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NATIONAL ANTHEM

Nigeria, we hail thee, our own dear native land,
Though tribe and tongue may differ, in brotherhood we stand
Nigerians all, are proud to serve our sovereign Motherland.

Our flag shall be a symbol that truth and justice reign,
In peace or battle honoured, and this we count as gain,
To hand on to our children a banner without stain.

O God of all creation, grant this our one request:
Help us to build a nation where no man is oppressed,
And so with peace and plenty Nigeria may be blessed.

NATIONAL PLEDGE

I pledge to Nigeria my Country
To be faithful, loyal and honest
To serve Nigeria with all my strength
To defend her unity
And uphold her honour and glory
So help me God.



HIS EXCELLENCY

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His Excellency
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2024 IN SUMMARY

POLICIES AND FRAMEWORKS

1. Land Acquisition and Resettlement Framework (LARF): Harmonized with the World Bank's FRILIA framework.
2. Ease of Doing Business (EoDB): Framework to streamline approvals, permits, and licenses.
3. Climate Finance Roundtable Outcomes: Policy focus on climate-smart and sustainable investments.
4. Agricultural Investment Policy
5. Export promotion strategy

REFORM AREAS

1. DIGITAL DATA ROOM PORTAL
2. PPP DISCLOSURE PORTAL
3. EODB PORTAL

63 STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENTS AND MEETINGS

1. 4 Aftercare visits
2. 6 stakeholder engagement meetings
3. 3 Stakeholder forums
4. 21 Meetings With Investors
5. 8 Investment Appraisal Committee meetings
6. 21 Other Meetings

INVESTJIGAWA TEAM



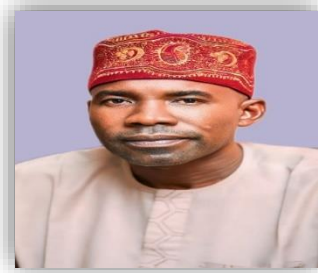
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INTRODUCTION

In October 2013 Jigawa State Government created the Jigawa State Advisory Council on Economic Management and Investment Promotion. This transmuted into the Jigawa State Investment Promotion Agency (InvestJigawa) in 2016 with the enactment of the Investment Promotion Agency Law No.12, 2016. The Agency was established mainly for investment attraction and facilitation, and the coordination of all investment promotion activities in the state.

FUNCTIONS AND POWERS OF THE AGENCY

- Advise and assist the Government on the implementation of all projects and programmes in the investment promotion roadmap of the State;
- Advise and assist the government in creating an attractive and competitive climate for business that will lead to robust economic activities in the State;
- Identify and advise the Government on the programmes and projects that will exploit the natural resources base of the State and create employment for the citizens of the state;
- Source on behalf of the Government, finance for investment from multilateral and bilateral development partners as well as private investors – both domestic and foreign – through public/private partnerships and other financial arrangements;
- Assist the State in building capacity for investment project identification, evaluation, planning, execution and management;
- Develop appropriate institutional and regulatory frameworks for investment promotion and facilitation in the State;
- Advise and assist in the establishment of a framework for monitoring and evaluating the progress of the State's strategic economic investment programmes and projects for effective implementation;
- Establish a framework for identifying and proactively engaging the Federal Government and its agencies in the investment promotion drive of the State;
- Articulate clear private sector growth strategies for providing needed support and appropriate incentives to grow the local and private sectors and enlarge the economic base of the State;
- Advise and assist the Government in developing and maintaining a comprehensive and reliable database on investment opportunities for effective planning, especially in areas where the State has demonstrable comparative and competitive advantages;
- Develop a database of reputable and potential investors both within and outside Nigeria with a view to reaching out to them when opportunities arise;
- Conclude arrangements with any person or authority for the effective implementation of any programme or project and to enter into such other contracts as it may deem necessary to facilitate its functions under this law;
- Publish and periodically revise data and information on the investment status of the State in order to assist prospective investors both domestic and foreign and also to evaluate the State's potential as an investment destination;
- Plan and organise targeted and well-researched investment promotion activities including tours and road shows aimed at promoting specific investment projects in areas where the State has demonstrable comparative and competitive advantages;

- Procure within its budgetary limit, any property or service it may require for the effective discharge of its function under this law and to dispose of any such property or terminate any such service;
- Request the head of any ministry, department or agency of the Government to furnish it with any document, explanation or other information it may require for the due execution of its functions under this law;
- Regulate its own proceedings;
- Do such other things as are necessary and incidental, supplemental or conducive to its functions under this law.

SERVICES

- Provision of information about investment opportunities in key sectors.
- Investment advisory and facilitation.
- Incentives negotiation and facilitation.
- Negotiation of Public-Private Partnership agreements between the state government and private investors.
- Support in accessing land or other state government services.
- Facilitation of contractual arrangements between investors and local producers/ suppliers.

VISION

That Jigawa State shall be the preferred investment destination in Nigeria.

MISSION

To identify, promote and facilitate the exploitation of opportunities for private sector investments that will create jobs for and promote the prosperity and wellbeing of the citizens of Jigawa State.

CORE VALUES

Professionalism: Having a collection of traits that make up an exceptional staff, and in turn handles responsibilities and investors with high regard and standards.

Collaboration: Working together, helping and supporting each other for the sake of our collective goal.

Transparency: Being open, honest and straightforward about dealing and operations.

Accountability: Being answerable and taking responsibility for actions and actions of the team.

Responsiveness: Ability to respond to service inquiries and fulfil them in a timely manner.

InvestJigawa in delivering its mandate aims to foster an enabling environment that attracts private sector investments, especially climate-smart investments, and supports their growth and impact on the State. This year, the Agency has so far embarked on activities that would achieve these objectives. The activities include investor-targeting events, town hall meetings, stakeholder forums, aftercare visits to existing investors, as well as reaching out to potential investors and engaging with other stakeholders in both the public and private sectors.

Apart from fulfilling its core functions, InvestJigawa also has other ad hoc assignments that have been engaging. Some of these assignments include its role as secretariat for the Ease of Doing

Business (EoDB) Steering Committee and the Industrial Park Committee, as well as participation in quarterly meetings of the Infrastructure Concession Regulatory Commission (ICRC)'s Nigeria Public Private Partnership Network (NPPPN) and that of the Presidential Enabling Business Environment Council (PEBEC)'s EoDB Secretariat's Quarterly Meeting of State EoDB Reform Champions.

