



Open Government Partnership

Government Of Anambra State

State Action Plan (2019 -2021)

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ACRONYMS

ANHA	Anambra State House of Assembly
ANSIPPA	Anambra State Investment Promotion and Protection Agency
ASATU	Anambra State Association of Town Unions
ASBA	Anambra State Small Business Agency
ASLGSC	Anambra State Local Government Service Commission
ASWAMA	Anambra State Waste Management Authority
CSO	Civil Society Organisations
EITI	Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative
MAN	Manufacturers Association of Nigeria
MDA	Ministries, Departments and Agencies
NBA	Nigerian Bar Association
NEITI	Nigerian Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative
NUJ	Nigerian Union of Journalists
OGP	Open Government Partnership



FOREWORD

I am pleased to present Anambra State Open Government Action Plan.

Anambra is a successful and stable democracy. It is one of the leading States in Nigeria in the fields of Commerce, Technology, Industry, Education, Sports and Entertainment as well as Creative and Literary arts. It possesses good agriculture base and is blessed with abundant mineral resources.

The State has achieved improved security, relatively low levels of crime, corruption and a long, proud history of transparent government.

But in a rapidly changing world, it is important that Anambra state boosts its efforts to become even more open, transparent, accountable, and improve public engagement.

This is crucial as we seek to:

- Build a better society for all our people and be more responsive to the expectations of the community;
- Stimulate economic growth and innovation;
- Foster collaboration between government, business, academia, non-government organisations and the

community; and

- Continue efforts to stamp out corruption, fraud and misconduct.

The Government of Anambra State is fully committed to enhancing openness, accountability, transparency and citizens' involvement in decision making in affairs of Government.

Upon assumption of office in March 2014, my administration launched efforts aimed at improving security, transparency in revenue generation, ease of doing business and community led development.

Government has increased openness of its budget processes for active involvement of all stakeholders, communities have also been encouraged to identify projects and lead in their execution whilst the Government provides the funding.

This has led to increased trust between the government and the people.

The expectation of the Open Government Partnership (OGP) of open, accountable, transparent and citizens focused governance tallies with what we have been doing in Anambra State. As



Governor, I reinforced this expectation by insisting that all Government functionaries do their part to ensure an open, and honest government that is accountable to the people of the State, live up to the highest ethical standards, and advance Anambra State priorities with renewed sense of collaboration. Along with increased collaboration within the state government, we will work in close collaboration with local governments, community development associations, traditional institutions, faith based organizations, non-state actors and development partners.

Anambra is excited to be the first state in southern Nigeria to join the Open Government partnership and we look forward to surmounting the challenges that comes with innovation and openness, because we recognize that we will better serve our people by collaborating not only within government, but also with citizens and civil society.

As we have demonstrated with community led development public engagement is at the centre of everything we do.

In our usual innovative way our Action Plan has gone beyond the four thematic areas of the National Action Plan to include the peculiarities and environmental issues facing our state. Our plan spans five thematic areas:

- a) fiscal transparency,
- b) anti-corruption,
- c) access to information,

- d) citizen engagement, and
- e) Climate Change.

These are the offshoot of my administrations' focus on improved security, enhanced service delivery, enlarged space for civic participation and increased transparency.

What we have done is to consolidate existing reforms with new initiatives under the OGP process with the sole aim of improved service delivery to the people of Anambra State. I embrace the opportunity to lead Anambra towards a more open and transparent government.

This Plan is our road map to enhancing open and continuous dialogue, citizens' participation, transparency, increased innovation and government accountability in the next two years.

I am of the firm belief that with citizens taking ownership of these reforms the government will perform better.

WILLIE M. OBIANO,
Executive Governor, Anambra State Nigeria



INTRODUCTION

OPEN GOVERNMENT PARTNERSHIP

The Open Government Partnership (OGP) is a multilateral initiative to foster greater transparency and accountability, improve governance, and increase civic engagement. OGP members are expected to develop action plans to be implemented over a two-year period.

Plans must advance the principles of transparency, accountability, citizen participation, and technology and innovation. The OGP also expects sub-national entities to contextualize their participation and identify commitments that speak to one or more of the OGP Challenges.

These five OGP challenges are:

- **Improving Public Services:** Measures that address the full range of citizen services, by fostering public service improvement or private sector innovation;
- **Increasing Public Integrity:** Measures that address corruption and public ethics, access to information, campaign finance reform, and media and civil society freedom;
- **More Effectively Managing Public Resources:** Measures that address budgets, procurement, natural resources and foreign assistance;

- **Creating Safer Communities:** Measures that address public safety, the security sector, disaster and crisis response, and environmental threats; and
- **Increasing Corporate Accountability:** Measures that address corporate responsibility on issues such as the environment, anti-corruption, market/consumer protection, and community engagement.

Anambra State is already taking steps to address the issues on the thematic areas and will improve on these the OGP platform to share its practices learn from other sub-nationals about tools and best practices to advance its efforts.

MARCH TOWARDS AN OPEN AND TRANSPARENT GOVERNMENT

The government of His Excellency Dr. Willie Obiano, from inception believes that our people need to see demonstrable openness and honesty from their public officials in order to maintain faith and trust in the government.

When the doors and windows of governance are opened to let in the



disinfecting rays of sunlight, the occupants of government offices appear in public view, and are thus kept alert to focus on serving the people - the original purpose, government was created to perform.

Security, Transparency and community led development figures prominently in Governor Willie Obiano's agenda.

The quest to restore trust in public institutions by conducting business in an open and transparent way and making sure the people and the communities have a say in government's projects led to many public sector reforms in Anambra State and culminated in the State signing on to the OGP Initiative.

Our open Government process is anchored on shared responsibility across government, with many cabinet members having responsibility for leading specific commitments in our action plan.

A JOINT EFFORT

Far and above the activities within the government by government official, other sectors of the society in Anambra State are fully involved in our efforts towards achieving an open and transparent system.

These include the civil society, professional associations, organized private sector, association of town unions, traditional institutions, faith based organisations and development partners.

In Anambra, the responsibility for many important issues is shared across the multiple levels of stakeholders in the society and the government is committed to working together with all stakeholders through a collaborative, coordinated approach to better serve our people.

MARK OKOYE

HON. COMMISSIONER FOR ECONOMIC PLANNING, BUDGET AND DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS
(CO-CHAIR ANAMBRA STATE OGP)





OVERVIEW OF THE STATE ACTION PLAN

Anambra State OGP Action Plan consists of 5 thematic areas and 10 commitments that help address OGP's grand challenges and respond to the state's contextual issues: improving public services, increasing public integrity, more effectively managing public resources, and increasing corporate accountability.

