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This fifth edition of the publication of Investment Opportunities in Delta State contains updates on Ease of Doing Business and progress made by Delta State Investments Development Agency (DIDA) in attracting investment projects to the state. Specifically, this edition is designed to create awareness on the abundant natural resource endowment and comparative/competitive advantages of the state, while highlighting the efforts of the Oborevori administration in promoting the Ease of doing Business for investors operating in the state in line with his MORE Agenda. MORE is an acronym for Meaningful Development, Opportunities for All, Realistic Reforms, and Enhanced Peace and Security.

DIDA is established by Law to promote, develop and regulate all investments and concessions in the state. Its operational strategy is to harness the available natural resources comprising Agriculture, Aquaculture, Oil and Gas, Transportation (land, air, and sea), Ports, Maritime resources, Blue Economy, Digital Economy, Human Capital Development, Infrastructure, Housing, Commerce, Manufacturing, Education, Healthcare, Culture and Tourism sectors.

Olorogun Lucky Oghene Omoru is the Chairman of the Agency while Hon. Anthony Emeka Elekeokuri is the Director-General. DIDA is domiciled in the Governor's Office and this facilitates quick access and approvals devoid of bureaucratic bottlenecks.

With an estimated population of 6.25 million as at 2022 (projected at 2.61% growth rate from earlier publication published in 2020), Delta State has a Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of over 6.19 trillion Naira in 2022. The state is home to 40% of Nigeria's Natural Gas reserves, and produces over 30% of the country's crude oil. It has about 52% of the 159 oil fields comprising 1,481 oil wells in the country.

Furthermore, the state possesses suitable climate, vegetation and soil conditions for agriculture and aquaculture, while also rich in solid minerals. With a 163km

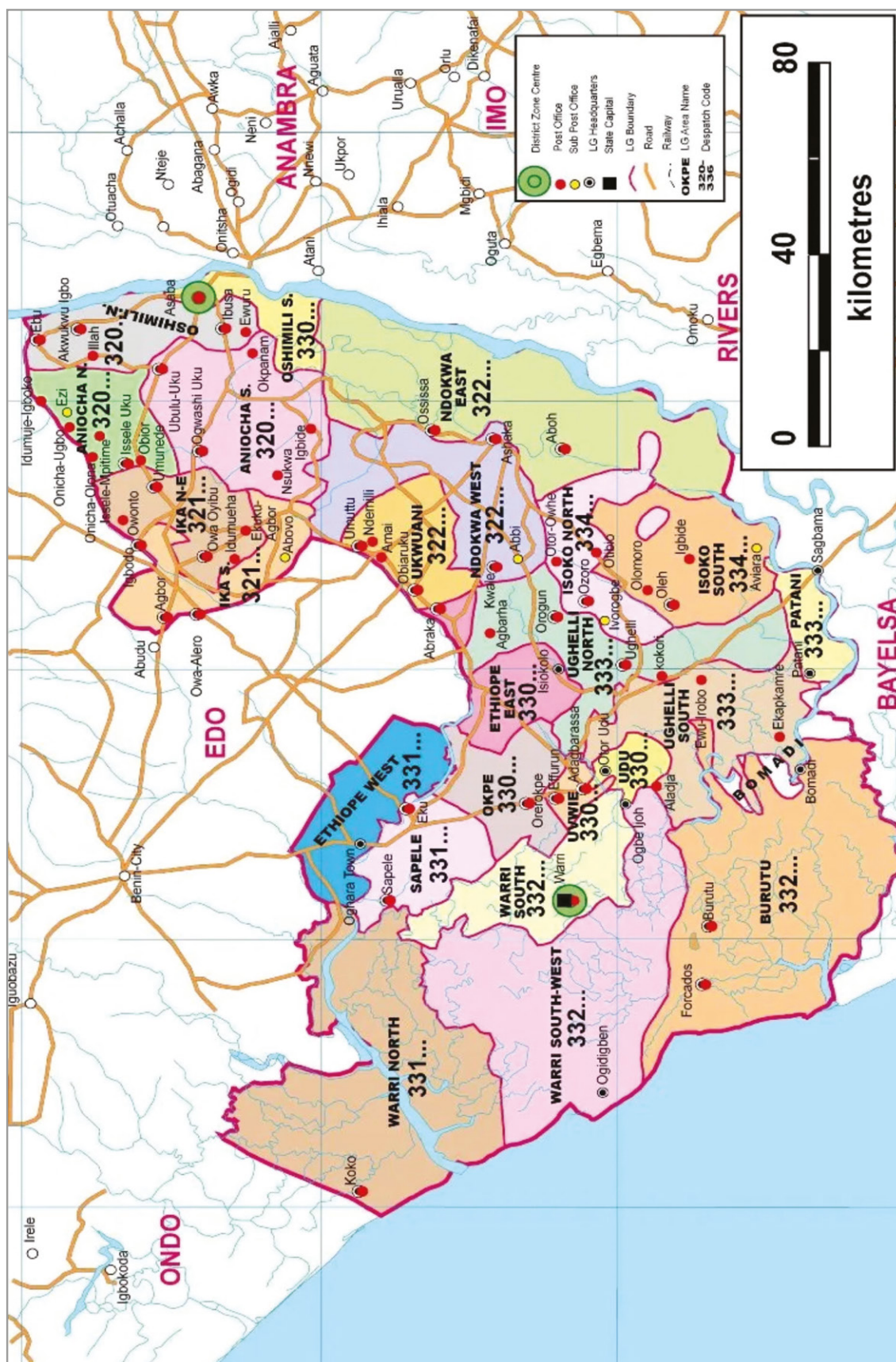
Coastline as well as numerous ports, jetties, and maritime resources, Delta State is a haven for investors.

This publication contains the macro-economic framework upon which the state is driving its investment promotion initiatives, which are based on the superior comparative advantages. In addition, it contains information about available investment opportunities across a wide spectrum of economic sectors, some project profiles worth undertaking by would-be investors, Delta State Industrial Policy, investment incentives and promotion strategies, institutional Legal and Regulatory framework for promoting investments in the state, and creating an enabling business environment. This document also contains all the state's initiatives and policies on the Ease of Doing Business reforms.

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DELTA STATE FACT SHEET

DATE OF CREATION	CAPITAL CITY	ETHNIC GROUPS	GEOGRAPHY
August 27, 1991	Asaba	Aniocha, Ika, Oshimili, Ukwuani, Itsekiri, Isoko, Ijaw, Okpe and Urhobo.	<p>Total Area 18,050 Sq. KM.</p> <p>Land coverage 60%.</p> <p>Coastline 163KM (40%)</p>

DEMOGRAPHY YEAR 2023 - 6,107,543

Male- 3.079,210.

Female – 2,958,457.

Active youth population of over - 67%

GDP 2025

N6.19 Trillion (\$40.05 Billion)

GEOGRAPHICAL FEATURES

Delta State is one of the six States that make up what is known as the South- South geo-political zone of Nigeria. The state covers a landmass of about 18,050km², of which about 40% is riverine and marshy. Delta State is situated between longitude 5° 00'E and 6°00'E and latitude 5° 00'N and 6°30'N and bounded in the East by Anambra, Imo, and Rivers States, in the North by Edo State, North-West by Ondo State, Southeast by Bayelsa State and on the southern flank by the Bight of Benin which covers about 163 Kilometres of the State's Atlantic Ocean coastline.

The land area comprises rain forest (57%), mangrove swamp/forest (33%) and fresh water (10%). Average rainfall ranges from 1,910mm in the northern areas to 2,670mm in the coastal region.

Delta State is characterized by flatland in the south and central areas and low-lying plains/ undulating terrains with low hills and valleys in the northern areas. The vegetation is a mix of mangrove swamps along the coast to rain forest in the central areas and a derived savannah in the northern extreme.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREAS AND THEIR HEADQUARTERS

S/NO.	LGA	HEADQUARTERS	S/NO.	LGA	HEADQUARTERS
1.	Aniocha North	Issele-uku	14.	Oshimili North	Akwukwu-Igbo
2.	Aniocha South	Ogwashe- uku	15.	Oshimili South	Asaba
3.	Bomadi	Bomadi	16.	Patani	Patani
4.	Burutu	Burutu	17.	Sapele	Sapele
5.	Ethiope East	Isiokolo	18.	Udu	Otor-Udu
6.	Ethiope west	Oghara	19.	Ughelli North	Ughelli
7.	Ika North East	Owa- Oyibu	20.	Ughelli South	Otu- Jeremi
8.	Ika South	Agbor	21.	Ukwuani	Obiaruku
9.	Isoko North	Ozoro	22.	Uvwie	Effurum
10.	Isiko South	Oleh	23.	Warri North	Koko
11.	Ndokwa East	Aboh	24.	Warri South	Warri
12.	Ndokwa West	Kwale	25.	Warri South West	Oge-Ijoh
13.	Okpe	Orerokpe			



CHAPTER

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MACRO-ECONOMIC ANALYSIS AND GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT (GDP)

Delta State economy thrives on petroleum, agriculture, industry, trade and services. The Gross Domestic Product (GDP) figures for year 2017 released by the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) in August of 2018 was **N4.05 trillion**. The state's GDP grew to **N4.4 trillion** in 2022 (Delta State Ministry of Economic Planning in collaboration with NBS). Oil and Gas sector is playing lesser role in the state's economy having reduced from the contribution of about **49.3%** in 2018 to **47.54** to the state's GDP in 2020, while the non-oil sector accounted for **52.46%** with Agriculture contributing **13.22%**. The petroleum sector employs only about **5%** of the population and Agriculture engages over **65%** of Deltans. Consequently, investments in agriculture and Blue Economy hold the key to employment generation and wealth creation in the state. Delta State's economy is third after Lagos and Rivers in terms of nominal GDP.

Delta State has a viable iron and steel industrial sector and many steel fabrication yards and workshops, which include the Premier Steel and Mines Limited (PSML), Ovia-Aladja, which has since been concessioned by the Federal Government through the Bureau for Public Enterprises.

GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT ANALYSIS

Gross Domestic Product at Current Basic Prices (=N= Million)

