
Minutes of the BERAP 2025 Planning Meeting

Date: September 5, 2024

Time: 10:00 AM – 2:30 PM

Venue: Taraba State Ministry of Finance Conference Room, Jalingo

Chairperson: Dr. Cornelius Adeoye, Program Manager

Recorder: Nataala Kaigama, Program Officer, SABER Secretariat

1. Opening Remarks

Hon. Cornelius Adeoye welcomed participants and emphasized the strategic importance of BERAP 2025 in unlocking SABER-linked incentives and improving Taraba's business climate. He called for stronger collaboration between MDAs and private sector actors to ensure reforms are practical and impactful.

2. Attendance

Attendees List

Public Sector Representatives

Name	Organization	Designation
Nataala Kaigama	Ministry of Budget & Economic Planning	SABER Focal Person
Cornelius Adeoye	SABER Program	Program Manager
Mr. Emmanuel Danjuma	Taraba State Geographic Information Service (TAGIS)	Director Land
Mrs. Hadiza Bello	Ministry of Justice	Legal Adviser
Mr. Musa Ibrahim	Taraba State Internal Revenue Service	Tax Policy Lead
Engr. Joseph Tanko	Ministry of Works	Infrastructure Coordinator
Mrs. Rebecca Audu	Ministry of Commerce, Trade & Industry	Director of Trade
Mr. Jonathan Agbu	Taraba State Investment Promotion Agency (TSIPA)	Executive Secretary

Private Sector Participants

Name	Organization	Designation
Dr Bamidele Oyedeji	Thames International Group	MD
Mrs. Grace Nwankwo	Farview Agro Ltd	CEO
MS. Charity Charles Bako	Cadsoft Enterprise	Managing Director
Zakari BILIAMINU	Taraba Exporters Network	Coordinator
FISCUS LIMITED	FISCUS LIMITED	Director of Strategy
Mr. Felix Adamu	Taraba Advertising Council	Regulatory Consultant
Hajiya SAFIYA	Taraba Legal Aid Network	Legal Advocate
Mr Mohammed Sirajo	Taraba s Farmers Association	President

3. Review of BERAP 2024 Progress

SABER focal officer presented the mid-year progress report for BERAP 2024, noting:

- Full compliance and on target to meet the deliverables on all the with DLIs
- Need for improved publication of reform outputs and grievance redress mechanisms

4. Private Sector Observations

Key Feedback from Stakeholders

Private sector representatives raised the following points:

- **Land Registration Bottlenecks:**
TACCIMA noted delays in obtaining Certificates of Occupancy (CofOs), despite digitization efforts. They recommended a dedicated helpdesk for business-related land transactions.
- **Tax Harmonization:**
Thames MD urged the government to accelerate the rollout of the presumptive

tax regime and consolidate local government levies, which remain unpredictable and burdensome. He further requested for more awareness through media and investment training sessions

- **Export Facilitation:**

Agribusiness exporters highlighted the need for faster certification processes and better awareness of available incentives under the state's export strategy.

- **Judicial Efficiency:**

Cadsoft Representative praised the establishment of small claims courts but requested more publicity and awareness and clearer guidelines on dispute resolution timelines.

5. Key Planning Decisions for BERAP 2025

Reform Priorities

The meeting agreed to prioritize:

- Digitization of all CofOs issued between 2012 and 2023 and FRILIA adoption and implementation of pilot project (DLI 1)
- Reduction/ removal of Row fee to enable more fibre optic infrastructure (DLI 2)
- PPP pipeline restructuring and Project Facilitation Fund (DLI 3)
- Investment incentive inventory and IPA strengthening (DLI 4)
- Trade fee publication and exporter certification (DLI 6)
- Simplified tax regimes and e-payment platforms (DLI 7)
- Operationalization of small claims courts and timely publication of court execution and disposition reports (DLI 8)

Timeline

Milestone	Deadline
Draft BERAP 2025	Oct 15, 2024
Stakeholder Workshop	Oct 30, 2024
Exco Submission	Nov 15, 2024
Public Disclosure	Dec 31, 2024

6. Action Items

Task	Responsible Party	Deadline
Finalize draft BERAP 2025	SABER Secretariat	Oct 15, 2024
Update PPP pipeline disclosures	PPP Coordination Unit	Oct 10, 2024
Organize stakeholder workshop	Ministry of Finance	Oct 30, 2024
Submit BERAP to Exco	Commissioner for Finance	Nov 15, 2024
Publish approved BERAP 2025	ICT Department	Dec 31, 2024

7. Closing

The Chair thanked all participants, especially private sector stakeholders, for their candid feedback. He committed to integrating their recommendations into the BERAP 2025 and emphasized that reform success depends on inclusive and transparent implementation.











Meeting adjourned at 2:30 PM.





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