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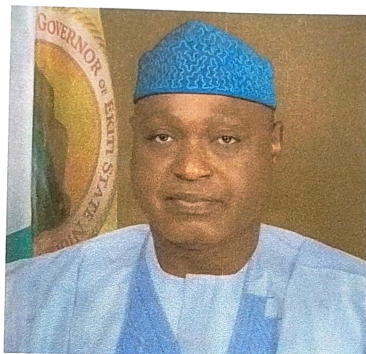
## BUSINESS ENABLING REFORM ACTION PLAN (BERAP) GUIDE FOR STATES (2026 CYCLE)

State Action on Business Enabling Reforms (SABER) Program

# EKITI STATE BERAP ACTION PLAN 2026



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**This BERAP was developed in consultation  
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# EKITI STATE REFORM AREAS



## IMPROVED TRANSPARENCY IN LAND ADMINISTRATION AND LAND-BASED INVESTMENT PROCESS

Responsible MDAs - Bureau of  
Land Services and Ministry of  
Agriculture and Food Security)

### Reform 1



## IMPROVED INFRASTRUCTURE FOR ENHANCEMENT OF BUSINESS-ENABLING ENVIRONMENT (REGULATORY FRAMEWORK FOR PRIVATE INVESTMENT IN FIBRE OPTIC INFRASTRUCTURE)

Responsible MDAs - Ministry of Physical  
Planning and Urban Development and Bureau  
of ICT

### Reform 2



## IMPROVED SUSTAINABLE LARGE- SCALE INVESTMENTS

Responsible MDAs – Ekiti State  
Development and Investment  
Promotion Agency (EKDIPA)

### Reform 3



## INCREASED TRANSPARENCY OF OFFICIAL FEES AND PROCEDURES

Responsible MDAs – Office of the Head of Service,  
Ministry of Trade, Industry, Investment and  
Cooperatives, Ekiti State Signage and Advertisement  
Agency, Ekiti State Vehicles Inspection Office, Ekiti  
State Fire Service, Ekiti State Environmental and  
Watershed Agency (5 BEEs)

### Reform 4



## DOMESTIC AND EXTERNAL TRADE COMPETITIVENESS

Responsible MDAs – Ministry of  
Trade, Industry, Investment and  
Cooperatives

### Reform 5



## SIMPLIFICATION OF STATE AND LOCAL BUSINESS TAX REGIMES

Responsible MDAs – Ekiti State  
Internal Revenue Service

### Reform 6



## QUICK DETERMINATION OF COMMERCIAL DISPUTES

Responsible MDAs – Ekiti State  
Judiciary and Ministry of Justice

### Reform 7



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## REFORM 1:

## IMPROVED TRANSPARENCY IN LAND ADMINISTRATION AND LAND-BASED INVESTMENT PROCESS



### Reform Objective

- (i) This reform area will enhance the administration and management of land in Ekiti State;
- (ii) The reform will also improve transparency in property registration and unlock capital from this asset class.



### Deliverables

- A.1. Seamless transfer of land titles within seven(7) days of application.
- A.2. Update and Publish process for obtaining a certificate of occupancy (CoFo) including all relevant Minisyties Department Agencies (MDAs), timelines and cost on the State's official website and Ekiti State Development and Investment Promotion Agency (EKDIPA) website.
- A.3. Publish the updated process for obtaining construction permit including all relevant MDAs, timelines and cost on the State's official website.
- A.4. Carry out the digitization and indexation on all the new C of Os registered in the year 2026.
- B.1. Sustain the implementation of the Framework For Responsible and Inclusive Land Intensive Agriculture (FRILIA) law also Toolkit/Guidelines.
- B.2. Production of Report on the implementation of FRILIA on quarterly basis for the consideration of the State Steering Committee.
- B.3. Quarterly Implementation Report on FRILIA in EKITI State to ensure 90% compliance with FRILIA toolkits.
- B.4. At least 3 sessions of train-the trainers programme.
- B.5. Train government officials and other stakeholders on FRILIA, land governance best practices, transparency, and ethical conduct.



### Expected Impact

- 1. 80% of buildings in major towns (Ado, Ikere and Ikole LGAs) are enumerated and recorded by December 31, 2026.
- 2. 100% of new C of Os are digitized and archived by December 31, 2026.
- 1. Achieved significant progress marked by a 50% increase in the transfer of property rights, resulting in improved access, transparency, and efficiency in property ownership processes.
- 2. Synergy among stakeholders in the implementation of FRILIA toolkit, Checklist and IAP documents.



