined with tourism-focused programmes, these initiatives have strengthened cultural preservation while

promoting Cross River's rich heritage to wider audiences.

Strengthening Institutional Capacity

Beyond infrastructure and technology, the administration has invested heavily in institutional development.

Participation in national fora of Information Commissioners under the Progressive Governors' Forum has enhanced intergovernmental collaboration while improving policy coordination and professional networking.

The remarkable transformation recorded in the information sector has also attracted national recognition for the Honourable Commissioner for Information, Dr. Erasmus Ekpang, whose leadership has earned him several prestigious media and public communication awards from reputable professional bodies and organizations across the country. In further affirmation of Cross River State's growing influence in public communication, the Commissioner was unanimously elected Secretary of the Forum of Commissioners for Information in All Progressives Congress (APC)-governed states, a development widely regarded as a testament to the administration's innovative communication strategy, institutional reforms and outstanding

contributions to information management at both the state and national levels.

Coverage of major state ceremonies, including Democracy Day, Independence Day, Children's Day and anniversary celebrations of the People First Administration, has ensured that important moments in the state's history are professionally documented and preserved.

Meanwhile, the continued publication of over 173 editions of the Nigerian Chronicle and Weekend Chronicle has sustained the state's print media presence and enriched the historical archive of government activities.

Another significant milestone has been the near-completion of the comprehensive restoration of the Cross River State Newspaper Corporation complex, which was extensively vandalised and destroyed during the #EndSARS protests in 2020.

The rehabilitation of the corporation's facilities represents the administration's commitment to rebuilding critical public institutions and restoring the state's capacity for public information dissemination through its flagship newspapers.

In furtherance of this objective, the Otu administration has also procured modern digital printing equipment for the restoration of the Government Printing Press. When fully operational, the facility

will not only guarantee greater confidentiality in the printing of sensitive government documents, gazettes, white papers and other official publications, but will also position the state to generate additional revenue through commercial printing services for public and private organisations.

These complementary investments underscore Governor Otu's broader vision of rebuilding the entire government information value chain, from content creation and documentation to printing, publishing and distribution, while strengthening institutional self-reliance, improving operational efficiency and creating new economic opportunities within the information sector.

Ultimately, the achievements recorded in the information sector extend far beyond improved publicity.

They represent the deliberate construction of an open, digitally connected and citizen-focused governance system.

Through stronger communication channels, modern broadcasting infrastructure, revitalised institutional capacity, enhanced digital engagement, improved archival systems and broader media visibility, Governor Bassey Otu has repositioned information as a strategic instrument for development rather than merely a vehicle for publicity.

The reforms have strengthened transparency, increased citizen participation, expanded access to government information and restored confidence in public communication.

Three years after assuming office, Governor Bassey Edet Otu has transformed Cross River's information sector from a largely analogue, under-resourced system into a modern, technology-driven communication ecosystem.

From reviving dormant digital platforms and modernising government documentation to repositioning CRBC for global broadcasting and restoring Cross River's voice on the national media stage, the administration has demonstrated that effective governance depends as much on how government communicates as on what it delivers.

As the state advances toward deeper digital governance, broader citizen engagement and stronger institutional transparency, the reforms implemented between 2023 and 2026 have laid a durable foundation for an information sector that is not only more efficient and innovative but also better equipped to serve the people of Cross River State in the years ahead.







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- 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
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