Gross Domestic Product At Current Basic Prices (=N=Million)	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
AGRICULTURE	367,783.21	422,039.88	432,271.05	520,491.66	552,855.81	486,459.87	583,474.15	584,833.34	607,850.69	651,804.25
1. Crop Production	295,840.85	350,948.29	356,226.63	405,204.41	444,932.97	370,317.52	463,090.52	465,736.75	483,960.74	525,278.01
2. Livestock	30,470.98	34,061.76	37,633.10	72,222.47	59,264.52	61,280.14	56,957.22	49,745.87	51,335.15	51,339.94
3. Forestry	21,408.12	13,236.91	13,662.16	14,550.43	15,562.28	15,489.57	17,113.97	17,783.82	18,264.33	18,376.01
4. Fishing	20,063.26	23,792.92	24,749.16	28,514.37	33,096.04	39,372.64	46,312.44	51,566.90	54,290.47	56,810.29
MINING AND QUARRYING	2,243,278.25	1,694,941.02	1,222,937.22	1,070,935.20	2,001,492.20	2,817,110.89	2,735,990.42	2,103,636.45	2,176,509.99	2,363,707.66
5. Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas	2,242,013.31	1,694,571.42	1,221,471.72	1,069,650.71	2,000,109.13	2,815,131.39	2,734,070.31	2,101,854.35	2,174,668.77	2,361,817.58
6. Coal Mining										
7. Metal Ores										
8. Quarrying and Other Minerals	1,264.94	369.60	1,465.50	1,284.49	1,383.07	1,979.49	1,920.11	1,782.10	1,841.22	1,890.08
MANUFACTURING	374,892.73	300,146.03	298,461.68	216,527.76	225,446.62	231,604.89	242,836.43	222,311.78	212,163.28	209,484.11
9. Oil Refining	202,785.58	154,149.14	168,861.45	89,416.78	34,507.58	34,435.50	34,294.71	33,054.01	26,124.88	26,106.98
10. Cement										
11. Food, Beverage and Tobacco	40,818.89	31,332.78	42,892.17	39,743.60	81,296.04	81,870.96	90,783.42	92,587.88	88,283.51	83,358.40
12. Textile, Apparel and Footwear	72,866.65	73,123.45	53,232.30	38,751.97	56,721.45	56,654.53	52,438.90	39,901.72	40,218.30	41,127.72
13. Wood and Wood Products	28,178.56	12,583.09	5,180.25	13,674.57	14,598.38	17,409.19	21,287.93	21,300.28	20,869.64	20,352.88
14. Pulp, Paper and Paper Products	168.74	144.95	282.44	572.00	1,310.91	1,311.00	1,420.34	1,091.85	1,092.98	1,142.97
15. Chemical and Pharmaceutical Products	2,138.93	1,566.13	1,816.73	1,798.72	7,553.90	9,572.11	10,487.71	10,916.98	11,389.23	11,980.44
16. Non-Metallic Products	2,757.86	10,273.60	13,994.37	14,072.53	13,051.88	13,056.34	14,335.87	10,047.62	10,420.85	11,059.13
17. Plastic and Rubber products	10,329.01	5,109.08	6,892.24	6,708.75	7,692.94	8,076.64	8,826.62	6,414.49	6,474.61	7,466.35
18. Electrical and Electronics	129.76	173.60	170.57	187.00	159.85	168.61	181.32	142.71	145.20	170.47
19. Basic metal, Iron and Steel	4,394.96	8,113.23	3,172.35	8,986.21	4,246.33	4,282.27	4,315.25	2,967.24	2,836.87	2,687.30
20. Motor vehicles & assembly	651.96	1,342.85	607.48	281.28	1,298.69	1,298.87	1,644.63	1,656.53	1,692.42	1,835.40
21. Other Manufacturing	9,671.84	2,234.11	1,359.33	2,334.33	3,008.66	3,468.86	2,819.74	2,230.49	2,214.78	2,196.06
22. ELECTRICITY, GAS, STEAM AND AIR CONDITION	108,245.70	104,886.59	105,816.94	103,451.63	131,694.73	131,102.11	138,050.52	143,846.95	145,916.36	171,931.40
23. WATER SUPPLY, SEWERAGE, WASTE MANAGEN	2,357.64	2,636.21	3,804.00	3,922.28	4,634.52	4,889.25	6,311.82	6,541.01	6,939.72	7,480.81
24. CONSTRUCTION	38,157.53	35,254.15	38,980.79	29,986.50	39,884.70	46,006.83	54,949.00	48,173.88	48,048.25	47,785.10
25. TRADE	152,922.59	173,795.81	165,372.21	165,265.51	206,136.39	236,384.96	281,302.53	234,009.31	238,944.38	244,991.36
26. ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD SERVICES	8,042.96	10,659.86	10,662.29	11,105.97	10,829.59	12,903.23	8,404.08	3,387.37	3,624.26	3,928.42
TRANSPORTATION AND STORAGE	35,865.53	42,083.33	59,328.37	71,012.96	74,354.38	78,926.15	82,909.88	78,985.75	73,482.33	73,359.11
27. Road Transport	31,147.04	37,863.34	54,429.87	65,460.35	69,028.60	73,303.68	77,059.36	67,731.08	67,645.33	67,320.02
28. Rail Transport & Pipelines										
29. Water Transport	729.83	398.30	535.37	712.11	634.39	780.28	844.34	770.54	866.52	906.99
30. Air Transport	1,820.55	1,791.85	1,957.27	2,058.31	2,239.13	2,349.73	2,475.34	2,265.07	2,605.74	2,713.93
31. Transport Services	1,441.14	1,199.17	1,473.61	1,815.84	1,761.67	1,762.05	1,769.45	1,470.83	1,577.28	1,618.18
32. Post and Courier Services	726.97	830.68	932.26	966.35	690.60	730.41	761.38	748.23	787.46	800.00
INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION	258,950.35	283,738.14	330,082.65	388,637.06	395,252.47	468,931.64	491,308.33	531,469.13	549,772.44	568,290.02
33. Telecommunications	198,318.41	209,545.48	239,231.19	252,187.79	248,621.83	306,428.61	322,468.82	360,842.19	376,320.44	391,299.07
34. Publishing	354.77	561.69	851.22	1,036.56	1,047.22	1,033.30	1,181.16	718.35	919.43	1,228.28
34. Motion Pictures, Sound recording and M	14,941.32	18,949.54	19,090.99	52,521.61	55,088.95	53,527.81	58,475.93	56,376.62	58,260.18	60,595.96
36. Broadcasting	45,335.86	54,681.43	70,909.25	82,891.10	90,494.46	107,941.93	109,182.42	113,531.97	114,272.40	115,166.70
37. ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT AND RECREATION	2,374.34	3,452.00	3,460.96	3,571.81	3,776.23	2,605.30	3,155.07	2,615.46	2,693.12	2,789.07
FINANCIAL AND INSURANCE	50,844.60	54,847.35	68,475.82	74,943.27	79,411.62	82,059.29	84,642.95	93,620.25	105,859.07	126,796.41
38. Financial Institutions	41,934.30	43,604.89	56,043.00	60,328.76	64,211.25	66,854.41	69,387.96	81,197.79	92,317.14	112,489.76
39. Insurance	8,910.30	11,242.46	12,432.82	14,614.52	15,200.37	15,204.88	15,254.99	12,422.46	13,541.93	14,306.65
40. REAL ESTATE	70,607.17	70,835.62	53,964.03	43,859.06	51,059.96	60,364.49	80,910.71	73,558.69	75,649.89	77,894.04
41. PROFESSIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL S	14,307.82	15,261.50	16,481.88	26,180.07	93,122.55	86,166.92	96,346.09	89,680.59	91,069.84	91,373.52
42. ADMINISTRATIVE & SUPPORT SERVICES	528.45	734.56	657.22	950.63	990.43	927.47	977.67	960.80	961.78	962.97
43. PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION	50,701.13	61,460.61	53,380.05	58,736.79	61,487.62	78,067.71	72,766.11	84,288.06	87,327.48	90,121.19
44. EDUCATION	48,621.83	56,074.37	60,923.93	61,399.20	72,899.99	80,216.24	83,272.15	69,242.27	71,272.80	73,780.91
45. HUMAN HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES	15,462.17	17,744.31	19,079.14	21,563.06	21,590.72	22,281.52	22,133.90	24,332.83	24,948.04	25,704.95
46. OTHER SERVICES	14,882.37	15,779.71	17,562.54	22,884.85	30,891.76	36,483.42	38,794.25	35,537.65	39,375.46	38,823.48
GDP Current Basic Price	3,858,826.38	3,366,371.05	2,961,702.75	2,895,425.26	4,057,812.28	4,963,492.17	5,108,536.05	4,425,031.56	4,562,409.17	4,871,008.78
Net Indirect Taxes on Products	58,910.26	47,915.05	44,474.86	47,614.41	55,673.49	62,280.96	67,967.44	62,821.52	80,203.62	85,901.61
GDP Current Market Price	3,917,736.64	3,414,286.10	3,006,177.61	2,943,039.67	4,113,485.77	5,025,773.13	5,176,503.49	4,487,853.08	4,642,612.79	4,956,910.39

Table 3.1b: Oil and Non-Oil Sector Contribution to GDP in % (2014 -2022)

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Non-oil	41.90	49.66	58.76	63.06	50.71	43.28	46.48	52.50	52.34	51.51
Oil	58.10	50.34	41.24	36.94	49.29	56.72	53.52	47.50	47.66	48.49

Table 3.1c: Gross Domestic Product at Current Basic Prices, Oil and Non-Oil Growth Rate in %

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
NOMINAL GROWTH RATE AT BASIC PRICE	- 12.76	- 12.02	- 2.24	40.15	22.32	2.92	- 13.38	3.10	6.76	6.76
NON OIL GROWTH RATE		3.40	4.09	4.92	12.70	4.41	10.52	- 2.16	2.78	5.09
OIL GROWTH RATE		- 24.42	- 27.92	- 12.43	86.99	40.75	- 2.88	- 23.12	3.46	8.61

Figure 3.1a: Gross Domestic Product at Current Basic Prices, Oil and Non-Oil Growth Rate in %

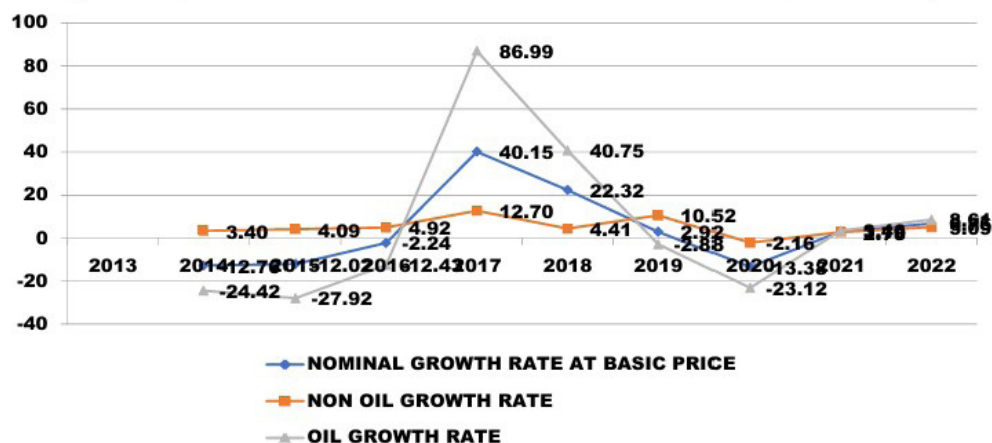


Table 3.1d: Sectorial Contribution to GDP in % (2014 -2022)

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Agriculture	9.53	12.54	14.60	17.98	13.62	9.80	11.42	13.22	13.32	13.38
Industry	71.70	63.51	56.39	49.21	59.22	65.09	62.21	57.05	56.76	57.49
Services	18.77	23.96	29.02	32.81	27.15	25.11	26.37	29.73	29.92	29.13

Table 3.1e: Major Sector Growth Rate in % (2014 - 2022)

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Agriculture		14.75	2.42	20.41	6.22	12.01	19.94	0.23	3.94	7.23
Industry		-22.74	-21.88	-14.68	68.66	34.44	-1.63	-20.57	2.58	8.14
Services		11.37	6.57	10.55	15.97	13.12	8.07	2.32	3.75	3.94

Figure 3.1b: Major Sector Growth Rate in % (2014 - 2022)

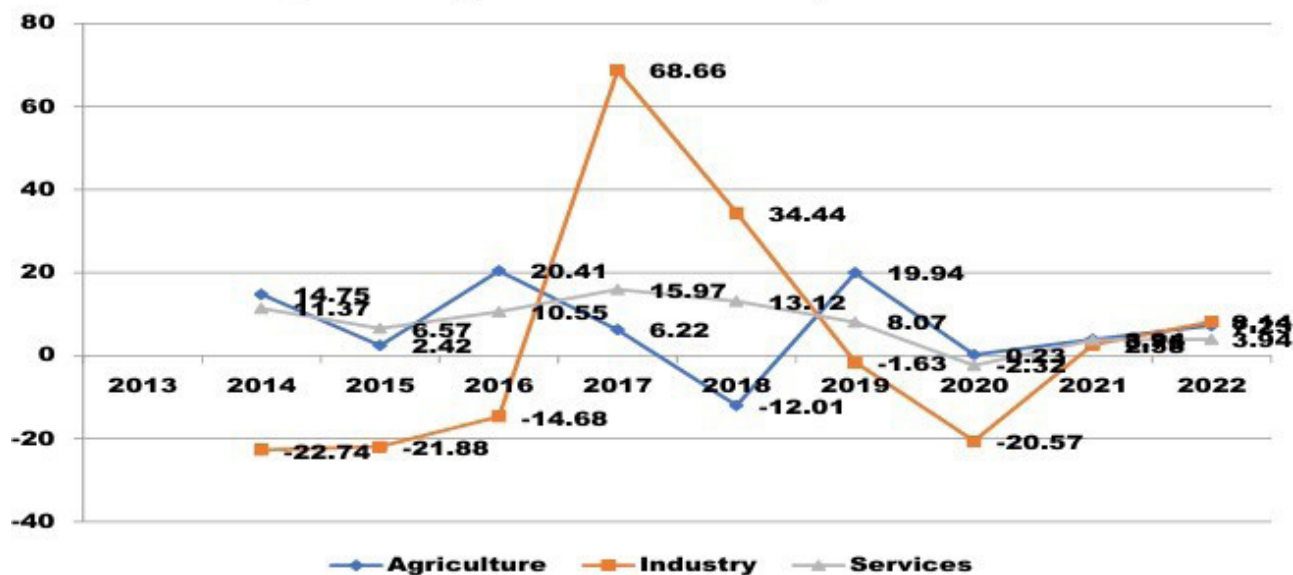


Table 3.2: Gross Domestic Product at Current Basic Prices Percentage Distribution

