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South-South Govs Move to Build Regional Economic Powerhouse



South-South governors have resolved to build a stronger regional economic bloc anchored on infrastructure connectivity, investment mobilisation, maritime development, industrialisation and coordinated engagement with the Federal Government, as they seek to translate the region's enormous

economic potential into tangible prosperity for its people.

The resolution formed the thrust of the communiqué issued at the end of the second meeting of the South-South Governors' Forum, held in Calabar, Cross River State, on Monday under the chairmanship of Bayelsa State Governor, Senator Douye Diri.

The governors

identified regional rail development, the rehabilitation and modernisation of the Calabar, Port Harcourt and Warri seaports, and the economic opportunities offered by the Lagos-Calabar Coastal Highway as strategic priorities. They also resolved to engage President Bola Ahmed Tinubu on critical South-South concerns,



particularly infrastructure and environmental development, while reaffirming their commitment to his re-election in 2027 with "100 per cent" support from the region. The Forum further resolved to institutionalise its activities through quarterly meetings, with

Uyo, Akwa Ibom State, scheduled to host the next meeting from November 6 to 8, 2026.

The communiqué also embraced a broader regional investment strategy, reflecting the presentation by the Director-General of the BRACED Commission,

Ambassador Joe Keshi, on efforts to advance regional infrastructure, particularly rail development.

PANDEF National Chairman, Ambassador Godknows Boladei Igali, had advocated a regional investment fund capable of



mobilising capital for projects that transcend individual state boundaries, while also urging the governors to place young people at the centre of the region's economic transformation. The emerging agenda, therefore, seeks to move the South-South from isolated state-level initiatives towards an integrated

economic space driven by shared infrastructure, investment and value chains.

Hosting the meeting, Cross River State Governor and Vice Chairman of the Forum, Senator Bassey Edet Otu, said the region's ability to secure meaningful development depended on the extent to which its

states could speak and act collectively. "We must come together as a people; we must cooperate, and we must ensure that our voice is heard and respected," Otu declared. He stressed that "the South-South has everything it takes" to become one of Nigeria's most formidable economic blocs,



provided the states could overcome fragmentation and harness their resources within a common regional framework.

Otu called for a unified regional position on fiscal equity, particularly Value Added Tax, oil and gas revenues and the 13 per cent derivation benchmark. He

also sought the Forum's support for Cross River's campaign to regain its oil-producing status, describing the issue as part of the state's broader quest for greater economic opportunity. On infrastructure, he proposed a regional corridor linking the Bakassi Deep Seaport in Calabar with the East-West Road and

the ports of Bayelsa and Delta, while advocating greater integration of the region's agricultural economies. "We must begin to look beyond the exploitation of raw resources," he said in substance, urging the region to embrace value addition, industrial processing and job creation, particularly



through cassava production, processing and ethanol development.

Diri, in his opening remarks, insisted that the Forum must distinguish itself through implementation rather than rhetoric. "We cannot afford to remain a region of meetings and communiqués," he said, stressing that

"the meeting must produce movement" and that the decisions reached must translate into "measurable progress."

He argued that the South-South, despite its enormous contribution to Nigeria's economy, could no longer afford fragmented approaches to challenges that were inherently

regional. "We must move beyond resolutions to implementation," he said, emphasising coordinated action on infrastructure, transportation, security, environmental remediation and economic integration.

The Bayelsa governor placed particular emphasis on



connectivity as the foundation for regional economic transformation. He called for accelerated development of road, rail, air and maritime infrastructure, including the East-West Road, the Lagos-Calabar Coastal Highway and regional rail networks. Diri said the South-South must deliberately

position itself as "Nigeria's gas-industrial hub, West Africa's maritime gateway and the country's leading blue-economy zone." He also drew attention to the region's environmental burden, arguing that a region that serves as a major economic engine of Nigeria should not simultaneously bear the disproportionate consequences of

ecological degradation. "We cannot continue to produce the wealth while communities remain surrounded by environmental devastation," was the thrust of his argument as he called for expanded remediation across the Niger Delta.