These commitments have been selected by considering the extent to which they reflect the following characteristics:

- **Relevance:** Does the activity support the Government's open and transparent mandate commitments?
- **Transformative Impact:** Is the activity ambitious, supporting change to the status quo? Does it help move the Government further along the Open Government scale?
- **Efficiency:** Does the activity improve efficiencies within the Government, among stakeholders, and/or between the Government and stakeholders?
- **Audience Reach:** Will the activity have a broad effect on a wide range of the

society, including citizens, civil society, academia, and industry?

- **Public Support:** Have the people indicated their support and interest in this activity through public consultations, civil society discussions, or through other means?
- **Capacity:** Is the Government able to implement the activity within expected timeframes?

Taken together, these actions will advance transparency, accountability, public participation and technological innovation in the state over the next two years. The Government will continue to engage publicly to identify new opportunities to promote open government.

Our approach in the Action Plan is structured within five thematic areas:

a. **Fiscal Transparency:**

Financial and budget processes are conducted with input from the people, the relevant information is available,



accessible and easy to understand, allowing the people to track how their monies are spent and understand how government fiscal decisions are made.

b. Anti-Corruption:

Integrity of the public service is ensured and systems to prevent, detect, report and punish corruption are in place. The public has tools to monitor and report infractions in a secure and non-retaliatory manner.

Proper framework is created to enhance and sustain the state's continued implementation of Open Government Principles and participation in the OGP process even after there is a change of political leadership.

c. Access to Information:

The people have the right to access, publicly held information, there is a legal obligation on the part of the government to disseminate certain information and records in a proactive manner, a clear system and standards for the creation and management of public information and records are established. Citizens have the tools and information they need to hold government to account, which builds trust in public institutions.

d. Citizen Engagement:

The people are mobilized and engaged to meaningfully interact with and participate in government decision making. They have the opportunity to make their voices heard on government policy and programs from the start.

e. Climate Change and Natural Resources Transparency:

The Challenges to the environment and weather arising from human activity or natural disasters are mapped and tackled with the active involvement of the people and local communities in a sustainable manner.

Local Government and Communities Engagement

Transparent and accountable management of public resources and robust participation of the people at the local government level is key to achieving the government's goal of integrated community development.

Consequently, the government is committed to cascading the cardinal principles of the Open Government Partnership down to the local government areas and the constituent communities and villages.

The State shall establish OGP Desk offices in all the local governments to ensure effective implementation of relevant OGP commitments at that level.



Summary of State Action Plan Commitments by Thematic Areas

FISCAL TRANSPARENCY	
1	Ensure more effective citizens participation across the entire budget cycle.
2	Full and Effective Implementation of the Anambra State Fiscal Responsibility Law; Public Procurement Law and Adoption of Open Contracting Standards.
3	Improve Revenue Generation and Tax Transparency.
4	Improve the Ease of Doing Business and Anambra State's ranking on the World Bank Doing Business Index.
ANTI-CORRUPTION	
5	Improve integrity in the Governance System and establish Anti-Corruption units in key MDAs.
6	Create Framework Conditions for OGP Participation and Sustenance.
ACCESS TO INFORMATION	
7	Improve citizens' access to publicly held information and records.
CITIZEN ENGAGEMENT	
8	Ensure a sustainable interaction platform for citizens' engagement.
CLIMATE CHANGE AND NATURAL RESOURCES TRANSPARENCY	
9.	Ensure climate change resilience and natural resources transparency.
10	Ensure equitable and fair access to land, management and utilization process.



Progress in Open Government Initiatives

The Government of His Excellency Dr. Willie M. Obiano, had from inception embarked upon reforms, the effective implementation of which, has led to a more accountable and responsive government.

These reforms found expression in the following government initiatives:-

1. Open and Participatory Budgeting Process

The State budget process is participatory, involving stakeholders from communities, civil society organisations, professional bodies, organized private sector, town unions and the traditional institutions in all the stages.

Stakeholders are thus opportune to understand and review what the government is doing in providing services in security and other areas.

2. Public Participation

Community Led Development Initiatives. The State government mandates communities to identify suitable development projects in their areas, allows them to secure a site and select a contractor/implementer and supervise the execution of the project without government influencing any of the steps

from commencement to completion. Here, the projects demonstrate community led government in the state.

3. Climate Change

Environmental Remediation

The government established a body for the mapping and resolution of environmental safety within the state.

The body works in close collaboration with people in the communities. This ensures that the challenges of climate change are identified and addressed to assure sustainable development for citizens.

4. Anti-Corruption Units

The units were established to help prevent, detect, report and remedy corrupt activities, fraud, waste and abuse of public resources. It provides the public with the tools and a voice to combat corruption.

5. Extractive Transparency

The State has taken steps to ensure that the issues of transparency in extractive activities in the state are given priority. It has established a public process, ensuring that the implementation of the objectives of the NEITI within the state though the training of government





officials as integrity gatekeepers in the sector.

The OGP offers an additional platform to strengthen the ongoing reforms with peer learning with other sub nationals and support from international development partners.



METHODOLOGY

Developing Anambra State Action Plan

Anambra State Open Government Partnership Action Plan has been developed in consultation with citizens, civil society organizations, the media, academia and the private sector, and in close collaboration with the Nigerian OGP Secretariat.

These consultations involved:

- a) “in government” consultation and sensitization of government functionaries and employees, training of government lead implementers of the OGP process;
- b) **Non-state actors consultation and**

sensitization and an introductory training for the non-state actors on the OGP principles and processes as well as the role of the Non-state actors on co-creation, implementation and monitoring;

- c) **Independent selection of membership of the steering committee and working groups** under the close supervision and guidance of the OGP Nigeria Secretariat.

The Action Plan is the product of a robust co-creation process preceded by extensive consultation and collaboration.



