



DELTA STATE GOVERNMENT OF NIGERIA
STATE ACTION PLAN 2023 - 2025
FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
OPEN GOVERNMENT PARTNERSHIP (OGP)

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ACRONYMS

ACADA	Assessment, Communication, Design and Action
ACERD	African Centre for Environmental and Rural Development
AFRODEP	Afro Centre for Development Peace and justice
ANAN	Association of National Accountants of Nigeria.
BOI	Bank of Industry
BPP	Bureau of Public Procurement
CAC	Corporate Affairs Commission
CAN	Christian Association of Nigeria
CBO	Community Based Organization
CDPPI	One Love Community Development and Promotion of Peace Initiative
CEPEJ	Centre for Peace and Environmental Justice
CEMDF	Capacity Enhancement and Manpower Development Foundation
CITN	Chartered Institute of Taxation of Nigeria
CHESLDI	Chederick Save Life Development Initiatives
CGWCI	Courageous Girls Women and Children Initiative
CMBS	Central Ministry, Department and Agencies Billing System.
C OF O	Certificate of Occupancy
CODAF	Rural Community Empowerment Initiative
CSOs	Civil Society Organizations
DACCIMA	Delta Chambers of Commerce, Industries, Mines and Agriculture
DCSV	Delta State Civil Society Volunteers
DICI	Development Initiative for Community Impact
DIRS	Delta Internal Revenue Service
DSMSME	Delta State Micro Small and Medium Enterprise Development Agency
DSPPC	Delta State Public Procurement Commission
DOI	Development outreach International
DTSG	Delta State Government
EISED-NGO	Eziudu Initiative for Sustainable Environmental Development
ENVIRUMEDIC	Environmental and Rural Mediation Centre

EODB	Ease of Doing Business
ESIPND	Entrepreneurial Skills Initiative for Peace and Development
EXCO	Executive Council
FBO	Faith Based Organization
FIDA	International Federation of Women Lawyers
FOIA	Freedom of Information Act
GWSD	Global Women for Quality and Sustainable Development Initiative
H2H	Hands to Help International Foundation
ICAN	Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria
ICRPAD	Initiative for Citizens Responsibility for Peace and Development.
IGR	Internally Generated Revenue.
ICT	Information Communication Technology ICT*
IPAS	Initiative for Peace and Stability
KPIs	Key Performance Indicators
LGAs	Local Government Areas
LIDI	Living hope Development Initiative
LITE-AFRICA	Leadership Initiative for Transformation and Empowerment
MAN	Manufacturer's Association of Nigeria.
M&E	Monitoring and Evaluation
MDAs	Ministry Department and Agencies
MSMEs	Micro Small and Medium Enterprises
NAFDAC	National Agency For Food and Drug Administration and Control
NASSI	National Association of Small-Scale Industrialist
NBA	Nigeria Bar Association
NDWPD	Noble Delta Women for Peace and Development International
NEFEROK	Network for organizing Environment, Education and Research Knowledge
NEPC	National Export Promotion Council
NEXIM	Nigeria Export-Import Bank
NGO	Non-Governmental Organization
NLC	Nigeria Labour Congress
NMA	Nigeria Medical Association

NUBIFIE	National Union of Banks, Insurance and Financial Institutions Employees
NUJ	Nigeria Union of Journalists
NUPENG	National Union of Petroleum and Natural Gas Workers
OAODF	Okiero Anthony OKoro Development Foundation
OCDs	Open Contracting Data Standard
OGP	Open Government Partnership
OPS	Organised Private Sector
OSSAG-DONOR	Office of the Senior Special Assistant to the Governor on External Relations (Donor Agencies)
PEF	Peace-world Educational Foundation
P4P	Partners for Peace in the Niger Delta
REED CENTER	Right Education Empowerment & Development Center for Social Change
RBM	Result Based Management
RYPCAF	Rural youth peace and Care Foundation
SAF	SAFE AID FOUNDATION
SAP	State Action Plan
SLF	Salt and Light Foundation
SON	Standard Organization of Nigeria
SMEDAN	Small And Medium Enterprises Development Agency of Nigeria
SMS	Short Messaging Service
SSA	Senior Special Assistant.
SSC	State Steering Committee
SUBEB	State Universal Basic Education Board
TUC	Trade Union Congress
VREI	Value Rebirth Empowerment and Development Initiative

FOREWARD

Open Government Partnership (OGP) is an international initiative aimed at enlisting support and ensuring partnership between governments and the governed to forge trust and promote integrity, transparency, efficiency and accountability in public administration. This is achieved by forging collaboration between the government and the citizens represented by Non-State Actors (Including Non-Government Organisations, Civil Society organisations, Organised Private Sector and Private Businesses, the Academia, Women and Youth Groups, as well as Town unions, Community Development Associations and Cultural Associations etc.

The desire to project the concept of transparent leadership and the need to redefine social inclusion by the Citizens in the affairs and activities of Government, created the interest of the Government of Delta State in signing up to the ideology and ideals of the Open Government Partnership (OGP). The hang over of the military era and the many misadministration by previous Governments have created a lot of distrust between Government and the Citizens. This trust deficit between Government and the governed has created a huge perception of it, in terms of resources management and effective use of resources to support equitable economic growth, effective service delivery, social inclusion and cohesion. This negative trend has undermined democratic governance and limited opportunities for sustained and inclusive growth at many national and sub-national levels.

For us in Delta State, we are committed to building trust through this process of openness and transparency as exemplified by our open contracting platform and the Bureau for Public Procurement, and creating opportunities for citizen participation through the Office of Job Creation that has played a key role in shaping and overseeing the provision of equitable and non-discrimination policies of human capital development and help to improve the relationship between people and their government. As a government, we are committed to enshrining the OGP Principles in the State's activities, by opening up our processes for wider public input and participation. We are also actively engaging the civil society organizations to share practical know-how and help promote best practices in ensuring that open government leads to a more dynamic, mutually beneficial relationship between public officials and citizens based on reciprocal trust.

In order to achieve our ideals in the OGP Principles, we have developed our first two-year Action Plan for the Open Government initiatives anchored on 4 Thematic Pillars and supported by 9 enabling and impactful Commitments in consultation with and active participation of Civil Society Organisations and other stakeholders in the State including the organized private sectors. Our focus is to expand beyond opening up access to data and information, to also supporting more meaningful, dependable and honest dialogue between citizens and government. Our government will provide the appropriate enabling environment for the realization of the thematic areas and commitments and ensure that it leads to an improvement of the citizens' lives and livelihood.

Sen. DR. Ifeanyi Arthur Okowa CON
Delta State Governor

1.0 Introduction

Delta State is in the South-South geopolitical zone of Nigeria. The state was formed from the former Bendel State on August 27, 1991. The State covers a landmass of about 18,050 km² (6,970 sq mi), of which more than 60% is land. The state lies approximately between 5°00' and 6°45' E and 5°00' and 6°30' N. It is geographically located in Nigeria's Midwest, bounded in the north and west by Edo State, the east by Anambra, Imo, and Rivers States, southeast by Bayelsa State, and on the southern extreme is the Bight of Benin which covers about 160 kilometres of the state's coastline. Delta State is generally low-lying without any remarkable hills. The state has a wide coastal belt inter-laced with rivulets and streams, which form part of the Niger Delta.

Delta State is predominantly inhabited by the Urhobo, Ukwani, Isoko, Ijaw, Ika, Aniocha-Oshimili and Itsekiri. The Urhobo -Isoko are the most predominant people inhabiting the central areas of the state and currently about 2.6 million spanning across 10 local government areas, followed by the Ibo people of Delta State with a population of about 1.8 million spanning across 9 Local government areas, they are sometimes referred to as the Anioma people which means (Good land in Igbo language). The Ijaws are a group of people related to the predominant people of neighbouring Bayelsa State. The vast majority of inhabitants are Christian, with very few practicing traditional religions.