AGENCY ADMINISTRATION

- From January 11th to 12th, InvestJigawa held a retreat to review its past performance, conduct a SWOT analysis to identify strategic opportunities, and develop a work plan for 2024 that aligns with His Excellency the Governor's 12-point agenda. Additionally, the Agency's results framework for 2023 to 2027 was analysed to inform strategic planning, and an action plan for the first quarter of 2024 was created.



- From February 21st to 23rd, the Director General Furera Isma Jumare, the Secretary/Legal Adviser Muhammad Tahir, and the representative of the Deputy Governor and Chairman of InvestJigawa's Governing Council, the Permanent Secretary of the Deputy Governor's Office, Alhaji Abdul Ibrahim attended a workshop in Mararaba, Nassarawa State, organized by the Federal Ministry of Industry, Trade, and Investment. The workshop's main goal was to educate State Investment Promotion Agencies and other stakeholders on the Federal Government's investment promotion strategy.
- In 2023 InvestJigawa appointed "InvestJigawa Desk Officers" in relevant Ministries Departments and Agencies (MDAs) to help fast track investor-related requests from the

Agency. On 19th March InvestJigawa held a meeting with the desk officers to acquaint them with the mandate and activities of the Agency and the roles they were expected to play in investment facilitation. The aim was to close any communication gap with the MDAs and forge a common alliance towards effective investment facilitation and investor relations.

- On Friday 24th May, a new Council was inaugurated for the Jigawa State Investment Promotion Agency (InvestJigawa). The main role of the council is to have oversight over the activities of the Agency and advise the Government on the implementation of all projects and programmes in the investment promotion roadmap of the State. The Council has the Deputy Governor Engr. Aminu Usman MNSE as Chairman, Dr. Muhammad Sagagi as Vice Chairman and Furera Isma Jumare DG InvestJigawa as Secretary.
- InvestJigawa has continued to hold its General Staff Meeting, bringing together the Agency's staff to discuss organizational updates, progress on ongoing projects, and key priorities for the upcoming quarter. The meeting provides an opportunity for open communication, fostering collaboration among different departments within the Agency.
- On November 9, 2024, InvestJigawa held a retreat in Kano, for the Ease of Doing Business Steering Committee. The event was led by the chairman of the steering committee and InvestJigawa Council, His Excellency the Deputy Governor Jigawa State, Engr. Aminu Usman MNSE. The goal was to review the EoDB reforms being carried out in Jigawa State, and propose measures that would further simplify processes, cutting down time on unnecessary bureaucracy, and promoting openness. By focusing on the specific needs of businesses in Jigawa, the committee aims to make the state a more attractive place for investors.



COMMUNICATION AND MARKETING

- His Excellency the Governor of Jigawa State, Malam Umar Namadi led a delegation to the Africa Trade and Investment Summit organised by Business Day Newspaper on 1st February. On his team were the Director General of Jigawa State Investment Promotion Agency (InvestJigawa), the Commissioner for Commerce, Industry, Cooperatives and Tourism, the Chairman State Assembly House Committee on Commerce and Investment, the Coordinator of Maigatari Export Processing Zone, and the Head of Investment Facilitation, InvestJigawa. During his keynote address and on one of the discussion panels, His Excellency reiterated Jigawa State's abundant opportunities in the government's priority sectors, especially the agricultural value chain, emphasizing the state's commitment to the sector through initiatives like the Agriculture Transformation Agenda, policies and programmes such as the Jigawa State Government Support Extension Service and the Outgrower Scheme, and the Land Acquisition and Resettlement Framework (LARF) which promotes efficient land utilization. Apart from interacting with potential investors, during the event, InvestJigawa engaged with the National Action Committee on the AfCFTA, and a meeting was scheduled to discuss how Jigawa State could partner with the committee to ensure its effective participation in the AfCFTA.



- Jigawa State, represented by InvestJigawa, recently participated in the Presidential Enabling Business Environment Council (PEBEC) subnational tours, held from November 12th to 14th, 2024. The event aimed to improve the state’s business environment and enhance its ranking in the ease of doing business index. The InvestJigawa team actively engaged in discussions and workshops focused on identifying and addressing regulatory bottlenecks.

- InvestJigawa participated in the 4th African Sub-Sovereign Governments Network (AfsNET) Investment Conference, held at the Grand Royal Swiss Hotel, Kisumu, Kenya, from 25th to 27th November, 2024. The conference, a collaboration between African Export-Import Bank (Afreximbank), Kisumu County of Kenya, and United Cities and Local Governments of Africa (UCLG Africa), had as its theme "Leveraging the AfCFTA for Sustainable Trade and Investment: A Development Pathway for African Sub-Sovereigns," which underscored the vast potential of collaborative trade and investment across Africa.



The event commenced with a high-impact training session facilitated by Financial Times’ fDi Intelligence and CITD Miami, where participants explored advanced investment promotion strategies, market trends, and best practices in attracting foreign direct investments. This training equipped the InvestJigawa team with cutting-edge insights to position Jigawa State as a competitive investment hub under the AfCFTA framework. The team also gained actionable knowledge in investor targeting, project packaging, and global market dynamics to strengthen Jigawa’s appeal to investors. During the event, the Director General of InvestJigawa, Hajiya Furera Isma Jumare delivered a presentation – a case study of Jigawa State, showcasing the state’s transformative journey and the potentials in various sectors. Key highlights included Jigawa's vast agricultural resources, its Special Agro-industrial Processing Zones (SAPZs), and renewable energy



opportunities driven by abundant solar resources. She also detailed strategic infrastructure projects like the Gagarawa Industrial Park and the Maigatari Export Processing Zone, designed to drive industrial growth, create jobs, and

attract sustainable investments. InvestJigawa also actively participated in networking sessions, engaging with stakeholders to discuss partnerships that align with Jigawa’s

strategic goals. The discussions focused on fostering agricultural innovation, expanding renewable energy projects, and leveraging AfCFTA to increase cross-border trade. The conference also featured notable figures such as H.E. William Ruto, President of Kenya, who highlighted the importance of regional collaboration under the AfCFTA. H.E. Prof. Peter Anyang' Nyong'o, Governor of Kisumu County, emphasized the role of local governments in driving economic growth, while H.E. Dauda Lawal, Governor of Zamfara State, shared insights into the development of regional economic frameworks. Other key figures present included the Deputy Governor of Kaduna State Dr. Hadiza Sabuwa Balarabe, Chairman and President of Afreximbank, Professor benedict Oramah, and the Secretary General of UCLG Africa Mr. Jean Pierre Elong Mbassi.