THE COMMITMENTS

4.1 Fiscal Transparency

Thematic Area:		Fiscal Transparency
Commitment 1:	Ensure more effective citizens participation across the entire budget cycle	
Start and end date:	2019 -2021	
Lead MDA:	Ministry of Economic Planning, Budget and Development Partners	
Responsible person:	Mr. Mark Okoye,	
Designation:	Hon. Commissioner	
Email and Phone:	mark.okoye@anambrastate.gov.ng and 08187726255	
Other Actors involve in implementation:	MDAs	Ministry of Finance, Industry, Innovation and DFIs; Anambra State Internal Revenue Services; Office of the Accountant General; Office of the Auditor General; ANHA; Ministry of Local Government, Chieftaincy and Community Affairs; ANSIPPA; Ministry of Science and Technology; Ministry of Environment, Beautification and Ecology; Office of the Head of Service; Ministry of Lands; APLAUC; Ministry of Agriculture
	CSOs, Private sector,	ANAMBRA OPEN ALLIANCE; JONAPWD ANAMBRA; CECODEC; UDO WOMEN ORG.; CDAHAPP (NSA); YOUTH REESTABLISHING VALUES ORG., YOUTH EMPOWERMENT FOUNDATION; CREATIVE MINDS
	etc.	DEV. INITIATIVE; CARE TRUST FOUNDATION; CENTRE FOR WOMEN EMPOWERMENT AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT; INTERNATIONAL PEACE & CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY CENTRE; TAR INITIATIVE, TODAY'S LEADER EMPOWERMENT; IDPC ONITSHA; LIFE CARE PROTECTION RELIANCE AND SAFETY ORGANISATION; HAND OF GOD WOMEN ASSOCIATION; CIVIL RIGHTS CONCERN

<p>General problem/challenge addressed by the commitment:</p>	<p>The state has continually engaged the organized private sector, Civil Society Organizations and the academia in its budget process. Laudable as this is, the need has been identified to widen the scope of Citizens participation by including Youths and women grass root organization and community development associations to play a role in the monitoring and tracking of the budget implementation process. This will increase trust and enhance Citizens ownership of the state budget process.</p>
<p>Main Objective:</p>	<p>To enhance citizens participation and ownership of the budget process from planning to execution and monitoring.</p>
<p>Brief description of commitment:</p>	<p>This commitment speaks to the need for expanded involvement of the people in the processes leading to the expenditure of public funds in the state.</p>
<p>Specific OGP challenge addressed by commitment:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving Public Services; • Increasing Public Integrity and Accountability; • Effectively Managing Public Resources; • Increasing Citizens Participation.
<p>Rationale for commitment:</p>	<p>Citizens' participation leads to increased trust and ownership of the Budget process; improved public accountability and enhanced willingness to pay taxes leading to increased revenue.</p>
<p>Expected Outcome/impact:</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Improved management of public resources to provide essential services. ii. Increased citizens' participation in budget processes. iii. Improved governance, transparency and accountability.
<p>Performance Indicators:</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Number of open budget fora/Forums held ii. Invitation of public inputs and comments on budget documents iii. Community needs assessment iv. Publication of joint budget monitoring reports v. Publication of citizens guide to the state budget vi. Increased public hearing in the House of Assembly



Specific Activities/Milestones		Start Date	End Date
1	Publish a timeline for all the budget process	September 2019	-
2	Conduct and publish results of needs assessment.		Dec 2020
3	Publish a comprehensive citizen's guide to the budget.	October 2019	
4	Conduct at least 2 public forums on the budget	October 2019	March 2021
5	Issuance of annual budget performance report.	Jan 2020	Mar 2020
Source of Funding:		State Government Budget, OGP National Secretariat and Development Partners.	
Thematic Area:		Fiscal Transparency	
Commitment 2:		Full and effective implementation of the Anambra State Fiscal Responsibility Law & Public Procurement Law and adoption of open contracting standards.	
Start and End Date:		2019 – 2021	

Lead MDA:	Ministry of Economic Planning, Budget and Development Partners	
Responsible Person:	Mr. Mark Okoye,	
Designation:	Hon. Commissioner	
Email and Phone:	mark.okoye@anambrastate.gov.ng and 08187726255	
Other Actors Involve in implementation	MDAs	Ministry of Finance, Industry, Innovation and DFIs Anambra State Internal Revenue Services Office of the Accountant General Office of the Auditor General ANHA Ministry of Local Government, Chieftaincy and Community Affairs ANSIPPA Ministry of Science and Technology Ministry of Environment, Beautification and Ecology



	<p>CSOs, Private sector, etc.</p> <p>ANAMBRA OPEN ALLIANCE; JONAPWD ANAMBRA; CECODEC; UDO WOMWN ORG.; CDAHAPP (NSA); YOUTH REESTABLISHING VALUES ORG., YOUTH EMPOWERMENT FOUNDATION; CREATIVE MINDS DEV INITIATIVE; CARE TRUST FOUNDATION; CENTRE FOR WOMEN EMPOWERMENT AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT; MLGCCA INTERNATIONAL PEACE & CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY CENTRE; MTCM2WC; TAR INITIATIVE TODAY'S LEADER EMPOWERMENT; IDPC ONITSHA; LIFE CARE PROTECTION RELIANCE AND SAFETY ORGANISATION; HAND OF GOD WOMEN ASSOCIATION.</p>
<p>General problem/challenge addressed by the commitment:</p>	<p>The effective implementation of the state Fiscal Responsibility law and Public Procurement law will enhance the quality of the budgeting processes, enhance revenue generation and curb the problems of waste, abuse and corruption. Whilst the adoption of the Open Contracting Standards will enhance the credibility of the procurement process and ensure accountability on the part of government. This improves service delivery and trust in the government.</p>
<p>Main Objective:</p>	<p>To improve compliance with the relevant laws, enhance the quality of the budget process and ensure effective open procurement process in the state.</p>
<p>Brief description of commitment:</p>	<p>The State's management of public resources would be more transparent, more inclusive and more citizens centered with the improved compliance with the Fiscal Responsibility and Public Procurement laws.</p>
<p>Specific OGP challenge addressed by commitment:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving Public Services; • Increasing Public Integrity and Accountability; • Effectively Management of Public Resources;
<p>Rationale for commitment:</p>	<p>Full implementation of the Fiscal Responsibility law and Public Procurement law enhances integrity and more prudent utilization of public resources.</p>

Expected Outcome/impact:	The development of a trusted procurement regime in the state Increased participation of the citizens in the procurement process		
Performance Indicators:	Percentage of contracts awarded through open competitive bidding. Increase in information flow to the public on procurement issues Existence of a procurement data bank Existence of a procurement portal		
Specific Activities/Milestones		Start Date	End Date
1	Adoption of Open Contracting Standards and training of public institution employees on the Open Contracting Standards	October 2019	Jan 2021
2	Establish public procurement website/portal.	September 2019	January 2020
3	Establish open contracting forum comprising of government, Civil Society and Private Sector to ensure sustained engagement and improved procurement processes.	October 2019	
4	Development and regular publication of periodic expenditure profile		
Source of Funding:		State Government Budget, OGP Secretariat and Development Partners	



