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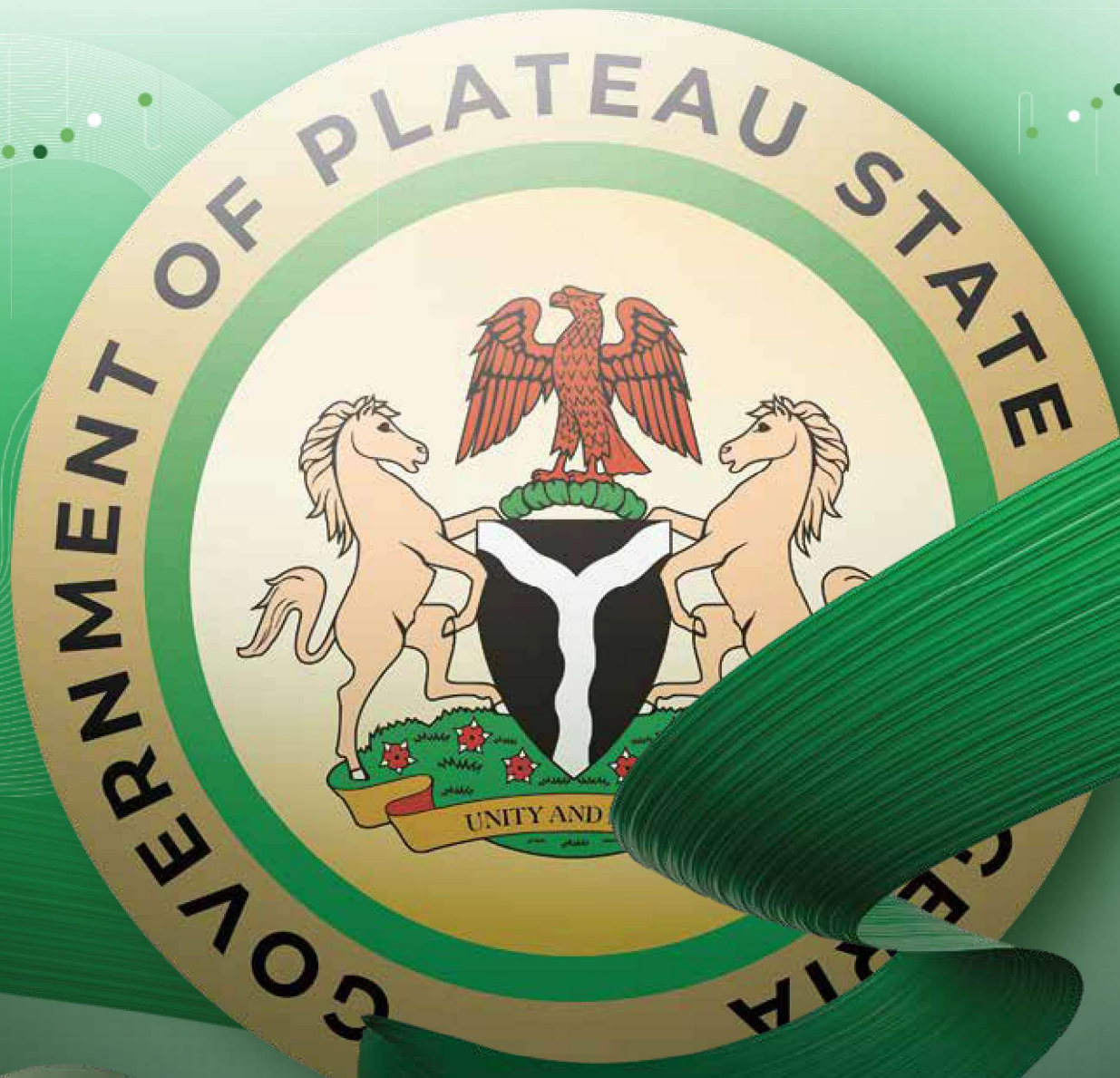


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# State Action On Business Enabling Reform (Saber) Workshop On Small Claims Debt Recovery And Alternative Dispute Resolution Training For Magistrates In Plateau State

Thursday 16th -Friday 17th  
November, 2023

Valada Hotel and Resort Ltd, Sylvester  
Dabo Close, Off Apollo Crescent GRA, Jos, Plateau State



# State Action on Enabling Business Reforms

SABER is a groundbreaking initiative by the Plateau State Government aimed at creating a conducive environment for businesses to thrive. Through SABER, the government focuses on streamlining regulations, reducing bureaucratic red tape, and enhancing the overall ease of doing business within the state. By implementing efficient licensing procedures, improving infrastructure, and providing necessary support to entrepreneurs, SABER fosters a business-friendly climate that attracts investments, stimulates economic growth, and generates employment opportunities. Plateau State's commitment to SABER reflects its dedication to nurturing a vibrant entrepreneurial ecosystem.

