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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.

Sight and Scene:

TINUBU INAUGURATES APC 2027 PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN COUNCIL

The Banquet Hall of the State House in Abuja came alive on Wednesday, October 14, 2026, as President Bola Ahmed Tinubu formally inaugurated the All Progressives Congress (APC) 2027 Presidential Campaign Council (PCC).

The high-profile event drew heavyweights from across the political spectrum, signaling an early and aggressive mobilization for the upcoming presidential polls.













Gov. Otu Backs Upgrade of FCE Obudu to Federal University of Education

By Ukongikwen Adie

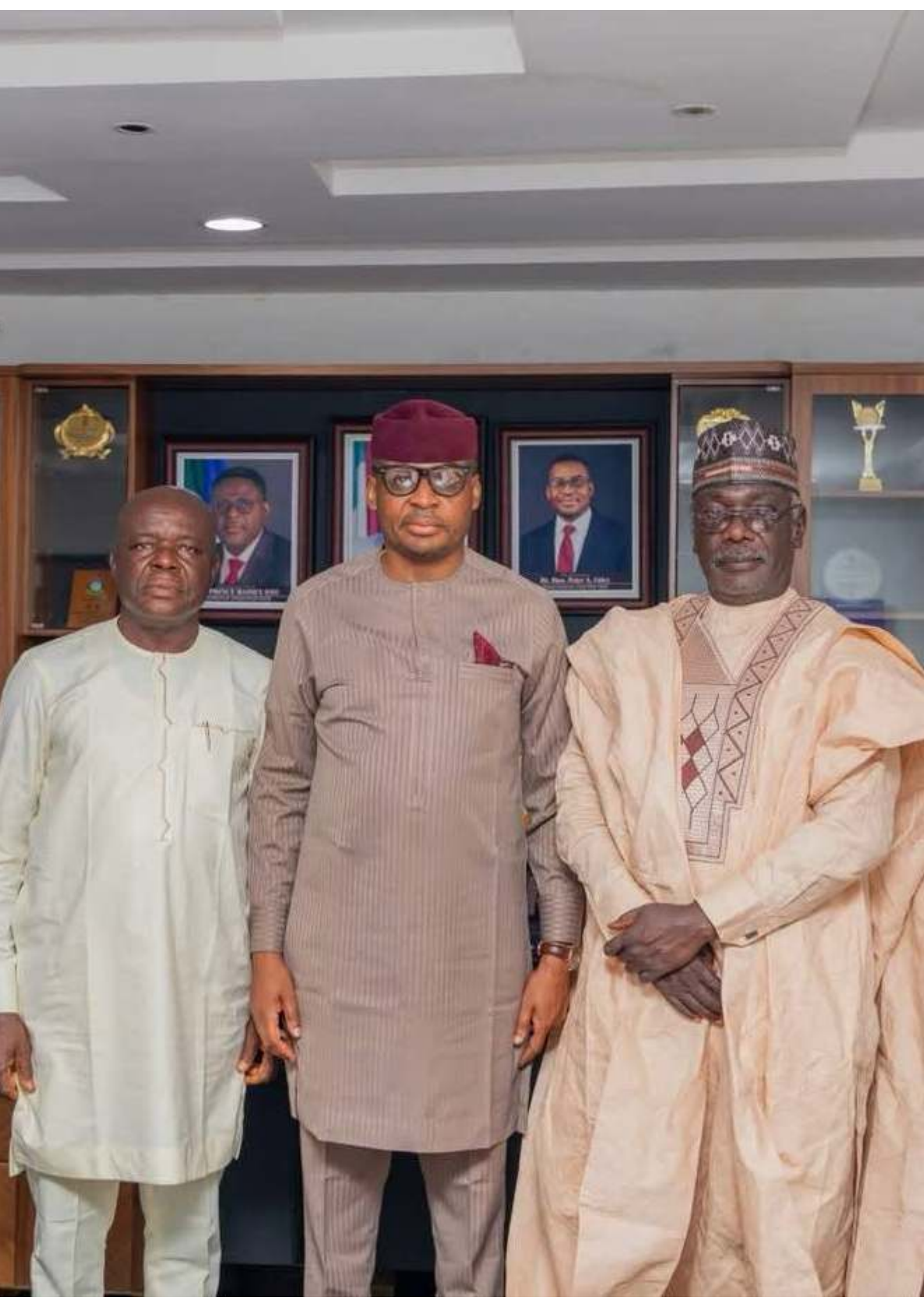


Cross River State Governor, Senator Prince Bassey Otu, has pledged to support efforts to upgrade the Federal College of Education (FCE), Obudu, to a Federal University of Education,

assuring that his administration would work with the state's representatives in the National Assembly to advance the proposal.

Governor Otu, represented by his deputy, Rt. Hon.

Dr. Peter Odey, gave the assurance on Wednesday when the Chairman of the 8th Governing Council of the College, Hon. Abdullahi Ahmed, led a delegation on a courtesy visit to the State Government at





the Government House, Calabar.

The governor welcomed the visit, describing it as an opportunity to renew cooperation between the College and the state government. He noted that such

engagement had not taken place in many years and commended the institution for its longstanding contributions to teacher education in Cross River State and Nigeria.

"We are delighted to receive the Governing Council

of the Federal College of Education, Obudu. This visit provides an opportunity to renew our relationship and strengthen collaboration between the College and the Cross River State Government," Otu



said.

The governor noted that the College had been running bachelor's degree programmes in affiliation with the University of Calabar since 2011, demonstrating its experience in

degree-level teacher training and readiness for further academic advancement. He also highlighted the absence of a university of education in the South-South geopolitical zone, noting that other geopolitical zones already had such

institutions.

"The College has come of age and has demonstrated the capacity to take on greater responsibilities in teacher education. Its upgrade to a university of education would be a welcome

development, particularly as the South-South geopolitical zone does not have such an institution,” the governor stated.

While acknowledging that the conversion or renaming of a federal institution fell within the purview of the Federal Government, Otu assured the delegation that his administration would work with the state’s representatives in the National Assembly to advance the proposal. He also pledged to advocate for the institution to be named after the late former Senate President, Joseph Wayas, as either Joseph

Wayas College of Education or Joseph Wayas University of Education, depending on the outcome of the proposed upgrade.

Earlier, Ahmed appealed to the state government to assist the College with solar power installations to address unreliable electricity supply and reduce the high cost of diesel used to power its facilities.

“Reliable electricity is essential to the effective running of the College. Support for solar power installations would help us address the challenges of irregular electricity supply and the high cost of diesel,” the Council Chairman said.

