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**EMERGENCY VIRTUAL MEETING OF THE PLATEAU STATE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL  
HELD ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2022.**

**3.0 Presentation of Plateau State Business Enabling Reform Action Plan (BERAP),  
January - December, 2023 - PLM 001, 2023**

3.1 The Hon. Commissioner, Ministry of Commerce and Industries who presented the memo informed Council that since July 2016, the Presidential Enabling Business Environment Council (PEBEC) has driven reforms to eliminate constraints in the business environment for micro, small, and medium sized enterprises (MSMEs) leading to the National Economic Council (NEC) unanimous approval for the replication of PEBEC intervention structure at the sub-national level for the purpose of generating 21 million full-time jobs and lifting 35million people out of poverty by 2025.

3.1.1 That in November 2019, the PEBEC Secretariat and World Bank Country Office began discussions on incentives to States for the deepening of ease of doing business (EoDB) reforms implementation through the SABER program - a Program-for-Results (PforR) on EoDB. In March 2020, the PEBEC Vice Chair, the Honourable Minister of Industry, Trade and Investment made a request to the HMFBNP for World Bank support to promote private sector investment in States. On the strength of this, on October 29, 2021, the Honourable Minister of Finance, Budget and National Planning (HMFBNP) made a request to the World Bank to commence preparation for the SABER Program with government partners.

3.1.2 He further informed Council that SABER is a 3-year (2023-2025) performance-based intervention jointly designed by the World Bank Technical team and the Presidential Enabling Business Environment Council (PEBEC) Secretariat; to incentivize and strengthen the implementation of business-enabling reforms across Nigeria. Emphasis should be on the private sector development which remains the major vehicle to create more jobs, increase revenues to the States and improve social and economic outcomes for citizens.

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- 3.1.3 One amongst the other Eligibility Criteria (EC) to qualify the State to participate in the 2023 SABER Program for Results ( for R) is the need for Council to consider and approve the 2023 Plateau State Business Enabling Reform Action Plan (BERAP) before 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2023.
- 3.1.4 The State SABER Team comprising Focal Persons from all relevant Ministries, Departments and Agencies, under the coordination of the Programme Management and Results Delivery Office (PMRDO) in the Governor's office, has developed and validated the 2023 Plateau State BERAP.
- 3.1.5 The Plan contains the State Government's ongoing and planned reform initiatives, programmes and projects in 18 MDAs that the implementation of which will have positive impact on the ease of doing business in the State.
- 3.1.6 Accordingly, he requested to Council to:
- A. **Note:**
- i. that the Plateau State 2023 Business Enabling Reform Action Plan (BERAP) is one of the Eligibility Criteria to qualify the State to participate in the 2023 SABER Program for Results (P for R).
  - ii. the dateline for its upload on the Plateau State Official Website must be on or before 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2023.
- B. **Approve:**  
The uploading of the Plateau State 2023 Business Enabling Reform Action Plan (BERAP) on the Plateau State Official Website on or before 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2023 to enable the State meet up with 2023 SABER Eligibility Criteria.
- 3.2 Council deliberated on the presentation and in view of Global Best Practice, approved that the Plateau State 2023 Business Enabling Reform Action Plan (BERAP) on the State's Official Website immediately to enable the State participate in the 2023 SABER Program for Results (P for R) via a motion moved by Hon. Commissioner, Ministry of Youth & Sports and seconded by Hon. Commissioner, Ministry of Mineral Development.

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