Thematic Area : Fiscal Transparency	
Commitment 3:	Improve Revenue Generation and Tax Transparency.
Start and end date:	2019 -2021
Lead MDA:	Ministry of Finance, Industry, Innovation and DFIs
Responsible Person	Mr.IfeatuOnejeme
Designation:	Hon. Commissioner
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Other Actor Involve in implementation:	MDAs Ministry of Economic planning, Budget and Development Partners; Anambra State Internal Revenue Services; Office of the Accountant General; Office of the Auditor General; ANHA; Ministry of Local Government, Chieftaincy and Community Affairs; ANSIPPA; Ministry of Science and Technology; Ministry of Environment, Beautification and Ecology; Ministry of Trade, Commerce, Markets and Wealth creation; Anambra State Internal Revenue Service(AIRS).
	CSOs, Private sector, etc. ANAMBRA OPEN ALLIANCE; JONAPWD ANAMBRA; CECODEC; UDO WOMWN ORG.; CDAHAP P (NSA); YOUTH REESTABLISHING VALUES ORG., YOUTH EMPOWERMENT FOUNDATION; CREATIVE MINDS DEV INITIATIVE; CARE TRUST FOUNDATION; CENTRE FOR WOMEN EMPOWERMENT AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT; MLGCCA INTERNATIONAL PEACE & CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY CENTRE; MTCM2WC; TAR INITIATIVE, TODAY'S LEADER EMPOWERMENT; IDPC ONITSH A; LIFE CARE PROTECTION RELIANCE AND SAFETY ORGANISATION; HAND OF GOD WOMEN ASSOCIATION.
General problem/challenge addressed by the commitment:	Revenue and Tax Transparency shines the light on the link between revenue generation and improved public services, this enhances the willingness of citizens and businesses to pay tax.
Main Objective:	To increase internally generated revenue by opening up the tax process and accounting for the expenditure of proceeds of taxation and ensuring tax justice.



Brief description of commitment:	Fair and equitable taxation of people and businesses; and improved service delivery is at the core of Anambra state's drive towards better revenue and tax transparency.			
Specific OGP challenge addressed by commitment:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving Public Services; • Increasing Public Integrity and Accountability; • Citizens participation; 			
Rationale for commitment:	The Citizens are more willing to pay their taxes if they perceive the taxation process as fair and equitable and could also link it to improved service delivery.			
Expected Outcome/impact:	Increased revenue generation and ensuring tax justice.			
Performance Indicators:	<p>More people and businesses pay their taxes Voluntary tax compliance increased.</p> <p>Number of people complaining of multiple taxation reduced.</p>			
Specific Activities/Milestones			Start Date	End Date
1	Publication of tax obligations and responsibilities of tax authorities and tax payers		October 2019	Jan 2021
2	Adoption of the Addis Tax Reporting Standards		October 2019	Dec 2020
3	Issuance of directives to eliminate multiple taxation		September 2019	Dec 2020
4	Review of revenue collection procedures		October 2019	June 2021
Source of Funding:	State Government Budget, OGP National Secretariat and Development Partners			



Thematic Area: Fiscal Transparency	
Commitment 4	Improve the ease of doing business and Anambra State's ranking on the World Bank Doing Business Index.
Start and end date:	2019 – 2021
Lead MDA:	Ministry of Industry, Trade and Commerce
Responsible Person:	Dr. Christian Madubuko
Designation:	Hon. Commissioner
Email and Phone:	Christian.madubuko@anambrastate.gov.ng
Other Actors Involve in Implementation:	MDAs Ministry of Economic planning, Budget and Development Partners; Anambra State Internal Revenue Services; Office of the Accountant General; Office of the Auditor General; ANHA; Ministry of Local Government, Chieftaincy and Community Affairs; ANSIPPA; Ministry of Science and Technology; Ministry of Environment, Beautification and Ecology; ASBA; Ministry of Finance.
	CSOs, Private sector, etc. ANAMBRA OPEN ALLIANCE; JONAPWD ANAMBRA; CECODEC; UDO WOMWN ORG.; CDAHAPP (NSA); YOUTH REESTABLISHING VALUES ORG., YOUTH EMPOWERMENT FOUNDATION; CREATIVE MINDS DEV INITIATIVE; CARE TRUST FOUNDATION; CENTRE FOR WOMEN EMPOWERMENT AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT; MLGCCA INTERNATIONAL PEACE & CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY CENTRE; MTCM2WC; TAR INITIATIVE, TODAY'S LEADER EMPOWERMENT; IDPC ONITSHA; LIFE CARE PROTECTION RELIANCE AND SAFETY ORGANISATION; HAND OF GOD WOMEN ASSOCIATION.
General problem/challenge	The steps to be taken to establish a business or obtain a permit or license to carry on business and commercial activities appear to be onerous for the micro, small and medium scale enterprises. This
addressed by the commitment:	results in the states lower than expected ranking in the World Bank's ease of doing business index.



Main Objective:	To improve the ease of establishing and operating a business in the state.		
Brief description of commitment:	The government desires to improve the ease of doing business in the State. It will therefore achieve more open and convenient processes for establishing and maintaining a business in the State.		
Specific OGP challenge addressed by commitment:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved Public Services; • Increased Public Integrity and Accountability; 		
Rationale for commitment:	The introduction of transparent processes and lowering of the threshold for establishing and maintaining businesses will lead to increase in value addition, enhanced revenue generation and curb unemployment in the communities.		
Expected Outcome/impact:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Increased economic development, ii. Less unemployment iii. Increased revenue generation iv. Enhance trust in government 		
Performance Indicators:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Reduced no of procedure, time and cost of doing business. ii. Increased number of new business permits and licenses granted. iii. Improved ranking on the World Bank ease of doing business index. 		
Specific Activities/Milestones		Start Date	End Date
1	Improvement in the 2020 World Bank Ease of Doing Business Index	October 2019	Dec 2020
2	Reduction of overlapping processes in business registration.	October 2019	June 2020
3	Improved coordination and collaboration between agencies of government involved in business process related services.	October 2019	October 2021
4	Downward review of business registration and licensing fees.	October 2019	Dec 2020
Source of Funding:	State Government Budget, OGP Secretariat and Development Partners		