He also requested government support for the provision of buses to improve transportation between the College’s campuses in Obudu and Obanliku Local Government Areas, explaining that improved mobility would facilitate the movement of staff and students and enhance coordination between the two locations.

Ahmed expressed confidence that the proposed conversion would become a reality with the support and advocacy of the state government. He said the College was counting on Otu’s commitment and the



cooperation of the state's representatives in the National Assembly to help realise the ambition of establishing a Federal University of Education in Obudu.

The Council Chairman also conveyed the

goodwill of the Governing Council, management, staff and students to Governor Otu, wishing him success in his forthcoming re-election bid.

Ahmed was accompanied on the visit by the Provost of the College, Dr.

Richard Ugbaha Utubaku; the Registrar, Dr. Evans Osakwe Ikenya; Navy Captain Charles I. Ogwa (Rtd.); Dr. Mohammed Maru; and other members of the Governing Council.



8th October, 2026

**GOVERNOR OTU'S 67TH BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY:
CALL FOR PLACEMENT OF CONGRATULATORY MESSAGES**

The Ministry of Information and Orientation, Cross River State, Publishers of the **DailyNews Bulletin**, one of the official print mouthpiece of the Cross River State Government, has concluded arrangements to publish a Special October 2026 Edition of the Bulletin marking the **67th Birthday Anniversary** of His Excellency, Apostle, Senator Prince Bassey Edet Otu, PNIPR. The edition is due for circulation on 19th October, 2026.

Accordingly, the Deputy Governor, National Assembly Members, the Speaker and Members of the Cross River State House of Assembly, Chairmen of Local Government Councils, Honourable Commissioners, the Secretary to the State Government, the Chief of Staff to the Governor, the Head of Service, Chairmen of Boards, Commissions and Agencies, Directors-General, Senior Special Assistants, Special Assistants, Heads of Federal Institutions, Heads of Public and Private Organisations, corporate bodies, individuals and other well-wishers are cordially invited to place congratulatory and goodwill messages to His Excellency, the Governor, on this auspicious occasion.

Our modest rate is **N70,000.00 (Seventy Thousand Naira)** only per page in the **Cross River State DailyNews Bulletin**, to run from Saturday, 17th to Monday, 19th October, 2026.

Payment should be made into the Ministry of Information account, **Keystone Bank Limited, Account No: 1006798265**, and evidence of payment alongside congratulatory messages submitted to the **Production Editor, 08033642032** on or before 6:00pm on Friday, 16th October, 2026.

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Thank you for your cooperation, and please accept the assurances of my esteemed regards.

Pastor Ekpenyong Ene Cobham

Honourable Commissioner for Information and Orientation



C'River, UNICEF Review Social Protection Policy, Target Stronger Implementation

By Iloke Egbe



The Cross River State Government and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) have strengthened efforts to improve social protection delivery with a two-day stakeholders' sensitisation workshop aimed at addressing implementation challenges and ensuring that vulnerable

residents benefit from government interventions.

The workshop, held on October 8 and 9, 2026, at Dannic Hotel, Ekorinim, Calabar, brought together representatives of government institutions, development partners, academia and civil society organisations to review progress on the State Social

Protection Policy, identify gaps and develop strategies for more effective implementation.

Declaring the workshop open, the Commissioner for International Donor Coordination, Elder Dr. Hippolatus Ogar Lukpata, commended Governor Bassey Edet Otu for providing the institutional



support and enabling environment required to advance the state's development priorities. He said the workshop reflected a collective commitment to promoting social

inclusion, reducing poverty and vulnerability, and improving the well-being of Cross Riverians.

Lukpata described social protection as a strategic investment in human capital and

sustainable development rather than merely a welfare intervention. He explained that an effective system would help protect children, women, persons with disabilities, older persons and



individuals affected by economic and social shocks.

“Through effective social protection measures, we can build resilient communities and create opportunities for all citizens to live with dignity and hope,” he said.

The commissioner noted that the workshop offered stakeholders an opportunity to deepen their understanding of the policy, its objectives, implementation

strategies and expected outcomes. He pledged his ministry’s continued commitment to strengthening partnerships, mobilising development partners’ support and promoting coordinated interventions to translate the policy into meaningful benefits for the people.

The Commissioner for Women Affairs, Hon. Dr. Edema Irom, also commended Governor Otu for supporting strong

institutions and providing the necessary backing to bring government interventions closer to vulnerable populations. She praised the Ministry of International Donor Coordination and UNICEF for their expertise and commitment to advancing the policy’s implementation.

The State Statistician-General, Mrs. Akedoh Okoi Edet, stressed the importance of credible data in identifying vulnerable populations, determining their needs and designing appropriate interventions. She disclosed that the



Bureau of Statistics had conducted disability surveys with the state government's support to help identify gaps and improve planning for persons with disabilities.

"The Bureau is the custodian of state data, and we do not accept data we did not participate in generating," Edet said, calling for stronger collaboration between the Bureau, government

agencies and development partners to eliminate duplication and ensure that social protection programmes are guided by reliable data.

The workshop featured technical presentations, goodwill messages from development partners, plenary discussions and an assessment of progress made in implementing the policy. Stakeholders also reviewed implementation

challenges and the proposed 2027 work plan, with a view to identifying priority actions and strengthening coordination among relevant institutions.

Discussions centred on the Cross River State Social Protection Policy framework, prioritising social protection in the Renewed Hope era to ensure that no Cross Riverian is left behind, and progress in expanding the Unified Social Register in the state. Participants also examined challenges affecting implementation at the grassroots and explored options for securing sustainable financing for social protection programmes.

NDDC Media Team Seeks C'River Collaboration, Spotlights State's Tech Drive

By Orok Orok



The media team of the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC), led by Joy Okon, has sought collaboration with the Cross River State Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation as part of efforts to spotlight the State's technological advancements and digital transformation initiatives.

The visit, which took place at the Ministry's headquarters in Calabar, provided an opportunity to showcase Cross

River's technology-driven development efforts to the people of the State and the wider Niger Delta region, while exploring areas of partnership to strengthen digital governance, promote transparency and enhance public access to government information.

Receiving the team, the Commissioner for Science, Technology and Innovation, Associate Professor Justin Beshel, highlighted his commitment to improving access to government information through digital platforms, including an accessible State

Government website and official email facilities for government officials.

He explained that the initiatives were designed to strengthen information dissemination, promote transparency, enhance communication within government and improve public engagement in line with the vision and development agenda of the State Government.

Beshel expressed appreciation to the Governor of Cross River State, Sen. Prince Bassey Edet Otu, for finding him worthy of appointment as Commissioner, describing the opportunity to serve as a privilege and a platform to

contribute to the State's technological advancement.

