

Minutes of Meeting

Taraba State BERAP 2026

Session with Private Sector Participation

Date: 12 November 2025

Time: 10:00 AM – 1:30 PM

Venue: Executive Council Chamber, Government House, Jalingo

Chair: Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Budget & Economic Planning

Recorder: BERAP Secretariat

1. Attendance

Taraba State Government Officials

- Director, Budget Department
- Director, Monitoring & Evaluation
- Representatives from MDAs:
 - Ministry of Urban and regional planning
 - Taraba Geographic Information System
 - Taraba Investment Promotion Agency
 - Ministry of Commerce Trade and Investment
 - Ministry of Works & Transport
 - Ministry of Agriculture & Food Security
 - Ministry of Digital Economy & Innovation
 - Taraba State Internal Revenue Service (TIRS)

Private Sector & Stakeholder Groups

- Taraba Chamber of Commerce, Industry, Mines & Agriculture (TACCIMA)
- Taraba State Business Council
- Representatives of SMEs from Jalingo, Wukari, Bali, and Sardauna
- Commercial Banks & Microfinance Institutions
- Civil Society Budget Advocacy Group (CSBAG)

2. Opening Remarks

The Chair welcomed participants and emphasized that **BERAP 2026** is central to Taraba State's commitment to **fiscal transparency, improved service delivery, and inclusive governance**.

He highlighted the administration's focus on:

- Expanding the state's revenue base
- Strengthening capital project execution
- Supporting private sector growth, especially in agriculture, tourism, and SMEs
- Enhancing digital systems for planning and accountability

3. Presentation of Taraba State 2026 Budget Performance (Q1-Q2)

The Director of Budget presented the mid-year performance:

- **Overall budget performance:** 52%
- **Recurrent expenditure:** 60%
- **Capital expenditure:** 38%
- **Internally Generated Revenue (IGR):** 75% of target
- **Priority sectors:** Agriculture, Health, Education, Infrastructure, Digital Economy

Key challenges:

- Delayed cash-backing of capital releases
- Procurement delays
- Revenue leakages and low compliance in some LGAs
- Rising project costs due to inflation

4. Private Sector Feedback

Private sector representatives appreciated the state's openness and raised the following:

- Need for predictable payment cycles for contractors
- Concerns about multiple taxation, especially for SMEs
- Request for improved road infrastructure, particularly feeder roads linking markets and farming communities
- Need to have one stop shop instead of investor going to MDAs for enquiries
- Need for stronger PPP frameworks for tourism, agro-processing, and transport
- Call for digital platforms to track procurement, payments, and project status
- Support for youth-led enterprises, especially in ICT and agribusiness

5. Sector-Specific Discussions

a. Works & Infrastructure

- Contractors requested faster certification of completed works.

- Government committed to clearing verified arrears in phases.

b. Agriculture

- Private sector requested expansion of input distribution and mechanization support.
- Government agreed to strengthen farmer registration and extension services.

c. Digital Economy

- ICT stakeholders proposed collaboration on e-governance and digital skills training.
- Government confirmed ongoing work on the **Taraba Digital Service Portal**.

d. Revenue & Finance

- Banks recommended automation of revenue collection and improved TSA integration.
- TIRS committed to intensifying enforcement and reducing leakages.

6. Key Decisions & Resolutions

1. Establishment of a Taraba State Government–Private Sector Budget Monitoring Committee (quarterly meetings).
2. Rollout of the Taraba e-Procurement System before Q4 2026.
3. Phased clearance of verified contractor arrears starting Q3 2026.
4. Harmonization of taxes and levies across MDAs and LGAs.
5. **Quarterly publication of BERAP performance reports** on the state website.
6. **Strengthening PPP frameworks**, especially for agriculture, tourism, and infrastructure.
7. **Creation of a dedicated SME Support Desk** within the Ministry of Commerce.

7. Action Items

Action	Responsible Party	Timeline
Constitute Joint Monitoring Committee	Budget Ministry & TACCIMA	July 2026
Launch e-procurement pilot	Ministry of Digital Economy	Q4 2026
Clear verified arrears	Ministry of Finance	Q3–Q4 2026
Publish quarterly BERAP report	Budget Department	Ongoing
Rollout of TIFMIS	TIRS & Ministry of Finance	August 2026
Establish SME Support Desk	Ministry of Commerce	September 2026

8. Closing Remarks

The Chair thanked all participants and reaffirmed the government’s commitment to **transparency, accountability, and private sector-driven development**.

He emphasized that Taraba State’s economic transformation depends on strong collaboration

between government, businesses, and civil society.
The meeting adjourned at **1:30 PM**.