Economically, Delta State is based around the production of crude oil and natural gas as one of the main oil-producing states in the country. Key minor industries involve agriculture as the state has substantial oil palm, yam, and cassava crops along with fishing and heliculture. Much of the state's nature contain threatened dwarf crocodile, grey parrot, African fish eagle, mona monkey, and African manatee populations along with potentially extirpated populations of African leopard and Nigeria-Cameroon chimpanzee. Offshore, the state is also biodiverse as there are populations of Lesser African threadfin, crabs, and blue mussel along with various cetacean species.

Delta is the 23rd largest in area and twelfth most populous with an estimated population of over 5.6 million as of 2016. Geographically, the state is divided between the Central African mangroves in the coastal southwest and the Nigerian lowland forests in most of the rest of the state as a small portion of the Niger Delta swamp forests are in the far south. The other important geographical features are the River Niger and its distributary, the Forçados River, which flow along Delta's eastern and southern borders, respectively; while fellow Niger distributary, the Escravos River, runs through Warri and the coastal areas are riddled with dozens of smaller Niger distributaries that make up much of the western Niger Delta.

Senator Dr. Arthur Okowa Ifeanyi, a member of the People's Democratic Party, was elected Governor and chief executive of Delta State in April 2015. His deputy is Barr. Kingsley Otuaro.[30] The state has three National Senatorial Districts (South, North and Central).

Delta State consists of 25 Local Government Areas (shown with 2006 population figures):

Name of LGA	Headquarter	Population
Delta North Senatorial District		1,293,074

	Aniocha North	Issele-Uku	104,062
	Aniocha South	Ogwashi-Uku	142,045
	Ika North East	Owa-Oyibu	182,819
	Ika South	Agbor	167,060
	Ndokwa East	Aboh	103,224
	Ndokwa West	Kwale	150,024
	Oshimili North	Akwukwu-Igbo	118,540
	Oshimili South	Asaba	150,032
	Ukwuani	Obiaruku	119,034
Delta Central Senatorial District			1,575,738
	Ethiope East	Isiokolo	200,942
	Ethiope West	Oghara	202,712
	Okpe	Orerokpe	128,398
	Sapele	Sapele	174,273
	Udu	Otor-Udu	142,480
	Ughelli North	Ughelli	320,687
	Ughelli South	Out-Jeremi	212,638
	Uvwie	Effurun	188,728
Delta South Senatorial District			1,229,282
	Bomadi	Bomadi	86,016
	Burutu	Burutu	207,977
	Isoko North	Ozoro	143,559
	Isoko South	Oleh	235,147
	Patani	Patani	67,391
	Warri North	Koko	136,149
	Warri South	Warri	311,970
	Warri South West	Ogbe-Ijoh	116,538

Delta State has also participated in various World Bank and other Donor Assisted States Fiscal Transparency, Accountability and Sustainability Programme for Result, and the success in the programme is a demonstration of its determination to entrench the principles of transparency and accountability in public financial management. Furthermore, as a pioneer in Open Budgeting and Contracting systems, the State share the same values that underlie Open Government Partnership, joining the OGP will therefore deepen the reforms, by strengthening service delivery programmes with improved partnership between the public and private sectors as well as the civil society.

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Private Sector and Private Businesses, the Academia, Women and Youth Groups, as well as Town unions, Community Development Associations and Cultural Associations etc.

The overriding objectives of participating in the OGP process include but not limited to empowering citizens to participate in governance, combating corruption, enabling access to information and harnessing new technologies, in connection with achieving more effective and accountable service delivery in public administration.

Delta State Government through the OGP is set to increase public integrity by improving transparency and accountability public services; enhancing citizen's engagement and empowerment; environmental sustainability and climate resilience as well as effectively strengthening social social security through participation of the poor and vulnerable in public resources and opportunities for growth and prosperity.

In this regard therefore, the Delta State OGP Action Plan will therefore focus on measures to:

- Enhance a more effective management of public resources;
- Ensure a more effective delivery of public service in the key sectors of health, education and environment;
- Establish enduring and user-friendly technology and innovation mechanisms for meaningful citizen engagement in policy development and implementation processes;
- Hold government officials accountable to the public and the communities they serve.

1.1 OVERVIEW OF THE STATE ACTION PLAN 2022 - 2024

The Open Government Partnership (OGP) Action Plan in Delta State is anchored on 4 Thematic Pillars and supported by 9 enabling and impactful commitments.

a) Fiscal Transparency:

The Ease of Doing Business, internal Revenue Generation, Open Budgeting and Public procurement processes are conducted with clear input and participation from the people with the relevant information been available both online and offline and clearly accessible and understandable by the people. The ability of the government of Delta State to improve internal revenue generation and the ability of the people to track how their monies are spent and understand how government fiscal decisions are made are key elements of good governance and hallmark of the social contract.

b) Environmental Sustainability:

Building Climate Resilient Green Infrastructure, Ecosystem Preservation through plastic waste recycling and establishing the Delta State Ecological Database (DED) have created the necessary support to strengthen environmental sustainability. Delta State is bedeviled by the menace of environmental challenges. As a hub of oil and gas exploration and production, the state is prone to environmental pollution. Also, the ecology and topography of the state makes it plausible for the challenge of environmental pollution. It is against this background

that stakeholders considered environmental sustainability and strengthening resilience is key component the participation of the OGP Process.

c) Citizens Engagement and Empowerment:

This theme ensures that people are empowered to meaningfully interact with and participate in government decision making process through a continuous and interactive dialogue mechanism utilizing an easy-to-understand platform. The citizens engagement platform uses both a combination of electronic and print media including both the conventional and social media. Furthermore, a digital capability to reach the citizenry as well as roundtable and town hall to reach both urban and rural dwellers. A legal obligation is created on the part of the public service to routinely involve citizens in government activities, including policy formulation and implementation. The people are afforded the opportunity to make their voices heard on government policy and programs from the start.

d) Social Security:

The challenges of poverty particularly high rate of unemployment and economic agenda of the Okowa-led administration of a prosperous Delta has necessitated the strengthening of social security by enhancing social intervention and investment particularly for the poor and vulnerable.

1.2 SUMMARY OF THEMATIC AREAS OF COMMITMENTS

FISCAL TRANSPERENCY	
1	Ease of Doing Business in Delta State
2	Revenue Generation Transparency
3	Citizens Engagement and Participation in the Budget Process
4	Full implementation of Open Contracting
ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY	
5	Building Climate Resilient Green Infrastructure
6	Ecosystem Preservation through plastic waste recycling
7	Delta State Ecological Database (DED)
CITIZENS ENGAGEMENT AND EMPOWERMENT	
8	Ensure free flow of information and easy access to Government programs, projects and policies through sustainable interaction platform
SOCIAL SECURITY	

9	Social Investments and interventions targeted at the unemployed, the poor and other vulnerable segments of society
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2.1 METHODOLOGY

The development of Delta State Open Government Partnership (OGP) Action Plan commenced effectively with an advocacy and sensitization workshop organized for members of the State and Non State Actors by the African Centre for Leadership, Strategy and Development (CentreLSD) with support from the MacArthur Foundation on Thursday, 6th of May, 2021 and the subsequent inauguration of the State Steering Committee by the Secretary to the Government of Delta State on behalf of HE, Dr. Ifeanyi Arthur Okowa, on February 1st, 2021.

A 3 – Day Training and Sensitization workshop for State and Non State Actors organized by the Office of the Senior Special Assistant to the Executive Governor on External Relations (Donor Agencies), the Office of the Honourable Commissioner for Economic Planning and the Co-Chair of the Delta State Open Government Partnership Steering Committee and the African Centre for Leadership, Strategy and Development (CentreLSD) with financial support from the MacArthur Foundation produced the selection of four thematic areas that are relevant to the situation in Delta State.