On his relationship with the Governor, the Commissioner described Sen. Otu as a supportive leader who promotes inclusiveness, teamwork and collective responsibility, irrespective of constituency or background.

According to him, the Governor's leadership approach encourages collaboration among public officials and stakeholders in pursuing the administration's development objectives.

Beshel also described



Governor Otu as a leader who recognises the importance of young people and remains concerned about the growth, development and future of Cross River State.

The Commissioner further expressed his goodwill towards the Governor, voicing hope that after completing his constitutionally permitted eight-

year tenure, Sen. Otu would have opportunities to serve in greater capacities at the federal level and on the international stage.

The visit underscored the importance of technology in modern governance, particularly in improving access to public information, strengthening institutional communication

and promoting transparency.

It also offered an opportunity to draw attention to Cross River State's ongoing efforts to harness digital solutions in support of effective governance and sustainable development across the State and the Niger Delta region.



GOVERNMENT OF CROSS RIVER STATE OF NIGERIA
TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT AND REGULATORY AGENCY (TRAMRA)
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
CALABAR



PRESS RELEASE

***ALL ABANDONED VEHICLES ON PUBLIC ROADS, STREETS AND HIGHWAYS
WITHIN CALABAR METROPOLIS TO BE REMOVED IMMEDIATELY***

The Cross River State Traffic Management and Regulatory Agency (CR-TRAMRA) hereby issues a public notice to all vehicle owners, companies, and the general public.

It has been observed with serious concern that numerous **abandoned vehicles, wrecks, and derelict automobiles** are parked and left on public roads, streets, highways, and major roadways within Calabar Metropolis, causing obstruction to traffic, defacing the environment, constituting a security risk, and posing a danger to road users and pedestrians.

The Agency hereby directs **ALL OWNERS OF SUCH VEHICLES** to remove them from all public roads, streets, highways, and road reserves within Calabar Metropolis **on or before Friday, October 16, 2026.**

Failure to comply with this directive will result in the Agency moving in to **remove, impound, and auction out such vehicles in line with Part 1 Section 4 C and D of Cross River State Traffic Management and Regulatory Agency Law No 2, 2015.**

No abandoned vehicle will be exempted from this operation.

The Agency appeals to all residents, vehicle owners, and business owners to cooperate with this exercise in the interest of safety, free flow of traffic, a clean and beautiful Calabar especially as we approached the carnival season.

Ojie, Gabriel Osang
Tramra Public Relations Officer [T.P.R.O]
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UNICAL SUG Seeks Environment Ministry's Support for Hostel Sanitation

By Sylvia Okoi



The Student Union Government (SUG) of the University of Calabar, has solicited the support of the Cross River State Ministry of Environment for its proposed

Operation Clean Up UNICAL Hostel, scheduled for November.

The SUG President, Comrade Ebong Vordina, who led a delegation on a courtesy visit to the Commissioner

for Environment, Barr. Bassey Mensah in his office in Calabar, said the initiative was aimed at improving sanitation in the university hostels and providing students with a clean, conducive



and habitable environment.

Vordina appealed to the Ministry to support the exercise with manpower and facilities to ensure its successful implementation.

Responding, the Commissioner said the Ministry was already carrying out environmental intervention works, including the desilting of

drainages, but noted that shortage of equipment remained a challenge.

He assured the students of the Ministry's readiness to collaborate with the university, adding that he would engage the Vice-Chancellor on the necessary arrangements, while the Ministry would provide manpower for the exercise.

Barr. Mensah also expressed concern over trading activities at the university's main entrance, describing the practice as inappropriate for an institution of learning. He stressed the need to maintain a clean and orderly environment around the university entrance.



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C'River Moves to Tackle Traffic Congestion, as Stakeholders Advocate Central Park in Calabar

By Sylvia Okoi



The Cross River State Ministry of Environment has initiated moves to tackle traffic congestion in Calabar metropolis, following a stakeholders' engagement meeting where participants advocated the establishment of a Central Motor Park.

The meeting, convened by the Commissioner for Environment, Barr. Bassey Offiong Mensah, brought together transport operators, security agencies and other critical stakeholders to deliberate on indiscriminate parking, illegal parks and other challenges affecting free flow

of traffic in the state capital.

Stakeholders at the meeting proposed the creation of a central motor park as a strategic intervention to decongest the city centre, curb illegal and unauthorised parks, check indiscriminate parking along



major roads and reclaim green areas that have been converted to parks.

In his remarks, Barr. Mensah decried the growing abuse of the transport system, lamenting that the orderliness

and aesthetic appeal for which Calabar was renowned had been eroded by unregulated commercial transport activities.

He noted that the proliferation of commercial buses without corresponding

regulation and enforcement had worsened congestion, and called for collective action by government, security agencies, transport unions and operators to restore discipline on the roads.

The

Commissioner said the proposal for a central park would be subjected to further consultations to assess its feasibility and benefits to the transport sector.

Speaking, the representative of the Sector Commander, Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), SRC Esuka Ikpi, highlighted enforcement challenges posed by indiscriminate parking and road obstructions, while commending the Ministry for its interventions in clearing overgrown trees and desilting drainages.

On his part, the representative of

the Commissioner of Police, ASP God'spower Adika, stressed the need to clearly define the roles of regulatory agencies, streamline levy collection and ensure optimal utilisation of existing motor parks.

Also speaking, the Chairman of the Cross River Transport Regulatory Agency (CTRA), Hon. Oliver Orok, and the Chairman of Private Parks, Hon. Archibong Orok, underscored the need for synergy among government agencies, security operatives, park operators and transport unions to achieve sustainable traffic management.

Other stakeholders identified inadequate parking spaces, conversion of motor parks to shops, proliferation of illegal parks and resistance to enforcement as major drivers of congestion, stressing the need to balance the interests of operators with the safety and convenience of commuters.

Personnel Audit: C'River Validates 52,330 Staff, Pensioners' Profiles, 8,837 Outstanding

By: Kera Okem and Anastasia Ekuma



The Cross River State Government has validated 52,330 profiles out of 61,167 registered staff and pensioners in its ongoing state-wide personnel audit verification exercise, with 8,837 records still outstanding for

further verification and administrative action.

The Head of Service, Barr. Orok Bassey Okon, has consequently convened an urgent meeting of the State-Wide Personnel Audit Verification Committee to

review progress, identify challenges and agree on strategies to ensure the successful completion of the exercise.

An executive summary report dated October 14, 2026, showed



that of the 8,837 outstanding records, 6,920 individuals are yet to commence the verification process, while 1,917 profiles are still in progress.