The governors consequently



linked economic development with security and environmental sustainability, recognising that investment cannot flourish where communities, waterways and critical infrastructure remain vulnerable. The Forum advocated stronger intelligence-sharing and

coordinated security operations to protect communities, oil and gas assets and economic corridors across the six states. The governors also stressed the importance of environmental restoration, reflecting what Diri described as the need to confront the "contradiction" of a region that sustains Nigeria's

economy while suffering severe ecological and developmental consequences.

The Forum also resolved to throw its weight behind President Tinubu's re-election in 2027 and to seek direct engagement with him on the region's development priorities.

[9/7, 6:11 PM] Mr Linus Obogo(CPS):



L-R: His Excellency, Denis Idahosa, Deputy Governor of Edo State; Her Excellency, Prof. (Mrs) Ngozi Nma Odu, Deputy Governor of Rivers State; Host Governor, His Excellency, Senator Bassey Edet Otu of Cross River State; Chairman, South South Governors' Forum, His Excellency, Senator Douye Diri of

Bayelsa State; His Excellency, Apostle Umo Eno of Akwa Ibom State; Delta State Deputy Governor, His Excellency, Sir Monday Onyeme, at the South-South Governors' Forum Meeting in Calabar on Monday.







2027: Otu's Re-election Gains Grassroots Momentum as Nji Takes 'Season of Sweetness' to Abia



Governor Bassey Edet Otu's 2027 re-election bid received a fresh grassroots boost in Abia Community, Etung Local Government Area, on 3rd September, as Dr. Nji Patrick Nji took the

administration's "Season of Sweetness" to the people through sports, empowerment, cultural celebration and community engagement.

The usually quiet St. Francis Primary

School playground was transformed into a lively gathering of youths, women, traditional and community leaders, political associates, government appointees and



residents, with the activities providing a platform to celebrate the community while reinforcing support for Governor Otu's return for another four-year term.

The gathering, organised by Nji, a Director in the State Road Maintenance Agency and an

appointee of Governor Otu, featured the finale of the "The Prince Is Coming Again" Unity Football Tournament, alongside a series of interventions designed to give practical expression to the Governor's People First philosophy at the grassroots.

Before the football final commenced, the Political Leader of Abia Ward and a Director in the Ikom Urban Development Authority, Hon. Bishop Christian Achor Agbor, led Nji and his delegation on a traditional new-yam visit to the Chiefs and women of Abia



Community. The visit provided an opportunity to honour the community's traditional institutions and women while strengthening the relationship between its political leadership and the people.

In the spirit of the new-yam

celebration, Nji also supported the Chiefs and women of Abia with ₦400,000 to enable them mark the festival. The gesture, coupled with the traditional entertainment provided for the community, including the slaughtering of a cow and a ram, added a strong

cultural dimension to the gathering and further underscored the emphasis on community inclusion.

The football tournament, organised around age grades, brought young people together in healthy competition while



promoting unity and peaceful coexistence. Its theme, "The Prince Is Coming Again," also carried a political message of continuity and grassroots support for Governor Otu as the 2027 elections draw closer.

In the keenly contested final,

Ekan Njinor defeated Ekan Offah 4-2 on penalties to emerge champions, while Ekan Attu Atem finished third. The winning team received ₦300,000, the runners-up ₦150,000, while the third-placed team received ₦100,000. The prizes provided additional encouragement for

the youths who participated in the tournament.

The "Season of Sweetness" took another practical form when Nji gave ₦15,000 each to 30 petty traders in the community. The intervention, amounting to ₦450,000, offered the beneficiaries modest but



meaningful capital to support their businesses and livelihoods, reinforcing the message that grassroots political engagement should be accompanied by tangible concern for the welfare of ordinary citizens.

For the traders and their families, the

support went beyond the political symbolism of the occasion. It offered immediate assistance to people whose small businesses provide daily sustenance, while demonstrating how Nji was translating the People First philosophy of the Otu administration into direct

community-level intervention.

The gesture extended to the recognition of community loyalty when Nji presented a motorcycle to Mr. Ekuri Ejie Ogar, popularly known as Parando, a political stalwart recognised for his consistency and



commitment to the affairs of Abia Community despite years of political turbulence. Nji described the motorcycle as his modest way of appreciating Ogar's dedication while giving him better mobility for his community engagements.