ECONOMIC ACTIVITY (ISIC Rev.4.0)	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
AGRICULTURE	9.53	12.54	14.60	17.98	13.62	9.80	11.42	13.22	13.32	13.38
1. Crop Production	7.67	10.43	12.03	13.99	10.96	7.46	9.07	10.53	10.61	10.78
2. Livestock	0.79	1.01	1.27	2.49	1.46	1.23	1.11	1.12	1.13	1.05
3. Forestry	0.55	0.39	0.46	0.50	0.38	0.31	0.34	0.40	0.40	0.38
4. Fishing	0.52	0.71	0.84	0.98	0.82	0.79	0.91	1.17	1.19	1.17
MINING AND QUARRYING	58.13	50.35	41.29	36.99	49.32	56.76	53.56	47.54	47.71	48.53
5. Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas	58.10	50.34	41.24	36.94	49.29	56.72	53.52	47.50	47.66	48.49
6. Coal Mining	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
7. Metal Ores	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
8. Quarrying and Other Minerals	0.03	0.01	0.05	0.04	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04
MANUFACTURING	9.72	8.92	10.08	7.48	5.56	4.67	4.75	5.02	4.65	4.30
9. Oil Refining	5.26	4.58	5.70	3.09	0.85	0.69	0.67	0.75	0.57	0.54
10. Cement	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11. Food, Beverage and Tobacco	1.06	0.93	1.45	1.37	2.00	1.65	1.78	2.09	1.94	1.71
12. Textile, Apparel and Footwear	1.89	2.17	1.80	1.34	1.40	1.14	1.03	0.90	0.88	0.84
13. Wood and Wood Products	0.73	0.37	0.17	0.47	0.36	0.35	0.42	0.48	0.46	0.42
14. Pulp, Paper and Paper Products	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.02	0.02
15. Chemical and Pharmaceutical Products	0.06	0.05	0.06	0.06	0.19	0.19	0.21	0.25	0.25	0.25
16. Non-Metallic Products	0.07	0.31	0.47	0.49	0.32	0.26	0.28	0.23	0.23	0.23
17. Plastic and Rubber products	0.27	0.15	0.23	0.23	0.19	0.16	0.17	0.14	0.15	0.15
18. Electrical and Electronics	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
19. Basic metal, Iron and Steel	0.11	0.24	0.11	0.31	0.10	0.09	0.08	0.07	0.06	0.06
20. Motor vehicles & assembly	0.02	0.04	0.02	0.01	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.04
21. Other Manufacturing	0.25	0.07	0.05	0.08	0.07	0.07	0.06	0.05	0.05	0.05
22. ELECTRICITY, GAS, STEAM AND AIR CONDITIONING SUPPLY	2.81	3.12	3.57	3.57	3.25	2.64	2.70	3.25	3.20	3.53
23. WATER SUPPLY, SEWERAGE, WASTE MANAGEMENT AND REMEDIATION	0.06	0.08	0.13	0.14	0.11	0.10	0.12	0.15	0.15	0.15
24. CONSTRUCTION	0.99	1.05	1.32	1.04	0.98	0.93	1.08	1.09	1.05	0.98
25. TRADE	3.96	5.16	5.58	5.71	5.08	4.76	5.51	5.29	5.24	5.03
26. ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD SERVICES	0.21	0.32	0.36	0.38	0.27	0.26	0.16	0.08	0.08	0.08
TRANSPORTATION AND STORAGE	0.93	1.25	2.00	2.45	1.83	1.59	1.62	1.65	1.61	1.51
27. Road Transport	0.81	1.12	1.84	2.26	1.70	1.48	1.51	1.53	1.48	1.38
28. Rail Transport & Pipelines	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
29. Water Transport	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02
30. Air Transport	0.05	0.05	0.07	0.07	0.06	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.06	0.06
31. Transport Services	0.04	0.04	0.05	0.06	0.04	0.04	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03
32. Post and Courier Services	0.02	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.02
INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION	6.71	8.43	11.15	13.42	9.74	9.45	9.62	12.01	12.05	11.67
33. Telecommunications	5.14	6.22	8.08	8.71	6.13	6.17	6.31	8.15	8.25	8.03
34. Publishing	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.04	0.03	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.03
34. Motion Pictures, Sound recording and Music production	0.39	0.56	0.64	1.81	1.36	1.08	1.14	1.27	1.28	1.24
36. Broadcasting	1.17	1.62	2.39	2.86	2.23	2.17	2.14	2.57	2.50	2.36
37. ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT AND RECREATION	0.06	0.10	0.12	0.12	0.09	0.05	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06

FINANCIAL AND INSURANCE	1.32	1.63	2.31	2.59	1.96	1.65	1.66	2.12	2.32	2.60
38. Financial Institutions	1.09	1.30	1.89	2.08	1.58	1.35	1.36	1.83	2.02	2.31
39. Insurance	0.23	0.33	0.42	0.50	0.37	0.31	0.30	0.28	0.30	0.29
40. REAL ESTATE	1.83	2.10	1.82	1.51	1.26	1.22	1.58	1.66	1.66	1.60
41. PROFESSIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL SERVICES	0.37	0.45	0.56	0.90	2.29	1.74	1.89	2.03	2.00	1.88
42. ADMINISTRATIVE & SUPPORT SERVICES	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.03	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02
43. PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION	1.31	1.83	1.80	2.03	1.52	1.57	1.42	1.90	1.91	1.85
44. EDUCATION	1.26	1.67	2.06	2.12	1.80	1.62	1.63	1.56	1.56	1.51
45. HUMAN HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES	0.40	0.53	0.64	0.74	0.53	0.45	0.43	0.55	0.55	0.53
46. OTHER SERVICES	0.39	0.47	0.59	0.79	0.76	0.74	0.76	0.80	0.86	0.80
GDP Current Basic Price	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00



CHAPTER

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**DELTA STATE ECONOMY
COMPARATIVE AND
COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGES**

- I. GEOGRAPHY** – Delta State is strategically located in the South South Geo-political Zone of Nigeria. It is the only state with 6 economic/commercial nerve centers – Warri, Ughelli, Agbor, Kwale, Sapele and Asaba. As an Oil and Gas rich State, it produces over 40% of the Nigeria’s oil and gas which accounts for a significant amount of the country’s current foreign exchange earnings. Delta State straddles the Atlantic coast and it is bounded in the East by three States-Anambra, Imo, and Rivers State, in the North/North West – Edo and Ondo and in the South – Bayelsa.

Total area– 18,050 Sq. KM Land coverage – 60%,

Large Coastline – 163KM (40%)

- II. DEMOGRAPHY** – 6,107,543

Male– 3,079,210;

Female – 2,958,457

Active youth population of over 67%

- III. FOUR (4) SEAPORTS AND ONE (1) PETROLEUM TERMINALS:**

Delta State is the only state in Nigeria with four seaports.

- a) Seaports: Warri, Burutu, Sapele, and Escravos
- b) Petroleum Terminals: Forcados and Escravos
- c) Deepest Inland Water Way in Africa: River Ethiope

- IV. INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS:** Delta State has three (3) Airports

- a. Asaba International and Cargo Airport
- b. Osubi Airport
- c. Escravos Airport

- V. RAILWAY** – there is a railway from Warri-Agbor-Abuja

- VI. ABUNDANT NATURAL AND MINERAL RESOURCES**

- a. Crude oil
- b. Gas
- c. Lignite (Brown coal)
- d. Silica (Premium quality)
- e. Kaolin (Commercial quantity)
- f. Clay (Commercial quantity)

- VII. AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE**

- a. Oil palm

- b. Cassava
- c. Maize
- d. Tomatoes
- e. Rice
- f. Vegetables

VIII. POPULATION – Total population of over six Million with an active Youth population of over 67%.

IX. CLEMENT WEATHER & GREEN VEGETATION – Our tropical savannah and Masson vegetation with abundant sunshine and rain.

X. ECONOMIC TRADE ZONES – Koko free Trade Zone, which operates as a Free Trade Zone and Export Processing Zone. Also, the Kwale Industrial Park and Aboh-Ogwashi- Uku Agro processing Park.

XI. NUMEROUS TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS: Delta State has 49 tertiary institutions.

- Four (4) state universities
- Two (2) federal universities
- Twelve (12) private universities
- Three (3) polytechnics
- Seven (7) colleges of education
- Fifteen (15) technical colleges
- 7 Nursing and midwifery institutions

XII. NATURAL ENDOWMENT/ TOURIST SITE: Delta State has numerous tourist sites namely:

A. Historical Sites:

Mungo Park House: A national museum showcasing the state's rich history.

Nana's Palace: A 19th-century palace built by Nana Olomu, an Itsekiri chief and merchant.

Lander Brothers' Anchorage: A historic site commemorating the Lander brothers' discovery of the River Niger.

Araya Bible Site: A sacred site believed to be the location where a Bible miraculously descended from heaven.

B. Natural Attractions:

River Ethiopie Source at Umuaja, Ukwani Local Government Area: A scenic

spot with crystal-clear waters perfect for swimming, boating, and fishing.

Kwale Game Reserve: A wildlife reserve offering a glimpse into Nigeria's diverse flora and fauna.

Otuogu Beach: A picturesque beach with stunning views of the Niger Delta.

C. Recreational Centers:

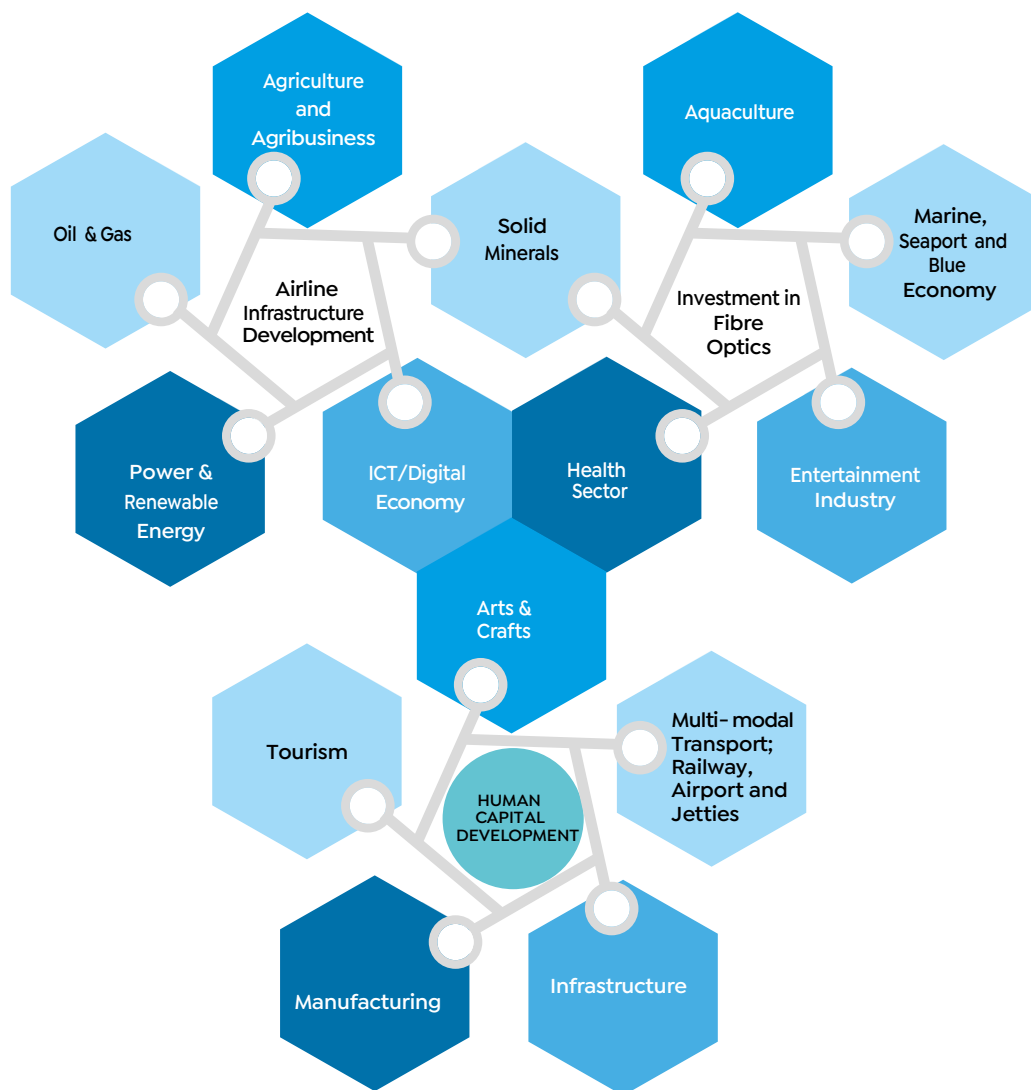
Abraka Turf and Country Club: A popular spot for outdoor activities like golfing, horse riding, and swimming.

Effurun Garden Park: A serene park ideal for picnics and relaxation.

Water Park, Agbor: An amusement park offering thrilling rides and games for all ages.

Maryam Babangida Film Village and Leisure Park, Asaba

INVESTMENT SECTORAL CHART



OIL AND GAS SECTOR



Delta State is a leading oil and gas producer in Nigeria and accounts for about 40% of gas reserves in the country. The state produces over 30% of the country's crude oil output having about 52% of the 159 oilfields comprising 1,481 oil wells in the country. Delta State oil production currently accounts for a significant amount of Nigeria's foreign exchange earnings and government revenue. Oil and gas assets abound in all three Senatorial Zones and are found on-shore, making the cost of access, production, and marketing to be low and competitive.