A strategic plan of the Steering Committee was to build the Commitments around key Ministries, Department and Agencies of the Delta State government to ensure sustainability of the OGP Process after the expiration of the present administration. Furthermore, Directors and Permanent Secretaries of the different participating MDAs were made the drivers to ensure continuity of the process. With the adoption of the Four thematic areas, both State and Non-State Actors, series of consultations and meetings commenced that culminated into the production of a well written and relevant Delta State Action Plan (SAP) 2022 – 2024 of four thematic areas and nine Commitments that addresses critical areas of challenge in Delta State.

Another critical milestone in the development of the Delta SAP 2022 – 2024 was the validation workshop organized by the Office of the Senior Special Assistant to the Executive Governor on External Relations (Donor Agencies), the Office of the Honourable Commissioner for Economic Planning and the Co-Chair of the Delta State Open Government Partnership Steering Committee for the State Actors and Non-State Actors Commitments that culminated in the draft Delta SAP.

The Action plan was created to effectively address the identified OGP challenges in the state within the contextual issues as well as aspirations of different stakeholders in the State. In summary, the following timelines and milestones brought us to the present situation of the validated and harmonized Delta SAP 2022 - 2024 include:

- i. Advocacy and Sensitization meeting at Chike Edozien Secretariat;

- ii. Engagement with key Government Actors
- iii. Awareness Creation of the OGP process among government MDAs;
- iv. Inauguration of the State OGP Steering Committee by the Secretary to the Government of Delta State on behalf of the Executive Governor of Delta State, Dr. Ifeanyi Arthur Okowa.
- v. 3 – Day Capacity Building and Sensitization Workshop for both State and Non-State Actors on the development of the State Action Plan;
- vi. State Actors Meetings and Consultation: Series of meeting held by State Actors on the selection of lead MDAs. Priorities were identified and reviewed; prospective theme and commitment areas were developed at stakeholder consultative meetings involving both government and non-government actors;
- vii. Finalizing the Action Plan: The harmonized meeting for State and Non-State Actors for finalized State Action Plan.
- viii. Finalizing the Action Plan: The validation meeting by the Stakeholders for finalized State Action Plan.
- ix. Finalizing the Action Plan: Final edits and type setting for printing.
- x. The Governor’s approval and sign-off on the State Action Plan marked the end of the process.
- xi. The Launch of the State Action Plan 2023 – 2025.

SECTION THREE – STATE ACTION PLAN

3.1

THEMATIC AREA: FISCAL TRANSPARENCY

Thematic Area:	FISCAL TRANSPARENCY	
Commitment 1:	To achieve Reforms in the Ease of Doing Business in Delta State	
Start and end date:	September, 2022 to September, 2024	
Lead MDA:	DELTA STATE INVESTMENTS DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (DIDA)	
Responsible Persons:	FAITH OSSAI ODEAREDUO	
Designation:	ASST. DIRECTOR (Director One Stop Shop on EODB DIDA)	
Email and Phone:	Faihossai23@gmail.com 08032752742	
Other Actors Involved in implementation:	State Actors	Delta State Internal Revenue Service, DSMSME Devt. Agency, Ministry of Justice, High Court, Ministry of Lands & Survey
	Non-State Actors	DACCIMA, MAN, NASSI, CSOs, NGOs
General problem/challenge addressed by the commitment:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Deal with regulatory processes in obtaining and renewing licenses and permits, speed in issuing C of O, prompt release of funds for the acquisition of land by the State Government. - Access to finance/funding alternatives - Use of digital channels for service delivery - Dealing with security challenges by youths and others - Problems of harassment by the police, customs, NDLEA, etc 	
Main Objective:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Improve the Ease of Doing Business (promote investment) 	
Brief description of commitment:	To achieve reforms on the Ease of Doing Business in; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Starting a Business ii. Enforcing contracts 	

	iii. Land property acquisition and development iv. Accessibility of information on business acquisition v. Awareness of tax obligations amongst MSMEs vi. Reduce harassment from security agencies				
Specific OGP challenge addressed by commitment:	Creating an enabling business environment in Delta State based on reforms				
Rationale for commitment:	To achieve Federal Governments mandate on reforms on the EODB				
Expected Impact:	Promote the growth of MSMEs in Delta State, make Delta State the investor's haven. Increase inflow of investments into Delta State				
	Results			Performance Indicator	
Expected Outcomes:					
1	Create enabling environment for businesses to thrive			Increase the number of successful businesses	
2	Increased business activities			More jobs created and enhanced IGR	
3	Improve competitiveness of MSMEs			Access to credit	
4	More efficient regulatory institutions			Improved business environment	
5	Improved employment			Reduced unemployment and more peaceful society	
S/N	Planned Activities	Start Date	End Date	Output Results	Performance Indicators
1	DIDA to engage SON, NAFDAC, CAC and other authorities charged with the responsibility of certification and regulation for MSMEs	September, 2022	June, 2023	To reduce timeline for MSMEs to obtain certification	Increase in start up MSMEs

2	Engagement/collaboration with BOI, NEPC and NEXIM on funding of MSMEs	September, 2022	June, 2023	Increase access to credit for business	Number of MSMEs accessing funding/credit facility Increase economic activities
3	Engage relevant MDAs and Ministry of Justice through the State's Ease of Doing Business Committee in promoting a more friendly business climate in business dispute resolution.	September, 2022	May, 2023	MSMEs have access to use of specialized courts.	Better Enforcement of contracts. Enhanced and optimized MSMEs
4	Conduct Capacity-Building Workshop for MSMEs to enhance their business/entrepreneurship operations	September 2022	October, 2023	MSMEs are better positioned to engage the statutory regulatory institutions (like CAC, CRB, etc) and Cooperatives, which enhances their businesses as corporate citizens	More Registered MSMEs and increased business activities by MSMEs.
5	Engage DACCIMA, MAN, NASSI, SMEDAN on how owners of business can access credit and other business support.	September, 2022	June, 2023	Reduce challenges faced by MSMEs in accessing credit.	Number of MSMEs able to accessed credit and growth.
6	Engagement with security agencies	September, 2022	June, 2023	More friendly business operating environment	Reduced number of clashes between host communities and investors/business owners
Source of Funding:		Delta State Government Budget, Donor Agencies			

Thematic Area	FISCAL TRANSPARENCY	
Commitment 2:	Revenue Generation Transparency	
Start and End date:	May 2022 to April 2024	
Lead MDA	Delta State Internal Revenue Service	
Responsible Persons	Office of the Executive Chairman	
Designation:	Executive Chairman	
E-mail & Phone No.	chairmandbir@yahoo.com / 09053964118	
Other Actors involved in implementation	State Actors	Internal Revenue Service, Ministry of Finance, Office of the Accountant-General, Office of the Auditor-General (State), Contract Registration Board, SSA (Civil Society) and all revenue generating MDAs as listed in the Delta State Internal Revenue Service Law, 2020 (see attached as Annexure I).
	Non-State Actors	Trade Groups and Associations, Professional Bodies (Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria (ICAN), Association of National Accountants of Nigeria (ANAN), Chartered Institute of Taxation of Nigeria (CITN)), Unions (Nigeria Labour Congress (NLC), Trade Union Congress (TUC), NUPENG, etc), NGOs, Media (Nigeria Union of Journalists (NUJ), Advert Practitioners, etc), Organized Private Sector (OPS) and Informal Sector (Small, Medium and Large Taxpayers)
Main Objective:	To provide excellent transparent services in line with global best practices and in compliance with extant laws that will result in proper assessment of taxable persons as well as a robust revenue generation for the improvement of welfare of citizens of the State	
Brief description of commitment	To assess all persons chargeable with tax in the State and to collect, recover and pay to the designated IGR accounts any tax or levy due to the State under Federal and State Laws and cause the presentation of a statement of account/revenue report of all such sums and amount so collected to ensure transparency and accountability in the revenue generation process with the aim to provide basic infrastructure (good roads, schools, etc) and other social amenities for the overall welfare of citizens of the State.	
	(i) inability to bring all taxpayers to the tax net and have a broad tax base (ii) to address this problem, there has to be a fair assessment of, collection, fair recovery through tax audit and back duty assessment.	

