



THE STATE ACTION ON BUSINESS ENABLING REFORMS (SABER)

The Presidential Enabling Business Environment Council (PEBEC) is driving reforms to unblock constraints in the business environment for micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs) in Nigeria. Through the State Action on Business Enabling Reforms (SABER) program, the PEBEC Secretariat and World Bank Country Office are also leveraging incentives to build the capacities of States. This is aimed at improving the business environment.

The SABER Program is a 3-year performance-based intervention jointly designed by the World Bank Technical team and the PEBEC Secretariat to incentivize and strengthen the implementation of business-enabling reforms across Nigeria through incentives. This is primarily through results-based financing to the states.

The Nasarawa State's Reform Champion for the program is Ibrahim A. Abdullahi, MD/CEO Nasarawa Investment and Development Agency (NASIDA) and also represent the North Central Region on the SABER Technical Working Group that has been working with key partners to shape the framework for its successful implementation. NASIDA is also the Secretariat of the Nasarawa Enabling Business Environment Council (NEBEC) chaired by His Excellency the Governor.

The Nasarawa Investment and Development Agency is the designated Coordinating Office - driving reforms and coordinating business-related Ministries, Departments, and Agencies (MDAs) in the state to not only achieve the eligibility criteria to qualify for the program but also to achieve the DLI targets for disbursements.

The SABER program comprises five (5) Result Areas (RA) and eight (8) Disbursement Linked Indicators (DLIs).

In order to achieve the Prior Results, Nasarawa Investment and Development Agency engaged extensively with Chief Executives, Technical Officers, and Reform Champions from business-related MDAs in the state with a view of equipping them to initiate the required reforms to improve the state's business climate.