The state is home to the Escravos and Forcados Oil Terminals, Warri Refinery and Petrochemical Complex, Nigeria Gas Company and numerous oil and gas service companies.

PETRO-CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES:

Investors are also invited to exploit the abundant oil and gas resources by building modular refineries and petrochemical/pharmaceutical industries, as well as the manufacturing of inorganic fertilizer for which there is a huge market in the state and the nation at large.

PROSPECTS & LOCATION

Upstream and Downstream

- Establishment of an integrated energy development initiative in Delta State, - small scale 750 GTL (Gas-to-Liquids) methanol-ethanol plant, a clean cook stove fuel blending and packaging facility.
- Establishment of modular refinery and petrochemical plants
- Establishment/construction of storage tanks for refined products
- Transportation of refined products
- Marketing of refined products
- Establishment of gas treatment plant for domestic and industrial use as well as production of CNG and LNG

Establishment of gas-fired power generating plant

- Establishment of petrochemicals including fertility plant-UREA 2
- Exportation of Gas Construction of gas pipelines

OIL

- Establishment of modular refineries and petrochemical plants.
- Establishment, construction, and maintenance of storage tanks for refined products.
- Transportation of refined products.
- Marketing of refined products.

GAS

- Establishment of gas treatment plants for domestic and industrial use.
- Production of CNG/LNG/FLNG.
- Establishment of gas-powered generating plants.
- Establishment of petrochemicals including fertilizer plants.
- Export of gas.
- Domestic marketing.
- Construction of gas pipelines.
- Pipe laying.

LOCATIONS

Oghara, Koko, Aboh(Ndokwa East), Olomoro, Otujeremi, Ebedei, Kwale, Irri,



Modular Refinery



Oil Storage Tanks

POWER AND RENEWABLE ENERGY



Present Delta State Energy Law recently passed to regulate and enhance electric power supply to achieve market competition and satisfactory consumer experience. This is expected to be achieved through efficient electricity generation, transmission, distribution and marketing with ultimate aim on enthroning an era of availability, sustainability and affordability of electricity in the state.

Power remains a critical factor in the economic development of the state and nation. There is presently a huge electricity supply gap from Benin Electricity Distribution Company, even as a substantial part of the state is not connected to the national grid. Investors are invited to take advantage of the current Electricity Law and the 2025 Delta State Electricity Commission and participate in power generation, off-grid transmission, and distribution.

There are several investment potentials for core investors to explore in the critical sector of power generation, transmission, and distribution. For a state that is at the forefront of the generation of thermal electricity in Nigeria, added impetus has been given to the establishment of independent power generation through Public Private Participation (PPP). It is a well-known fact that power and energy drive socio-economic activities of any society and ultimately accelerates its holistic development.

In view of the above, the state government is willing to partner with investors in the following areas: Solar Energy, Gas, Bio-fuel, Wind and Hydro Power.

PROSPECTS AND LOCATION

Power Generation

- Establishment of solar Power Transmission to Green Energy
- Bio-fuel
- Hydro power
- Solar/wind power boreholes
- Manufacturing of electricity meter assembly plants
- Manufacturing of transformers assembly plants
- Other critical power supply equipment/assets like cables, insulators, conductors, SCADA systems.
- Manufacturing/assembly plants/gas to power

LOCATION

- Across 25 LGAs in the State
- Kwale Industrial Park



SOLID MINERALS



Delta State has abundant investment opportunities in the solid minerals sector. The state has rich deposits of minerals for commercial exploration and processing. Several studies have been undertaken by the Raw Materials Research and Development Council (RMRDC), an agency of the Federal Government, on their uses, application, and economic value chain.

BENTONITE

With proven reserves of more than 10 billion metric tonnes of Bentonite in Nigeria, and proofs that our local clay meets the current A.P.I standard by beneficiation, it is sad to note that the sodium Bentonite is still stereotyped as a temperate mineral, and rather unfortunate that both the steel, oil and gas companies in the Niger Delta and Africa still import this rare mineral. There are currently no Bentonite production plants in Africa and 100% of the mud used in drilling oil wells in Nigeria and all over Africa are imported mostly from the United States. A lot of revenues could be generated annually from the

exploration of Bentonite, which could also lead to massive job creation especially in Delta State where major deposits have been found.

The Delta State Government seeks investors to participate in the establishment of this landmark project as pioneers. The plant will enjoy pioneer status, which will translate into significant benefits to the investors, government, and people of Delta State, as well as Nigerians in general. It is envisaged that the plant will, in less than five years, be a dominant supplier of Bentonite to oil and gas companies and other companies operating in Nigeria and within the continent.



Bentonite

CLAY

Large deposits of variegated clay mineral types abound in most parts of the state. The volume of this mineral is such that about 55% of the entire land mass of Delta State is clay. Only a minor percentage of this resource, however, is presently being utilized. Clay mineral is a group of important hydrous aluminum that contains significant amounts of iron, alkali, metal, and or alkaline earths. It is useful for drilling in petroleum extraction and as a catalyst in petroleum refining as well as a decolorizing agent in the processing of minerals and vegetable oils. Other industrial purposes for which the mineral could be used include the manufacture of refractory products, insulators, pottery, brick, paving stones and slabs, drainage, and sewage pipes amongst others. With about 55% of the entire land mass of the state being underlain by industrial clay, the occurrence cuts across several Local Government Areas (LGA) in the State.



Clay

With availability of natural gas in clay bearing areas, investors have the advantage of producing clay products with clean and relatively cheaper energy.

SILICA

This mineral, which is useful in pottery and glass making, is available in large deposits in most parts of the state. The mineral is currently being used in the manufacture of glass by Beta Glass Company, Ughelli. The entire state is well-suited for silica related ventures such as the production of bottles and glass sheets, bulbs, fuse, mirror, headlamps as well as abrasive and temperature resistors. There are vast deposits of this mineral in Ughelli North, and South, Udu, Warri North, and Warri South West LGAs where there are incidentally huge gas reserves for energy and heating.



Silica

LIGNITE

Lignite deposits are situated in several locations within the State. Principal deposits of this mineral, however, are found in Obomkpa, Ogwashi-Uku in Aniocha South Local Government Area and in Okpanam in Oshimili North Local Government Area. The proven reserve of this brown coal from the state is over 175 million tonnes. The deposit beds lie close to the surface thus making it easy to excavate at low cost. Since dry lignite contains about 60 to 75 percent carbon, it could be put into most carbon related ventures as raw materials. Besides, it is also used for power generation.



Lignite

KAOLIN

Huge deposits of this mineral have been found in the state (over 124.4 million tonnes in various part of the State). Kaolin usage in Delta State is insignificant as only few paint

manufacturers besides the locals who use it for medicinal purposes and decorations. This mineral is a raw material for the manufacture of ceramic wares, pharmaceuticals, dento-ceramics, electro- ceramics, sanitary wares, table wares and tiles. It is also used in the production of paints, paper, tiles, filter in plastics, chalk, porcelain wares, and insulators amongst others. Vast deposits of Kaolin are found at Ozanogogo in Ika South Local Government Area; Ubulu-uku in Aniocha South Local Government Area and Okwunzu in Aniocha North Local Government Area.



Kaolin

PROSPECTS

- Exploration and mining of solid minerals
- Establishment of Glass factories i.e. hollow and flat sheets.
- Establishment of pharmaceutical industries Establishment of ceramic industries

LOCATIONS

SILICA (Premium quality):

- Ughelli North
- Udu
- Warri

KAOLIN (High quality kaolin in commercial quantity):

- Ozanogogo
- Ubulu-Uku
- Okwunzu
- Ogwashi-Uku

LIGNITE:

- Obomkpa Ogwashi-Uku

AGRICULTURE AND AGRO-BUSINESS



OIL PALM

Delta State is a leading palm oil producer in Nigeria. Palm oil from Delta State used to be exported as a primary produce, making the area part of the “Oil Rivers.” But the increase in local consumption and undue reliance on petroleum production as the major revenue earner led to the decline of this sector. However, the state is working hard to reverse this trend and become a net exporter of palm produce through a strategic focus on accelerated oil palm development.



Delta State has several oil palm estates comprising Oil Palm Company (OPC) plantation of 3,307 Hectares leased to IMC Ltd, Cowan Estate with 2,500 Hectares leased to Presco Nig Ltd and several small holdings in the following Farm Settlements-Utagba Uno FS with 158n Hectares, Mbiri FS with 557 Hectares and Okunigho FS with 50Hectares, etc.

The state plans to increase oil palm cultivation up to 40,000Ha, rehabilitate 10,000Ha small holdings and increase the yield of fresh fruit from 1 -20mt per Ha through its accelerated oil palm production strategy under the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) Anchor Borrowers Programme.

Investors interested in large scale oil palm plantation and processing into vegetable oil and industrial by-products used for soap, cosmetics, confectionery, and palm kernel cake/ animal feeds are needed and encouraged to take advantage of the opportunities inherent in oil palm development.

RUBBER

Delta State used to be a leading Rubber producer in Nigeria. Historically, rubber production, marketing and management were under the defunct Rubber Board with majority of the rubber plantations under private small holdings, except Pamol Rubber Plantation and Jathomas Rubber Estate. Rubber used to be produced and exported in large quantities with most of the rubber processing factories in the country located in Delta State. In recent years, the rubber trees identified as having become old were cut down to allow replanting of new rubber seedlings.



There has been renewed private sector interest in rubber production leading to the cultivation of large hectares of rubber plantations by Dafinone and Pamol. Currently, rubber export is still ongoing in the state. There are about 25,000 hectares under cultivation as plantations, over 150,000 hectares of farm land available for cultivation with availability of improved disease-resistant and early maturing seedlings from the Rubber Research Institute, Iyanomo, near Benin City in Edo State. Opportunities for replanting and rehabilitation of old rubber plantations exist. Investors are, therefore, invited to establish new rubber plantations and processing industries.

YAM

Yam is mostly cultivated in Delta North, predominantly in Ika North East, Ika South, Aniocha North and South axis of the state with estimated 85,500ha available for cultivation. The average yield per hectare is 12.5 metric tonnes.

Opportunity to expand production and value addition through the establishment of yam processing mills for the conversion of yam into flour is available. Investors are needed in yam cultivation and processing into yam flour.



PLANTAIN/BANANA

- Estimated 980 hectares under cultivation but in small farm holdings ranging from 2-5Ha.
- Average yield per hectare is 28 metric tonnes.
- Need to cultivate plantain/banana in plantations to increase yield.
- Need for the establishment of plantain/banana processing mills into plantain flour for local cuisine such as Amala, banana juice, flavours and cream.



RICE

Delta State is suitable for the cultivation of both swamp and upland rice depending on the soil type, weather conditions, and nearness to water bodies. The state is promoting all-season rice production as a sustainable enterprise. There are many private sector investors who have established rice farms by taking advantage of Federal Government incentives and financial support.

It is estimated that 1500Ha of land is under rice cultivation and current production level of rice in the state is 5,250MT with an average yield of 3.5MT/Ha. Over 100,000Ha is available for rice cultivation across the abundant flood plains, mangrove swamps, and uplands suitable for rice production. Delta State has ecological support for rice cultivation and can grow both upland and low land rice. Investors are needed for large scale commercial rice farming and opportunities exist for the establishment of modern rice processing mills/de-stoners.



CASSAVA

Delta State is suitable for the cultivation of cassava which takes place in all communities in the state. Cassava is processed into garri, Foo-foo, starch, cassava flour and chips. There is available land to cultivate up to 10,000 Ha and the state is distributing high yielding disease-resistant variety of cassava cuttings to farmers.

There is huge domestic and foreign demand for industrial cassava starch and chips which cannot be met presently. Investors are needed to fill the cassava starch and chips supply gap.



MAIZE

Maize is a cereal crop grown throughout the 25 Local Government areas of Delta State. It is grown in two (2) planting seasons per year; the early season maize is grown around March-June, while the late season maize is cultivated between August and October. It is estimated that the total area of 90,000 hectares is cultivated annually. In the Delta South Zone, maize is majorly planted as an intercrop; while in Central and North Zones, maize is planted as a sole crop. The average yield per hectare is two metric tonnes; while

estimated average annual production is 182,000 metric tonnes.

Maize is either eaten directly or processed into flakes, pap, flour and as an additive in compounding livestock feeds and for pharmaceutical production. Opportunities exist for investments in maize cultivation, drying and processing.



TOMATO:

Tomato is a fruit vegetable grown everywhere in Delta State. It is cultivated in commercial scale in the Igbodo, Ekwuoma, Umunede axis of Delta North Senatorial Zone. The varieties cultivated within the state are Roma VF, Ronita and UC82B, and Ibadan local. About 8,000 Ha land is cultivated annually with average yield per hectare estimated at 25 tonnes/ha. Tomato is a multipurpose crop that has a lot of promising value-added products such as establishment of cottage industries for tinned tomato. There is a huge market for tomato production and processing in the state.



