

Communiqué of the Jigawa State Open Government Partnership (OGP) Retreat

Held on 21st – 22nd August, 2025 at Bafra International Hotel, Kaduna

Introduction

In furtherance of Jigawa State's commitment to the principles of transparency, accountability, inclusiveness, and citizen participation in governance, the Jigawa State Steering Committee of the Open Government Partnership (OGP), comprising State and Non-State Actors, convened a two-day retreat from 21st to 22nd August 2025 at Bafra International Hotel, Kaduna.

The retreat, chaired by the Honorable Commissioner, Ministry of Budget and Economic Planning (Co-Chair, State Actors), provided a platform to review the State Action Plan (SAP), strengthen synergy between government and civil society, and develop strategies to position Jigawa State for national recognition and global OGP registration.

The gathering brought together Commissioners, Permanent Secretaries, Heads of Agencies, Civil Society Organizations, and other stakeholders, who engaged in constructive deliberations on advancing the OGP agenda in Jigawa State.

Key Observations

1. Jigawa State has made commendable progress, achieving over 70% of its State Action Plan (SAP) milestones, but reporting gaps persist, with no updates on the National OGP Dashboard and no global registration secured.
2. A fully furnished OGP Secretariat exists within the Ministry of Budget and Economic Planning but remains underutilized.
3. The inactivity of the Steering Committee in the past hindered visibility and slowed OGP progress in the State.
4. The participation of women, CSOs, and diverse stakeholders in OGP thematic working groups is essential for inclusiveness and sustainability.

Resolutions

- Revitalize and sustain the activities of the Steering Committee through regular engagements of both State and Non-State Actors.
- Fully utilize the OGP Secretariat as the coordination and communication hub.
- Strengthen collaboration between the Government and Civil Society for effective delivery of SAP commitments.
- Establish an official Jigawa OGP website, email, and online platforms for visibility and citizen engagement.
- Ensure all reports and submissions to the National OGP Secretariat are jointly signed by both Co-Chairs.

- Conduct sensitization and capacity-building sessions for MDAs, CSOs, and other actors on OGP principles.
- Expedite the submission of the inception assessment and other requirements for Jigawa's global OGP registration.

Recommendations to the State Executive Council

5. Provide political leadership and financial support for the immediate development and implementation of the State Action Plan (SAP III).
6. Mandate all MDAs to mainstream OGP commitments into their sectoral policies, budgets, and activities.
7. Direct the full activation and effective utilization of the OGP Secretariat as the coordinating office for OGP in the State.
8. Encourage CSOs to co-implement and co-finance SAP activities in partnership with the government, including leveraging external donor support.
9. Approve the establishment of a robust monitoring and reporting framework to track implementation progress and strengthen accountability.

Conclusion

The Steering Committee reaffirmed its commitment to promoting open government in Jigawa State and called on all stakeholders to demonstrate stronger ownership and support for OGP activities. The retreat underscored that effective implementation of OGP principles will reinforce good governance and align with the vision of His Excellency, Malam Umar A. Namadi, FCA, Executive Governor of Jigawa State.

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