4.2 Anti-Corruption

Thematic Area: Anti-Corruption		
Commitment 5	Establish Anti-Corruption Units in key MDAs	
Start and end date:	2019 – 2021	
Lead MDA:	Ministry of Economic Planning, Budget and Development Partners	
Responsible Person:	Mr. Mark Okoye	
Designation:	Hon. Commissioner	
Email and Phone:	Mark.okoye@anambrastate.gov.ng and 08187726255	
Other Actors involve in implementation:	MDAs	Ministry of Justice; Ministry of Power and Domestic Water Development; Ministry of Road Construction, Road Furniture and Maintenance; Ministry of Education; Ministry of Health; Ministry of Information; Office of the Head of Service; Ministry of Work; Ministry of Women Affairs; Ministry of Commerce and Wealth Creation; Ministry of Agriculture; Ministry of Lands; Anambra State Board of Internal Revenue; Ministry of Finance; Ministry of Local Government and Chieftaincy Matters.
	CSOs, Private	FUTURE LEADERS GLOBAL INITIATIVE; NUJ; NBA, ASATU; LIFE CARE PROTECTION RELIANCE AND SAFETY ORGANISATION; MAN; ANAMBRA
	sector, etc.	CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, INDUSTRY, MINES AND AGRICULTURE; GLORY CARE FOUNDATION.
General problem/challenge addressed by the commitment:	The need to enhance corruption combating capabilities within the state public service has been identified. In order to articulate the policies and ensure continuous implementation the establishment of the Anti - Corruption Units became imperative.	

Main Objective:	To champion anti -corruption activities and develop a culture of compliance and ethical practices in the state’s public service.		
Brief description of commitment:	This commitment seeks to introduce a body to oversee the corruption reduction initiatives of the government.		
Specific OGP challenge addressed by commitment:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving Public Services; • Increasing Public Integrity and Accountability; • Citizens Participation. 		
Rationale for commitment:	To enhance the ability of the public service to prevent, detect, report and punish corruption, waste and abuse.		
Expected Outcome/impact:	Improvement in detection and prevention of corrupt practices.		
Performance Indicators:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Reduced number of corruption related issues ii. Number of staff trained on anti-corruption iii. Published anti-corruption strategy document 		
Specific Activities/Milestones		Start Date	End Date
1.	About 100 Staff members identified and trained to form the anti-corruption units	October 2019	March 2020
2.	Anti-Corruption Strategy document developed and published	October 2019	May 2020
3.	Anti-Corruption units established in key Ministries, Departments and Agencies	October 2019	Dec 2020
4.	Corruption Incident reporting mechanism established	October 2019	Dec 2020
Source of Funding:	State Government Budget, OGP National Secretariat and Development Partners		



Specific OGP challenge addressed by commitment:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation • Accountability • Transparency • Innovation 		
Rationale for commitment:	<p>A legally and formally structured, inclusive, transparent and orderly OGP participation process promotes open government discussions and the sustainability of the measures.</p> <p>By implementing this commitment, participation processes will become structured and accessible to relevant stakeholders, taking into account the relevant legal, legislative and administrative requirements.</p>		
Expected Outcome/impact:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Clear administrative structure and better coordination of the OGP process. ii. Increased citizens' participation. iii. Improved governance, transparency and accountability. 		
Performance Indicators:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. OGP State Secretariat established ii. Legal and Administrative Instruments designed and deployed 		
Specific Activities/Milestones		Start Date	End Date
1	Develop a strategy document on establishing, implementing and evaluating OGP principles and action plans, including:	October 2019	December 2020
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design and development of administrative, policy and legislative instruments; • Establishment and resourcing of the State OGP Secretariat. • Schedule, staffing and coordination structures • Identification and training of OGP Desk Officers in the State and Local Government Areas 		
2	Establish the State OGP Coordinating Secretariat.	October 2019	May 2020
3	Identification and training of OGP Desk Officers in the State and Local Government Areas	September 2019	July 2020
4	Design and development of Administrative, policy, Legal and Legislative Instruments.	October 2019	March 2020



Thematic Area: Anti-Corruption	
Commitment 6	Create Framework Conditions for OGP Participation and Sustenance
Start and end date:	2019 – 2021
Lead MDA:	Ministry of Economic Planning, Budget and Development Partners
Responsible Person:	Mr. Mark Okoye,
Designation:	Hon. Commissioner
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Other Actors involve in implementation:	MDAs Ministry of Justice; Ministry of Power and Domestic Water Development; Ministry of Road Construction, Road Furniture and Maintenance; Ministry of Education; Ministry of Health; Office of the Head of Service; Ministry of Agriculture; Ministry of Lands; Ministry of Commerce and Wealth Creation; Ministry of Finance; Ministry of Local Government and Chieftaincy Matters .
	CSOs, Private sector, etc. FUTURE LEADERS GLOBAL INITIATIVE; NUJ; NBA, ASATU; LIFE CARE PROTECTION RELIANCE AND SAFETY ORGANISATION; MAN; ANAMBRA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, INDUSTRY, MINES AND AGRICULTURE; GLORY CARE FOUNDATION.
General problem/challenge	There is no existing administrative structure for the coordination and implementation of the State Open Government Activities. There is no legal, legislative, administrative or policy framework to
addressed by the commitment:	provide a legal foundation for the State’s participation in the partnership such that will ensure its funding and sustenance even after there has been changes in political leadership.
Main Objective:	Optimizing the process of drafting and evaluating the State Action Plans inside and outside the government. Meeting the OGP requirements, in particular regarding transparent procedures, awareness-raising and online and offline participation. Establishing binding Legal and Administrative Instruments to enhance the implementation of the OGP principles and ensure its continuity even after there is a change in political leadership.
Brief description of commitment:	Creating the basis to promote open government and formalize OGP participation in and by the State.