Opportunities for massive tomato production in Green Houses and processing for both domestic and export markets exist in the state.

LIVESTOCK SECTOR

Poultry and Piggery:

There are many big and private poultry and pig farms. Annual production level is estimated at 5,000,000 and 200,000 for birds and pigs respectively.

The following investment opportunities exist in the state.

- Meat processing and storage facilities across the state.
- Animal feed mills.
- Breeder farms and hatcheries.

Meat Processing:

There is a huge and expanding market in processed meat in the state and beyond that will stimulate local livestock production intensively as against the method of extensive (nomadic) rearing. Delta State currently consumes an estimated 109,575 heads of cattle, 44,575 goats and sheep, and 14,458 pigs annually with a hugely unsatisfied demand. Business opportunities, in partnership with the Delta State Government for the establishment of cattle ranches and meat processing, abound in the state. Other ancillary businesses include

- Bone meal processing and packaging,
- Blood meal processing/ packaging,
- Meat packaging and distribution,
- Meat shops, and
- Skins and hide collection and processing.



MICRO-LIVESTOCK

Cane Rat Production, Snailery and Apiculture (Bee-keeping)

Cane-rats, snails and bees can be successfully reared in the state. There is extension service for their establishment and management which are available in the Delta State Agricultural Development Programme (ADP).

AGRICULTURAL MECHANIZATION

There is mechanized agriculture through the provision of agricultural land and deployment of machinery for increased productivity. However, more investment in earth moving equipment for land preparation, pond construction, processing and storage facilities are required.

Investors in Public Private Partnership (PPP) are needed in the provision of tractors, heavy land clearing machinery such as bulldozers, low loaders, swamp bogey, tree pushers and root rakes which are best suited for our peculiar ecology.



AGRICULTURAL PROCESSING INDUSTRIES

There are numerous opportunities to invest in agriculture and agro- processing industries. The crops produced in the state include cassava, yam, plantain, oil palm, rubber, tomato, pineapple, rice, maize, okro, raffia palm and citrus. The enablers of agriculture in the state include the following:

- Extensive land mass that is considerably fertile.
- Expansive rainforest ecology that favours oil palm, rubber, and plantain production.
- Large water bodies for fisheries activities.
- Rich flood plains with fertile alluvial deposits.
- A lot of mangrove forest and swamps that have potential for development of fish, rice production and timber development.
- The state government's policy is to partner with investors by providing suitable land for crop cultivation and facilitating the engagement of out-growers to ensure adequate supply of agricultural produce for processing. The broad policy objectives include:
 - Investment in agriculture shall involve the entire value chain from farming/ production, processing, packaging, and marketing with a view to ensuring sustainability of operations and value addition.
 - Attainment of food security in basic food commodities and increase production of agricultural raw materials for the industry using improved technology.
 - Generating employment, improving income, and thereby improving the quality of life of rural dwellers.
 - Optimum utilization of agricultural land, water and human resources which are in abundance in the state.
 - Protection of agricultural land and water resources from degradation.

The Delta State Government is desirous of entering into a Partnership Agreement with

prospective investors under a Public Private Partnership arrangement to provide technical management upon project implementation.

Expected Outcomes:

- The Revenue is projected to grow at 34% from EUR16.99m in year 1 to EUR22.77m in 2028.
- The project is expected to generate positive earnings over a seven- year period.
- The average net profit for seven years is EUR10.95m.
- The project is expected to generate adequate operating cash-flows over the forecast period. NPV for the forecast period is positive at EUR36.35m, while IRR is positive at 45%.

The plant location on aggregate generally has about 10+% cost of production advantage relative to virtually all plants in Nigeria in view of the planned low cost of gas. This advantage is leveraged fully in the penetration and marketing strategy. To maximize value, the tiles will be sold on a delivered basis as opposed to selling at plant fence as done by other producers. This allows for some of the benefits of logistics to be exploited too.

Expected Outcomes:

- The average annual turnover is USD40m, and peak profit is about USD20m.
- The project will generate; NPV of USD53m, IRR of 64% and a pay-back period of three years.

DELTA GREEN AGRO-ALLIED INDUSTRIAL ZONE (GAAIZ)

An industrial, urban development will be designed and developed in Osubi, Delta State. The project is ideal for Emerging Market and Transition Economies, capable of nurturing the development of entrepreneurial companies during the start-up period and provide direct and indirect business support services tailored to start-up firms.

The proposed agro-industrial zone project will involve provision of utilities, roads and maintenance of green areas, and power plant. The project will also introduce the agri-business entrepreneurs to regional and global value chains through the manufacturing of Ready-to-Eat (RTE) and Consumer Packaged Goods (CPG) to create wealth and reduce poverty. Through this initiative GAAIZ will create a sustainable ecosystem for the agro and agro- allied value chains in Delta State and create opportunities for small holder farmers to participate in the production of value-added products for both local consumption and exports.

FERTILIZER BLENDING PLANT

This facility represents an ongoing project work to be located at Ika North East Local Government Area of Delta State. The plant will be established to blend different materials able to produce NKP to be sold directly to farmers.

The Delta State Government is desirous of entering into a Partnership Agreement under Public Private Partnership to provide technical management upon project implementation.

Expected Outcomes:

- Annual sales from the plant are projected at USD44,564,211, and net profit will be USD4,088,533 in the second year.
- The balance sheet would grow from USD9,950,000 in the first year to USD57,304,496 in the tenth year based on high annual profit and conservative dividend policy, which is expected to result in the accretion of retained earnings, and huge cash balances.

- The project has an NPV of USD60.78 million, and IRR of 108%.

ANIMAL FODDER FARM AND TOMATO PROCESSING FACILITY

This is an ongoing project that involves the construction of a state-of-the-art Integrated Animal Fodder Project and Tomato Paste factory in Ute-Ogbeje, Delta State, Nigeria. The integrated Animal Fodder Project will use 1,500 hectares of agricultural land for plowing, planting, irrigation, harvesting, shredding and compaction of alfalfa and corn.

The project has a twin advantage of reinforcing high level commitment to poverty alleviation and creation of employment, through agriculture and industrial revolution.

- The GAAIZ can provide its incubation tenants and clients, a full array of manufacturing and development options that include;
- Food Processing Industries [dairy products, ketchup manufacturing, soft drinks, rice mills and groundnut oil].
- Centralized warehouse and logistic facilities.
- Hospitality and Recreation Zone [five-star hotel, amusement park, sport center].
- Commercial and manufacturing industries [textiles, aluminum].
- General engineering and energy [automotive assembly, solid minerals, gas plant].
- Commercial and residential development [staff quarters].

PROSPECTS AND LOCATION

Delta State has comparative advantage in the cultivation, production and development of palm oil, cassava, rubber, maize, tomatoes, rice, cotton, wheat, and vegetables. The sea ports and cargo airport shall be leveraged for logistics and the development of these agricultural products.

LOCATION

- Expanse of land across 25 LGAs in the state.
- Aboh-Ogwashi Uku Agro-Processing Park



Aboh-Ogwashi Agro-Processing Park.



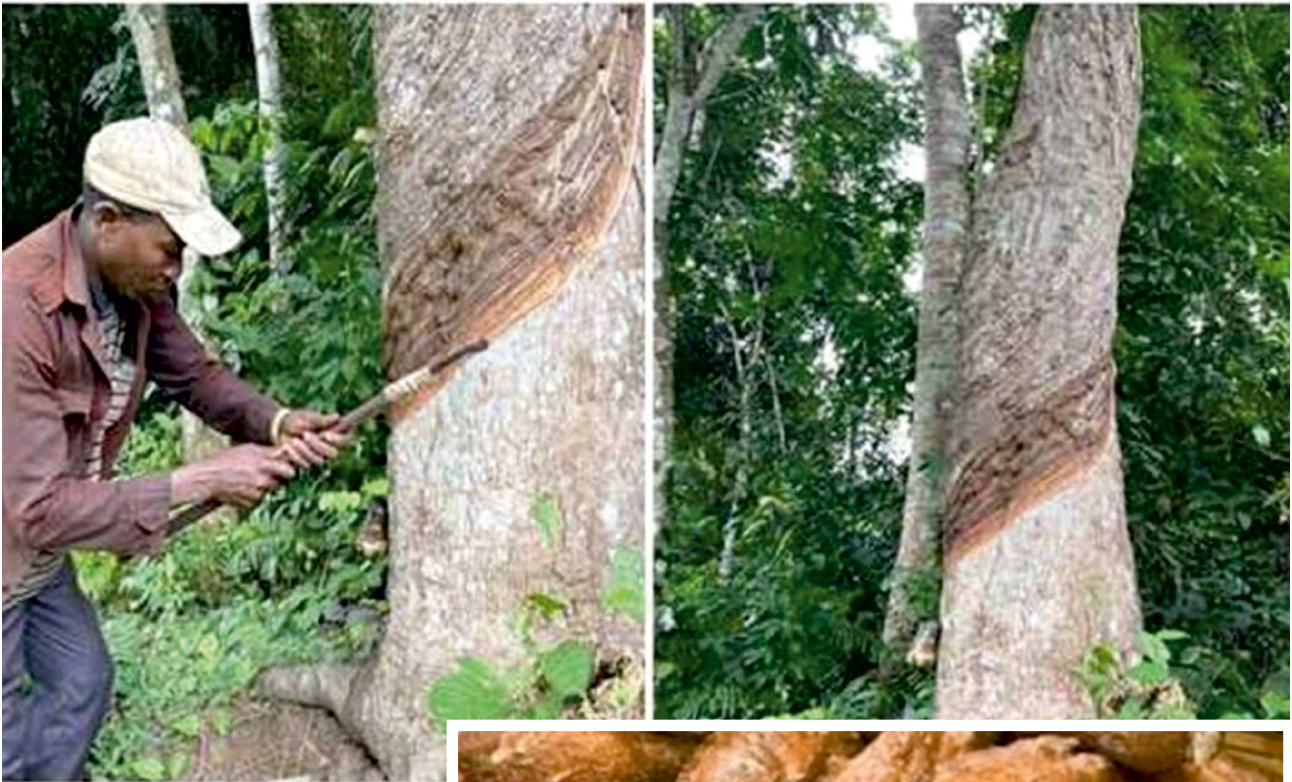
Expanse of Land across 25 LGAs in Delta State



Palm Oil Plantation



Rice



Rubber



Cassava



Fruit & Vegetable

AQUACULTURE DEVELOPMENT



Aquaculture, particularly fish, is one of the priority commodities for agricultural value chain development and economic diversification in Delta State. By its rich and extensive endowment of surface water in the forms of coastal waters, rivers, and streams, the state has considerable comparative advantage in fish production. Developing the fish economy from fish farming/production, processing, packaging/preservation, and marketing holds great potentials for job creation and economic diversification, a situation reinforced by the large unmet domestic market.

Despite the bright economic and market prospects for fish commodity, fish production and processing are still largely undeveloped, as evident in low fish yields, poor market linkages, and unplanned fish clusters.

Investors are invited to establish high-grade, world-class fish production and processing facilities that are efficient, viable, and sustainable in creating jobs and wealth.

FISHERIES

Delta State is endowed with adequate ecology for “capture and culture” fisheries. The state has an effective mid-water surface area estimated at about 80,437 hectares and inland fresh water resources from the lower Niger Basin which has tributaries for fresh water aquaculture and shrimps’ production. It has an expanse of mangrove swamps estimated at 347,032Ha, which is available for brackish water culture of fin and shell fish.

The fisheries sub-sector has a value chain made up of essentially production, processing, and ancillary services, to which it gives priority in order to attain desired self-sufficiency and possible export. The production category involves fish seed production, fish rearing, fish feed production, brood stock production, fish farm management including farm supplies. ancillary activities include storage, packaging, marketing, haulage, warehousing, distribution, and all export related activities.

Fish farming is one of the priority agricultural value chain developments activities in Delta State. There is need for Public Private Partnership (PPP) in fish production and processing industries for export and fish feed mills across the state. Areas of investments include:

- Jetties and ice plants for use by sea bound vessels and other artisanal fisher folks operating mechanised craft in coastal waters.
- Establishment of cluster fish farms or fish estates with the potentials to increase production to seventy-eight thousand metric tons table size fish.
- Establishment of fish processing and packaging plant to extend shelf life of smoked and dried fish that are sold to the end- user (customer).
- Establishment of fish feed mills to reduce cost of production of feeds for the fish farmer, which will in turn make fish accessible.
- Establishment of preservation facilities such as cold rooms and industrial smoking kilns, which will help prevent about 20% of fish losses daily.

The Delta State Government is desirous of establishing animal and fish feed mills under Public Private Partnership (PPP) arrangement to catalyse the development of sustainable agriculture and animal rearing in the state.