- Investjigawa proudly took center stage at the Nigeria-Morocco Business Week, held from October 28th to November 1st, 2024, in Casablanca. This landmark event showcased Jigawa’s vast potential in agriculture, industrial development, and renewable energy, reinforcing its position as a hub for economic growth and innovation. Our delegation engaged with key Moroccan partners, including Console Construction Solutions Industrielles, a leader in steel and industrial solutions. Discussions explored the establishment of a steel factory in Jigawa State, which promises to create thousands of jobs, foster industrial growth, and



enhance technology transfer to benefit our local workforce. Similarly, engagements with Lesieur Crystal Avril and other Moroccan agricultural companies opened doors for Jigawa to expand its agricultural exports, including sesame, hibiscus, and soybeans, to Moroccan markets.

In the renewable energy sector, collaborations with the Moroccan Agency for Energy Efficiency (AMEE) focused on sustainable solutions like solar-powered irrigation and energy-efficient building designs. These initiatives align with Jigawa’s commitment to addressing energy needs while promoting environmental sustainability. The outcomes from this event highlight Jigawa’s trajectory toward economic transformation through strategic partnerships and targeted investments. From creating jobs to enhancing skills through technology transfer, Jigawa is shaping its future as a beacon of development in Nigeria.



ADVOCACY AND STAKEHOLDER MANAGEMENT

- On Wednesday, February 14, InvestJigawa’s Director General, Furera Jumare, led a meeting with key stakeholders to revive discussions on a proposed tomato project by Erisco Foods Limited in Taura Local Government, Jigawa State. The meeting involved the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Land, Housing, Urban Development, and Regional Planning, Surveyor Abdullahi Hassan, the District Head of Taura, Dr. Nura Usman, the Chairman Erisco Foods Limited, Alhaji Bashir Albasu (Makaman Gaya) and other InvestJigawa staff. The meeting aimed to foster a comprehensive and participatory dialogue that addresses the interests and concerns of all stakeholders.
- A team from Haske Zone Educational Consultancies, Qatar, met with InvestJigawa on Wednesday, February 14. The meeting, led by InvestJigawa’s Director General Furera Jumare, aimed to explore potential partnerships between Jigawa State and Qatar. They discussed the state’s strengths and opportunities in Education, Agriculture, and Renewable Energy, and looked for ways to cooperate for mutual benefit and development.
- The Joint Technical Committee on Gagarawa Industrial Park visited the site on February 22, under the leadership of Dr. Kassim Muhammad, the Director General of the Due Process and Project Monitoring Bureau. The committee assessed the progress of work and evaluated the water facility, road infrastructure, and electricity supply network at the park. The committee also discussed the challenges and plans of the contractors to overcome them.
- On Friday, February 23, the Director General of InvestJigawa, Furera Isma Jumare, and the Legal Adviser, Muhammad Tahir, met with Dr. Femi Olutayo, a representative of the National Action Committee on Africa Continental Free Trade Area (NAC-AfCFTA), in Abuja. The meeting was in preparation for the committee’s visit to Jigawa in April 2024, which aims to sensitize the stakeholders in Jigawa State on how to benefit from and participate in the AfCFTA initiative for their economic development. Dr. Olutayo praised Jigawa State for its proactivity and commitment to the implementation of the AfCFTA programme by sub-national entities, which would enable them to tap into the potential of the continental market and enhance their economic growth and prosperity.
- On February 28th, Propcom+ consultants met with InvestJigawa representatives to discuss the update of Jigawa State’s agricultural policy. Propcom+ is a UK-funded program that supports inclusive and resilient growth by promoting a transformation of Nigeria’s rural economy. It also supports enabling policies for an improved environment for sustainable land and agricultural systems. The meeting aimed to understand InvestJigawa’s projects, align them with the policy’s priorities for agricultural investment and identify areas for improvement or modification.
- On March 4, InvestJigawa convened a meeting with the Jigawa State Livestock Committee and Dar al Halal Limited. The purpose of the meeting was to explore potential opportunities for a livestock value chain development project. Dar al Halal is dedicated to gaining insights into the local context and crafting a project that harmonizes with Jigawa’s available resources. Their ultimate goal is to position the state as a prominent centre for halal meat production in Nigeria.



- On the 21st of March, following a courtesy visit to the Governor of Jigawa State, Mallam Umar Namadi, officials from the British High Commission in Nigeria and the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCDO) Propcom program held a meeting with InvestJigawa. The InvestJigawa team, led by its Director General, Hajiya Furera Isma Jumare, discussed prospects and challenges in investment promotion with the team led by Mrs. Martine Sobey. The focus of the discussion was on agriculture, renewable energy, and climate-smart initiatives. Also present at the meeting were Dr. Saifullahi Umar (Technical Adviser to the Jigawa State Governor on Agriculture), Dr. Rufai Sulaiman (Director General of the Jigawa Research Institute), and the InvestJigawa team.
- On Thursday, March 22, InvestJigawa participated in the official commissioning of boreholes and water reservoirs for cattle at the Waza community in Birni Kudu LGA. This event was part of the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) commitment of L&Z Integrated Farms Ltd, in collaboration with the Nigerian Dairy Development Program (NDDP), under the ongoing Advancing Local Dairy Development in Nigeria (ALDDN) initiative. The ALDDN initiative is designed to improve the livelihoods, productivity, nutrition, and empowerment of smallholder women dairy farmers in Jigawa State. The event signified a significant milestone in the relationship between the investor and the host community, and is anticipated to further enhance cooperation for the mutual benefit of all stakeholders.