Specific OGP Challenge addressed by the commitment	(iii) To ensure that the State IGR is generated in a manner that is transparent with mechanism for proper reporting and accountability to boost taxpayers' confidence. (iv) to ensure judicious application of taxpayers' monies in provision of infrastructure, social amenities and security of life and property for the overall welfare of citizens of the State thus engendering the culture of Open Government Participation (OGP) among citizens of the State.				
General problem/Challenge addressed by the Commitment	(i) Through the adoption of common reporting standards, the State Government will address the challenges of non-declaration of tax liability and tax payment by companies and individuals to tax authorities, tax evasion and avoidance and abuse of tax incentives and waivers. (ii) Getting all MDAs to work cohesively in providing data and information, which is germane to proper assessment, collection and recovery of tax revenue.				
Rationale for commitment	To meet the increased demands of citizens for provision of infrastructure and basic social amenities (good roads, good and portable water, good housing, proper drainage, good education, stable electricity, etc) and security of life and property by the State Government with a strong drive for tax transparency, accountability, technology and innovation, and access to information.				
Expected impact:	Improvement in the welfare of the citizens through increased government revenue, accountability and optimal application of public resources.				
		Results		Performance Indicator	
Expected Outcomes:	i	Elimination of cases of tax evasion		Percentage increase in taxpayer database and revenue growth Decrease in percentage of tax evaders	
	ii	Significant reduction in tax avoidance		Percentage increase in taxpayers' compliance	
	iii	Significant reduction in revenue leakages		Percentage increase in revenue growth	
	iv	Increase in IGR of the State		Increase in number of projects funded with taxpayers, monies	
	v	Increase in tax base		Increase in revenue	
S/NO.	Planned Activities	Start Date	End Date	Output Results	Performance Indicators

1	Develop and strengthen the Whistle blowing policy	September, 2022	April, 2024	The number of informants; Continuous information from informants	The number of revelations as result of the policy. The number of usage of the policy
2	Increase the tempo in taxpayers' information gathering	September, 2022	April, 2024	1) Robust taxpayers' database; 2) A better identification and profiling of taxpayers	(1) The increase in the number of taxpayers' (2) Revenue collection performance by field offices
3	Engagement/sensitization of stakeholders through meetings with civil societies, MDAs and trade union/association for voluntary compliance	September, 2022	April, 2024	1) Sensitization workshop/meetings at the Senatorial level 2) Sensitization workshop/meetings at the Local Government Area level 3) Continuous Executive Consultative Meeting	1) The number of participants/stakeholders/MDAs/Trade Unions/Associations/Civil Societies during sensitization meetings 2) The number of Senatorial zones and Local Government Areas covered during the engagement/sensitization meetings/workshop 3) The increase in voluntary taxpayers' compliance. 4) Amount of tax information dissemination to the public.
4	Review of processes of collection of Land Use Charges	September, 2022	April, 2024	The number of property owners paying land use charge	Amount of revenue remittances from land use charge
5	Review of processes of other MDA revenues collection in the State	September, 2022	April, 2024	(i) Identify bottlenecks in the process of better service delivery in MDAs Revenue collection in the	1) Amount of revenue remittances from MDA Revenue through the State Central MDA Billing System;

	Central MDA Billing System			State Central MDA Billing System	2) (ii) increase in revenue MDA base by ensuring registration of all business entities by focal MDAs
6	Review of automated payment processes for an improved self-services in assessment and remittances	September, 2022	April, 2024	Taxpayers uses and access to online service such as ability to register/ self-assess and make payment through on-line payment channels.	The number of taxpayers' using the on-line payment channels to make remittances
Source of Funding		The State Government Budget and Donor Agencies			

Thematic Area:	FISCAL TRANSPARENCY	
Commitment 3:	Improve citizens' engagement and participation in the budget process	
Start and end date:	August 2022 – December 2024	
Lead MDA:	Ministry of Economic Planning	
Responsible Persons:	F. O. Isume	
Designation:	Permanent Secretary	
Email and Phone:	fisume@yahoo.com	
Other Actors Involved in implementation:	State Actors	All MDAs
	Non-State Actors	CSOs, community leaders, trade unions, professional bodies
General problem/challenge addressed by the commitment:	(i) Due to inadequate information on budget processes, citizens do not participate effectively across the budget cycle (ii) Low citizen participation in budget process	

Main Objective:	To increase awareness and intensify citizens' participation and ownership of the budget process and the final budget document.	
Brief description of commitment:	About 60% of stakeholders are not effectively involved in the budget preparation and implementation processes. Whereas there are several problems/challenges that may be addressed by the Fiscal Transparency as a commitment, the underlisted are hereby prioritized; Lack of Access to Budget Circular to CSOs, Lack of CSOs Participation in Budgetary Process Lack of Access to State Proposed Budget Low or no information of Budgetary allocations and state priorities resulting in low or no inputs by CSOs/citizens	
Specific OGP challenge addressed by commitment:	This commitment seeks to contribute to the goal of improving citizens inclusion, engagement and participation in governance. Lack of access to budget releases	
Rationale for commitment:	This commitment is relevant to civic participation because it will engage and include citizens in the budget process	
Expected Impact:		
	Results	Performance Indicator
Expected Outcomes: 1	A citizens-centered budget improved participation across the budget cycle with the needs of citizens projects identified and prioritized.	The overarching needs of the citizens are contained in the final budget document; The number of citizens' projects captured in the budget and implemented
2	Timely release and publication of the proposed and approved budget documents to the public.	Hosted the budget on the State website on/before 30 th January and making copies available on demand

S/N	Planned Activities	Start Date	End Date	Output Results	Performance Indicators
1	Develop and disseminate a budget calendar	September, 2022	August, 2024	Budget calendar is on the State Website on/before the month of August each year	Copy of the approved budget budget calendar made public
2	Develop data collection tools which includes citizens feedback tool and needs assessment.	September, 2022	December, 2024	Documentation of feedback.	Number of feedbacks received.
3	Engage and train ward councilors, community leaders and CSOs on the process of collecting community needs for budget development	September, 2022	July 2024	A well informed and knowledgeable Stakeholders on Budget development.	Number of Stakeholders trained in understanding Budget development process.
4	Hold (three) zonal town hall meetings to sensitize/educate citizens on the budget process. Publicize via Radio/TV Jingles	September, 2022	August 2024	3 senatorial stakeholders meetings conveyed.	Meeting reports and attendance registerNumber of participants. Number of meetings held.
5	Stakeholders Analysis of the State Draft Budget	September 2022	September 2023	Verified and faired Budget Contents	Stakeholders' official endorsement of the State Budget
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7	Budget Tracking	September 2022	June 2024	Tracking of Approved Projects in MDAs vis a vis their Budget Provisions	CSOs Quarterly Budget-Tracking Reports
Source of Funding:		State annual budget, Donor Agencies			

Thematic Area:	FISCAL TRANSPARENCY	
Commitment 4:	Full implementation of Open Contracting and Adoption of Open Contracting Data Standards (OCDS) in the Public Sector	
Start and end date:	June 2022 – June 2024	
Lead MDA:	Delta State Public Procurement Commission (DSPPC).	
Responsible Person	Engr. Ifedi Okonkwo	
Designation	Technical Assistant to the Director-General	
Email & Phone	07038336757 - ifediokonkwo2011@gmail.com	
Other Actors Involved in Implementation	MDAs	Ministry of Economic Planning, Auditor-General (State), Ministry of Justice, State Orientation Bureau, SSA to GOVERNOR on CSOs
	CSOs, Private Sector, etc	All Governance-focused CSOs, Chartered Institute of Purchasing & Supply Management of Nigeria (CIPSMN), etc
General Problem/Challenge addressed by the Commitment	Government ministries, departments and agencies do not proactively disclose procurement information in a uniform format that is accessible to all citizens.	
Main Objective	To improve accountability and transparency in Government procurement processes through the implementation of Open Contracting protocols.	
Brief description of Commitment	The State Government commits to: Open Contracting and the adoption of Open Contracting Data Standards (OCDS), to enhance transparency, accountability and citizens' engagement in public procurement.	