5	Develop guidelines for OGP implementation at works at local government level.	October 2019	March 2020
6	Set up the State OGP website/online platform.	October 2019	July 2020
7	Public enlightenment and sensitization.	October 2019	
Source of Funding:		State Government Budget, OGP National Secretariat and Development Partners	



4.3 Access to Information

Thematic Area: Access to Information	
Commitment 7	Improve citizens' access to publicly held information and records
Start and end date:	2019 – 2021
Lead MDA:	Ministry of Justice
Responsible Person:	Barr Dr. (Mrs) UjuNwaogu
Designation:	Hon. Attorney General and Commissioner for Justice
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Other Actor Involved in Implementation:	MDAs Ministry of Information, Orientation and Communication Strategy; Ministry of Economic Planning, Budget and Development Partners; ANHA; Office of the Head of Service; Ministry of Local Government, Chieftaincy and Community Affairs.
	CSOs, Private sector, etc. LIFE CARE ASSOCIATION; CISHAN; ASPWPD; OMAMBALA COMMUNICATIONS FORUM; AMBASSADORS FOR BETTER SOCIETY INITIATIVE; PARTNERSHIP FOR SOCIAL REFORMATION; ASATU; TRANSFORMATION ADVOCACY AND CAPACITY BUILDING INITIATIVE; NYCN; NUJ; NBA; CAMPAN; ASLGSC; NETWORK OF PHLN; MEDIA ISSUES AGENDA; ANAMBRA STATE ASSOCIATION FOR THE DEAF; LABOUR AND ENVIRONMENT FOUNDATION-AFRICA, ETC.
General problem/challenge addressed by the commitment:	Though the Government has been engaging the Citizens and communities in various areas of governance. The State does not have a specific policy or administrative directive binding on the public service that addresses and ensures the people's right to access government held information and records.
Main Objective:	Establish a functional framework to guide the people on the rights to access and procedures for accessing information and records held by public institutions.



4.3 Access to Information

Brief description of commitment:	This commitment seeks to provide the citizens an enforceable right to access information, provide a procedure for the exercise of that right; and provide guidance to the public institutions on the implementation of an access to information regime.		
Specific OGP challenge addressed by	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Citizens' participation 		
commitment:			
Rationale for commitment:	The implementation of the commitment will enhance orderly and collaborative citizens' participation in governance.		
Expected Outcome/impact:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Improved citizens participation ii. Enhanced government accountability 		
Performance Indicators:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Policy on Freedom of Information created and publicized for implementation ii. Legal or Administrative instruments and directives issued. iii. Number of Freedom of Information officers designated and trained 		
Specific Activities/Milestones		Start Date	End Date
1	Develop Access to Information Framework for the State, such as to grant citizens an enforceable right to information and records held by government:- These include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Access to Information Policy, Administrative, Legal and legislative instruments and standards b) Public Participation Policy, Administrative, Legal and legislative instruments and standards 	October 2019	June 2020



4.3 Access to Information

2	Identify, select, appoint and train Access to information Desk officers	October 2019	Dec 2019
3	Incorporate Access to information Portal into the State OGP website	October 2019	June 2021
4	Strengthen and enhance the Staff capacity and proficiency at the Anambra State Information Centre domiciled at the Ministry of Information and Public Enlightenment	October 2019	July 2020
5	Regular Review, Update/Upgrade of Anambra State Website(ASIS -Anambra Statistics information System).	October 2019	October 2021
Source of Funding:		State Government Budget, OGP National Secretariat and Development Partners	



4.4 Citizen Engagement and Empowerment

Thematic Area: Citizen Engagement Empowerment	
Commitment 8	Ensure a sustainable interaction platform for Citizens engagement.
Start and end date:	2019 – 2021
Lead MDA:	Ministry of Information, Orientation and Communication Strategy
Responsible Person:	Mr C Don Adinuba
Designation:	Hon. Commissioner for Information, Orientation and Communication Strategy
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Other Actors Involved in Implementation:	MDAs Ministry of Youth Entrepreneurship and Sports Development; Ministry of Social Welfare, Children and Women Affairs ; Ministry of Local Government, Chieftaincy and Community Affairs; Ministry of Economic Planning, Budget and Development Partners; Anambra Internal Revenue Services; Ministry of Science and Technology; Ministry of Education; ANHA; Ministry of Environment; Ministry of Public Utilities.
	CSOs, Private sector, etc. LIFE CARE ORGANISATION; AHADef; WOMEN CENTRE FOR SELF EMPOWERMENT AND DEVELOPMENT; WAC - WOMEN ACTION COMMITTEE; CENTRE FOR WOMEN EMPOWERMENT AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT; JUSTICE DEVELOPMENT & PEACE COMMISSION (IDPC) ONITSHA WOMEN ACTION COMMITTEE; PARTNERSHIP FOR CORE DEVELOPMENT AND REHABILITATION INITIATIVE(PCDRI); WOMEN & MINORITIES RIGHTS CONCERN (WAMRAC); WOMEN EMPOWERMENT & DEVELOPMENT; THE MELUIBE EMPOWERMENT FOUNDATION; CARE TRUST DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE; WOSCED; CIVIL RIGHTS CONCERN; JONAPWD ANAMBRA; CARE FOR THE PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED (CAPCADEF); CENTRE FOR WOMEN EMPOWERMENT AND RURAL



	DEVELOPMENT; COTAGG WING OF HOPE DEVELOPMENT; COTAGG; WOMEN ACTION COMMITTEE, "IDIKACO WOMEN IN GOVERNANCE NETWORK", UDO WOMEN ORGANIZATION, UNIVERSAL CENTRE FOR COMMUNITY DIALOGUE, NATIONAL YOUTH COUNCIL OF NIGERIA, SOCIETY FOR EQUITY JUSTICE AND PEACE(SE JUP)
General problem/challenge addressed by the commitment:	Citizens' engagement has been on an ad-hoc basis employed by the government as the need arises. The establishment of a more enduring platform for government interaction with and feedback from the people is therefore of paramount importance to the state.
Main Objective:	To establish a clear, practical and open platform for a continuous interaction between the people and the government.
Brief description of commitment:	The commitment seeks to ensure a periodic but continuous avenue for the people and the government to engage and interact.
Specific OGP challenge addressed by commitment:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Increases public integrity. 2. Public participation. 3. Improves public services.
Rationale for commitment:	To provide a tool for the citizens to be part of government and the government to receive inputs and feedback from the citizens.
Expected Outcome/impact:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Increased participation of citizens in governance. 2. Increased responsiveness by government to the people's needs. 3. Improved service delivery to citizens.
Performance Indicators:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Number of open and user-friendly platform for citizens/government town hall meetings. ii. Published list of platforms, timelines and venues for government engagement with the people. iii. Increased number of public meetings organized by the various MDAs.