- On March 22, Ayokanmi Ayuba, the Interim Country Director for Nigeria, led a delegation from TechnoServe to engage with InvestJigawa. The visit aimed to explore potential areas of engagement and collaboration within TechnoServe’s scope of activities. The primary focus of the discussion was to enhance market access, particularly in support of Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs). TechnoServe is a highly-rated non-profit organization committed to alleviating poverty.
- On March 26, the Governor of Jigawa State, Mallam Umar Namadi, welcomed the Executive Director of the Nigerian Export Promotion Council (NEPC), Mrs. Nonye Ayeni, and her delegation to the government house in Dutse. During the working visit, Mrs Ayeni briefed Governor Namadi on NEPC's initiative to set up an Export Processing Center in the state, emphasizing President Tinubu's dedication to fostering the non-oil economy and agriculture. Mrs Ayeni revealed NEPC's strategy to boost production capacity, enhance services, and educate farmers and stakeholders in the agricultural value chain, and supply seedlings and certifications. She also mentioned plans to upgrade processing facilities by inaugurating laboratories at the state's hibiscus processing factory located in the Maigatari Export Processing Zone. She praised the state for its significant accomplishments in farming hibiscus, sesame, and gum Arabic, among other crops, positioning it as a leading producer in these sectors. Governor Namadi congratulated Mrs Ayeni on her new role and assured her of the state's commitment to effectively utilize NEPC grants for the development of the Maigatari Export Processing Zone. He highlighted Jigawa State's achievements, including its self-sufficiency in wheat farming and its substantial contribution to Nigeria's non-oil exports, particularly in the sesame and hibiscus sectors.

Following the meeting, the InvestJigawa team, led by Director-General Furera Isma Jumare, accompanied the NEPC delegation on a visit to the COMTRAJIGAWA hibiscus processing facility at Maigatari Export Processing Zone. The visit provided an opportunity to inspect the facility and gain a deeper understanding of its operations and potential.

- NIPC’S EXECUTIVE SECRETARY/ CEO VISITS JIGAWA STATE: On July 10th, 2024, the Executive Secretary/Chief Executive Officer of the Nigerian Investment Promotion Commission (NIPC), Aisha Rimi, and her team paid a working visit to Jigawa State to assess the State's investment landscape, explore areas of collaboration, and visit some industries. During a courtesy call on His Excellency, Governor Malam Umar Namadi, Aisha Rimi highlighted NIPC's role in attracting and facilitating investments, and providing support to investors as well



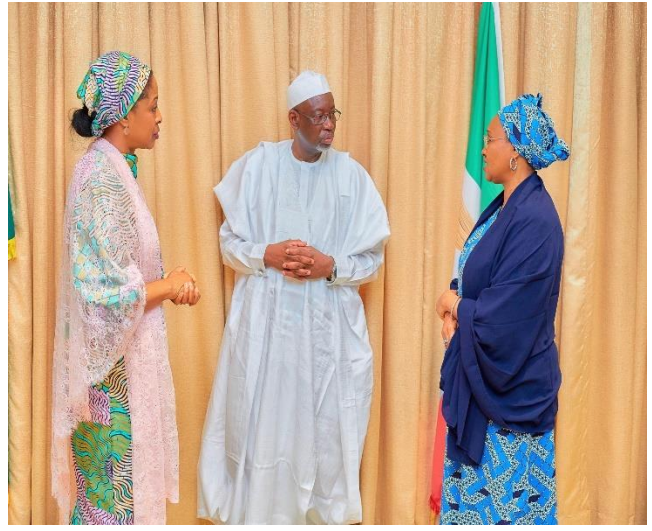


investment promotion agencies at the subnational level. Governor Namadi commended the efforts of NIPC and expressed his willingness to collaborate, emphasizing the vast potential in Jigawa State's agribusiness sector.

After a meeting at InvestJigawa's office to discuss challenges and potential areas of collaboration, the team led by InvestJigawa's Director General, Hajiya Furera Isma Jumare, visited some industries to assess the investments and discuss challenges faced if any. The industries visited were GCC Vanguard - a granite factory in Kachi, Vinylon Footwear Limited's shoe factory at

Kijawal, and the Great Northern Agribusiness (GNA) sugar plantation and factory site at Gagarawa. A stopover was also made at the Gagarawa Industrial Park that the Jigawa State Government is developing





- On 27th March, InvestJigawa held a meeting with representatives from Mellon de Company Limited and Sahel Lode Integrated Nigerian Limited. The purpose of the meeting was to present a proposal to initiate a technical partnership between the Jigawa State Government, the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), and Industrial Economic Inc. The team, led by Mustafa Abubakar, CEO of Sahel Lode, presented a technical partnership proposal themed "Leveraging Climate Resilient Investment Facility" (AFRI-RES). The proposal aims to strengthen the capacity of African institutions and the private sector to effectively plan, design, and implement investments in specific sectors, thereby improving their resilience to climate change. Additionally, the proposal seeks to identify opportunities for public-private partnerships and investments in climate-resilient projects and initiatives.
- The Bureau of Public Enterprises is providing technical assistance to Jigawa State on asset optimization and the Public Private Partnership (PPP) program. This includes capacity building for the personnel of InvestJigawa. As part of the support and in collaboration with USAID, a three-day capacity-building training on Public Private Partnership was organized from 24th to 27th April. The Director General of InvestJigawa, Furera Jumare, and the Secretary/Legal Adviser, Muhammad Tahir were in attendance.
- On May 7th, the National Action Committee (NAC) of the Africa Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) made a strategic visit to Jigawa State. This visit, coordinated by InvestJigawa, was designed to enlighten stakeholders about the potential advantages that could be derived from the AfCFTA initiative. These benefits include broader market access, unrestricted movement of labour, goods, services, and capital, as well as an increase in the export of commodities (especially agricultural and other non-oil commodities), manufactured goods, and services. The NAC delegation, headed by Dr Olusegun Olutayo, held a meeting with the State Technical Working Group on AfCFTA, led by the acting Commissioner of Commerce, Industry, Cooperatives and Tourism, Alhaji Sagir Musa. Following this, a larger stakeholder meeting took place at the Manpower Development Institute to sensitise participants on the potentials for export under the AfCFTA. The attendees were introduced to initiatives aimed at promoting business growth, increasing profits, significantly contributing to the development of the manufacturing sector, creating job opportunities, and increasing labour demand, thereby reducing unemployment. The stakeholders were also informed that the AfCFTA Agreement is expected to encourage Nigerian SMEs to extend their businesses to other African countries.