Specific OGP Challenge addressed by Commitment	Implementation of open contracting will help to improve public service integrity.	
Rationale for Commitment	<p>Open Contracting can offer the following values through the use of innovative technology to increase access to procurement information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Transparency: The enhanced disclosure of procurement data and information across the entire procurement cycle and up to implementation stage will make the procurement process more transparent and reveal how public resources are expended. ii. Accountability: The enhanced disclosure procurement data and information will ensure that citizens understand the basis of decisions made along the procurement cycle. This will make the decision makers take actions that reflect better use of public resources, knowing that their actions can be challenged through existing recourse mechanism. iii. Citizens engagement: Availability of procurement data across the entire procurement cycle and up to implementation will ensure that all stakeholders are able to monitor the procurement activities and provide feedback. This will ensure that public contracts are delivered with value-for-money achieved, thereby leading to increased service delivery. 	
Expected Outcomes/Results	Performance Indicators	
1. Achieve better value for money in public contract delivery and reduction of corruption and fraud in public procurement processes.	Percentage of public contracts awarded through open competitive bidding.	
2. Increased access to procurement data and information, to increase citizen participation in	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Number of MDAs whose procurement data are represented on the DSPPC public databank ii. Number of projects monitored by the CSOs, using the open 	

the entire procurement cycle and offer more opportunities for businesses.		contracting data standards and the web portal.			
3. Provide level playing ground and competitiveness.		iii. Government's response to the public on identified deficiencies in the bidding process.			
		Increased number of Bidders per Bid			
S/N	Planned Activities	Start Date	End Date	Output Results	Performance Indicators
1	Increase sensitization of citizens on how to engage at every stage of the procurement cycle especially by CSOs invitations at the bid-opening sessions.	September 2022	October 2024	Increased Transparency in Public Procurement processes	Citizens awareness and their participation in Bid-Opening sessions.
2	Establish open contracting portal with feedback mechanism. that is populated with procurement data and available online and conduct a Sensitization Workshop for CSOs on Monitoring of the Portal and providing the associated feedbacks	Already up & running courtesy of DSPPC	June 2024	Increased Transparency & Citizens involvement in Public Procurement processes	Increase in the rate of Compliance by MDAs and Feedbacks from Citizens on the published data
3	Project Monitoring activities by CSOs	September 2022	June 2024	Independent Reports of Project Implementation Status by CSOs	Quarterly Reports from CSOs on Monitored Projects

4	Develop and disseminate a simplified version of the Delta State Public Procurement Law, 2020	September 2022	June 2024	Citizens better understanding of the new Public Procurement Law	improved compliance with Public Procurement Protocols
5	Develop and disseminate IEC Materials on the New Public Procurement regime	September 2022	June 2024	Deepened understanding and appreciation of the new Public procurement protocols	Increased number of Bidders per Bid. IEC materials developed and disseminated.
Source of Funding		The State Government and Donor Agencies			

3.2

THEMATIC AREA: CITIZENS ENGAGEMENT AND EMPOWERMENT

Thematic Area:	Citizens Engagement and Empowerment
Commitment 1	Build a sustainable interactive platform for Citizens engagement for an enduring harmonious relationship between citizens and Delta State government
Start and end date:	July 31 st , 2022 to June 30 th 2024
Lead MDA:	Ministry of Information and Orientation
Responsible Persons:	Honourable Commissioner
Designation:	Honourable Commissioner for Information
Email and Phone:	

Actors Involved	State Actors	Ministry of information, State Orientation Bureau Office of SSA to Governor on Civil Society Organisations and Citizens Engagement
	Non-State Actors	One Love Community Development(CDPPI), PEF-Foundation, REED Centre, Center for Peace and Environmental Justice (CEPEJ), Initiative for Peace and Stability (IPAS), Afro Centre for Development Peace and Justice (ACDPJ), Value Rebirth Empowerment Initiative (VREI), Development outreach international (DOI), Participatory Initiative for Peace and Development(PIFPAD), Global Women for Quality and Sustainable Development(GWSD) , Hope Shield Empowerment Initiative (HSEI), Capacity enhancement and manpower development foundation (CEMDF), Advocates of the Global Goals and Citizens Greater Good Initiative (AGGCGGI), Defenders of Citizen's Common Cause(DCCC), Delta State Civil Society Volunteers (DSCSV), Okerio Okoro Anthony foundation(OOAF), Hand to Help International Foundation(HHIF), Hope of Life Initiate(HLI). Safe Aid Foundation (SAF)
General problem/challenge addressed by the commitment:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ There is inadequate engagement, representation, and participation of women, young people, older persons, persons with disabilities, and marginalized groups throughout the entire governance and decision-making processes in Delta State. ❖ The lack of inclusive engagement is reflected in the development of policies/programmes, budget preparation, and implementation. This results in women, young people, older persons, persons with disabilities, and marginalized groups not having a voice, thus not being able to benefit from the projects captured in the budget. ❖ Additionally, there are laws & policies in place to protect women, young people, older persons, persons with disabilities, and marginalized groups, for example, Disability Act, Child Rights Act, National Youth Policy, and the National Gender Policy. However, the objectives in these acts and policy are not implemented as the structures and processes are not in place. ❖ There is inadequate citizens' engagement and participation in government policy formulation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation. ❖ This results in limited participation of citizens in critical government decision making processes, and thus not being able to relate to government plans. ❖ Inadequate participation and representation of women, young people, older persons, persons with 	

	<p>disabilities, and marginalized groups in governance and decision-making processes, ensure implementation of existing laws and policies that affect women, young people, older persons, persons with disabilities, and marginalized groups.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ There is inadequate interaction between citizens and government representatives ❖ There is inadequate knowledge on the functions and duties of LGA, State government, Federal government and multinational companies operating in Delta State ❖ There is inadequate knowledge on the functions and duties of LGA Councilors, State legislators and Government in Delta State
Main Objective:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ To establish a clear, practical and open platform for a continuous interaction between the people and the government.
Brief description of commitment:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ This commitment will ensure that all citizens, including private sector actors, CSOs, Youth organisations, Persons with Disability and the media have a platform to inform and influence government policies and actions.
Specific OGP challenge addressed by commitment:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Low level of citizens voices in the policy making process. ❖ Weak citizens and civil society participation in government decision-making. ❖ Weak civil society-government relationship. ❖ Inadequate access to government data ❖ Inadequate working relationship between citizens and government
Rationale for commitment:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ The commitment will strengthen the civic space and promote transparency and accountability in government business and create the platform for CSOs, media and all non-state actors to be included in decision making processes from policy formulation through to its implementation/execution. ❖ Furthermore, it will provide a mechanism for the citizens to be part of government and enable government to receive inputs and feedback from the citizens. ❖ It will promote harmonious relationship between citizens and Delta State government and free flow of information and ease access to Government
Expected Impact:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Increased participation of citizens in governance. ❖ Improved service delivery to citizens. ❖ Improved citizens knowledge on the function and duties of state government policies and activities.