PROSPECTS AND LOCATION

- Full value chain
- Fish production
- Cold Stores, Trucks and Fishing Trolleys
- Fish Hatcheries and Fish Feed mills
- Marketing and distribution for domestic use and export

LOCATION

Niger Basin area, Bomadi, Burutu, Koko, Warri



CULTURE AND TOURISM



The state is rich in tourism potentials, with destinations that offer an exciting mix of scenic landscapes, long sandy beaches and a diversity of wild life and cultures. The people are warm and friendly, known historically for their exceptional culinary endowment skills. There is an attractive variety of natural landscapes, offering breath-taking views across the State. Diverse aspects of tourism for which Delta State has potentials include cultural heritage sites, rivers, sports, religious and business tourism.

The state is rich in culture and has traditional institutions that date back to many centuries ago. The state is home to scores of aesthetically fascinating palaces, tourist attractions, sites and monuments of very ancient pedigree, birth places of famous men and women, traditional festivals and masquerades, art and craft centres.

Investors are required in the development of a thriving Tourism Industry. As a first step the State Government has established the ultra-modern Maryam Babangida Leisure Park and Film Village at Asaba. Investors are invited to participate in the following tourism areas:

- i. Hospitality industry (hotels, resorts, and restaurants) and
- ii. Medical tourism.

TOURISM

There is great potential for the development of tourism based on abundant rivers, beaches, vegetation, festivals, and historical sites. The state government has commissioned the Leisure Park and Film Village at Asaba among other tourism related investment projects.

These investments will further boost the position of Asaba as the home of the burgeoning Nollywood Film Industry in Nigeria.

Investment opportunities exist in the development of the tourist sites and monuments listed below:

- Ethiopie River Source, Umuaja.
- Bible Site, Araya.
- Lander Brothers Anchorage, Asaba.
- Nana (Living History) Palace, Koko.
- Asaba Beach.
- Abraka Beach.
- Mungo Park House, Asaba.
- Obi's Palace, Idumuje-Ugboko.
- The Turf, Abraka.
- Songhai-Delta Centre, Sapele.
- Adane-Okpe Square, Orerokpe
- Ojife Monument, Asaba
- Ekumeku Monument, Asaba
- Chief Bekederemo's Palace, Kiaoftbodo
- Slave Trade Relics, Aboh
- Ozomona Manor House, Onicha-Olona
- Okpe Bead Museum, Orerokpe
- Eni Lake, Uzere
- Okpuzu Falls, Ibusa

Tourist attraction events include the following:

- i. Cultural festivals.
- ii. Reoftattas.
- iii. Sports.



Songhai, Sapele.



Boat Ragatta.



Nana (Living History) Palace, Koko..



Asaba Leisure Park



Lander Brothers, Anchorage, Asaba



Bible Site, Araya



Ethiope River Source, Umuaja.



CHAPTER

3

MARINE, SEAPORT AND BLUE ECONOMY



Delta State is the only State in Nigeria with four seaports, a Petroleum terminal and the deepest inland Water way in Africa comprising Burutu, Warri, Sapele, Escravos (Seaports) Forcados (Petroleum terminal) and River Ethiope. There are also numerous Jetties in the state. The ports and jetties offer investment opportunities in ports development, ship building and repairs as well as dredging and maintenance of the sea/river channels for ease of navigation of vessels and shipping. Delta State Government is ready to partner with investors in the development of the above Ports. Delta State is actively developing its Blue Economy focusing on leveraging its aquatic resources for economic growth, environmental sustainability, and social inclusion.

Delta State is also looking at opportunities in maritime transport including inland waterways and coastal shipping. Investors are needed to develop coastal tourism. The Blue Economy initiative is seen as a pathway to poverty reduction and job creation. The state seeks investments and Federal Government support for initiatives like; inland waterway dredging, cold chain logistics and cleaner transport technologies.

Delta State is proposing the designation of a pilot “Blue Corridor” to test integrated Blue Economy initiatives. Overall, Delta State Blue Economy development is a multi-faceted approach that aims to harness the aquatic resources for economic prosperity.

MARINE AND PORTS FACILITIES

Warri Port is the second largest port in Nigeria after Tin Can Island Port. Sapele Port is currently being used by the Nigerian Navy and this affords extra security to investment assets and marine vessels in the area.

Historically, Warri and Sapele Ports were used for the export of primary produce comprising palm produce, rubber, and other agricultural products from the north before the crude oil era. All the ports are located close to oil and gas producing assets and suitable as points for the export of petroleum products. The state has two oil export terminals, which are located at Escravos and Forcados.

Sea Port and Maritime Development:

Delta State has the advantage of having a coastline of over 163Km. The State Government is seeking partnership with investors in the development and establishment of a marine and jetty terminal, which shall be responsible for dredging and maintenance of the Benin River Channel from Escravos Breakwaters through Koko and Oghara to Sapele.

MARITIME BUSINESS AND DEVELOPMENT OF PORTS

The ports and jetties offer investment opportunities in ports development, ship building and repairs as well as dredging and maintenance of the sea/river channels for ease of navigation of vessels and shipping. There are investment opportunities in cargo shipment and logistics.

LOCATION

- Warri
- Sapele
- Koko
- Burutu





DIGITAL ECONOMY

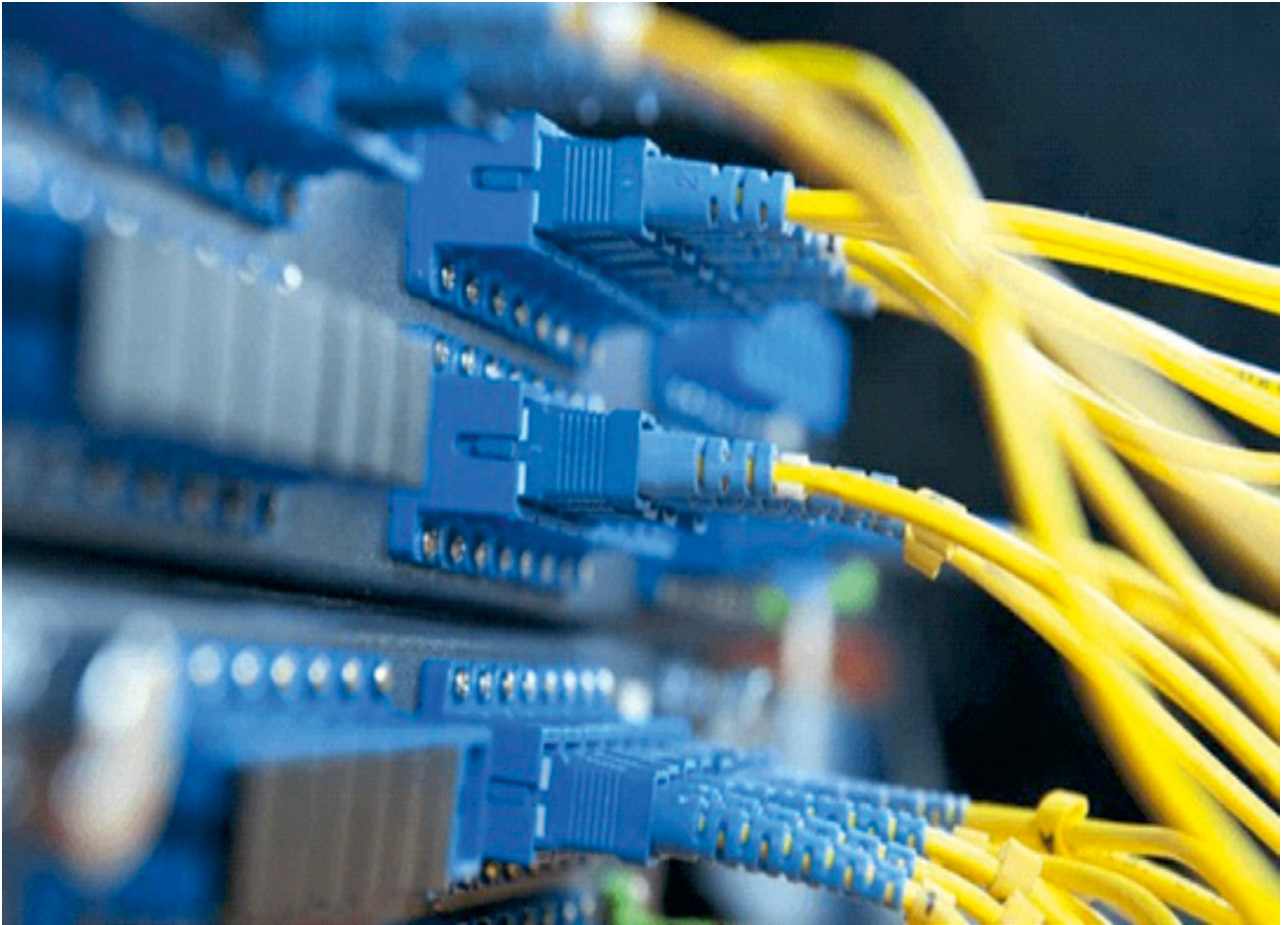
Investment opportunities in fibre optic infrastructure to deliver broad band connection to private sectors, numerous tertiary and basic educational institutions, hospitals and our airports for increased internet service spread.

Delta State has approximately 2,750 km of fibre-optic cable infrastructure in place. The Federal Government has committed to deploying 90,000 km of fibre optics across Nigeria under a US \$2 billion initiative, starting in Q4 2025.

This national programme seeks to increase total fibre coverage from about 35,000 km to 125,000km and aims at achieving 90% broadband penetration by year-end 2025. Delta State is poised to leverage on this opportunity. Infrastructure firms like Ichiem Telecom have implemented power-over-fibre route in Delta State (150,000km+) corridor combining electricity and fibre duts enhancing reliability and efficiency in this sector.

INVESTMENT INSIGHTS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR INVESTORS

- 1. Leverage federal rollout**
The federal rollout from Q4 2025 offers investors and ISPs access to shared infrastructure via the SPV model—especially appealing given the state’s low RoW costs.
- 2. Public–Private Collaboration**
Delta State Government will attract investment by offering digital infrastructure incentives and partnering with the SPV and telecom companies.
- 3. Supporting Local Innovation**
Projects like power-over-fibre corridors showcase innovation that lowers deployment costs and improves resilience—Delta will scale and replicate these.
- 4. Demand-Driven Services**
With over six million internet users, expanding investments in fibre-optics will improve connectivity for homes, businesses, education and e-government services. Low state RoW creates cost advantages for investors.





INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

Investors are invited to partner with the state government either on BOT, contractor finance basis, or Public Private Partnership (PPP) model.

ROADS INFRASTRUCTURE:

The Delta State Government under the leadership of His Excellency Sheriff Oborevwori is focusing on improving connectivity across the state through massive infrastructural renewal.

Key aspects of Delta State's Road infrastructure development:

Multi-billion Naira Investments:

The state government has approved significant investments in road construction and rehabilitation, including both new projects and major renovations.

Dualization Projects:

Several road dualization projects are underway, such as the 46- kilometre Ughelli-Asaba Road (Sectors C1 and C2).

Urban Renewal:

The government is undertaking urban renewal initiatives, including the completion of new road networks with integrated drainage systems in urban centres.

Rural Road Development:

Efforts are also focused on improving rural road infrastructure to enhance connectivity and facilitate economic activities in rural communities.

Riverine Communities:

The state government is committed to developing and maintaining roads in riverine areas to improve accessibility and promote development in these regions.

Specific Projects:

Examples of ongoing projects include the construction of Kolokolo to Tisun road, the rehabilitation of Bomadi to Gbaregolor Road, and the completion of Bulu-Angiama Road.

Flyover Construction:

The government is building three flyovers and Slip Ways in Warri/Effurun axis and recently approved the design and construction of flyovers in Agbor and Ughelli to ease commuter traffic.



Flag off of Effurun Flyover Construction



The Effurun Flyover under Construction



Ughelli-Asaba Expressway



Oil Tank Farm



INVESTMENTS IN AIRLINES AND AIRCRAFT

The state government has already concessioned the Asaba International Airport. However, there are opportunities to seek partnership with the operators of Osubi Airport near Warri, which is billed for upgrade to an international status through the construction of 4.2km additional runway together with other airport facilities.

A. Expanding Airline Services

Attract domestic operators (like Dana Air, Aero Contractors) or encourage startup carriers to base operations at Asaba or Osubi. Form partnerships or hub agreements (code-share) to enhance route networks linking Delta with Abuja, Lagos, Port Harcourt, and other major nodes.

B. MRO and Training Facilities

Build on the Boeing–Nigeria MOU by advocating for maintenance and overhaul centres in Delta (leveraging Shell/U3 experience at Osubi).

Establish aviation training centers (pilots, engineers, ground staff) aligned with national ambitions for aviation growth.

C. Cargo and Aerotropolis Development

Develop an aero-city model around Asaba Airport, incorporating agro- logistics, warehouses, cold storage, and training centers as in PPP models adopted by other states.

Catalyze the use of the airport for cargo export of agricultural and manufactured goods from the Delta industrial zones.