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## REFORM 2:



### Reform Objective

To build a conducive legal, regulatory and institutional framework for a thriving digital economy.



### Deliverables

- A.1. Maintenance of the aggregate per linear meter fees for broadband deployment.
- A.2. Publication of Right of Way (RoW) related requests by operators during the year 2026.
- A.3. Upgrade the existing Executive Order on broadband fees to a Law duly passed by the State House of Assembly and ensure that the law caps the fees at maximum of N145 per linear meter.

- B.1. Publication of updated framework for the RoW process in the State.
- B.2. Engage qualified service providers for the deployment of non-Gigabit Passive Optical Network (GPON) fibre optic cable kilometres.

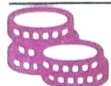
- C.1. Increase the total deployed GPON fibre-optic cable network to 3,500 km, up from the 2022 baseline of 1,000 km.
- C.2. Engage with private sector investors and telecom operators to gather feedback on regulatory challenges and opportunities, using it to guide ongoing policy reforms.
- C.3. Establish a single, centralized platform for processing RoW requests, tracking their status, and addressing delays or disputes.
- C.4. Availability of Project Facilitation Fund (PFF) to catalyze Telecommunication investor inception processes.



### Expected Impact

1. Laying of 3,500km fibre optic met target by December 2026.
2. Achieve a 50% increase in telecommunication infrastructure by December 2026, enhancing connectivity, service coverage, and digital access across the state.
3. Attract at least five telecommunication investors to the Ekiti Knowledge Zone, driving significant growth in the state's digital economy and digital literacy.
4. 20% increase in internet penetration and increase in the number of telecommunications MSMEs operator (POS, Telephone businesses, Cybercafes and road side operators).

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## REFORM 3:

## IMPROVED SUSTAINABLE LARGE-SCALE INVESTMENTS



### Reform Objective

- (i) To establish effective Public-Private Partnership (PPP) models in the State
- (ii) To have an effective State Investment Promotion Agency for service delivery to investors and targeted efforts towards attracting and retaining investment
- (iii) To ensure transparency, easier access to information and participation for the stimulation of investments in the State



### Deliverables

- A.1. Strengthen the State Investment Promotion Agency to deliver efficient investor services, proactively attract and retain investments, and conduct thorough appraisals of investment proposals to ensure alignment with economic, environmental, and social objectives.
- A.2. Enhance transparency and improve access to information and participation to stimulate a 50% increase in investment in the State by December 2026.
- A.3. The PPP unit continue to effectively manage the complex projects.
- B. Develop a State Project Facilitation Fund (PFF) handbook for PPP projects.
- C. Update and publish an inventory/database of all investment incentives (Federal and State) available in Ekiti State.
- D. Update EKDIPA's website with relevant information for investors, including access to credit.
- E. Organization of quarterly information sessions for investors by EKDIPA.
- F. Develop a dedicated aftercare unit within the IPA that provides ongoing support to existing investors, helping them expand, resolve operational challenges, and reinvest in Ekiti State.



### Expected Impact

- 1. A significant rise in investors choosing to operate in Ekiti State, leading to expanded employment and a stronger labor force, ultimately positioning Ekiti as the most preferred investment destination in the Southwest.
- 2. 30% increase in the number of functional industries.
- 3. 70% of Businesses facing bureaucratic challenges are resolved and retained.
- 4. Enhanced viability and implementation readiness of PPP projects, with a minimum of three projects supported through the Project Facilitation Fund by December 2026.



## REFORM 4:

## INCREASED TRANSPARENCY OF OFFICIAL FEES AND PROCEDURES



### Reform Objective

- (i) This reform area will increase transparency of official fees and procedures focusing on key business environment enabling MDAs in Ekiti State
- (ii) The reform will give easier access to regular information for greater regulatory efficiency, lower compliance costs and better regulatory quality
- (iii) Reduce overlapping of licensing requirements
- (iv) Reduce potential discretionary behaviors



### Deliverables

- A.1. Sensitization on the schedule of trade related fees and levies on inter-State movement of goods.
- A.2. Develop, publish and implement service level agreements (SLAs) in the 5 BEE MDAs.
- A.3. Online publication of a monthly report on the operation and implementation of the GRM and SLAs in the 5 BEE MDAs.
- A.4. Develop and implement a State Grievance Redress Mechanism formalized through an Executive Order.
- A.5. Conduct advocacy meetings with groups and unions, embark on distribution of leaflets and fliers at least twice a year to sensitize operators and provide comprehensive information on trade related fees and levies for inter-State movement of goods.
- A.6. Publish monthly reports on GRM and SLA compliance on the State website.