- On Tuesday 21st May, the Jigawa State Government signed a MoU with the Nigerian Arabian Gulf Chamber of Commerce (NAGCC). The signing was the culmination of engagements between the parties which began in October 2023, in which the State was represented by Director General InvestJigawa Furera Isma Jumare, who worked with NAGCC towards reaching a mutually beneficial agreement regarding trade between Jigawa and the Arab Gulf States, the attraction of investments to Jigawa State, and ultimately the industrialisation of Jigawa State.
- From 29th to 30th May, InvestJigawa's Director General Furera Isma Jumare attended the UKNIAF/Nigeria Governors' Forum – organised "Roundtable on State-Level Access to Climate Finance." The objective of the roundtable was to equip state officials with the necessary knowledge and tools to enable them to gain access to climate finance to accomplish their development goals. The roundtable focused on exploring funding opportunities - sharing experiences and highlighting politically viable, financially feasible and climate-smart development projects that could attract climate financing. The Director General was a member of the panel of discussants, where she underlined the significance of such climate-smart projects in enhancing resilience against the impact of climate change. She further stated that Jigawa State Governor Mallam Umar Namadi acknowledged the importance of driving climate-smart initiatives and renewable energy projects within the State, reinforcing the state's commitment to sustainable development. The Director General was accompanied to the roundtable by Umar Ibrahim Hassan, Head Unit, Climate Change, of the State's newly renamed Ministry of Environment and Climate Change.
- On June 6, InvestJigawa facilitated a stakeholder consultation meeting at the Deputy Governor's office to discuss the Great Northern Agribusiness (GNA) sugar project at Gagarawa Local Government Area. The main objective of the meeting, which was chaired by His Excellency the Deputy Governor of Jigawa State and Chairman of InvestJigawa Governing Council, Engr. Aminu Usman was to address the challenges of the project and that of the host community and find ways to overcome the challenges for the overall development of the state. The GNA sugar project is a proposed 120,000-tonne per annum sugar factory and sugarcane plantation farm on 12,000 hectares, which indicates the scale and potential impact of the project on the local economy and agribusiness sector. InvestJigawa is actively working to ensure the success of the project, and so the involvement of stakeholders and the community in these discussions is essential for addressing any concerns and advancing the project towards successful implementation.
- The ICRC/NGF Q2 NPPPN meeting held in Minna, Niger State from 26th to 27th June. The Director General InvestJigawa attended the event, where she was on the plenary session to discuss the topic of Using PPPs in Infrastructure Delivery in the States to Ensure National Food Security through Agriculture. During her presentation, she deconstructed what food security encompasses, analyzing the four pillars of food security – food availability, access to food, food utilisation and stability, to uncover the areas of need under each pillar and proffered the types of infrastructure and PPP models that could be utilised for improvement.
- On July 4th, InvestJigawa hosted an information session to guide businesses on securing credit from financial institutions in Jigawa State. The event aimed to enlighten businesses on financing options and opportunities. It addressed the hurdles in obtaining credit,

strategies to overcome them, and detailed the required documentation and procedures. Participants were also guided on how to initiate the process for specific financing types. The highly interactive session was attended by the leadership of business associations, individual businesses, representatives of the Central Bank of Nigeria, Bank of Industry, Nigerian Agricultural Insurance Corporation, commercial banks and other financial institutions as well as leadership of business associations in the state.

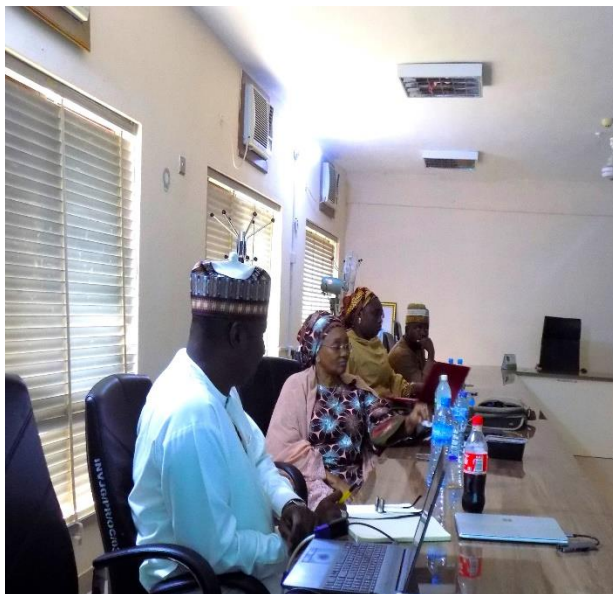


- On July 2nd, Ambassador Fatima Kaila Nini, Special Adviser (SA) to the Jigawa State Governor on Women's Entrepreneurship, paid a courtesy visit to InvestJigawa to formally introduce herself and discuss potential areas of collaboration. Received by the Agency's Secretary/ Legal adviser Dr. Zakiyyu Muhammad Esq, she emphasized the importance of empowering women entrepreneurs and the potential impact of collaborative efforts with InvestJigawa, including; capacity building, joint ventures, investment opportunities, support for local businesses through access to funding and resources, and the development of initiatives to promote women's participation in various sectors of the economy.
- Again, on 2nd July, Director General InvestJigawa Furera Isma Jumare, attended the official commissioning of the Bank of Industry, as Jigawa State Government and Bank of Industry (BOI) signed a 6 billion Naira MoU to boost economic growth and support SMEs. The partnership aims to provide soft loans to medium and small-scale businesses, fostering entrepreneurship and economic development in the state. InvestJigawa looks forward to working with BOI to create opportunities for businesses to thrive in Jigawa State.



- On 16th July, DG InvestJigawa attended a reception hosted by the United States Ambassador to Nigeria, Richard M. Mills Jr., in honour of members of the President's Advisory Council on African Diaspora Engagement. The council was established to advise the president on strategies to (i) Strengthen cultural, social, political, and economic ties between African communities, the global African Diaspora, and the United States; (ii) Address challenges and opportunities to advance inclusion, belonging, and public awareness of the diversity, accomplishments, culture, and history of the African Diaspora; (iii) Increase public- and private-sector collaboration and community involvement in improving the socioeconomic well-being of African Diaspora communities; (iv) Increase the participation of members of the African Diaspora in the U.S. about trade, investment, economic growth, and development programs relating to Africa, and (v) Strengthen educational ties and exchanges.
- On 20th July, a meeting was held by a coalition of Investors with projects around Baranda Forest Reserve. It focused on proving a permanent solution to the clashes between farmers and herders which affect both community and investors. Representatives of InvestJigawa attended the meeting, which was held in Kano, as observers. The coalition has undertaken to send a proposal on the matter to His Excellency the Governor of Jigawa State.