D. Fleet Investment and Leasing

Leverage Aircraft Leasing Company initiatives for access to modern aircraft for

Delta-based carriers.

Encourage small turboprop or regional jet operations—especially for feeder routes—or linkages with emerging drone/aerospace startups in Nigeria.

MULTI - MODAL TRANSPORT FACILITIES

Delta State has a good multi-modal transport network system comprising roads, airports, railway, and ports/jetties, which make the movement of goods and passengers to be competitive and efficient. The major roads and high ways which are well paved include the East West Road, Warri - Benin high way, Ugbenu - Koko Port Road, Ughelli- Ozoro-kwale-Asaba Road, Benin-Asaba-Onitsha Expressway among others.

There are two Modern Airports at Osubi, near Warri, and Asaba International Airport for passenger and cargo. Airports in other cities including Benin City, Owerri, Enugu, and Port Harcourt airports are within 1hour 30 minutes away from the state.

The numerous ports and jetties in the state serve to move goods and passengers within the state and for export of goods abroad. There is a railway line from Ajaokuta in Kogi State to Aladja near Warri in Delta State that is operational.



Asaba International Airport

HOUSING:

It has been recognised that there is a need to provide over 500,000 housing units across the state over the next 10 years. Investors are invited to participate in housing development and waste management leading to the production of organic fertilizer/ electricity. Housing development opportunities exist for investors at Asaba, the state capital, Local Government Area headquarters, especially those towns hosting universities and polytechnics, and other tertiary institutions.

HEALTH:

Here is a detailed and up-to-date overview of health sector development in Delta State, with a focus on infrastructure, human capacity, health insurance, public health initiatives, and strategic opportunities:

1. Infrastructure and Facility Upgrades

As of 2022, 511 government and private facilities are accredited under the Delta State Contributory Health Scheme (DSCHS). Significant investments in 20 general hospitals, including upgrades with CT scanners, X-ray units, surgical beds, and generators –such as Otor-Udu General Hospital’s 200 million equipment delivery.

The Delta State University Teaching Hospital (DELSUTH) in Oghara operates as a tertiary training hospital, inaugurated in June 2020, serving both healthcare delivery and medical education needs.

Federal Medical Centre Asaba also hosts a College of Nursing Sciences, inaugurated in May 2024, enhancing nursing education in the state.

2. Human Capacity and Training

In May 2024, Governor Oborevori inaugurated a second College of Health Technology at Ovrode in Isoko North LGA to address severe manpower shortages—targeting a gap of approximately 7,000 middle level healthcare providers, compared to fewer than 1,000 currently serving.

Delta State offers the highest health-worker salaries in Nigeria, as part of retention efforts against migration and brain drain.

3. Health Financing and Insurance (DSCHC)

The Delta State Contributory Health Commission (DSCHC) was established in 2016/2017 with the goal of universal health coverage. As of mid-2025, over 2.4 million residents had enrolled—covering more than 40% of the state’s population.

Over 560 public and private hospitals are now enlisted under the scheme and benefit

from the capitation plus reimbursement model.

Low-income enrollees (e.g. artisans, informal sector) pay a flat ₦7,000/year, while vulnerable groups (pregnant women, under-5 children, elderly) are fully subsidized via the Equity Plan.



Asaba Specialist Hospital



Mother and Child Hospital, Owa Oyibu



CHAPTER

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HUMAN CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT



EDUCATION

Delta State's Human Capital Strategy emphasizes youth empowerment, entrepreneurship, digital literacy, vocational training, and mobile "school-on-wheels" centres to boost skills access across the state.

Delta State's economy now ranks among Nigeria's top four, credited in part to investments in infrastructure and human capital development, generating over 254,000 jobs.

EDUCATION AND TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS IN DELTA STATE

Delta hosts numerous tertiary institutions offering key educational pathways:

Institution Focus Areas

- Petroleum Training Institute (Effurun) Technical training for oil, gas, welding, ND/HND certifications.
- Delta State University, Abraka - broad academic programmes up to doctoral level.

- Dennis Osadebe y University, Asab- a new public university with faculties in Agriculture, computing, environmental Sciences (est. 2021).
- Delta State University of Science and Technology (Ozoro) - STEM and engineering-focused tertiary training (est. 2021).
- Western Delta University(Oghara) - private university offering general undergraduate programs

These institutions provide education in engineering, technology, agriculture, science, management, and more, forming the backbone for workforce development in Delta State.

Universities in Delta State.

Federal:

- Federal University of Petroleum Resources, Effurun.
- Nigerian Maritime University Okerenkoko, Delta State
- Federal Polytechnic, Orogun.

State:

- Delta State University Abraka
- University of Delta, Agbor
- Delta University of Science and Technology, Ozoro
- Dennis Osadebey University, Asaba

Private:

- Admiralty University, Ibusa,
- Edwin Clark University, Kaigbodo
- Micheal & Cecilia Ibru University
- Novena University, Ogume
- Western Delta University, Oghara Delta State
- Margaret Lawrence University, Umunede,
- Delta State Sports University, Idumuje, Ugboko, Delta State

List of State and Private Polytechnics in Delta State.

- Delta State Polytechnic, Ogwashi-Uku
- Delta State Polytechnic, Otefe-Oghara
- Delta State Polytechnic, Ozoro
- Delta State School of Marine Technology
- Bellarks Polytechnic, Kwale
- Calvary Polytechnic, Owa-Oyibu
- Petroleum Training Institute, Effurun

List of Technical Colleges in Delta State:

- Agbor Technical College, Agbor
- Issele-Uku Technical College, Issele-Uku
- Ofagbe Technical College, Ofagbe
- Ogor Technical College, Otogor Ughelli
- Sapele Technical College, Sapele
- Utagba-Ogbe Technical College, Kwale

PROSPECTS AND LOCATION

- EMIS tracks students' data including enrollment, attendance, academic performance, and disciplinary records.
- Automation and digitization in education Administration
- Rising adoption of cloud-based solutions;
- Increasing government initiatives and investments in education technology.

LOCATION

There are primary, secondary, and tertiary institutions in the 25 Local Government Areas of the state.





University Of Delta, Agbor



Federal Polytechnic Orogun.



Model Technical College, Effurun.



Model Technical College, Asaba.



Delta State Innovation Hub Asaba.



CHAPTER

5

KEY POLICY INITIATIVES, INVESTMENT INCENTIVES AND REGULATORY FRAMEWORK FOR EASE OF DOING BUSINESS IN DELTA STATE

1. DELTA STATE EASE OF DOING BUSINESS REFORMS

Delta State Government has created the environment for improved Ease of Doing Business (EoDB). The improved business friendly conditions in the State are because of deliberate measures and policies in the various broad spheres of business environment viz;

- Good governance and political stability as the state has become more peaceful.
- Sound economic management
- Promotion of Public Private Partnership (PPP) via the establishment of the Delta State Investments Development Agency.
- Automated Central Billing System of Taxes and Levies.
- Delta State Security Committee under the Chairmanship of the State Governor Rt Hon. Elder Sheriff Oborevwori – for curbing crime and guaranteeing security, and law and order for businesses.
- Delta State Anti-Kidnapping Law 2016-to curb incidence of kidnapping
- Delta State Public and Private Properties Protection Law to curb the incessant harassment of property developers popularly known as “Deve.”
- Establishment of over six small claims courts for resolution of business disputes.
- Delta State Public Private Partnership Framework. Delta State Electricity Commission.
- Delta State Industrial Policy 2025.
- Setting up of the Delta State Ease of Doing Business Council chaired by the Governor and assigning of focal persons from relevant Ministries Departments and Agencies of Government.
- Intermediating between investors and host communities via the One Stop Shop Department domiciled in the state IPA (DIDA).
- Grant of waivers from payment of tenement rates, fees, levies, and other charges for investors for up to five years after commencement of business.
- Helping investors with appropriate pool of manpower resources through the One Stop Shop domiciled in Delta State Bureau for Job and Wealth Creation, Delta State Technical and Vocational Board and Delta State Investments Development Agency.

- Delta State Electricity Power Law 2024.
- Delta State Environmental Protection Agency.
- Delta State Environmental Conservation Law Delta State Forestry Law
- Delta State Fisheries Edict, 1994: Mandatory registration of dredging sites and the submission of Environmental Impact Assessment documents by dredgers (January, 2025)
- Operation Delta Sweep to enhance joint security operations in the state.
- Helping investors with appropriate pool of man power resources through the One Stop Shop domiciled in DIDA, Delta State Bureau for Job and Wealth Creation, and Delta State Technical and Vocational Board.
- Delta State Innovation Hub, Asaba: (technology and skill training, co-work space, start-ups, incubation and acceleration Programmes, mentorship and entrepreneurial development).
Delta State Innovative Fund.

2. HEALTH SECTOR INITIATIVES

Delta State Contributory Health Commission (DSCHC): Established to ensure access to quality healthcare services for all residents of Delta State, irrespective of their socio-economic status.

Delta State Contributory Health Scheme (DSCHS): A mandatory health insurance scheme that provides financial protection to residents of Delta State.

3. RENEWABLE ENERGY INITIATIVES

Delta State Renewable Energy Policy Roadmap: Aims to promote the use of renewable energy sources in the state, such as solar and wind power.

4. SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES

Socio-Economic Development Programmes: The state government is committed to promoting socio-economic development through innovative programmes and policies.

5. OPERATION DELTA SANITY (OPDS)

Launched to combat oil theft in the Niger Delta region, this operation is a collaborative effort between the Nigerian Petroleum Ministry and the Navy. The initiative has been bolstered with armed drones, attack helicopters, and enhanced intelligence to increase oil production and secure state resources.

6. UNIVERSAL HEALTH COVERAGE (UHC):

Delta State is working towards achieving UHC by 2030, in line with the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Partnerships with International Organizations: The state government is partnering with international organizations such as the World Health Organization (WHO) and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), to improve healthcare services and achieve socio-economic development.

DELTA STATE GOVERNMENT INVESTMENT INCENTIVES INVENTORY

S/NO	The name or title of the incentive measure	Description of Incentive Benefits	Year Incentive Introduced	The name of the legal document /legal reference instrument	Incentive Duration	Sector	Federal level / State Level	Implementing Agency or Competent Authority	Eligibility or Qualification criteria (description)	Awarding Agency or Authority in charge of Allocation
1.	Grant of waivers from payment of Tenement rates, fees, levies and other charges	Grant of waivers to new investors after the commencement of operations	2015	State Executive Council Approval	5years	All sectors	State Level	Ministry of Lands	A new investor after the commencement of operations	Ministry of Land/Surveyor General
2.	De-risking of investments	De-risk investments and take equity contribution up to 20% of the total Authorized Share Capital.	2015	State Exco & DSHA	Initial year of start-up	All sectors	State Level	MDAs	Investments dully approved	MDA initiating/sponsoring investments
3.	Assistance with land acquisition	Assist to acquire land and easy one-stop documentation process	2015	Delta State Exco	Initial Start-up	All Sectors	State Level	Ministry of Lands and Survey	New investors/Existing Investors	Ministry of Lands/ Surveyor General
4.	Tax holidays	Tax holiday for "pioneer" industries Pioneer status to industries located in economically disadvantaged area of the Federation	NIPC Act/Fiscal Policy	2016 Fiscal Policy	7years	All Sectors	Federal /State level	NIPC	New investors	NIPC
S/NO	The name or title of the incentive measure	Description of Incentive Benefits	Year Incentive Introduced	The name of the legal document /legal reference instrument	Incentive Duration	Sector	Federal level / State Level	Implementing Agency or Competent Authority	Eligibility or Qualification criteria (description)	Awarding Agency or Authority in charge of Allocation
5.	Provision of pre-industry studies	These pre-industry studies include Market Shares Analysis (involving Delta State, Nigeria and West African Sub-Region).	2017	DIDA Law 2016	Once for all	All Sectors	State Level	DIDA	Prospective investors	DIDA
6.	Manpower Resources	Helping investors with appropriate pool of manpower resources	2017	DIDA Law 2016	As required	All Sectors	State Level	DIDA	Prospective and new investors	DIDA

7.	Intermediating between investors and the host communities	The intermediating function includes that between the Traditional Rulers, Community Leadership and Associations, as well as Youth Leaders, Groups and Market Women and other stakeholders	2017	DIDA Law 2016	As required	All Sectors	State Level	DIDA	New and existing investors	DIDA under One Stop Shop
8.	Conflict Resolutions	Resolution of conflict involving new or existing investors and their host communities.	2017	DIDA Law 2016	As required	All Sectors	State Level	DIDA/Ministry of Justice	New and existing investors	DIDA/Ministry of Justice
S/NO	The name or title of the incentive measure	Description of Incentive Benefits	Year Incentive Introduced	The name of the legal document /legal reference instrument	Incentive Duration	Sector	Federal level / State Level	Implementing Agency or Competent Authority	Eligibility or Qualification criteria (description)	Awarding Agency or Authority in charge of Allocation
9.	Access to State Government facilities	Investors are allowed access to State Government facilities during the course of their business start-ups	2017	DIDA Law 2016	As may be required	All Sectors	State Level	DIDA/MDAs	New investors/Existing Investors	DIDA/MDAs
10.	DTSG Subsidize cost of manufactured products and infrastructure	Subsidies are paid on manufactured goods and infrastructures to act as support for off takers	2017	DIDA Law 2016	As may be required	All sectors	State Level	MDAs	New investors/Existing Investors	DIDA/MDAs
11.	Delta State Anti-Kidnapping Law	The Delta State Anti-Kidnapping Law came into existence to curb the incidence of kidnapping.	2016	Delta State Anti-kidnapping Law 2016	Applicable to all	Applicable to all	State level	Ministry of Justice	Applicable to all	Ministry of Justice
12.	Public and Private Properties Protection Law	This law was passed by the State Government to curb the excesses of miscreants from collecting frivolous levies a.k.a. "Deve", sale of properties to more than one person, use of fire arms to disrupt developers, illegal use of fire arms to disrupt developers, <u>vandalization</u> , <u>encroachments</u> etc	2018	Public and Private Properties Protection Law 2018	Applicable to all	Applicable to all	State Level	Office of the Public and Private Properties Protection	Applicable to all	Office of the Public and Private Properties Protection, Governor's Office



CHAPTER

6

**KEY PROJECTS
FACILITATED BY DIDA**



Delta State Government has developed some projects which are based on comparative/competitive advantages. These projects possess global acceptability because the conditions in Delta State are comparable and, in some cases, superior to those of other states and foreign countries.