The report attributed the outstanding cases to biometric verification difficulties,

network challenges, death cases, suspected ghost workers and service exits.

It further indicated that the committee responsible for reviewing and reconciling the findings had recorded 469 cases requiring further attention, while no cases

were recorded under the categories of individuals who failed to appear for verification and unresolved cases.

As part of efforts to accelerate the exercise, targeted Information Technology operations will focus on the



1,917 profiles still in progress, with priority given to resolving biometric challenges, updating Bank Verification Numbers (BVNs) and correcting name discrepancies where necessary.

The committee meeting featured

the presentation of a progress report, review of findings and observations, and discussions on challenges encountered during the verification process.

To ensure an orderly physical verification exercise, the Head of Service, Barr.

Orok Bassey Okon, stated that a circular will be issued outlining the timetable for staff and pensioners to present themselves for verification.

A dedicated online link will also be provided for pensioners residing outside

Nigeria to complete their validation remotely, eliminating the need to travel back to the country solely for the exercise.

The report recommended that all 61,167 registered individuals undergo proper status verification before any names are removed from the payroll, emphasising that such decisions must be based on accurate and validated records.

The exercise will also involve coordinated personnel verification, data capture, approval, clock-in arrangements, onboarding and office-location setup across the

local government areas of the state.

The report stressed the need for sustained administrative follow-up to ensure that all outstanding records are properly addressed and that every account is either cleared or formally archived.

The Head of Service said the verification exercise is expected to strengthen personnel data management, promote accountability and improve the credibility of the State's payroll system.

He emphasised the importance of accurately verifying staff and pensioners' records

before taking administrative decisions, noting that the exercise is a critical step towards ensuring a reliable personnel database and strengthening accountability in the State's public service.

C'River Seeks Increased Development Partner Investments in Rural Communities

By Iloke Egbe



The Cross River State Government has commended development partners for their interventions across communities in the state, while urging them to expand their investments, particularly in rural areas, to improve the living conditions of residents.

The Commissioner

for International Donor Coordination, Elder Dr. Hippolatus Ogar Lukpata, made the call during the Ministry of International Donor Coordination's October 2026 meeting at the NG-CARES office, No. 4 School Road, State Housing Estate, Calabar.

Lukpata praised the contributions of development

partners but stressed the need for stronger coordination to prevent duplication of projects, promote mutual benefits and ensure accountability throughout the lifespan of interventions, including after partners have completed their programmes and exited the state.



He explained that the ministry was established to ensure that the government had a clear understanding of development projects being implemented across Cross River, their locations, investments and impact on beneficiaries.

“Whether the intervention comes through a loan or a grant, the government needs to know what has been invested in the state, where the projects are located and the benefits they are delivering to our

people,” he said.

The commissioner assured development partners that the state government remained willing to listen to their concerns and address challenges that could hinder effective project implementation. He noted that Governor Bassey Edet Otu’s administration had provided an enabling environment, an institutional framework and financial support through budgetary provisions and releases to facilitate development activities.

“We appreciate the contributions of our development partners, and we want to encourage you to do more. The government is ready to work with you, understand your challenges and find solutions that will enable your interventions to achieve their intended results,” Lukpata stated.

He called for greater cooperation between the ministry and development partners to ensure that interventions aligned with the state’s



development priorities, reached intended beneficiaries and delivered lasting benefits, particularly in rural communities where development needs remained significant.

Lukpata also highlighted the ministry's website and Development Partners Journal as platforms for documenting and showcasing the contributions of development partners across

different sectors. According to him, the platforms would help preserve records of completed and ongoing interventions, improve public awareness and provide useful information for

future planning and evaluation.

He explained that proper documentation would ensure that the achievements of development partners remained accessible as institutional memory, helping the government and other stakeholders track progress, assess results and build on previous interventions.

The alternate chairman of the meeting, Mr. Etim Effiong Effangha of the Budget Transparency Accountability Network (B-TAN), urged participants to be open and constructive in their observations, presentations and discussions, stressing that the meeting should

produce practical outcomes for the state.

“Let’s have tangible evidence to move the state forward,” Effangha said, calling for evidence-based contributions that would strengthen coordination and improve the effectiveness of development programmes.

The meeting featured progress reports from the State Operations Coordinating Unit (SOCU) and Evidence Action, as well as a presentation of B-TAN’s annual operational plan. The presentations provided an opportunity for participants to review activities, share updates and identify areas requiring improved

coordination.

Those in attendance included the newly posted Permanent Secretary of the ministry, Lady Jacqueline Akpanke; representatives of 33 development partners’ platforms; and directors and heads of departments in the Ministry of International Donor Coordination.

Discussions centred on improving collaboration, accountability and the overall impact of development interventions across Cross River State.



GOVERNMENT OF CROSS RIVER STATE, NIGERIA

MINISTRY OF WEALTH CREATION AND EMPLOYMENT
NEW SECRETARIAT COMPLEX, CALABAR

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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

RE:92 REGULAR RECRUITS INTAKE FOR TRADES AND NON-TRADES MEN AND WOMEN/RECRUITMENT INTO NIGERIAN NAVY BASIC TRAINING SCHOOL BATCH 39

The Cross River State Government wishes to inform all young Cross River State indigenes from Ages 18 to 22 to take advantage of the on-going online registration for the 92 Regular recruits intake for Trades and Non-Trades Men and Women into the Nigerian Army as well as the on-going recruitment Exercise into the Nigerian Navy Basic Training School Batch 39.

The Nigerian Army 92nd recruitment Exercise is to run from 9th September to 21st October, 2026 while that of the Batch 39 recruitment of the Nigerian Navy Basic Training School commenced on Friday, 2nd October, 2026 and it is expected to close on Saturday, 31st October, 2026.

All interested and qualified Candidates are hereby advised to go online and visit <https://recruitment.army.mil.ng> for the Nigerian Army 92nd Regular recruits intake for Trades and Non-Trades Men and Women as well as www.joinnigeriannavy.navy.mil.ng for the Nigerian Navy recruitment exercise 2026 for Batch 39 into the Basic Training School, to carefully review all eligibility guidelines, requirements and available Trades for each exercise before filling the application form and uploading all documents as requested, please.

Applicants are further directed to note that all recruitment application forms are free of charge throughout the processes and only single valid application shall be permitted while all multiple online applications shall be disqualified.