- On August 12th, InvestJigawa facilitated an essential meeting between BOI and representatives of business associations, including; the Nigerian Association of Small and Medium Enterprises (NASME), Nigerian Association of Small-Scale Industrialists (NASSI), Manufacturers Association of Nigeria (MAN), and Jigawa Chamber of Commerce Industry, Mines, and Agriculture (JICCIMA). There were also individual businesses like Wide Range Global Resources Limited, Maje Art and General Printing, Sambo Hospital Ltd, Dutse Agric Enterprise, Albarka Clinics, Bizi Pay, Tiziana Nig. Ltd, Hasina Confectionery, Hanan Hangout and Golden Brown School. The primary objective of the meeting was to facilitate and strengthen the connection between businesses and the BOI for improved access to credit. During the meeting, the BOI State Manager provided a comprehensive explanation, including going through templates and forms, of the processes, procedures, and requirements necessary for businesses to access credit, ensuring that attendees left with a clearer understanding of how to secure funding for their enterprises.
- On 20th and 21st August, InvestJigawa, hosted a two-day meeting to harmonise Jigawa State’s Land Acquisition and Resettlement Framework (LARF) and the World Bank’s Framework for Responsible and Inclusive Land Intensive Investment in Agriculture (FRILIA). The meeting was led by the DG, with Umar Muhammad as a consultant who guided the meeting. Mr. Muhammad, who was then DFID’s GEMS 3 programme’s coordinator for Jigawa, Kano and Kaduna, was on the team that developed the LARF. The meeting brought together representatives from the following relevant; Ministry of Land, Housing, Urban Development and Regional Planning, Ministry of Budget and Economic Planning, Ministry of Environment and Climate Change, Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development, and Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources. The discussions revolved around ensuring that the final framework developed, would align agricultural investments in the State with best practices, social and environmental sustainability, and address the needs of affected communities. It was agreed that the reviewed document would be the State Government’s LARF II.



- Director General Investjigawa Attends Commonwealth Business Forum in Apia, Samoa from 23rd to 24th October 2024: The Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) this year held Apia, Samoa, from 23rd to 24th October 2024. Apart from roundtables and bilateral meetings, the meeting is usually accompanied by four parallel meetings; Commonwealth Women's Forum; Commonwealth Youth Forum, Commonwealth Business Forum, and Commonwealth People's Forum. Our Director General Furera Isma Jumare attended the Commonwealth Business Forum, managed by the Commonwealth Enterprise and Investment Council.

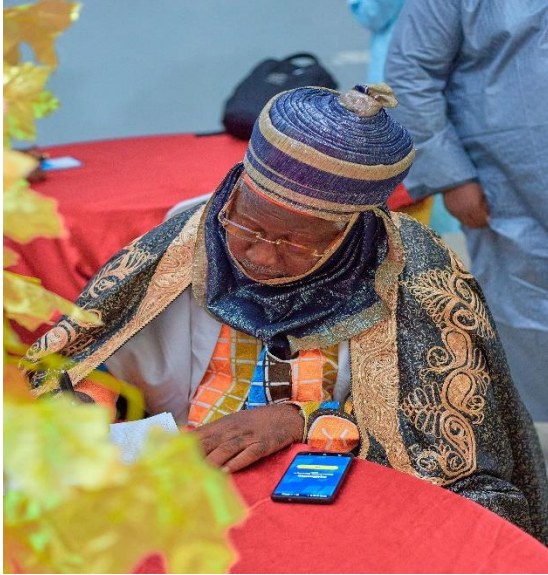
The Business forum aims to provide a platform for discussions between Heads of Governments and other public officials and the private sector. There was knowledge sharing, linkages, opportunities to strengthen partnerships, connections and collaborations. Among leaders that spoke were Present of Ghana Mr. Nana Akufo-Addo, President of Sierra Leone Julius Maada Wonie Bio, Prime Minister of Antigua & Barbuda, Gaston Browne and Deputy Prime Minister of Pakistan Mohammed Ishaq. The DG used the opportunity to pitch opportunities in Jigawa State, and has made connections for potential partnerships. Already, InvestJigawa is in discussion with one of the leads, a French company which provides solar power solutions such as mini-grids.



- The Chartered Institute of Directors Annual Conference this year held from 30th to 31st October. Our DG, a Fellow of the institute, was in attendance. The theme of the conference was “Good Governance as a Catalyst for Economic Recovery, Growth, and Development”, and the keynote speaker was Professor Attahiru Jega, CON, former Vice Chancellor of Bayero University Kano and erstwhile Chairman of Nigeria's Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC). Professor Attahiru Jega reiterated the need for not just “good governance”, but also “good democratic governance”. It was also resolved that digitalisation would go a long way towards ensuring good governance is instilled in government agencies, which would go a long way towards efficiency and effectiveness and therefore economic recovery and development. The DG used the opportunity to network with potential partners and investors for InvestJigawa and the Jigawa State Government, and discussions are already ongoing with some of them.
- On 4th November 2024, InvestJigawa organized second information session with financial institutions -aimed at improving access to credit for micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs). The event received attendance of community leaders, representatives of the Dutse Emirate, and key figures from various financial institutions. The session gave businesses a clearer understanding of available credit resources, including funding options through the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN). Additionally, it facilitated direct engagement with major commercial banks, as well as Bank of Industry, Nigerian Agricultural Insurance Cooperation and Corporate Affairs Commission.

Highlights of the event were discussions of the CBN's Agricultural Credit Guarantee Scheme and the Memorandum of Understanding between the Jigawa state government and Bank of Industry, both of which offer valuable opportunities for MSMEs seeking financial support. The National Collateral Registry was also discussed, offering businesses a platform to register assets as collateral, from machinery to equipment, thereby increasing their chances of securing credit. The session also covered the National Financial Inclusion Strategy, an initiative aimed at reducing the number of financially excluded individuals.