Expected Outcomes:	Results	Performance Indicator			
1	Increased participation and engagement of citizens in governance.	Increase in the percentage of non-State actors participation in public policy.			
2.	Improved service delivery to citizens.	% Number of effective Service delivery by the state ministry involving citizens participation in the project circle			
3	Improved citizens knowledge on the function and duties of state government policies and activities	Level of service delivery increased			
S/N	Planned Activities	Start Date	End Date	Output Results	Performance Indicators
1	Institutionalize citizens' forums in key ministries, departments and agencies	1 Sept 2022	30 Dec 2024	Establishment of citizen forum Desk and Focal Persons (desk officers) for public engagement, grievance readdress and feedback mechanism across the MDAs/LGAs in the State.	Number of key ministries, departments and agencies involved
2	Advocacy in local languages for people to report concerns through town hall meetings and radio phone-in programmes	30 Jan 2023	30 May 2023	Conducted communities town hall meetings Advocacy/roundtable conducted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Number of advocacy visit ❖ Number of issues reported ❖ Number of town hall meetings held

				Radio and live phone calls program organized	❖ Number of time radio program held and live phone calls
3	Awareness creation and media engagement (traditional and modern information dissemination methods) about the existence of OGP platform.	1 April 2023	30 Dec 2023	Increased awareness creation and media engagement (traditional and modern information dissemination methods) about the existence of OGP platform.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Number of feedbacks received quarterly. ❖ Number of created contents about OGP.
4	Quarterly reviews and analysis of citizen's feedback for Government, and other stakeholders (non-state actors), Partners attention.	15 Dec 2023	30 Dec 2023	Quarterly Analysis Report detailing citizen feedback on government projects and programmes.	<p>Number of enquiries and feedback by citizens</p> <p>Number of government actions to address enquiries/ feedback</p>
Source of Funding:		State Government Budget, and Development Partners			

3.3

**MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT COMMITMENT
OPEN GOVERNMENT PARTNERSHIP (OGP), DELTA STATE STEERING COMMITTEE
C/O MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC PLANNING ASABA**

Thematic Area	Environmental Sustainability	
Commitment 1:	Building Climate Resilient Green Infrastructure: enhancing ecosystem services of planted forests in Delta State through Sustainable Forest Management (SFM), Forest Landscape Restoration (FLR) and governance innovation	
Start and End Date	July 2022 – May 2024	
Lead MDA	Ministry of Environment	
Responsible Person	Dr (Mrs) M.I Oseji	
Designation	Permanent Secretary	
Email and Phone	08037857479	
Other Actors Involved in the Implementation	State Actors	Ministry of Urban Renewal and Oil and Gas
	Non State Actors	NGOs, Donor Agencies and other relevant stakeholders
General problem/challenge addressed by the commitment	Climate Change – deforestation, greenhouse gas emission	
Main Objective:	This project seeks to strengthen evidence base sustainable forest management in Delta State as an approach to reducing land degradation, conserving biodiversity, Improve ecosystem services and mitigating climate change.	
Brief description of commitment	<p>The project will reduce green House Gas (GHG) emissions in the domestic, institutional and industrial sectors of the State through integrated and sustainable forest management, promotion and utilization of clean energy efficient cookstoves and other alternative energy technologies to reduce pressure on the nearby forest thereby curbing deforestation.</p> <p>New approaches to forest landscape restoration planning, implementation, and complementary sustainable development will be tested in three pilot areas cantered on State Forest reserves, followed by replication and upscaling through capacity building and policy engagement.</p>	

Specific OGP challenge addressed by commitment:	Environmental pollution and degradation- resulting in adverse effect on health, environment, and ecosystem services and biodiversity	
Rationale for commitment	Carbon capture and storage is crucial for mitigating climate change as trees have the capacity to mop up and store substantial quantity of atmospheric carbon dioxide (CO2) in their biomass. Planting of trees is veritable instrument in achieving the State implementation of Climate Change Strategic Action Plan and also contribute to the Paris Agreement to halve global emission by 45% by 2030 and reach net zero by 2050	
Expected Impact	Increase State's Forest Cover and reduction of greenhouse gas emission through carbon sequestration	
	Results	Performance Indicator
Expected Outcome	Forests in selected landscapes provides relevant ecosystem services (water, soil and carbon sequestration), maintain and improve biodiversity, increase climate resilience, reduce land degradation, and generate local benefits	i. Number of tree planted and landscape covered ii. Number of hectares of land secured and mapped out and afforested.
	Ecosystem services valuation and monitoring methodologies in place. Monitoring of planted and restored forests for an area of 150hectares in Delta State	i. Frequency of monitoring and evaluation ii. Number of hectares established
	Increase in the State Forest cover	Number of areas landscaped and afforested land protected
	Tree planting, greening and landscaping of median kerbs, roadsides, selected secondary schools and tertiary institutions	i. Area of median kerbs and roadsides planted and landscaped ii. Number of secondary schools and tertiary institutions greened.
	Establishment of tree nurseries	Number of tree nursery site established
	Domestication of Industry for Clean Cook Stoves	i. Number of persons trained on energy efficient cookstove production

S/N	Planned Activities	Start Date	End Date	Output Results	Performance Indicators
1	Tree planting campaigns and sensitizations in selected towns, communities in the State	July 2022	August 2023	Enhance knowledge on dangers of deforestation and the need for tree planting	ii. Number of improved energy efficient cookstove produced i. Number of flyers produced and distributed ii. Number jingles slot aired iii. Number of towns and communities reached.
2	Identification and establishment of fast-growing tree species for nurseries	August 2022	July 2023	Readily available tree seedlings for planting	i. Number of nurseries established ii. Number of seedlings raised
3	Greening and landscaping of the State through tree planting in selected areas viz; median kebbs, roadsides, secondary schools, tertiary institutions, etc	July 2022	May 2024	i. Five hundred thousand different species of trees planted ii. Improved aesthetic and cleaner environment	i. Number of tree species planted ii. Number of institutions greened.
4	Reforestation and afforestation of the degraded portion of the State's Forest reserves	July 2022	May 2024	i. Five hundred thousand trees planted and protected ii. Increased State Forest cover	i. Number of trees planted and maintained ii. Number of hectares of land secured and planted in Forest Reserves
5	Dissemination of improved energy efficient cookstoves	August 2022	May 2024	10,000 clean cookstove produced and distributed	i. Number of clean cookstove produce

					ii. Number of clean cookstove distributed
	Source of Funding	State's Government Annual budget, Development Partners			

Thematic Area	Environmental Sustainability	
Commitment 2	Ecosystem Preservation through plastic waste recycling- a waste to wealth technology	
Start and End Date	July 2022 – May 2024	
Lead MDA	Ministry of Environment	
Responsible Person	Dr (Mrs) M.I Oseji	
Designation	Permanent Secretary	
Email and Phone	08037857479	
Other Actors Involved in the Implementation	State Actors	Ministry of Urban Renewal, Oil and Gas and Waste Management Board
	Non State Actors	NGOs, Donor Agencies and other relevant stakeholders
General problem/challenge addressed by the commitment	Indiscriminate dumping of waste and blockage of drainage system leading to erosion and flooding	
Main Objective:	The main goal of the project is to control and manage the amount of plastic waste in the environment. Reduce energy consumption for virgin plastics production and limiting global warming	
Brief description of commitment	Preservation of the ecosystem through plastic waste recycling is the process of recovering plastic waste and reprocessing them into usable products. Polyethylene Terephthalate (PET) will be recycled by chemically depolymerizing its chain into monomers of various valuable chemicals. This is a sustainable waste management practice which helps to conserve, reduce the non-biodegradable plastic waste and plastic pollution in the environment.	
Specific OGP challenge addressed by commitment:	visual blight as a result of heaps and pockets of waste dotting our streets and roads, global warming (Climate Change) effects as greenhouse gases produced in these dumps cannot be tapped, pollution of the underground water from leachate, breeding ground for array of diseases such as Cholera, Typhoid fever etc, increasing incidence of flies, rats, rodents causing the prevalence of various vectors of diseases and pest of public health importance.	