Performing the

ceremonial kick-off of the football final, the Special Adviser to the Governor on Asset Management and Recovery, Barr. Gilbert Agbor, commended Nji for taking Governor Otu's People First mantra to the grassroots.

He said initiatives that empower citizens, promote

unity and give people a sense of belonging complement the administration's broader development agenda and can deepen grassroots support for the Governor's re-election.

Elder statesman and special guest at the event,



Ntufam Gabe Odu Oji, also applauded Nji for remembering his people and bringing the community together. He said genuine leadership was demonstrated by remaining connected to the people and contributing meaningfully to their welfare, unity

and happiness.

The event attracted a strong representation of Etung political and community leadership, friends, associates and government appointees, including Bishop Christian Achor Agbor; Barr. Gilbert Agbor; Ntufam Gabe Odu Oji;

Senior Special Assistant to the Governor on Media Research, Ms. Modlin Odu; Supervisor for Finance, Etung, Mr. John Ogar; Supervisor for Agriculture, Mr. Collins Asu Bassey; Supervisor for Transport, Mr. Bright Ntui; Special Assistant on Sports, Mr. Egbe



Manyo; and Dr. Kajogbola Gbenga, Chief Medical Director, ASI UKPO Comprehensive Cancer Center, Calabar, E-NET, E-WIP, Amazon Ladies, among others.

For Abia Community, the significance of September 3 lay in the convergence of politics, culture and practical community support. From the new-yam visit to the Chiefs and women, to the ₦400,000 festival support, the ₦450,000

distributed among petty traders, the football prizes, the motorcycle presented to a community loyalist and the provision of food and entertainment, the day offered a tangible expression of the "Season of Sweetness" at the grassroots.

As the gathering wound down at St. Francis Primary School, the message behind "The Prince Is Coming Again" had become more than a football slogan. In Abia Community, it had become a grassroots

expression of support for Governor Otu's 2027 re-election, with Nji and community leaders demonstrating how political mobilisation can be intertwined with culture, youth engagement, empowerment and practical gestures of care for the people.

C'River Inaugurates Environmental Task Force To Restore Sanity Across The State

By Sylvia Okoi



In a renewed bid to improve environmental cleanliness and safeguard public health, the Cross River State Government has inaugurated a Special Environmental Task Force to enforce environmental laws and ensure

compliance across the State. Speaking during the inauguration in his office on Monday, the Commissioner for Environment, Barr. Bassey Offiong Mensah, charged members of the task force to demonstrate dedication, integrity and selfless service in the discharge of

their duties. The Commissioner said the team was carefully constituted with individuals of proven integrity and diverse professional backgrounds, noting that the enormous responsibilities of the Ministry of Environment could



not be handled by Government alone. He urged the members to see their appointment as a privilege and a call to service, stressing that they must prove themselves through conduct and commitment. In the same vein, the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry, Mrs.

Rosemary Onah, congratulated the newly inaugurated members and warned them against unethical practices. In his acceptance speech, the Chairman of the Special Environmental Task Force, Commander Maurice Eyo Asuquo, Rtd., thanked the Commissioner for

the confidence reposed in him and other members of the team. He assured that they would justify the trust placed in them. He pledged the Task Force's commitment to maintaining high standards of service and working tirelessly to restore environmental order and



cleanliness across the State. According to the terms of reference, the Task Force is mandated to tackle environmental nuisances across the state. These include indiscriminate waste disposal in drains and along roads, illegal structures obstructing vehicular and pedestrian



movement, street trading, and other environmental violations. A major highlight of the ceremony was the administration of the oath of office on members of the

Task Force by Barr. Daniel Ekpo. The event was attended by directors and heads of departments of the Ministry.







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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.