All interested and qualified applicants should please take note and be guided accordingly as the State Government expects maximum participation by our Men and Women **so that the State Slots would not taken by other States in the Federation.**

For more details and clarifications, contact the Employment Desk Officer in the Ministry of Wealth Creation and Employment, New Secretariat Complex, Calabar.

e-signed:
Hon . Patrick Egbede
Commissioner



C'River Seeks Increased Development Partner Investments in Rural Communities

By Kingsley Agim



The Cross River State Government has commenced a six-month electric vehicle (EV) repairs, maintenance and assembly training programme for 1,000 youths, equipping them with specialised skills to tap into

emerging employment opportunities in the electric mobility and green energy sectors.

The programme, organised through the Cross River State Youth Empowerment Scheme (CRYES) in partnership with

the Federal Ministry of Education and Shema Energy Limited, is designed to develop a skilled workforce to support the state's growing investment in cleaner transportation.



Speaking at the flag-off ceremony, CRYES Chairman, Dr. Kalita Joseph Aruku, described the training as a strategic investment in youth empowerment and technological advancement, reflecting Governor Bassey Edet Otu's

commitment to preparing young people for emerging industries.

Aruku disclosed that the state had procured an environmentally friendly fleet comprising 10 electric buses with 50-seat capacity, 20 electric buses

with 14-seat capacity, 100 electric sedan cars, 500 electric tricycles and 200 electric motorcycles. He said the growing fleet would require skilled technicians to maintain and repair the vehicles, creating opportunities for trained youths to participate in the expanding electric mobility industry.

"The introduction of electric vehicles creates new opportunities for our youths. We want them to acquire the technical skills required to maintain these vehicles and become part of the workforce supporting the growth of electric mobility in Cross River State,"



Aruku said. He thanked the Federal Government under President Bola Ahmed Tinubu, the Federal Ministry of Education and Shema Energy Limited for supporting the programme, urging participants to demonstrate discipline and commitment.

Also speaking, the Commissioner

for Wealth Creation and Employment, Mr. Patrick Egbede, said the State's investment in skills development was intended to translate empowerment programmes into sustainable livelihoods. He cited the agricultural training of 400 beneficiaries in Nasarawa State, who subsequently received ₦2 million each to invest in their ventures, as

well as information and communication technology programmes covering cybersecurity, frontend development, product design, business development and artificial intelligence.

Egbede explained that the ICT training was extended from three to five months following requests from

prospective employers seeking participants with deeper practical knowledge. He added that many beneficiaries had subsequently secured employment with the Federal Government. He also disclosed that a new artificial intelligence training programme had commenced, with 250 participants expected to be trained in each of the state's three senatorial districts.

"These programmes are designed to build a pool of skilled young people who can meet employers' needs and compete for opportunities in different sectors

of the economy," Egbede said, describing the EV training as a timely investment in a specialised technical field. He urged Shema Energy Limited to prioritise practical assessments, noting that some trainees might demonstrate their competence more effectively through hands-on tasks than written examinations.

The commissioner encouraged participants to take the six-month training seriously, adding that certificates awarded upon successful completion could strengthen their employment prospects locally and internationally. He noted that the transition from fossil-fuel-powered

transportation to electric mobility was creating demand for specialised technical skills while supporting environmental sustainability.

In his remarks, the Head of Skills and Strategy at Shema Energy Limited, Prince Dominic Usi, described the programme as an opportunity for Cross River youths to gain practical experience in a rapidly evolving industry.

Usi, a former student of the University of Calabar, explained that the training would comprise three months of intensive instruction and practical learning, followed by

another three months of specialised training.

Participants would also receive stipends, subject to applicable attendance requirements.

Usi said biometric monitoring would be used to track attendance, while instructional materials would be provided through an online portal containing different training modules.

Participants would be required to complete practical exercises on electric vehicles and upload live video evidence of their work for assessment before progressing to subsequent modules.

He identified

diagnostics and mechatronics as key components of the training, explaining that participants would learn to identify faults in electric vehicles and tricycles, understand troubleshooting procedures and acquire relevant assembly skills. He urged trainees to comply with attendance rules, including completing the required clock-in procedures before 9 a.m., and introduced the designated training centre managers responsible for supporting participants in Calabar Municipality and Ogoja.

The programme is expected to strengthen the state's technical

workforce, expand employment and entrepreneurship opportunities for young people, and build local capacity for electric vehicle repairs, maintenance and assembly. It also aligns with the Cross River State Government's stated commitment to youth empowerment, technical skills development and cleaner transportation under Governor Otu's People First agenda.



NIGERIAN ARMY RECRUITMENT



92 REGULAR RECRUITS INTAKE FOR TRADES/NON-TRADESMEN AND WOMEN

GUIDELINES

- The application is free for interested candidates.
- Applicants are to apply once. Multiple applications will lead to outright disqualification.
- Interested candidates are advised to log on to <https://recruitment.army.mil.ng> to complete online registration.
- Note: Recruitment into the Nigerian Army is a call for national service with a competitive process and thus not a Guaranteed form of Employment.

The Nigerian Army wishes to inform the general public that the online registration for 92 Regular Recruits Intake Exercise for Trades/Non-tradesmen and women will commence from 9 September to 21 October 2026 for all interested and qualified candidates.

DISCLAIMER/NOTES

- Apply online via the recruitment portal <https://recruitment.army.mil.ng>.
- Log into the above mentioned link using your username and password earlier generated.
- Complete the application form, where valid; print a copy and complete the Candidate Form as appropriate.
- Candidates should ensure they submit their application online after posting their Photo Card. Failure to submit online will lead to disqualification.
- Ensure you bring duly signed copies of the following documents to your screening centre: Photo Card, Declaration by Applicant, Parent/Guardian Form, Certification by LGA Chairman/Secretary, Certification by Divisional Police Officer and Chairman's Form.

RECRUITMENT INTO THE NIGERIAN ARMY IS FREE

BASIC ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Applicant must be single, Nigerian citizen by birth, and must possess National Identity Card (NIC) and Bank Verification Number (BVN) Slip.
- The name and date of birth on the NIC must correspond with those on the BVN and all other credentials.
- Applicant must be mentally, physically and psychologically fit in accordance with Nigerian Army Standard.
- Applicant must have no criminal conviction by any court of competent jurisdiction.
- Applicant must possess at least a minimum of 4 passes, including English Language, in not more than two sittings in WAEC/CE/NECO/NABTES/NAAB.
- In addition to the above qualifications, those applying as tradesmen/women must also possess a TRADE TEST/CITY AND GUILD CERTIFICATE.
- Applicant must possess a valid Birth Certificate endorsed by the National Population Commission, Hospital or local government council. Age declaration endorsed by a competent court can also suffice.
- Applicant must be at least 18 and 22 years for non-tradesmen and women, while tradesmen and women must not be more than 26 years by 21st October 2026.
- Applicant must not be less than 1.68 metres and 1.65 metres tall for males and females candidates respectively.
- Applicants must apply using their State of Origin and not State of Residence.
- Applicant must possess a valid Certificate of State of Origin.