- Follow-up to the second session on access to credit held on 4th November 2024, InvestJigawa has organised two linkage sessions with Nigerian Agricultural Insurance Corporation (NAIC) and Nigeria Incentive-Based Risk Sharing for Agricultural Lending (NIRSAL). Held on Wednesday 27th November 2024, both sessions were attended mainly by representatives from various private sector associations, including; Jigawa Chamber of Commerce, Industry, Mines and Agriculture (JICCIMA), Nigeria Association of Small-Scale Industrialists (NASSI), Nigeria Association of Small and Medium Enterprise (NASME), and Jigawa State Marketers Association (JISMA). Some prominent business owners in the State were also present.

During meeting with NAIC, the state manager Muhammad Dikko explained the critical role their organization is playing in providing insurance cover across the agricultural value chain. This includes protection against natural hazards and other unforeseen eventualities. He explained the core mandates of NAIC, existing policies and products, application process and eligibility requirements.

The second session was facilitated by the Dutse Branch Manager NIRSAL, Sani Adamu, who presented a detailed explanation of the existing seven (7) commercial products available in the bank – the categories of the facilities and requirements were adequately explained. He also stressed that the facilities offered by NIRSAL attract the lowest interest rates compared to other commercial banks.

Participants raised various concerns, questions, observations, and suggestions, while the financial institutions provided clarifications and additional information to address all the issues raised. There was also networking between the participants for further collaboration.

- On 27th November, 2024, InvestJigawa attended the Arewa Islamic Finance Summit held in Kano with the theme “Finance for Regional Prosperity and National Development”. The event focused on the roles and contributions of Islamic finance towards economic empowerment, growth, prosperity and financial inclusion at the regional and national level, specifically in the northern part of Nigeria.

The summit identified challenges which include limited knowledge on Islamic Finances for empowerment programs especially in the northern part of the country. There was emphasis on partnering on models like SUKUK and WAQF, which would help build infrastructure, and interest free loans which would help MSMEs and other entrepreneurs boost their businesses. The summit also encouraged collaboration, awareness creation and mindset change.

- InvestJigawa hosted a strategic meeting with key stakeholders from the private sector to review the Jigawa State Business-Enabling Reform Action Plan (BERAP) 2025. The session focused on streamlining business processes, enhancing regulatory frameworks, and fostering an enabling environment for Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs). During the meeting, actionable reforms aimed at reducing bureaucratic hurdles were presented, and targeted objectives to empower MSMEs and attract investments were discussed. The discussion covered valuable insights from private sector representatives on collaborative strategies for sustainable business growth and development.

- The Jigawa Women Entrepreneur Network (JIWEN) trade fair was organised in collaboration with InvestJigawa, which took place from 27th to 29th November, 2024, at the Aminu Kano Triangle in Dutse. This landmark event provided a platform for women entrepreneurs to showcase their products and services, nurture business collaborations, and connect with key stakeholders. Designed to empower women and encourage economic growth, the trade fair highlighted the immense potential of women entrepreneurs throughout Jigawa State. It also served as a testament to the power of collaboration in creating opportunities for women entrepreneurs and advancing Jigawa State’s economic development.





- The Women and Youth Farmers Agripreneur Regional Conference (WAYFARC) Jigawa, held from November 19–20, 2024, was a collaborative effort between the Nigeria Agribusiness Group (NABG) and InvestJigawa. The event focused on empowering women and youth in agribusiness by providing them with tools, knowledge, and opportunities to enhance their participation in the sector. Some of the activities carried out include workshops, panel discussions, and networking sessions. Participants explored innovative approaches to farming, including the adoption of technology and sustainable practices. The agency facilitated discussions on access to resources, particularly arable land, and supported initiatives aimed at fostering economic growth through agriculture. WAYFARC Jigawa not only inspired participants but also reinforced the state’s position as a center for agribusiness innovation and development.



INVESTOR RELATIONS

- January 5: InvestJigawa continued its engagement with SD Agro Limited, with the Investment Appraisal Committee meeting with the company to review its proposal on a large-scale mechanized farming project encompassing maize, rice, sesame, and soybean cultivation. SD Agro Limited is agri-business which produces fertilizer and other agricultural inputs. The company's vision for the project is to revolutionize agriculture in the region, bringing innovative mechanization to the cultivation of essential crops.
- January 10: InvestJigawa held a meeting with the Manufacturers Association of Nigeria (MAN) at the association's office in Kano. The meeting was to discuss timelines within which the association's members who had been allocated land at the park, were meant to mobilise to the site, and issues for which support may be required from the Jigawa State Government. Both the Chairman Bompai/Jigawa Branch, Muhammed Bello Umar and the former chairman Alhaji Sani Hussaini Saleh expressed their gratitude for the State Government's support towards actualising the industrial park, stating that members would soon begin construction of their factories there. They however highlighted areas for which members would require further support, such as security and other infrastructure, that would aid in the establishment of the industries within agreed timelines. In her response, the DG InvestJigawa reassured members present that it was in the State Government's interest to provide a conducive environment for businesses to thrive, and therefore would address the requests by the association.
- January 16: A joint site inspection was conducted by the Investment Appraisal Committee of InvestJigawa and AMISEC Industrial Company Limited. The primary objective of the assessment was to determine a suitable location for the company's forthcoming investment in the agricultural sector within Jigawa State
- January 16: The Investment Appraisal Committee of InvestJigawa, in conjunction with MAFA Rice Limited, undertook a joint site inspection of some areas within Jigawa State, to assess MAFA Rice Limited's projects to enable a review of its plan to implement the company's proposed backward integration farming initiative in Jigawa State, making sure it aligns with the government's strategic objectives.
- InvestJigawa's Investment Appraisal Committee and MATURA Agro Limited embarked on a joint site inspection on January 17. The purpose of the joint inspection was to assess MATURA Agro Limited's experience and expertise concerning their proposed expansion of hay production into Jigawa State and ensure its alignment with the government's strategic objectives in the agricultural sector.
- Officials of Chinge Technology Services Limited and Zoomlion Company met with His Excellency, the Deputy Governor of Jigawa State and Chairman of InvestJigawa Council, Engineer Aminu Usman, on Thursday, February 15 at the Deputy Governor's office, Dutse. The meeting was a follow-up to discussions with the Director General of InvestJigawa, Furera Jumare, at the Africa Trade and Investment Summit organized by Business Day Newspaper in Lagos on February 1, 2024. Zoomlion was one of the companies that InvestJigawa visited at the 3rd China-Africa Economic and Trade Expo in June 2023. The meeting aimed to explore potential partnerships that were initiated during the expo.