## Plateau State Government State Action on Business Enabling Reform (SABER)

# Workshop on Small Claims Debt Recovery and Alternative Dispute Resolution Training for Magistrates in Plateau State.

The Plateau State Government is pleased to announce the initiation of the State Action on Business Enabling Reform (SABER) program, aimed at fostering a conducive business environment. As a significant stride within this initiative, a specialized workshop on Small Claims Debt Recovery and Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) has been meticulously designed for the training of magistrates across Plateau State.

### Objective:

The primary objective of this workshop is to empower magistrates with the knowledge and skills necessary for proficiently handling small claims debt recovery cases and employing alternative dispute resolution mechanisms. This initiative aligns with the government's commitment to enhancing the state's legal infrastructure and ensuring swift, fair, and cost-effective resolution of disputes.

### Key Focus Areas:

**Small Claims Debt Recovery:** Understanding the intricacies of small claims procedures, including case management, documentation, and efficient adjudication.

**Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR):** Equipping magistrates with ADR techniques such as mediation and arbitration to expedite dispute resolution, reduce backlog, and enhance access to justice.

**Legal Reforms:** Providing insights into recent legal reforms related to business and debt recovery, ensuring magistrates are abreast of the latest legislative developments.

### Benefits:

- ▶ **Professional Development:** Magistrates will gain valuable insights and skills to enhance their professional competence in handling small claims and ADR.
- ▶ **Business-Friendly Environment:** Implementation of SABER reforms contributes to creating an environment conducive to business growth and development.
- ▶ **Efficient Justice System:** Equipping magistrates with tools for timely and effective resolution of disputes contributes to a more efficient and responsive justice system.

The Plateau State Government is committed to creating an enabling business environment, and the SABER program stands as a testament to this commitment. We anticipate that the knowledge and skills acquired through this workshop will not only benefit magistrates but also contribute to the overall growth and prosperity of businesses in Plateau State.



His Excellency, The Executive Governor Of Plateau State  
**Barr Caleb Mutfwang**