TRANSPARENCY



ACCOUNTABILITY



DEMOCRACY



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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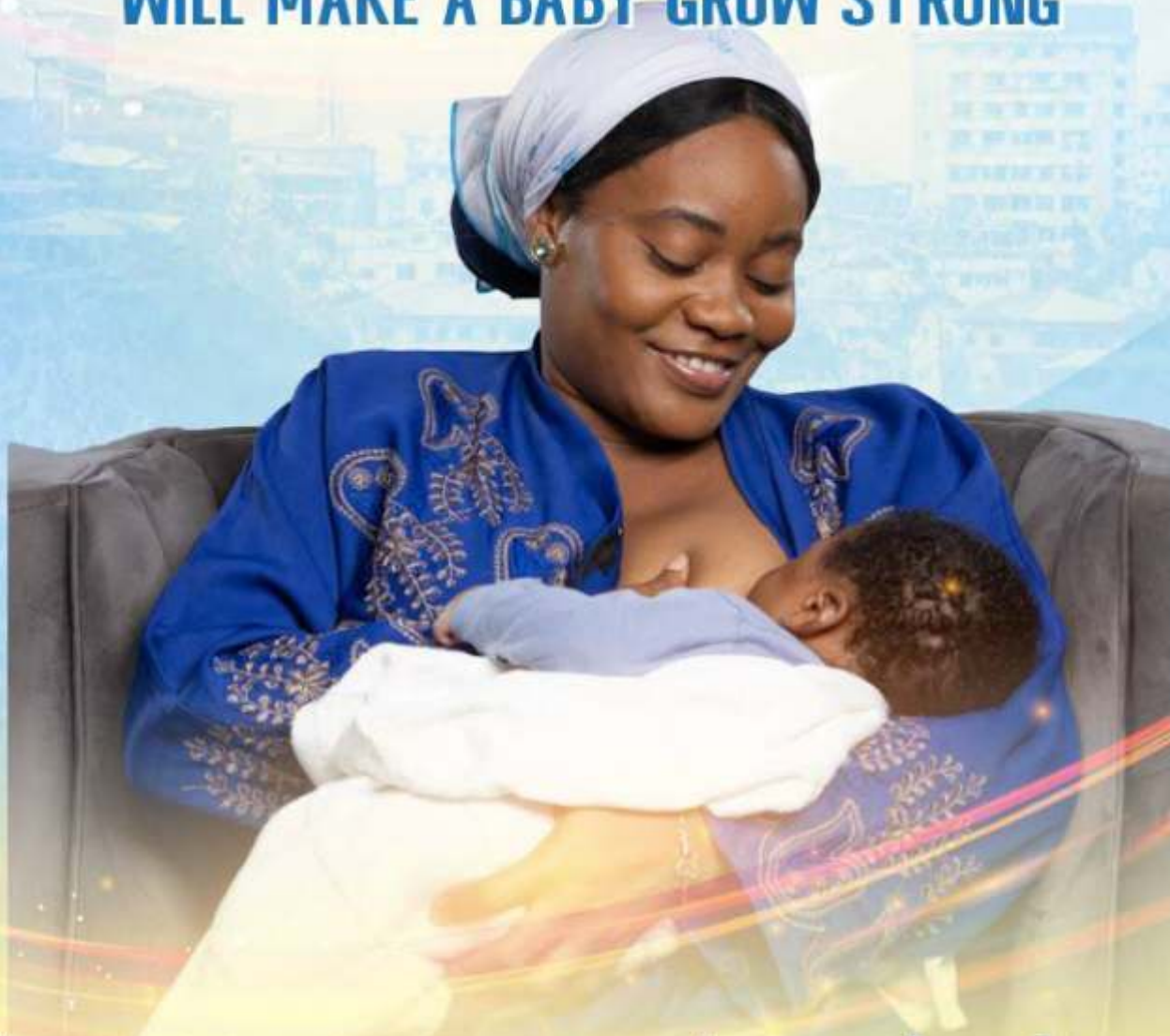


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FIRST HOUR BREASTFEEDING IS A MUST!



**As soon as your baby is born, put them to the breast immediately.
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and contains the water and nourishment they need.**

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A woman with a warm smile, wearing a red headwrap and a vibrant red, black, and yellow patterned dress, stands next to a blue bucket. She holds a long, red stick decorated with yellow and white floral patterns, which is partially submerged in the bucket. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

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Support Dey
Make Mama And
Pikin Strong**

**Help Mama wey
just born pikin
do house work,
make she fit rest
come give pikin
breast well-well.**



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Health & Social Welfare
Federal Republic of Nigeria



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SIX MONTHS OF BREASTFEEDING IS POSSIBLE, Even With Work!