Specific Activities/Milestones		Start Date	End Date
1	Institutionalize citizens' forums in key ministries, departments and agencies	October 2019	December 2021
2	Advocacy in local languages for people to report concerns in a user friendly manner in an identifiable platform	October 2019	December 2020
3	Establish a website/portal or office dedicated to receiving complaints and ideas on better governance.	October 2019	December 2020
4	Adopt a technology based citizens' feedback Mechanism through a portal on the State OGP website and other websites of the MDAs.	October 2019	Dec 2020
Source of Funding:		State Government Budget, OGP Secretariat and Development Partners	



4.5 Climate Change and Natural Resources Transparency

Thematic Area: Climate Change and Natural Resources Transparency	
Commitment 9	Ensure Climate Change Resilience and Natural Resources Transparency.
Start and end date:	2019 -2021
Lead MDA:	Ministry of Environment-
Responsible Person:	Arc. MichaelOkonkwo
Designation:	Hon. Commissioner
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Other Actors Involved in Implementation:	MDAs Ministry of Justice; Ministry of Power and Domestic Water Development; Ministry of Information, Orientation and Communication Strategy; Ministry of Economic Planning, Budget and Development Partners; ANHA; Ministry of Health; Ministry of Education; Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development; Ministry of Tertiary & Science Education; Ministry of Lands, Survey and Town Planning; NEWMAP, Anambra State Waste Management Authority (ASWAMA), State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA), Ministry of Youth Empowerment & Creative Economy; Ministry of Commerce, Wealth Creation and Industry; Ministry of Information, Orientation & Communication Strategy; etc.
	CSOs, Private sector, etc. WOCSSED; CHEMTEK ASSOCIATES; WOMEN ACTION COMMITTEE; GLORY CARE FOUNDATION; OPEN CLIMATE INITIATIVE, AHADef; YOUTH EMPOWERMENT FOUNDATION; SOCIAL RESOURCES DEV CENTRE; YOUTH REESTABLISHMENT VALUES; INTEGRITY YOUTH DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE; WING OF HOPE DEV INITIATIVE; OPEN CLIMATE INITIATIVE; ASATU; NUJ; CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE, INDUSTRY, MINES AND AGRICULTURE; ANAMBRA STATE ASSOCIATION OF MINERS.



General problem/challenge addressed by the commitment:	It is already very well understood in Anambra State that climate change is one of the greatest challenges of our time. In our context as a society it poses the danger of flooding, top soil and gully erosion and land degradation which has led to massive loss of infrastructure, agricultural land and
	<p>even lives.</p> <p>There is need for the intensification of sustainable management of natural resources and increase in climate change resilience of local communities within the state. The sustainable development of natural resources (oil, gas and minerals) requires transparent and accountable management of revenue received from these industries, including taxes, royalties and other payments as well as the management of the environmental fallout of extractive activities in the host and surrounding communities. The EITI (NEITI) has established a global standard to promote the open and accountable management of natural resources and remediation of environmental degradation. Anambra state is desirous of adopting these standards.</p>
Main Objective:	To achieve compliance with the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) standards and continue to take steps to halt and remedy the adverse effects of climate change as exemplified by flooding, erosion, landslides etc.
Brief description commitment:	<p>Under this commitment we will work together with, civil society, private sector, the academia, media, local communities and various social and cultural groups (including youth and women groups) to:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Enhance disclosure relating to extractive industry activities including government expenditure, revenues, environmental impact and land use effects from oil, gas and mining within the State. 2. Curb environmental degradation resulting from erosion and other adverse effect of climate change. 3. Promote inclusive participation, peaceful collaboration /mutual working relationship among stakeholders in the sub-sector. 4. Advocacy, sensitization and education of the citizens' on climate change issues.
Specific OGP challenge addressed by	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increasing Corporate Accountability • More Effectively Managing Public Resources



commitment:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creating Safer Communities • Citizens Participation
Rationale for commitment:	<p>Our commitment to the EITI standard will help to lay the foundation for sustainable development and build the public trust necessary for an enduring and sustainable extractive industry; whilst the efforts against erosion and climate change resilience will help stabilize our ecosystem, promote Healthy living, enhance the capacity of our people to combat environmental degradation and push back a grave threat to our environment.</p>
Expected Outcome/impact:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Increased transparency on the extractive industry 2. Increased participation and trust of citizens in governance. 3. Enhanced tools for combating erosion and other adverse effects of climate change 4. Improved service delivery to citizens. 5. Introduction of Climate change education and citizen information/engagement 6. Increase peaceful Co-existence among the communities 7. Reduced youth restiveness & militancy. 8. Increase awareness on the need to safeguard our environment. 9. Formation of climate change club in the schools 10. Inclusion of climate change as a course/ subject in the school curriculum.
Performance Indicators:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Agreement with NEITI on standards executed. ii. Number of extractive industry operators registered and sites published. iii. Multi-stakeholder group constituted iv. Number of Teachers trained to teach Climate Change v. Increased number of communities involved in flood and erosion control efforts vi. Increased number of trees planted annually vii. Increased number of restored (degraded/eroded) land
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> viii. Improved collaboration between government, citizens, development partners



Specific Activities/Milestones		Start Date	End Date
1	Publish updated data on the extractive industries activities, locations and operators.	October 2019	June 2020
2	<p>Establish a Multi -Stakeholder Group (representing industry, OGP Secretariat, NEITI, nongovernment organisations and government) to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. oversee the adoption and implementation of the EITI standard; ii. identify possible pollution streams from the industries activities and ensure mitigation or abatement measures. iii. Map of all erosion sites and design a strategy on combating erosion in the state with a focus on community engagement, for effective citizen participation iv. Conduct research on adverse effect of Climate Change in the State. 	October 2019	December 2020
3	Develop a curriculum for the teaching of Climate Change in primary and post primary schools in the state.	October 2019	June 2020
4	Adopt the EITI (NEITI) standards.	October 2020	October 2021
5	Exploring and developing tools for better citizen participation (e.g. new forms of online participation; guidelines on dealing with various impacts of climate change).	January 2020	December 2020
6	Carrying out at least biannual town hall meetings on citizen participation in combating erosion	December 2019	June 2020
7	Develop policies and programs on climate risk management and sustainable development.	October 2019	Dec 2020
Source of Funding:		State Government Budget, OGP National Secretariat and Development Partners	