KWALE INDUSTRIAL (GAS) PARK (KIP)

Kwale Industrial Park (KIP) is one of Delta State Government's (DTSG) strategic initiatives for industrialization. It is planned for small and medium-scale manufacturing industries. KIP is located along the Ughelli-Asaba expressway, 94km from Onitsha and about 92km from Warri port. Onitsha is the commercial nerve centre of South-Eastern Nigeria and home to one of Nigeria's largest markets. Warri is a major gateway to export markets. KIP is being developed to be the preferred place for manufacturing, offering compelling competitive advantages that will have direct positive bottom-line impact for manufacturers.

The first phase of the park will occupy about 900 Ha and is conceived to be a private sector led initiative with significant backing of the state government. The location has captive gas supply from producing gas fields within 10-20km radius, access to the backbone OB3 gas pipeline which traverses the land for additional gas supply, and on-site LNG storage for back-up gas supply. It is ideal for industries like iron and steel, glass, ceramics, and petrochemical plants, which rely heavily on cheap and clean power/energy.

The state government is working to achieve a Free Trade Zone (FTZ) status for KIP.

BURUTU PORT, BURUTU – involves the development of the port in three phases at the total cost of US\$2.037million. The first phase comprises the development of the existing port costing US\$68.2 million leading ultimately to the third phase, which involves the construction of an inter-continental trans-shipment port with the depth of 23 metres. Delta State Government has 5% free carry equity stake in the project, which is planned to transform Burutu Port to become the trans-shipment centre for west and south-west Africa as well as the hub of Nigeria's import – export trade involving the outside world, south-south, eastern and northern Nigeria.

ULTRA-MODERN MECHANIC VILLAGE AND AUTO PARTS, ASABA – The project was developed under PPP at the cost of N3.0 billion. It has a total of 1,000 lock up stores and 200 mechanic workshops.

VIRTUAL GAS-POWER GAS, EBEDEI – was attracted to invest in Delta State to utilize the abundant natural gas available at Platform Petroleum to produce compressed natural gas (CNG) at the total project cost of US\$20.0 million. The plant has started full production. It is private sector driven project.

DIDA has since inception been at the forefront of promoting and facilitating both foreign and domestic direct investments based on public private partnership business model in

consonance with the mandate establishing it.

NEW TANKERS PARK AT EKPAN, Uvwie LGA – Is being constructed under PPP arrangement at the cost of N5.0 billion and project has achieved over 60% completion.

PHASE 2 OGBEOGONOGO MODERN MARKET, ASABA – involves the development of an ultra-modern market at the Asaba City Centre at the cost of about N4 billion, and the project is nearing completion. It has a total of 1,000 lock up stores.

DELTA SONGHAI AMUKPE – The state government has concluded negotiations to partner with investors, Adventium Global Inc. to fund and manage the farm to achieve the aims and objectives of setting up the facility, as well as developing the farm to become a successful agri-business centre. The PPP arrangement involves the capital injection of about US\$40.0 Million.

FLNG PROJECT IN DELTA STATE – is being promoted by UTM Offshore Limited and involves the production of Liquefied Natural Gas aboard a Floating Vessel (FLNG) with the capacity of 1.2mmtpa at the set-up cost of US\$1.07billion, which is being funded by mixture of debt and equity.

The project's operational Headquarters shall be in Warri, Delta State with the state taking up 5% equity alongside many other notable investors comprising Vitol and NNPC with Afrexim in charge of Debt Capital fund raise.

DELTA REST PARK, UMUNEDE /EMUHU – Apart from the Trailer Park, there are many other planned businesses such as hotels, restaurants, small scale industrial clusters, warehouses, motor vehicle spare parts shops, mechanic service bays, and fuel stations on land measuring over 176Ha. Delta State Government has executed an MOU to enable the anchor investor to commence the construction of the Trailer Park at the cost of N4.0 billion under Concession arrangement.

DELTA WIRES INDUSTRIES LIMITED – Delta State Government has approved a Public Private Partnership (PPP) with Eastern Metals Ltd to establish an ultra-modern manufacturing facility for collated nails, screws, flats, channels, and angles steel to be located at Kwale Industrial Park / proposed Delta State Free Trade Zone site costing \$31 million. DTSG will take a 10% equity share and donate 20 hectares of land required for the project at Kwale Industrial Free Trade Zone.

When this project is fully operational, it would create employment for the teeming youth population in Delta State and add to the IGR of the State.

ADVENTIUM SONGHAI DELTA FARM AT AMUKPE, SAPELE – which was a Concession facilitated by DIDA.

DELTA STATE INVESTMENTS DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (DIDA) AND PROMOTION OF PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP (PPP) INVESTMENTS

DIDA's mandate is to Promote, Develop and Regulate investments and all concessions by leveraging on the abundant natural resources in the State.

Strategies:

- i. Leverage on the comparative advantages of Delta State to promote sustainable investments.
- ii. Identify and harness locally available raw materials and factors of production to attract local and foreign investments.
- iii. Produce business plans on projects and market them on the internet, social media, radio, TV, print media, road shows, town hall meetings, and investment summits.
- iv. Promote Ease of Doing Business in the State by serving as a one- stop-shop to facilitate and fast track the acquisition of title to land, approvals, licenses, and other regulatory requirements on behalf of investors.

Delta State Investments Development Agency (DIDA) - Objectives

- i. Promote and coordinate increased private sector investments in the state.
- ii. Promote investment potentials of the state;
- iii. Create conducive environment for investors;
- iv. Create Public Private Partnerships between Delta State Government and the private sector.



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DIDA'S INVESTMENT FACILITATING AND MARKETING ROLE

Delta State Investments Development Agency (DIDA) is an Investment Promotion Agency (IPA) which was established by Delta State Law in 2016 and started operations in 2017. The Agency is charged with the responsibility of attracting investors to Delta State through several Business Models comprising various types of Public Private Partnerships (PPP) including concessions.

DIDA carries out its investment promotion and marketing activities by creating awareness about the abundant investment opportunities in the state. DIDA performs four core functions: marketing Delta State as a preferred investment destination, attracting investors through investment promotion, project management, and aftercare services.

DIDA does this by providing information about availability of raw materials and investment opportunities to investors, supplying useful statistical data and business information such as macroeconomic indicators (GNP, GDP, HDI, inflation, demographic information, labour productivity, average wages, attractive sectors of domestic economy, practical investment support like securing permits or completing other administrative obligations, and by supplying the publication on investment incentives of Delta State to local and foreign investors.

In addition to actively developing and promoting investments, the agency also supports other MDAs in carrying out project evaluation and analysis which are peculiar to their functions such as the CBN Oil Palm Programme, Lander Brothers Anchorage project Asaba, and Delta State Leisure Park and Film Village at Asaba. The agency also assists in marketing projects like the Delta State Agro-Industrial Park at Aboh-Ogwshi Uku and Kwale Industrial Park, to investors.

ONE STOP SHOP AND BUSINESS FACILITATION

DIDA operates a One Stop Shop which enables the Agency to guide investors in obtaining reliable information, approvals as well as offering services to investors when they have challenges with security agencies and all other sundry matters. Delta State has successfully inaugurated the Ease of Doing Business Reform Council in line with the Presidential Enabling Business Environment Council (PEBEC) requirement which comprises;

- His Excellency the Governor, Chairman
- Hon. Commissioner, Ministry of Trade & Investments, Member
- Hon. Commissioner, Ministry of Economic Planning, Member
- Head of Service, Member
- Chief Economic Adviser, Member
- Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Finance, Member
- Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Lands & Surveys, Member
- Permanent Secretary and Solicitor-General, Ministry of Justice, Member
- Chairman, Delta State Investments Development Agency (DIDA), Member
- Chairman Delta State Board of Internal Revenue, Member
- Chief Registrar State High Court of Justice, Member
- President Delta State Association of Chambers of Commerce, Industry, Mines and Agriculture
- Director-General Delta State Investments Development Agency, Member/Secretary.
- Executive Secretary, Delta State Micro Small and Medium Enterprises Development.
- Representative of Manufacturers Association of Nigeria.
- Representative of Civil Society Organization.

TERMS OF REFERENCE OF DELTA STATE EASE OF DOING BUSINESS COUNCIL INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING;

- Remove bureaucratic constraints and trade encumbrances to doing business and make Delta State a progressively easier place to start and grow a business.
- Strengthen the implementation of Business Environment Reforms and deepen collaboration among MDAs, using focal persons towards achieving Socio-Economic advancement.
- Ensure transparency and efficiency in the business environment through the strengthening of the state website with critical and quality information on government laws, policies, and programmes to aid Business owners and investors.
- Institute electronic filling of taxes and tax payment.
- Establish specialized/small courts for quick resolution of trade/business disputes.

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OUR MISSION

To make Delta State Investors' Haven.

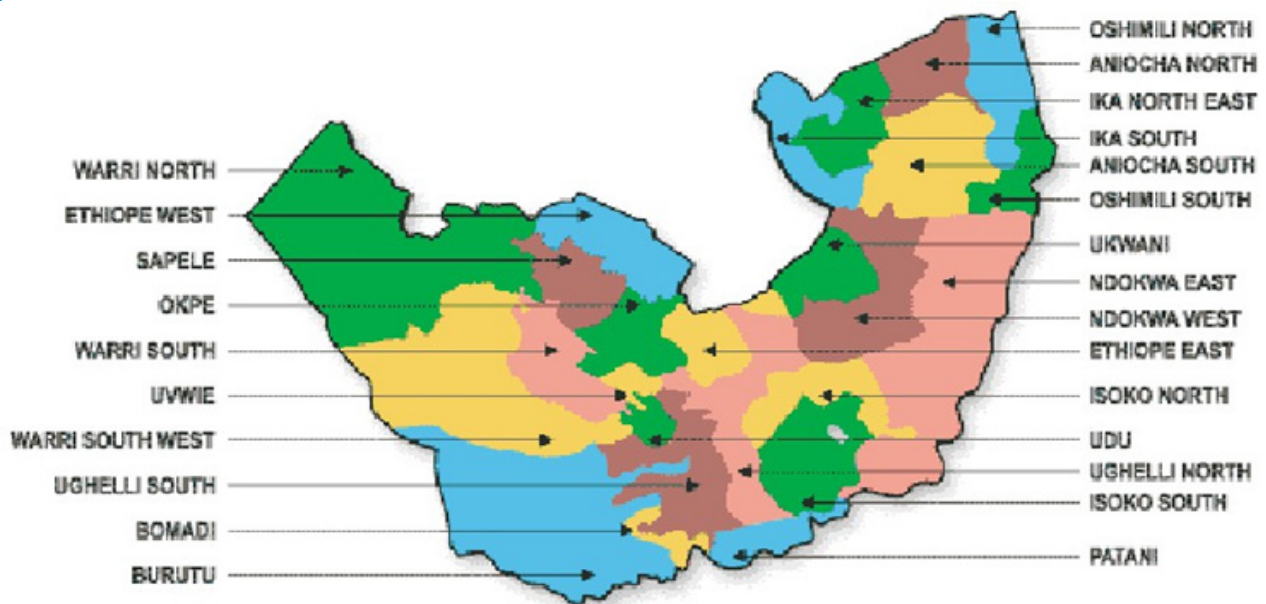
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