

**GOVERNMENT OF CROSS RIVER STATE OF NIGERIA**

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**The Commissioner**  
Ministry of Finance  
Calabar.

**IMPLEMENTATION OF COUNCIL DECISION(S)**

The following Extract(s) from Conclusions of the Cross River State Executive Council is (are) forwarded for insertion in the appropriate file and for action.

2. Please, acknowledge receipt on the attached form and inform me of the file number.
3. In accordance with Paragraph 31 of the Cross River State Executive Council Handbook, please, submit to this Office full details of action(s) taken to implement the Council Decision(s).



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for: SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE

**EXTRACT(S) FROM CONCLUSIONS OF THE**

**CROSS RIVER STATE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

Formal Reference: CRSESCO 2025/15<sup>th</sup> (Emergency) Meeting Conc.

6(15,16,17,18)

Shortened Form: CRSESCO 15/2025 – Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2025

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AGENDA ITEM NO. 6

**APPROVAL OF CROSS RIVER STATE BUSINESS ENABLING REFORM ACTION PLAN 2026**

15. By leave of the Chairman, the Commissioner for Finance presented Memo CRSEXCO 2025/88 to Council for consideration. He drew Council's attention to its earlier approval on the above subject matter for the year 2024 and reiterated that the State Action on Enabling Business Reform (SABER) is an initiative of the Federal Ministry of Finance, Budget and National Planning (FMFBNP) in collaboration with the Presidential Enabling Business Environment Council (PEBEC), the Governors' Forum and the World Bank, which further is a 3-year (2023-2025) Programme for Results (P4R) aimed at incentivizing and driving the implementation of business reform across the 36 States and the Federal Capital Territory (FCT).

16. Council was invited to note again that SABER has a total finance credit package of **US \$750,000,000.00 (Seven Hundred and Fifty Million US Dollars)** to help States pursue reforms to attract investments and create jobs of which US\$52M (Fifty- Two Million Dollars). The eligibility criteria for accessing these funds is based on our ability to present evidence of reforms in our business environment. The disbursement of the credit is drawn in phases, which is ongoing and requires States to publish their Business Enabling Reform Action Plan (BERAP) Document as approved by the State Executive Council amongst other reforms. The Commissioner for Finance therefore presented the draft Cross River State Business Enabling Reform Action Plan 2026 to Council for its consideration.

17. During deliberation, Members were excited by the progress being recorded by the State under the SABER Programme. His Excellency noted the lofty targets set for the State on the Action Plan, which when realised, shall make the State truly a business friendly and foremost hub of investments in the nation. Council consequently endorsed the Cross River State Business Enabling Reform Action Plan, 2026 as presented.

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**Conclusion**

18. After exhaustive deliberation, Council graciously:

- (i) approved the Cross River State Business Enabling Reform Plan 2026.

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