



GOMBE STATE OF NIGERIA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 010 OF 2023

ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE GOMBE STATE INVESTMENT PROMOTION AGENCY (GOSIPA)

WHEREAS the Government of Gombe State acknowledges that -

1. Government alone cannot provide every resident in the State with all the amenities needed for healthy and prosperous life but it should provide an environment for private businesses to thrive that can eventually lead to a healthier and more prosperous society;
2. The State, under the present administration, is nationally recognized as a safe and conducive environment for investment and business leading to its being adjudged by the Presidential Enabling Business Environment Council [PEBEC] as best State in the ease of doing business in Nigeria particularly in terms of infrastructure, secure and stable environment, transparency and accessibility of information, regulatory environment, skills and labour and economic opportunity;
3. The State, under this administration, has been pronounced as one of the ten best states to start a business in Nigeria in 2024 using key business metrics such as availability of government incentives, grants or programs; possibility of building partnerships with local businesses that can provide support and opportunities for business growth; availability of suppliers, and resources for scaling;



4. Establishing the multi-billion naira Muhammad Buhari Industrial Park, is verifiable proof of the commitment and readiness of the State administration to enhance and guarantee economic growth and job creation.
5. There is the need for more to be done to attract more investments
6. There is the need for a dedicated body to be created to further enhance the State's investment landscape and attract both local and international investments.

AND WHEREAS, in line with the active participation of the State in the State Action on Business Enabling Reform Program [SABER] and the outcomes of the Gombe State Investment Summit (Go-Invest) held in October 2022, there is similarly a compelling need to establish an agency for the State to initiate, promote, facilitate, attract and coordinate investments in the State.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Muhammadu Inuwa Yahaya CON (Dan Majen Gombe), the Governor of Gombe State pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999, and all other powers enabling me in that behalf as Governor, do hereby order as follows:

1. The Gombe State Investment Promotion Agency [GOSIPA] (hereinafter called "the Agency") is hereby established for the State.
2. The function of the Agency shall be:-
 - i. draw up a State Investment Promotion Strategy for the consideration of the Governor;



- ii. advise and conduct risk or benefit assessment that will assist the government on the implementation of all projects and programmes in the State Investment Promotion Strategy;
- iii. initiate and support measures which shall enhance the investment climate in the State for all investors;
- iv. plan, organise and implement targeted and well-researched investment promotion activities including, but not limited to, marketing and advertising campaigns, publications, exhibitions, hosting business conferences and seminars, media engagements, investment missions and investor outreach and networking, variously aimed at promoting specific investment projects in areas where the State has demonstrable comparative and competitive advantages;
- v. planning and implementing general marketing and advertising campaigns and actively reaching out to potential investors and building relationships with key stakeholders to raise awareness about investment opportunities in the state;
- vi. recommend to government ways to simplify and streamline administrative procedures and regulations related to investment by reducing bureaucracy, improving transparency, and providing clear guidelines for investment approvals;
- vii. recommend to government to offer attractive incentives, such as tax breaks, grants, subsidies, special economic zones, and other incentives to help offset initial costs and provide competitive advantage and disseminate such information;



- viii. develop targeted strategies for specific sectors or industries to identify key growth sectors, conducting market research, and tailoring promotional offers to the needs and interest of potential investors in those sectors;
- ix. providing ongoing support and aftercare services to investors to maintain investor confidence and encourage reinvestment by assisting with permits and licenses, access to business networks, and resolving any issues or challenges that arise;
- x. collect, collate, analyse and disseminate information about investment opportunities and sources of investment capital, and advise on request, the availability, choice or suitability of partners in joint-venture projects;
- xi. maintain liaison between investors and the state and federal governments ministries, departments and agencies, institutional lenders and other authorities concerned with investments;
- xii. advise and assist the government in creating an attractive, conducive, and competitive environment for business that will lead to healthy economic activities in the State;
- xiii. source, on behalf of the State government, finance for investment from multilateral and bilateral development partners as well as domestic and foreign private investors through public private partnerships and other financial arrangements as well as, where appropriate, acting as lead negotiator in deals with private investors that ensure the needs of the State and those of its residents are well represented;



- xiv. monitor the implementation, execution and delivery of projects as contained in agreements between the State Government and respective investors;
- xv. advise and assist in the establishment of a framework for monitoring and evaluating the progress of the State's strategic economic investment programmes and projects for effective implementation;
- xvi. establish a framework for identifying and pro-actively engaging the Federal Government Ministries, Departments and Agencies in the investment promotion drive of the State;
- xvii. advise and assist the government in developing and maintaining a comprehensive and reliable database on investment opportunities for effective planning especially in areas where the State has demonstrable comparative and competitive advantages;
- xviii. periodically revise and publish data and information on the investment status of the State in order to assist prospective domestic and foreign investors to evaluate the State's potential as an investment destination;
- xix. develop a database of reputable prospective and potential investors both in Nigeria and abroad with a view to reaching out to them when opportunities arise;
- xx. identify and document available land for agricultural, housing, mining, industrial and other economically beneficial uses so that it can be speedily made available to qualified investors in




- a manner that protects the rights of all stakeholders (land owners, occupiers, communities);
- xxi. act as the State's lead negotiator for all Public-Private Partnerships (PPP), Build-Operate-Transfer (BOT), Joint Ventures, Direct Investments, Concessions, Infrastructure Funds, Brownfield Investments, Infrastructure Bonds, Crowd funding, and other investment options;
 - xxii. promote policies and transparent procedures that will enable the State Government to work with potential investors and business partners to develop the natural resource base and assets of the State;
 - xxiii. develop appropriate institutional and regulatory framework for investment promotion and facilitation in the State;
 - xxiv. foster sustainable economic growth and create job opportunities for the residents of the State;
 - xxv. be a one-stop resource and coordination centre for all investment related activities; and
 - xxvi. perform such other functions as the Governor may from time to time direct or as are supplementary or incidental to the attainment of the objectives of establishing the Agency.
3. The Agency shall work in collaboration with relevant ministries, departments, and agencies to ensure effective and efficient promotion of investments in Gombe State.
4. The State Ministry of Justice is hereby directed to immediately draft a Gombe State Investment Promotion Agency Bill for transmission to the Gombe State House of Assembly for passage into law.



5. This Executive Order may be modified by the Governor when the need arises.
6. This Executive Order takes effect immediately.

Dated this ^{22nd}..... day of December, 2023


Muhammadu Inuwa Yahaya, CON,
(Dan Majen Gombe)
Governor,
Gombe State.