### Expected Impact

- 1. Achieve at least 80% awareness among operators on trade-related fees and levies and sensitization campaigns by December 2026.
- 2. ensure 100% implementation of Service Level Agreements (SLAs) across the 5 BEE MDAs,
- 3. establish a fully operational with 100% compliance State Grievance Redress Mechanism via Executive Order, resulting in a transparent, accountable, and investor-friendly trade environment in Ekiti State .

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## REFORM 5:

## DOMESTIC AND EXTERNAL TRADE COMPETITIVENESS



### Reform Objective

Promote export activities and position Ekiti State as an attractive export hub for investors through the implementation of the State Committee on Export Promotion's (SCEP) mandate



### Deliverables

- A.1. Upgrade the State's transport infrastructure (roads, rail, and air) to ensure efficient movement of goods from production areas to export terminals. This should include connecting key agricultural areas to markets and ports.
- A.2. Conduct regular capacity-building workshops and seminars for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) on how to become export-ready.
- A.3. Partner with organizations such as the Nigerian Export Promotion Council (NEPC) and international agencies to offer technical assistance to businesses on packaging, labeling, and certification required for international markets.
- A.4. Increase the number of firms with export certificates from Nigerian Export Promotion Council (NEPC) attracted to Ekiti State by 50%.
- A.5. Work with financial institutions, including the Export-Import Bank of Nigeria (NEXIM) and other development finance institutions, to create accessible financing schemes for businesses in Ekiti State that are ready to export.
- A.6. Encourage businesses to utilize e-commerce platforms to sell products to international buyers. Provide training and support for online sales, digital marketing, and international shipping logistics.



### Expected Impact

1. Increment in the number of firms with export certificates from Nigeria Export Promotion Council (NEPC) attracted to Ekiti State by 50%.
2. 60% increase of Ekiti product meet export standard.
3. At least 80% of Ekiti raw materials processed to finish product.
4. Improved production capacity by December 2026.
5. Government Agenda on Industrialization achieved.
6. Value addition.



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## REFORM 6:

## SIMPLIFICATION OF STATE AND LOCAL BUSINESS TAX REGIMES



### Reform Objective

This reform is aimed at making it easy to understand and make payment for tax in Ekiti State



### Deliverables

**A.1. Conduct regular public awareness campaigns and training sessions to educate businesses about their tax obligations, filing procedures, and the benefits of compliance.**

**B.1. Ensure electronic payment of all State and local government taxes, levies and fees from business (with adoption of at least 75% of State collection of taxes, levies and fees from businesses).**

**B.2. Raise consolidated demand notices for all business-related local government charges/fees/taxes.**

**C.1. Automate the process for the collection of taxes, levies and fees from businesses and generate e-receipt (QR code or unique payment ID) for all 5 BEE MDAs.**

**C.2. Generate harmonized Demand Notice; print and serve consolidated Demand Notices.**



### Expected Impact

1. 85% reduction in manual processing time
2. 70% increase in voluntary compliance
3. N1billion additional annual revenue
4. 90% accuracy in taxpayer data
5. 60% reduction in leakages
6. Elimination of double taxation
7. Strengthen the institutional framework for investment attraction
8. Improve in transparency and accountability

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## REFORM 7:

## QUICK DETERMINATION OF COMMERCIAL DISPUTES



### Reform Objective

This reform area will improve the State Judiciary and strengthen access to an efficient commercial justice system



### Deliverables

- A.1. Publish the Small Claims Courts Monthly Performance Reports.
- A 2. Each High Court Judge must deliver at least 6 judgements per quarter
- A 3. Increase the number of judges to reduce case burden
- A.4 . Access to Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR).



### Expected Impact

- 1. 75% of cases are disposed of within 60 days.
- 2. 75% of the judgments are executed within 30 days.
- 3. Lower legal costs for businesses by an average of 50%, by removing the bottleneck created by mixing criminal and commercial case loads.