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8. Opportunity to serve your country both within and outside Nigeria.
9. Post Service Opportunities.

ALL DOCUMENTS WILL BE VERIFIED FROM THE APPROPRIATE ISSUING AUTHORITIES. ALL THOSE WITH FAKE DOCUMENTS WILL BE HANDED OVER TO THE POLICE FOR PROSECUTION.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING

- Candidates are to make their own way to the recruitment centre.
- No Special access for recruitment.
- All screening of potential recruits will be conducted at the screening/assessment centre of origin.
- Candidates are not to bring electronic equipment (laptops, tablets, etc.) to the screening/assessment centre.
- Screening, including the interview, is an integral part of the recruitment process and is not optional.
- Multiple screenings of the same candidate are not allowed.
- Candidates must comply with all screening/assessment centre instructions, including the use of biometric devices.
- Candidates must not bring any electronic equipment to the screening/assessment centre.

- A candidate will be withdrawn from the list of candidates if they fail to show up for the recruitment exercise.
- Candidates are advised to ensure they have the following documents with them at all times: WAEC/CE/NECO/NABTES/NAAB Certificate, Trade Test/City and Guild Certificate, Birth Certificate, National Identity Card, BVN Slip, and a valid Certificate of State of Origin.
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Major General IM Abdullahi
Chief of Administration (Army)
for Chief of Army Staff



Join the Nigerian Navy

APPLICATION FOR RECRUITMENT EXERCISE INTO THE
NIGERIAN NAVY BASIC TRAINING SCHOOL **BATCH 39**

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. **The Nigerian Navy Recruitment Exercise 2026 for Batch 39** commences from **2 to 31 October 2026**. The online registration and other recruitment processes are **FREE OF CHARGE** and **no payment should be made at any point to anyone throughout the Exercise**. Interested and qualified applicants are to apply at www.joinnigeriannavy.navy.mil.ng

2. Only a single valid application is permitted, multiple online applications shall be disqualified.

3. Applicants are to print out the under listed documents after completion of application online:

- Acknowledgement Form.
- Parent/Guardian Consent Form.
- Local Government Attestation Form (To be signed by a military officer of the rank of Commander in the NN or equivalent in the AFN or Police officer of the rank of Superintendent of Police and above or Local Government Chairman).
- Guarantor's Certification Form.

ELIGIBILITY

4. Applicants must be Nigerian citizens by birth and possess National Identification Number (NIN).

5. Applicants must not be less than 1.69m height for males and 1.65m height for females.

6. Applicants must be medically, psychologically and physically fit and must meet the Nigerian Navy medical and employment standards.

7. Applicants must be free of any previous conviction(s) on criminal grounds by a court of law.

GUIDELINE FOR APPLICANTS

8a. Applicants with O'Level/SSCE results must be between the ages of **18 and 22 years** as at **31 December 2026**. They must possess a minimum of 5 credits including Mathematics and English in not more than 2 sittings in WAEC/NECO/GCE/NABTEB not older than 2020.

b. Applicants with OND/NCE must be between the ages of **18 and 26 years** while those for Chaplain/Imam Assistant and Drivers/Mechanic must be between **18 and 28 years** of age as at **31 December 2026**. They must possess a minimum of 5 credits including Mathematics and English in not more than two (2) sittings in WAEC/NECO/GCE/NABTEB not older than 2015.

c. Tradesmen applying for the following categories must possess Trade Test certificates as well as a credit in English Language with minimum of 4 passes in other subjects in WAEC/NECO/GCE/NABTEB not later than 2017:

- (1) Tailoring
- (2) Carpentry
- (3) Plumbing
- (4) Masonry
- (5) Welding
- (6) Electrician
- (7) Painting
- (8) Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Technology.

d. Applicants applying for professions allied to medicine must possess ND from recognized training institutions in Nigeria and a valid practicing license.

e. Applicants applying as sportsmen/women are to present evidence of their experience, which shall include certificates and medals.

f. All applicants must be proficient in the use of English Language, inability to communicate in basic English Language shall lead to disqualification at any stage of the Recruitment process.

NOTE

9. The date and venues for the recruitment examination shall be communicated in due course.

10. Successful applicants will undergo basic military training and on completion will be recruited into the Service of the Nigerian Navy as Ordinary Seamen.

11. For further information, see the instruction page on the website www.joinnigeriannavy.navy.mil.ng from **2 October 2026** or call the following support lines from **Monday to Friday, 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM: 09036059234** or email: recruitment@navy.mil.ng

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PUBLIC NOTICE

STATEWIDE ENFORCEMENT OF NAFDAC BAN ON SACHET ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND BOTTLES BELOW 200ML

In line with the ban imposed by NAFDAC on alcoholic beverages in sachets and PET/glass bottles below 200ml, the Cross River State Consumer Protection Agency shall be embarking on a statewide enforcement exercise. All manufacturers, distributors, dealers, retailers and consumers are advised to ensure strict compliance.

✓ PROHIBITION

- Sale, distribution, or possession of alcoholic drinks in sachets is strictly prohibited.
- Sale or distribution of alcoholic drinks in PET or glass bottles below 200ml is strictly prohibited.
- Display, advertisement, or promotion of the banned products is prohibited.

✓ ENFORCEMENT

- Effective Date: 26th September 2026.
- Statewide enforcement exercise commences across all Local Government Areas in Cross River State.
- Inspection of shops, markets, distributions, and retail outlets will be conducted by authorized officers.
- Seizure and confiscation of prohibited products will be carried out.

✓ PENALTIES

- Confiscation and destruction of all banned alcoholic products.
- Fines in accordance with State Consumer Protection Laws and NAFDAC Regulations.
- Closure/sealing of premises found in violation.
- Prosecution of offenders where applicable.

SIGNED: MANAGEMENT

Cross River State Consumer Protection Agency

Date: 26th September 2026 • Address: Okoi Arikpo House, Calabar



GOVERNMENT OF CROSS RIVER STATE, NIGERIA
MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES
OFFICE OF THE HONOURABLE COMMISSIONER

Ref:CR/MWR/

Date: 21st September, 2026.