Rationale for commitment		Plastic water bottles meet our daily need for hydration but are fast becoming a nuisance in our cities and towns as they constitute large percentage of waste generated creating visual blight on our roads and streets, pollution of the environment and emission of greenhouse gas (GHG) from indiscriminate burning thereby causing climate change. Recycling will reduce the waste, conserve energy and reduce GHG emissions and decrease pollution			
Expected Impact		The project will help solve the daunting environmental sanitation problems, pollution and GHG emissions occasioned by the poor handling of plastic waste materials in our society			
		Results		Performance Indicator	
Expected Outcome		Cleaner environment and reduction in environmental pollution		i Tonnage of plastic waste recycled monthly	
S/N	Planned Activities	Start Date	End Date	Output Results	Performance Indicators
1	Sensitization and awareness on PET bottles reuse and recycling across towns and villages in the State with the use of Information, Education and Communication (IEC) materials, jingles, and vehicular announcement	June 2022	April 2024	Informed citizenry on adverse effect of improper disposal of plastic material and attitudinal change	Number of persons sensitized ii. Number of IEC materials produced and distributed Number of slots of jingles aired.
2	Establishment of PET waste bottles source collection programme viz Involvement of volunteers Acquisition of waste bins for collection of PET waste at designated places Transportation of waste	July 2022	August 2024	Engagement of volunteers and increased financial base.	i. Number of volunteers empowered II. Number of waste bin acquired, iii. Number of waste collection points.
Source of Funding		State's Government Annual budget, Development Partners			

Thematic Area	Environmental Sustainability	
Commitment 3	Delta State Ecological Database (DED)	
Start and End Date	July 2022 – May 2024	
Lead CSO	Eziodu Initiation for Sustainable Development (EISED NGO), Noble Delta Women for Peace and Development	
Responsible Person	Okotie A. Nefertiti, Odugala Okezi, Benin E. Richard, Crossdale Josephine, Agboro Harrison and Usikpedo Caroline	
Designation	Executive Directors (ED)	
Email and Phone	+2348030803803-ndesango@yahoo.com , +2348068107046-nobledeltawomen@gmail.com	
Other Actors Involved in the Implementation	State Actors	Ministries of Environment, Economic Planning, Agriculture
	Non-State Actors	NGOs, CSOs, Academic Institutions Donor Agencies and other relevant stakeholders
General problem/challenge addressed by the commitment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To promote ecological data collection, analysis and sharing with intension of making it available for use by citizens and institutions. • Inadequate climate change mitigation and adaptation action. • Low implementation of the State’s Integrated Territorial Climate Plan derived from the State Climate Change Policy • The State has to contribute towards achieving the Nationally Determined Contribution (NDCs) of the Paris Agreement, to achieve net-zero emission by 2060 	
Main Objective:	To harmonize environmental CSOs in Delta State to support the State’s effort for environmental protection and to create an environmental database for the State Also, to promote a low carbon resilient economy (Green Growth Pathway)	
Brief description of commitment	The Delta State Ecological Database (DED) is a source for storing all environmental data in the State as ecological datasets and putting out plans on the best ways to use them. The idea is to use the collaborative knowledge and effort of the entire ecological community to compile this information rather than relying on each scientist to contribute information for their own studies. Setting up an Inter-ministerial Climate Change Team comprising of desk officers from relevant MDAs, CSOs and other stakeholders to bridge the gap of synergy, data collection and dissemination to improve the State’s environmental management system.	

Specific OGP challenge addressed by commitment:		Establishment of accessible, verifiable and accurate ecological data. Maintaining a line of communication with all data contributors such as academia, researchers, environmentalists, etc.			
Rationale for commitment		Inadequate synergy among the value chain stakeholders.			
Expected Impact		Improved ecosystem management and accessibility of ecological data for policy development			
		Results		Performance Indicator	
Expected Outcome 1		Improved resilience of people, institutions, organizations and government at all levels against environmental degradation		Strengthen CSOs and government synergy for environmental protection Number of citizens taking action on environmental protection.	
2		Improved environmental regulation enforcement and compliance in Delta State		Creation of a unit under the Delta state Ministry of Environment and jointly managed by CSOs and Civil Servants. Also, a quarterly environmental bulletin explaining the cases of environmental breakdown/degradation in the state and actions taken to address them.	
3		Commissioning of trained community-based environmental marshals/field officers on data collection and transmission		Number of community-based environmental marshals/field officer commissioned.	
4		Review and validation of all environmental related laws in Delta State		Number of Environmental related laws reviewed and validated	
S/N	Planned Activities	Start Date	End Date	Output Results	Performance Indicators
1	Hold a one-day meeting with the Ministry of Environment and other relevant MDAs, Stakeholders	August 2022	September 2023	Knowledge acquired and improved synergy among stakeholders	Number of persons in each of MDAs that have acquired prerequisite knowledge by administering questionnaires and structured interview

2	Advocacy for inclusive participation of CSOs and other relevant MDAs e.g Ministry of Agriculture, Health, Economic Planning, etc	August 2022	June 2023	Effective policy engagement	Number of persons in each MDAs that have acquired prerequisite knowledge by administering questionnaires and structured interview
3	General public sensitization and awareness creation on collection, use and dissemination of ecological data	August 2022	June 2023	Enlightened citizenry	Number of IEC materials issued Number of questionnaires administered
4	Monitoring and Reporting of planned activities	August 2022	April 2024	Activities documentation	Number of obtained data
5	Research and Development on environmental sustainability	August 2022	April 2024	Gathering of baseline data to fill identified gaps	Acceptability and accessibility of findings by multilateral donor agencies, grants and funds issued
Source of Funding		State's Government Annual budget, Development Partners			

SOCIAL SECURITY COMMITMENT

Thematic Area:	SOCIAL SECURITY	
Commitment 1:	Social Investments and interventions targeted at the unemployed, the poor and other vulnerable segments of society	
Start and End Date:	May 2022 to April 2024	
Lead MDA:	Delta State Job and Wealth Creation Bureau/ Delta State Contributory Health Commission (DSCHC).	
Responsible Persons:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ashikodi, Marian Onyemaechi (Mrs.) 2. Dr Ben Nkechika 	
Designation:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Coordinator, Support Services Division. 2. The DG, DSCHC. 	
Email and Phone:	marianohu@yahoo.com ; 08035506704	
Other Actors Involved in Implementation:	State Actors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Directorate of Humanitarian and Community Support Services; • Girl Child Empowerment Office; • Ministry of Women Affairs Community and Social Development; • Delta State Micro Small and Medium Enterprises Development Agency; • Directorate of Youth Development; • Directorate of Youth Monitoring and Mentoring • Delta State Contributory Health Scheme • The Director General, State Primary Health Care Development Agency
	Non-State Actors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bonny Akaeze • Chief Emmanuel O. Uti • Mr. Churchill Ayovuata • Eris Jewo Ibi • Uyoyou Courage Ayovuata <p>International Development Partners & Non-Governmental Organizations</p>
General Problem/Challenge addressed by the Commitment:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Curbing youth unemployment, poverty and vulnerability, and ensuring access to good health by children aged 0-5years, pregnant women etc. 2. Curbing the lack of access to basic health care services by low income/vulnerable citizens and reduction of maternal and infant mortality rate in the State. 	

Main Objective:		1. To reduce youth unemployment, poverty and vulnerability. 2. To improve primary health care coverage and reduce infant and maternal mortality rate in the State.			
Brief description of commitment:		To design and implement social investment and related intervention programs and projects in a transparent, accountable and participatory manner			
Specific OGP challenge addressed by commitment:		Ensuring transparency, accountability and participation in social investment and related interventions.			
Rationale for Commitment:		The need for greater effectiveness and impact of social investment and related interventions			
Expected Impact:		Reduced youth unemployment, poverty and socio-economic vulnerability including infant and maternal mortality in the State.			
		Results		Performance Indicator	
Expected Outcomes:	1	Creating Youth Entrepreneurs in vocational skills and agricultural enterprises		Number of youths trained and established as entrepreneurs, reduction in unemployment.	
	2	Livelihood Support for the poor and vulnerable		Number of households receiving livelihood support	
	3	Microcredit support for micro enterprises		Number of microenterprises receiving microcredit, reduction of mortality rate for enterprises.	
	4	Free access to health care for children aged 0-5years		Increased life expectancy	
	5	Free medical services (including caesarean operations) in all government-owned hospitals for pregnant women/ Improved access to basic health care delivery services in public health facilities in Delta State		Number of live births recorded with mothers safe after delivery/Number of persons accessing primary health care services across the State.	
S/N	Planned Activities	Start Date	End Date	Output Results	Performance Indicators
1	Consultation with stakeholders and design of social investment programmes (Vocational Skills	August 2022	November 2022	Programme Document, Programme Implementation Manual/Guidelines	Availability of Programme Document, Programme Manual/Guideline