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even if the mother is going to work.**

EVERY GREAT STORY NEEDS A STRONG BEGINNING

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YOUR SIDE**

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NEEDS A STRONG
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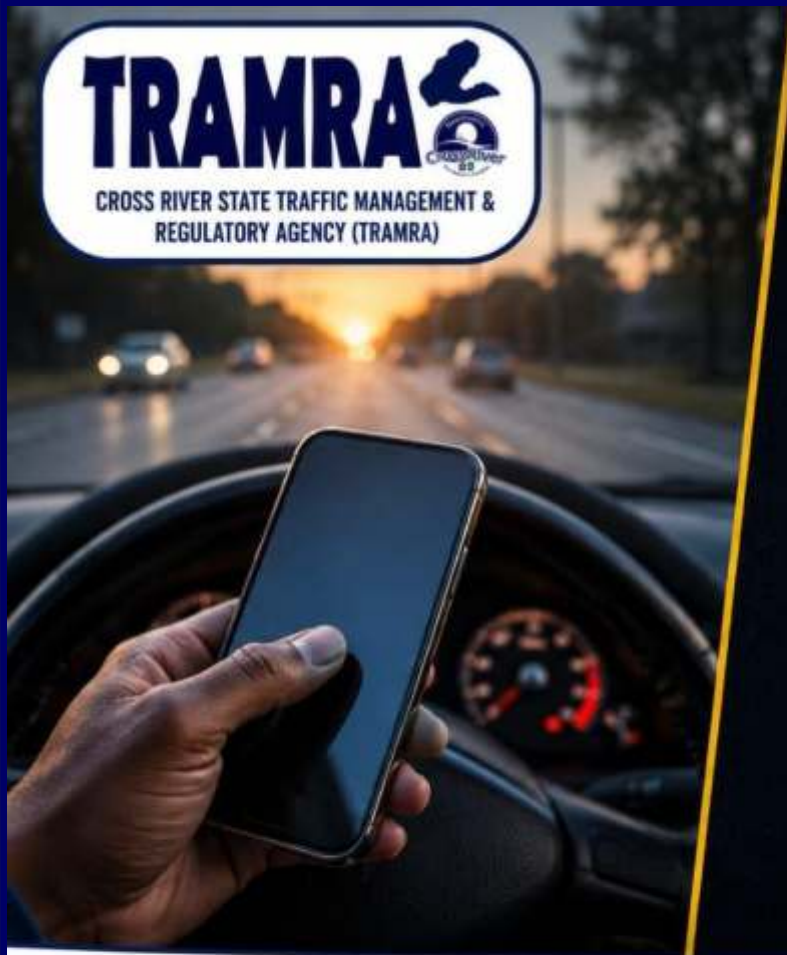


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ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

DURING THE FLOOD



**DO NOT WALK OR
DRIVE IN FLOODED
PLACES.**



**LIFT IMPORTANT
THINGS TO A
HIGH LEVEL.**



**FOLLOW
EVACUATION
ORDERS.**



**EVACUATE IF
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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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Stay focused.
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Protect yourself
and your
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USE INDICATORS

Signal before
you turn or
change lanes.



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Drive
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ASP EITOKPAH SUNDAY AKATA, anipr, misma
Police Public Relations Officer
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- ✓ Pedestrians: Use walkways and cross at safe points.
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- ✓ Commercial drivers: Do not overload.
- ✓ Take breaks and stay rested.

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01

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Ensure your wipers, headlights, brake lights, tyres, brakes and windscreen are in good condition.



02

REDUCE SPEED

Wet roads reduce tyre grip. Drive within the speed limit and adjust to road and weather conditions.



03

KEEP A SAFE DISTANCE

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.



06

STAY FOCUSED

Avoid distractions. Do not use your phone while driving. Keep your eyes on the road at all times.



07

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SAVE LIVES



RESPECT
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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



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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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