Her Excellency, The Deputy Governor, Plateau State  
**Ngo Josephine Piyo**



Hon. Commissioner For Finance

**Dongkum Grace**



Plateau State SABER Champion

**Modibo Samari**



The Chief Judge Of Plateau State

**Hon. Justice  
David G. Mann**





The Attorney General / Commissioner of Justice

**Barr. Philemon A. Daffi**



The Chief Registrar

**Barr. Andrawus Maikai**



The Deputy Chief Registrar

**Barr. Helen Danboyi**

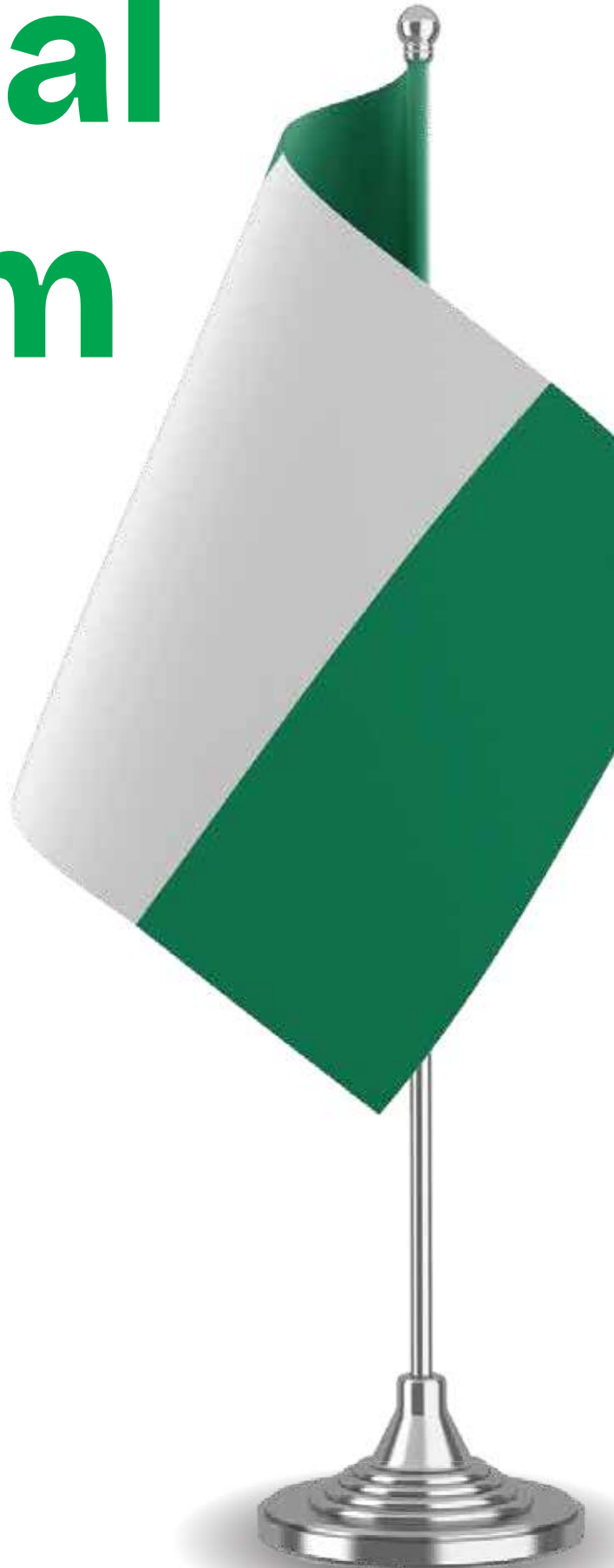
# National Anthem

# 1

Arise, O Compatriots  
Nigeria's call obey  
To serve our fatherland  
With love and strength and faith  
The labour of our heroes past,  
shall never be in vain  
To serve with heart and might,  
One nation bound in freedom,  
peace and unity.

# 2

Oh God of creation,  
Direct our noble cause  
Guide thou our leaders right  
Help our youth the truth to know  
In love and honesty to grow  
And living just and true  
Great lofty heights attain  
To build a nation where peace and  
justice shall reign.



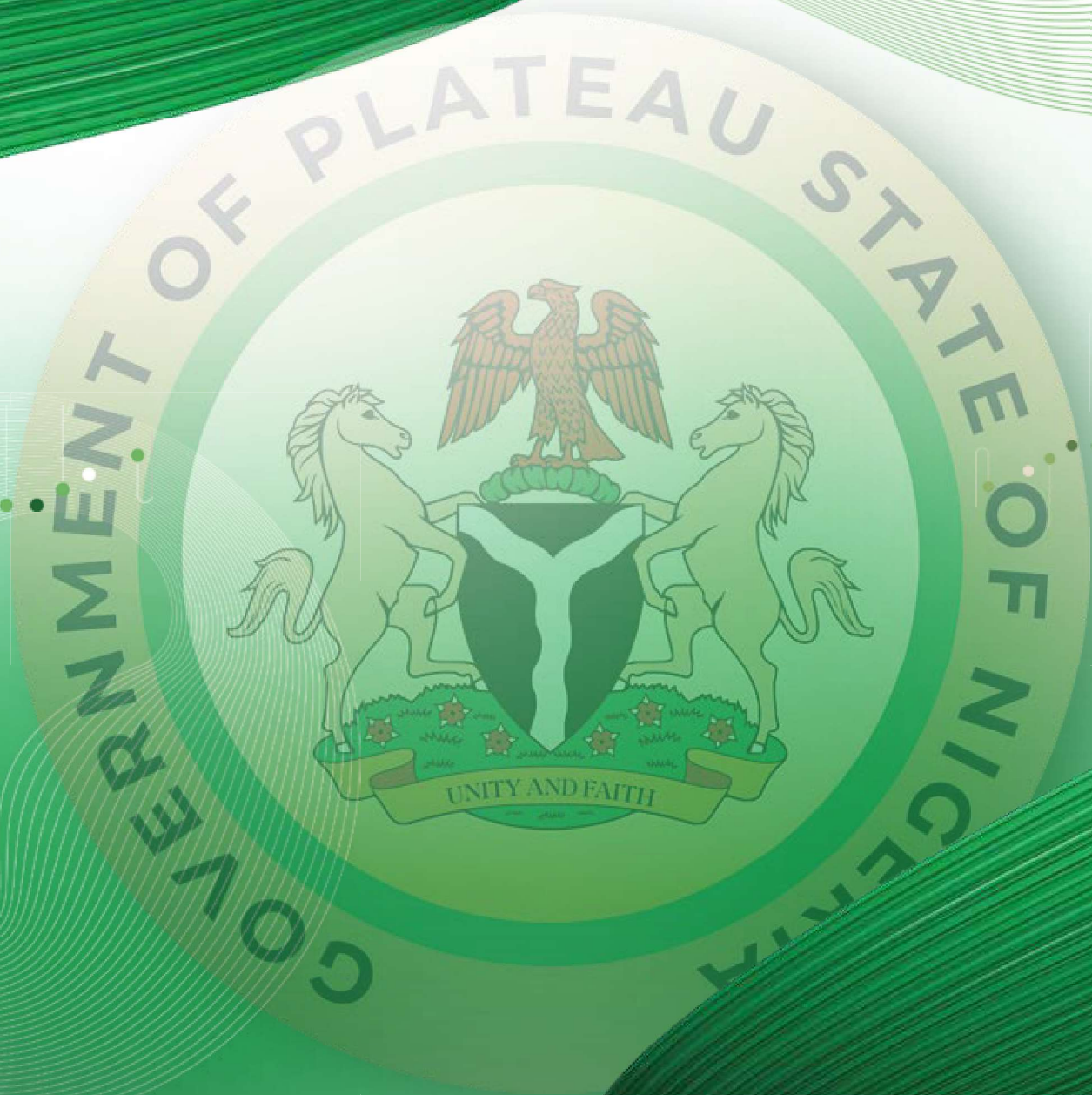
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Time	Description
8:30 AM - 9:00 AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● National Anthem</li> <li>● Introduction of Guests</li> <li>● Key Note Address: HE Deputy Governor/ Chief Judge/Commissioner of Justice.</li> </ul>
9:00 AM-9:30 AM	<p>Opening Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Introduction of Facilitators and Participants Engr Samari Modibo</li> <li>● Overview of the Workshop Objectives- Dr. Paul Adepelumi</li> </ul>
9:15 AM-10:00 AM	<p>Introduction to Small Claims Debt Recovery</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Definition and Scope of Small Claims</li> <li>● Importance of Small Claims in the Judicial System</li> <li>● Overview of Small Claims Court in Nigeria and Plateau State. By Chief Registrar/Justice</li> </ul>
10:00 AM - 10:45 AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Legal Framework for Small Claims Practice Direction in Plateau State by Chief Judge</li> </ul>
10.45 AM-11.00 AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Q&amp;A session</li> </ul>
11.00 AM-11:45 PM	<p>Case Management and Procedural Rules</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Case Flow and Timelines</li> <li>● Pre-trial Procedures</li> <li>● Role of Magistrates in Small Claims Cases</li> <li>● Efficient docket management</li> <li>● Identifying frivolous claims</li> <li>● Implementing mechanisms for early dispute resolution to encourage settlements before trial. Facilitator: Barr. Bawa Yakubu</li> </ul>
11:45 PM - 12:00 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Q&amp;A session</li> </ul>
Tea Break	12: 00 pm-12: 15 pm
12.00PM-1.00 PM	<p>Evidentiary Issues in Small Claims</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Rules of Evidence in Small Claims Court</li> <li>● Presentation and Evaluation of Evidence</li> <li>● Expert Testimony in Small Claims Cases Facilitator: Barr. Bawa Yakubu</li> </ul>