	Training and Entrepreneurship, Support for enterprise/business start-ups [STEP and YAGEP], livelihood support, Grant Schemes, microcredit, agricultural input subsidies):				
2	Selection of Social Investment Programmes Beneficiaries:	December 2022	January 2023	Database of programme beneficiaries is produced.	Availability of list of beneficiaries
3	Implementation of Social Investment Programmes:	February 2023	April 2024	The beneficiaries receive the support and/or assistance from the social investment programmes.	Number of beneficiaries who received support and/or assistance from the social investment programmes.
4	Monitoring of programmes implementation activities:	August 2022	April 2024	Reports on how the programmes are being implemented.	Feedback from stakeholders, beneficiaries and the public.
5	Evaluation of the impact of social investment programmes on beneficiaries.	May 2024	June 2024	Reports on the impact of social investment programmes on beneficiaries and their communities.	Improvement in livelihoods, household welfare and reduction in poverty and dependency ratio.
Source of Funding:		1. Delta State Government 2. Donor Partners 3. Civil Society Organizations (CSOs)			

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SECTION FOUR

4.1 IMPLEMENTATION AND COORDINATION PLAN

4.1.1 CONTEXT

The Delta State OGP governance framework is patterned after that of the Federal Government. The State Action Plan (SAP) was co-created and developed by State and Non-State Actors and the Action Plan speaks clearly to issues of relevance to the challenges and peculiarities in Delta State and in line with the Stronger Delta agenda of the Dr. Ifeanyi Okowa's administration. The Action Plan provides a roadmap to the actualization for strengthening the government open budgeting and transparent public procurement policies of the bureau of public procurement and other people-oriented policies of the present administration with the intent of providing good governance, ensuring environmental sustainability and promoting prosperity for all Deltans.

4.1.2 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 Delta State OGP structure. It is made up of 18 Steering Committee Members drawn from State actors and Non-State Actors. There are nine members that represented Government (State Actors) while nine represent the Civil Society Organizations (Non-State Actors) that comprised of Civil Society Organizations, private sector institutions, and professional bodies whose mandates cut across the OGP thematic areas. The secretariat of the SSC for the State Actors is domiciled in the Ministry of Economic Planning, Asaba while the Secretariat of the SSC for the Non-State Actors is domiciled at the REED Centre, Warri.

4.1.3 FUNCTIONS AND POWERS OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE

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

4.1.4 CO-CHAIRS FOR THE STATE OGP

The SSC is led by two Co-chairs. It comprises the Lead Government Co-chair (Honourable Commissioner for Economic Planning, Dr. Barry Pere Gbe) and CSO Co-chair (Chief {Barr} Emmanuel Uti). 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 (Desk Officer/Focal Person) 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 Co-chairs and members of the State Steering Committee;
- Work with the OGP Secretariat to Plan and run Steering Committee Meetings;
- Supervise the Head of the OGP Secretariat;
- Ensure Sufficient Funding for the OGP to Achieve Strategic Objectives;
- Provide Financial, Legal and Ethical Oversight.

4.1.5 OGP SECRETARIAT MANAGEMENT TEAM

The State OGP Secretariat will be led by the Focal Person/ OGP State Coordinator – who shall be the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Accounting Officer 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 Actors are harnessed and properly articulated and protected.

4.1.6 TECHNICAL WORKING GROUPS

Technical Working Groups is established along the thematic areas and related commitments headed by Co-chairs. Working Groups is made up of Representatives of MDAs, CSOs and private sector based on expertise and commitment.

4.1.7 ACCOUNTS

The OGP Secretariat shall maintain an account with commercial banks in the State and such account shall be managed by the State Coordinator/Focal Person who shall be a signatory to the account.

4.1.8 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.

SECTION FIVE

5.0 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 forms the fulcrum of our cross-cutting areas namely:

- a. Technology and Innovations
- b. Communication Strategy
- c. Monitoring & Evaluation

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 Non-State Actors in the use and implementation of these tools.

5.1 TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION

The use of technology to provide greater access to information and data is at the heart of an open and transparent government. The SSC recognizes that Technology & Innovation cuts across all five OGP thematic areas and that appropriate solutions and infrastructure are required to deliver on each of the commitments. Therefore, a specific Technology & Innovation Working Group has been established to:

- Identify existing government IT solutions and infrastructure that are available for the implementation of OGP commitments.
- Establish what their current status is and what gaps exist.
- Recommend how those gaps can be filled through improvements in existing systems and infrastructure or the use of new and innovative tools that are realistic given the present economic realities.

Thus, the Technology Working Group working with the State ICT Department will:

- Conduct a prioritized audit of IT capacity and gaps within MDAs relevant to the OGP process.
- Address identified IT gaps in order of priority, considering limited timeline and resources.
- Provide a continuous technology support mechanism to the OGP commitments.
- Ensure that all technological implementations across relevant MDAs conform to global information technology standards to guarantee systems interoperability for effective support of OGP commitments.
- Establish Open Government Information Platform on the existing State website for OGP information.

5.2 COMMUNICATION STRATEGY

Recognizing that openness in and of itself is not an end to achieving transparency and accountability, the SSC has included within the SAP a strategy for the use of both existing and new platforms for citizen engagement and feedback on the five SAP thematic areas. The Communications Strategy includes methods to reach out to citizens directly through civil society, religious leaders and influencers, elected representatives, and the media. It will employ the ACADA (Assessment, Communication, Design, and Action) concept in the development and implementation of this communication strategy. Key elements of the strategy include:

- A reorientation of the psyche of public officials to their responsibility to the citizenry and stakeholders, including donors, businesses and civil society to account for the management of government revenue, loans and grants.
- Increasing awareness by citizens of their right to reports of stewardship by public officials, the right to information on demand as provided for by the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), and the right to a minimum standard of service delivery from public institutions that possess a direct interface with the public in the provision of services.
- Reducing the communication gap between the government and its citizens by the identification and adoption of existing or establishment of new, credible and robust feedback mechanisms, which promote transparency and support participation in governance by the citizens and other stakeholders in the business of governance. Through this, citizens will be better informed about the progress made towards the implementation of OGP commitments and can hold government to account. This includes understanding their rights under existing and new laws, along with the obligations of government and the private sector regarding openness and transparency.

5.3 MONITORING AND EVALUATION

Internal Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E) of the SAP implementation is important for MDAs to ensure that

- (i) they are on track to fulfil their obligations under each commitment;
- (ii) assist the SSC to oversee the implementation process and identify potential gaps and determine where support and resources are needed to be directed; and
- (iii) for citizens, the private sector, civil society and the media to hold government to account with respect to delivering on its OGP commitments. The SAP will use a Results Based Management (RBM) Framework, along with appropriate output and outcome Key Performance Indicators (KPIs), crafted to track achievements, results and impacts of OGP commitments. The M&E system will be presented in a simple template for ease of implementing MDAs and civil society to monitor and evaluate progress.

Each of the 9 commitments articulated in the SAP have KPIs that will guide the M&E process. Through consultation with stakeholders, the M&E framework will include acceptable results (what should be expected or seen) for each commitment area. Each of these results will be reviewed with respect to how they link to citizens' needs and there will be agreed indicators for these results. The method to capture results most effectively will be agreed upon as well as who will be responsible for this, within the MDAs.

SECTION SIX

6.0 CONCLUSION

This first Delta State Open Government Partnership Action Plan will help consolidate the ongoing critical public sector reforms in the State and strengthening of government and citizens participation and collaboration for effective and efficient services.

Working together with Non-State Actors and Development Partners, the States is hopeful of achieving the set goals and ensure improved service delivery, more effective utilization of public resources, re-establishment of public trust in government and deepening of democracy in our State.