Thematic Area: Climate Change and Natural Resources Transparency		
Commitment 10	Ensure equitable and fair access to land, management and utilization process.	
Start and end date:	2019 -2021	
Lead MDA:	Ministry of Lands, Physical Planning and Rural Development	
Responsible Person:	Mr. Bonaventure Enemali	
Designation:	Hon. Commissioner	
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Other Actors Involved in Implementation:	MDAs	Ministry of Justice; Ministry of Power and Domestic Water Development; Ministry of Information, Orientation and Communication Strategy; Ministry of Economic Planning, Budget and Development Partners; Anambra State House of Assembly (ANHA); Anambra State Waste Management Authority; Ministry of Environment.
	CSOs, Private sector, etc.	NUJ; ASATU; WOCSED; CHEMTEK ASSOCIATES; ANAMBRA OPEN ALLIANCE; AHADef; YOUTH EMPOWERMENT FOUNDATION; SOCIAL RESOURCES DEV CENTRE; YOUTH REESTABLISHMENT VALUES; INTEGRITY YOUTH DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE; WING OF HOPE DEV INITIATIVE; OPEN CLIMATE INITIATIVE; A SATU; NUJ; CHAMBERS OF
		COMMERCE, INDUSTRY, MINES AND AGRICULTURE; ASSOCIATION OF MINERS, ANAMBRA STATE.
General problem/challenge addressed by the commitment:	Land administration is at the root of economic development and a fair and equitable process is critical for citizens to effectively contribute to economic activities and sustainability.	
Main Objective:	To make the process of acquisition and utilization of land in Anambra State citizens' centric, friendly and affordable.	
Brief description of commitment:	This commitment seeks to make the process of land acquisition and management transparent, predictable and affordable.	



Specific OGP challenge addressed by commitment:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Citizens Participation • Transparency • Use of Technology and Innovation 		
Rationale for commitment:	Sustainable development is centred on land. The reform of land administration and management provides a vehicle for improving the investment environment and providing economic empowerment for urban and rural communities in Anambra State.		
Expected Outcome/impact:	i. Improved Citizens' Access to Land ii. Enhanced openness of Government Land process iii. Clear and communicated State Policy on land		
Performance Indicators:	i. Established Land Administration Portal ii. Published steps to land acquisition and management iii. Online Land Application Platform established and functional iv. Existence of a digital payment system with little or no interface with public officials v. Existence of comprehensive data on land allocation		
Specific Activities/Milestones		Start Date	End Date
1	Review of existing state land policy	October 2019	June 2020
2	Publication of Citizens' guide to land acquisition and management	October 2019	Dec 2020
3	Establishment of online portal for engagement on land issues	October 2019	June 2020
4	Establishment of e-payment system for land matters.	Dec. 2019	June 2020
Source of Funding:	State Government Budget, OGP Secretariat and Development Partners		



Implementation and Co-ordination Plans

Context

The Anambra State OGP framework is reflective of the desires and contextual issues identified and prioritized by the people and government of the state.

It speaks to the needs and strategies that would lead to an impactful but sustainable change in our communities.

State Steering Committee

Responsibility for the attainment of the goals of the action plan lies on all the stakeholders, but effective implementation is the responsibility of the State Steering Committee (SSC).

The SSC is the highest decision-making body within the Anambra OGP structure. It is made up of 22 members drawn equally from the public sector and non-state actors. There are also observers who attend and contribute to deliberations as non-voting members.

Observers are included so as to get as wide representation of the society as possible.

Functions and Powers of the Steering Committee

The State Steering Committee (SSC) is drawn from civil society, private sector institutions and government agencies,

and will ordinarily meet quarterly.

The roles of the SSC are to:

- Set high-level strategies, policies, and procedures;
- Provide targeted outreach and support to encourage members, government institutions, and non-state actors to meet their OGP commitments;
- Help with fund raising;
- Represent OGP and promote its accomplishments on the national and international platforms;
- Set a strong example by upholding OGP values and principles and make ambitious commitments;
- Recruit and brief new Steering Committee members during the second phase of the State Action Plan; Connect the State OGP Secretariat to key potential partners; and,
- Approve the Budget of the State OGP Secretariat and annual work plan.



Co-Chairs for the state OGP

The SSC will be led by two co-chairs. It comprises the lead government cochair and a lead CSO co-chair. The Lead Government Co-Chair is to set the tone and theme during the two-year cycle, organize and convene the quarterly OGP meetings in the State and other high-profile events and campaigns. The two co-chairs and the Head of the State OGP Secretariat will also serve as the governance and leadership sub-committee of the SSC.

Their responsibilities are to:

- Ensure vitality of OGP leadership by recruiting and orienting incoming Co-chairs and members of the State Steering Committee;
- Work with the OGP Secretariat to plan and run Steering Committee meetings;
- Hire and Supervise the Head of Secretariat;
- Ensure sufficient funding for the OGP to achieve strategic objectives; and,
- Provide financial, legal and ethical oversight.

OGP Secretariat Management Team

The State OGP Secretariat will be led by the Focal Person/ OGP State Coordinator and would be assisted by such number of senior staff and support staff as may be required to ensure a smooth operation and also ensure that the interest of all stakeholders including the Non-state actors and public sector are harnessed and properly articulated and protected.

Technical Working Groups

Technical Working Groups will be established along the thematic areas and related commitments headed by Co-chairs.

Working Groups will be made up of Representatives of Ministries, CSOs and private sector depending on expertise and commitment.

Funding

The State OGP process will be largely funded through government's annual budget, contribution from agencies that have primary responsibility on commitment areas and development partners.



Cross-cutting Areas

To ensure effective implementation of the State OGP commitments, the SAP recognizes the imperative of a strong Information Communication Technology (ICT) presence; Strong Monitoring and Evaluation Framework and a Robust Finance System.

These three form the fulcrum of our cross cutting areas namely:

- (1) ICT;
- (2) Monitoring & Evaluation; and,
- (3) Administration and Finance.

Achieving all the commitments and objectives under the SAP requires the effective utilization of the three tools.

The specific working groups established are tasked with the responsibility of integrating these tools into the commitments under the thematic areas and will work closely with state and nonstate actors in the use and implementation of these tools.



Local Government Commitments

Context

Anambra State is adopting a Whole-of-Government Approach to open government, consequently Local government areas are adequately catered for and utilized as a platform for transparency and accountability in the management of public resources as well as a platform to aggregate information dissemination and feedback in a well-articulated citizens' engagement process.

This follows the unique context of the state where we have 177 communities with Town Union Governments under the Umbrella of Association of Anambra State Town Unions (ASATU).

This association seats on the Steering Committee and mainstreams OGP into every village and community in the State. The state is committed to establishing OGP desk officers in each of the Local Government Areas in the state.

CONCLUSION

The people and government of Anambra State working together as one developed and co-created this plan through a robust engagement process. Together, we shall take all necessary steps to ensure improved service delivery, more effective utilization of public resources, re-establishment of public trust in government and deepening of democracy in our state.

The responsible entities for the implementation and monitoring of the commitments we have agreed upon, shall be well resourced and supported to achieve our joint set goals for the satisfaction of our people and communities.





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