
TARABA STATE DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURE POLICY

Policy on Broadband Expansion, Emerging Technologies, and Infrastructure Sharing

Issued by: Ministry of Digital Economy and Innovation

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1. Policy Objectives

This policy aims to:

- Accelerate broadband penetration across Taraba State
 - Promote inclusive access to digital services
 - Support the adoption of emerging technologies
 - Facilitate infrastructure sharing and collocation among telecom operators
 - Create an enabling environment for startups and digital entrepreneurs
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2. 🛠️ Broadband Expansion Framework

2.1 Right of Way (RoW) Reform

- RoW fees capped at **₦145 per linear meter** for fiber optic deployment
- Online portal for RoW applications and tracking
- Approval timeline: **10 working days**

2.2 Priority Corridors

- Jalingo–Wukari–Takum
- Bali–Gembu
- Jalingo–Yorro–Zing

2.3 Public Asset Access

- Telecom operators granted access to state roads, bridges, and ducts for cable laying
 - Coordinated planning with Ministry of Works and TARGIS
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3. Support for Emerging Technologies

3.1 Regulatory Sandbox

- Taraba State will establish a **Digital Innovation Sandbox** for testing AI, IoT, blockchain, and other frontier technologies

3.2 Startup Incentives

- 3-year tax holiday for registered tech startups
- Access to co-working spaces and state-sponsored incubators
- Fast-track licensing and compliance support

3.3 Education & Talent Development

- Integration of digital skills into tertiary curricula
 - Partnership with private sector for coding bootcamps and AI labs
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4. Infrastructure Sharing & Collocation

4.1 Collocation Mandate

- All new telecom towers must be designed for **multi-operator use**
- Existing infrastructure to be retrofitted where feasible

4.2 Shared Duct Policy

- Fiber ducts along public corridors must be open-access unless technically infeasible
- Operators encouraged to sign **Infrastructure Sharing Agreements (ISAs)**

4.3 Monitoring & Compliance

- Ministry of Digital Economy and Innovation to maintain registry of shared assets
 - Annual audit of compliance with sharing provisions
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5. 🤝 Institutional Coordination

- **Taraba Investment Promotion Agency (TIPA)** to serve as the one-stop shop for investor engagement
- **Fiber Deployment Task Force** to coordinate inter-agency approvals
- **Grievance Redress Mechanism** to resolve investor complaints within 7 days

6. Implementation Timeline

Milestone	Target Date
Policy Gazetting	October 2025
Digital Sandbox Launch	November 2025
Startup Incentive Portal Activation	December 2025
Infrastructure Sharing Registry	January 2026

7. Legal Backing

This policy is issued under the authority of the **Taraba State Executive Council** and shall be gazetted for legal enforceability. It complements national frameworks including:

- Nigeria National Broadband Plan (2020–2025)
 - NCC Infrastructure Sharing Guidelines
 - SABER DLI 2 Reform Protocols
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Signed:

Hon. Commissioner, Ministry of Digital Economy and Innovation
Taraba State Government