1:00 PM-2:00 PM	Lunch Break
2.00 PM-4:00 PM	<p>Introduction to Alternative Dispute Resolution by Dr. Paul Adepelumi.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Definition and Types of ADR</li> <li>● Role of ADR in Small Claims Cases</li> <li>● Comparison with Traditional Litigation</li> </ul>
4:00 PM-4:30 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Q&amp;A and Wrap-up of Day 1</li> </ul>

## Day 2: Alternative Dispute Resolution In Small Claims Cases

Time	Description
8:30 AM - 9:00 AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Welcome</li> <li>● Recap of Day 1 and Introduction to Day 2 by Dr. Desmond PMROD Plateau State</li> </ul>
9.00AM-11:00AM	<p>ADR Processes and Techniques by Dr. Paul Adepelumi</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Negotiation &amp; Negotiation Processes</li> <li>● Mediation, Arbitration, and Negotiation</li> <li>● Best Practices in ADR</li> </ul>
11.00AM-11:30 AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Case Studies and Examples</li> <li>● Q&amp;A session</li> </ul>
11:30AM-11:15AM	Tea Break
11:15 AM- 1.00 PM	Breakout Session: Negotiation & Negotiation Processes Simulation Exercises -Dr Prince Charles Dickson
1:00 pm: 3:00 PM	<p>Role Play and Practical Exercises</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Group Simulation Exercises in Mediation Processes - Dr Prince Charles Dickson</li> </ul>
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM	<p>Implementing ADR in Small Claims Court by Dr. Paul Adepelumi</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Integrating ADR into Small Claims Procedures</li> <li>● Challenges and Solutions</li> <li>● Future Trends in ADR in Plateau State</li> </ul>
4:00 PM - 4:30 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Q&amp;A and Wrap-up</li> </ul>
4:30PM - 4:40 PM	Closing: Engr. Modibo



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