PRESS STATEMENT:

STRICT IMPLEMENTATION OF WASH POLICY REGULATIONS IN CROSS RIVER STATE

The Cross River State Government wishes to formally notify all Borehole Drilling Companies, Water Service Providers, Consultants, developers, Institutions, Communities, Households and relevant stakeholders that it is commencing the strict implementation and enforcement of all existing Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) policy regulations governing groundwater development and water supply services across the Eighteen Local Government Areas of the State.

The State Government has observed with grave concern the increasing rate of indiscriminate Borehole drilling, operation of unregistered Water Service Providers, non-compliance with established technical standards, and the proliferation of unsafe water infrastructure in many parts of the State. These practice poses serious risks to public health, groundwater resources, environmental sustainability, and the welfare of citizens in general.

Government further wishes to place on record that access to safe and clean water is a fundamental right of every citizen. However, this right can only be guaranteed when water supply systems are developed and managed in accordance with approved standards and regulatory requirements. The era where individuals and companies operated without accountability in the water sector in the State is over.

Consequently, the Cross River State Government through the Ministry of Water Resources, in collaboration with relevant Regulatory Agencies and Stakeholders, shall immediately intensify implementation, monitoring, inspection, compliance verification, and enforcement activities throughout the State.

All Borehole Service Providers are hereby directed to comply with the following requirements:

Mandatory Registration and Licensing:

No individual, company, or organization shall engage in borehole drilling, rehabilitation, water supply installation, or related services without registration and licensing by the Cross River State Ministry of Water Resources.

Mandatory Permit and Authorization:

No borehole project shall commence without prior approval, permit, or authorization from the Ministry of Water Resources.

Compliance with Technical Standards:

All proposed boreholes projects must undergo the required geophysical and geological investigations before drilling.

Appropriate drilling methods, approved materials, well casing, grouting procedures, and water quality standards must be strictly adhered to.
Water quality testing shall be mandatory before commissioning and utilisation of any borehole facility.

Submission of Drilling Records:

All Operators must maintain and submit drilling logs, completion reports, pumping test records, and other relevant technical documentation as may be required by the Ministry.

Environmental Protection Measures:

All Service Providers must ensure environmentally responsible drilling practices and safe disposal of drilling waste to prevent pollution of groundwater and surrounding ecosystems.

The Government further directs all residents, institutions, schools, hospitals, hotels, industries, estate developers, and community organizations to engage only licensed and approved Borehole Service Providers. Citizens are encouraged to demand evidence of registration, permits, and water quality certification before making any payment for borehole services.

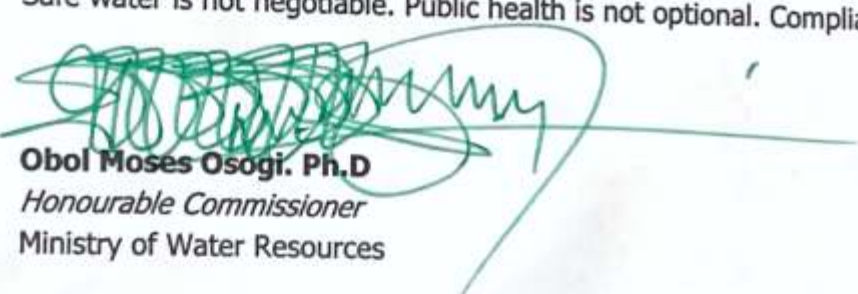
In this regard, the Government wishes to point out that Enforcement Teams shall be deployed across the State to identify and prosecute defaulters. Any individual or organization found drilling boreholes without authorization, operating without registration, violating established standards, falsifying records, or compromising public water safety standard shall face the full weight of the law, including sanctions, closure of operations, fines, and prosecution where applicable.

This exercise is not intended to frustrate legitimate businesses; rather, it is aimed at sanitizing the sector, protecting consumers, promoting professionalism, preserving groundwater resources, and ensuring that every citizen has access to safe and potable water.

The Government remains committed to achieving universal access to clean water and sanitation in line with national WASH objectives and Sustainable Development Goal 6. Such goals can only be realized through collective responsibilities, strict compliance, and effective enforcement.

The message is simple and unequivocal: all Borehole Service Providers must comply with WASH regulations or face the consequences of non-compliance.

Safe water is not negotiable. Public health is not optional. Compliance is mandatory.



Obol Moses Osogi. Ph.D

Honourable Commissioner

Ministry of Water Resources



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GOVERNMENT OF CROSS RIVER STATE, NIGERIA

September 17th, 2026

PRESS RELEASE

CROSS RIVER COMMENCES STATEWIDE DISTRIBUTION OF IMPROVED COWPEA SEEDS

The Cross River State Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation Development will commence the statewide distribution of improved SAMPEA 20-T PBR cowpea seeds, developed by the Institute for Agricultural Research (IAR), to interested farmers from Monday, September 21, 2026.

SAMPEA 20-T is an improved cowpea variety developed through agricultural research, with high genetic purity and resistance to the major pod-borer pest, *Maruca vitrata*. The variety is known for early maturity, improved yield performance and reduced dependence on insecticide applications compared with susceptible conventional varieties.

The intervention is aimed at increasing cowpea production, strengthening food security and improving access to nutritious food, particularly for women and children, while enhancing farmers' productivity and livelihoods.

Distribution will be carried out in collaboration with the State Chapters of the Cowpea Farmers Association and Women in Agriculture (WIA).

Interested farmers are required to proceed to their respective Local Government Councils for documentation and collection of the improved seeds.

Farmers are advised to adhere strictly to the designated collection arrangements. The seeds are solely for planting purposes and are not for human consumption.

For further enquiries:

Director, Agricultural Services: 08038878637, Agro-Pocket Desk Officer: 07089279620

Hon. Johnson Andiambey Ebokpo, KSM
Commissioner





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PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES



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



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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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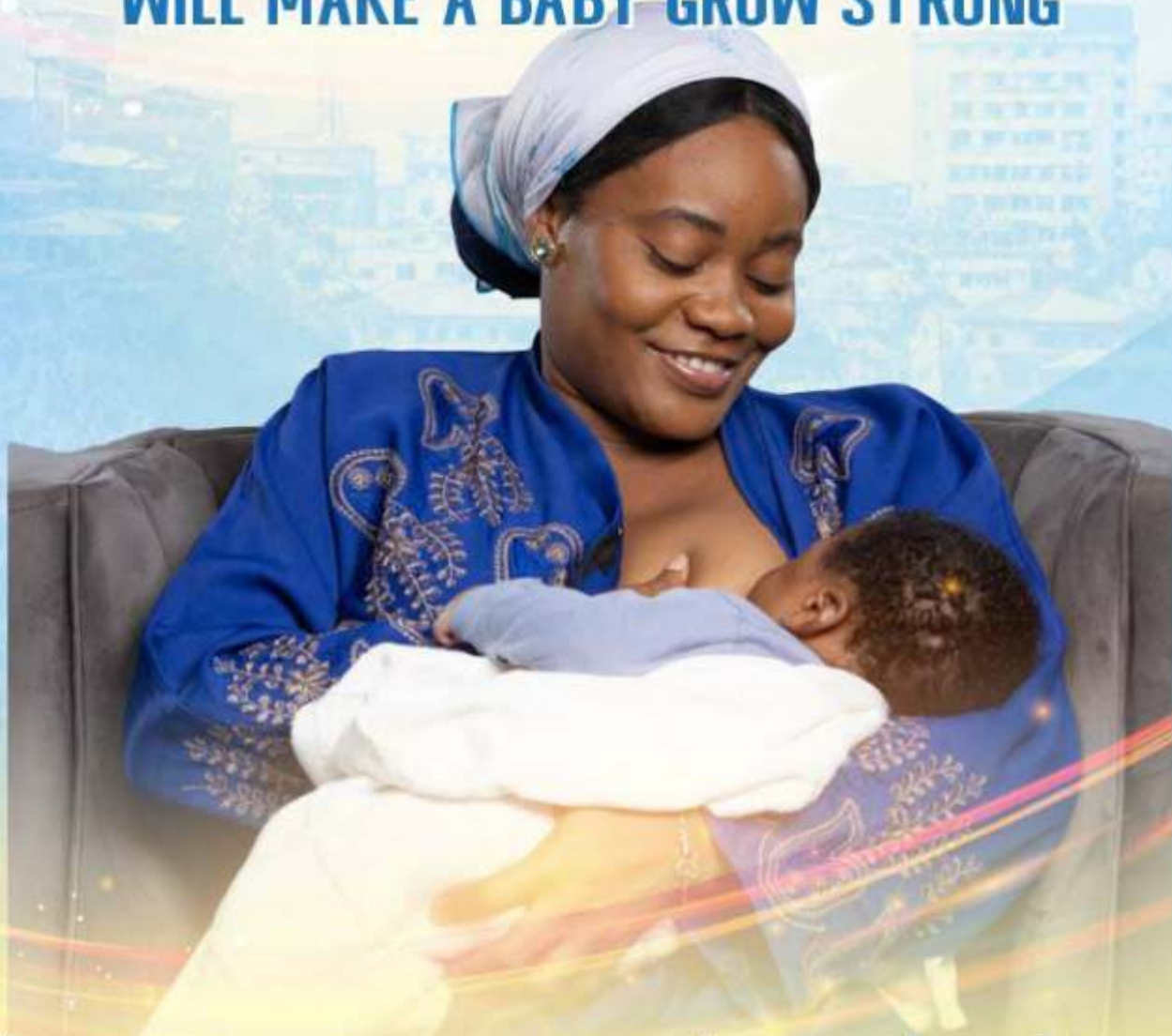


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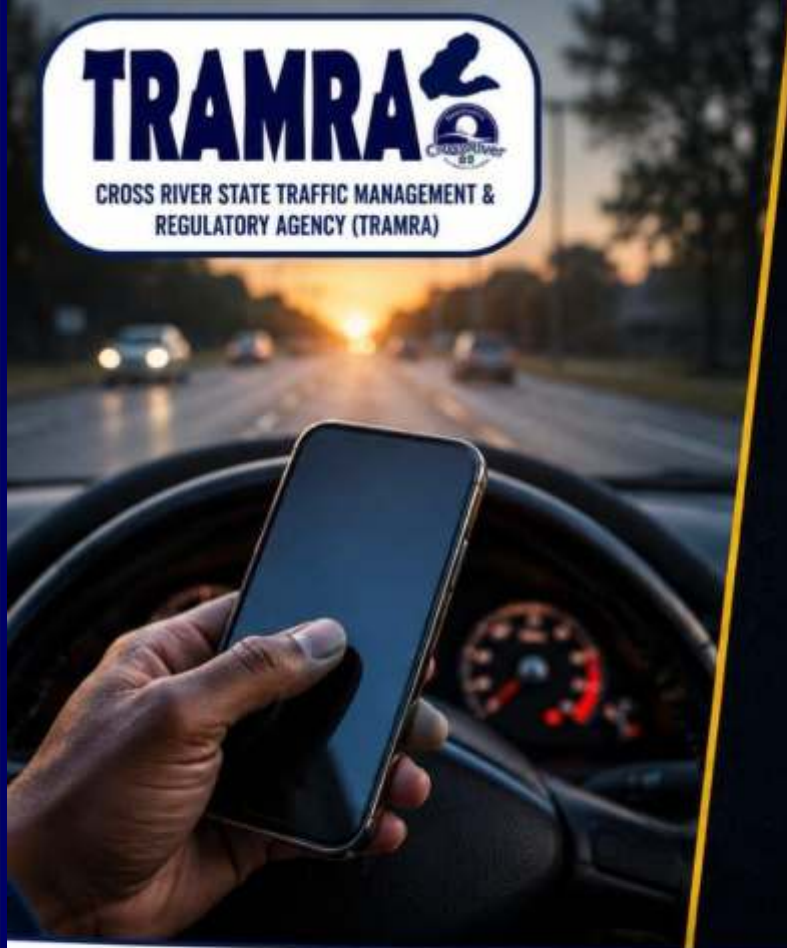
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Government of Cross River State, Nigeria

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.



Ededem Charles Ani, Esq

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Be patient.
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responsibly.



POOR VISIBILITY?

Pull over safely
and wait for
conditions
to improve.



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Obey traffic rules. Drive responsibly.
Together, we can prevent accidents.



STAY ALERT.
DRIVE SAFELY.
ARRIVE ALIVE.

E-signed :

ASP EITOKPAH SUNDAY AKATA, anipr, misma
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RAINY SEASON DRIVING TIPS

Drive Smart. Arrive Safe.

Rain changes road conditions.
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Your Safety, Our Priority.

ADDITIONAL REMINDERS

- ✓ Avoid sudden braking and sharp turns.
- ✓ Do not overtake on wet or slippery roads.
- ✓ Pedestrians: Use walkways and cross at safe points.
- ✓ Motorcycle riders: Wear your helmet and rain gear.
- ✓ Commercial drivers: Do not overload.
- ✓ Take breaks and stay rested.

SAFE DRIVING TIPS



01

CHECK YOUR VEHICLE

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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PROTECT
SAVE LIVES



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CYCLISTS



RESPECT
MOTORCYCLISTS



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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



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