- Officials of Metafora International Services Limited met with the Investment Appraisal Committee of InvestJigawa on February 16, at the InvestJigawa conference room. They presented their investment proposal, which aims to unlock Jigawa State’s agricultural potential and expand the agricultural value chain in Nigeria and beyond. The company plans to focus on rice farming and its entire value chain, from cultivation to distribution, and offer agricultural consultancy services. Metafora International Services Limited also pledges to support rice farming in the state, empower local farmers, boost economic growth, enhance food security, and introduce technological innovations to the region.
- The Director General of InvestJigawa, Furera Jumare, welcomed the CEO and team of Zango Fertiliser, an indigenous fertilizer production company based in Hadejia Local Government Area of the state, on Tuesday, February 13. They discussed potential areas of collaboration between InvestJigawa and the company. The goal was to find ways for the state to support and facilitate the expansion of Zango Fertilizer’s projects. They aim to create a win-win partnership by providing a conducive environment for the company’s growth and development in the region. This strategic collaboration would benefit the agricultural sector of Jigawa State, with a focus on sustainable development and economic progress.
- His Excellency, Governor Mallam Umar Namadi FCA, officially launched Comttraex’s cutting-edge hibiscus cleaning and processing plant, on Tuesday, February 27. Situated in Maigatari Export Processing Zone, the state-of-the-art facility represents a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) between the Jigawa State government and Comttraex Nigeria Limited. Its primary objective is to establish Jigawa as a leading centre for hibiscus production and processing in Nigeria. At the core of this endeavour stands the fumigation chamber, equipped with advanced technology and poised to enhance the potential for the direct export of hibiscus flower from Jigawa State. Established in April 2022, this partnership has culminated in the possibility of optimizing of hibiscus production and export processes in Jigawa State. The partnership involves the processing and export of hibiscus flower under the name “Comttra Jigawa”. During the inauguration, Governor Umar Namadi emphasized the project’s significance in the state’s agricultural agenda, labelling “Comttra Jigawa” as a transformative force. He expressed gratitude to the Nigeria Export Promotion Council (NEPC) for their support, emphasizing the collaborative nature of such endeavours. With a daily cleaning capacity of 6 tons and a daily fumigation capacity of 48 tons, the “Comttra Jigawa” facility is expected to play a pivotal role in empowering local farmers by providing access to modern technology, training, and markets. The inauguration saw the attendance of dignitaries from various sectors.





- On March 6, a meeting was convened at the conference room of the Deputy Governor's office on the Great Northern Agribusiness (GNA)'s project, chaired by His Excellency Deputy Governor and Chairman of InvestJigawa Governing Council, Engineer Aminu Usman. Apart from the GNA team led by Mr. Wilkins Lam, the attendees included representatives from InvestJigawa and the Ministry of Land, Housing Urban Development, and Regional Planning. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss progress on the GNA project in Jigawa State and address any outstanding issues. During the meeting, the Deputy Governor formed a subcommittee to review all outstanding matters regarding the GNA project and provide recommendations within one week. Mr. Lam expressed gratitude to the Deputy Governor on behalf of the company, for the continuing support from the government and assured their sustained cooperation.
- On March 12, His Excellency, the Deputy Governor of Jigawa State and Chairman of InvestJigawa Governing Council, Engineer Aminu Usman, along with his team, visited the GNA project site in Gagarawa Local Government Area. Their purpose was to assess the progress and challenges of the project in Jigawa State. The project director, Mr. Wilkins Lam, and his team warmly received the Deputy Governor. During the visit, the GNA team provided an overview of the project and discussed the plans. They also highlighted the challenges they were facing. Subsequently, the Deputy Governor was guided on a tour to round some of the facilities at the farm.
- On March 13, InvestJigawa held a virtual meeting with Dantata Foods and Allied Products Limited (DFAP) to deliberate on project requirements and strategies for advancing their proposed cotton, groundnut, and maize value chain project in Jigawa State. The project aims to strengthen the cotton, groundnut, and maize value chain within Jigawa State. Key components include enhancing productivity, increasing income levels, and establishing processing facilities. By producing high-quality seeds and constructing processing plants, the project seeks to drive economic growth and benefit local communities.
- May 22: The Head of Investment Facilitation, Nafi'u Halilu accompanied the DG InvestJigawa on a site visit to Gagarawa Industrial Park to assess the progress of work by investors who were allocated plots to set up their industries. The visit also provided the opportunity to assess some of the challenges faced by the investors, who had complained about destruction of some of their equipment and the infrastructure in the park.
- May 23: The DG Invest Jigawa was accompanied by the Head of Investment Facilitation, Nafi'u Halilu to Baranda (Iggi Forest Reserve) in Dutse Local Government Area. The purpose of the visit was to conduct site visits to Kadume Green Consortium climate-smart farm and L&Z Integrated Farm, to interact with the investors and monitor the progress their activities, as well interview members of the host communities regarding their feelings about the two projects. Members of the communities gave positive feedback, stating that they were benefitting tremendously from activities of the two investors.
- On May 23, InvestJigawa facilitated a meeting at the Deputy Governor's Office in Dutse. The meeting was attended by its Chairman and Deputy Governor, Engineer Aminu Usman, Secretary/Legal adviser Muhammad Tahir Abubakar, and Technical Assistant Investment Facilitation, Usman Muhammad Saudi. They were joined by the Great Northern

Agribusiness team, led by Project Director Mr. Wilkins Lam. The meeting's primary objective was to review the GNA's draft strategic sugar development plans for the company's sugarcane project in Gagarawa Local Government Area. This review is a significant step before the final presentation to His Excellency, the Governor of Jigawa State, and other pertinent stakeholders.

- On June 15, InvestJigawa, hosted Tiziana Nigerian Limited to discuss their interest in investing in Jigawa State. The company's proposal focuses on the agriculture and tourism sectors, aiming to create an agri-tourism experience, by building a resort around Warwade Dam in Dutse Local Government Area, with state-of-the-art technology, equipment, and facilities.
- From 17th to 18th July the Investment Appraisal Committee chaired by InvestJigawa, in partnership with Jigawa State Investment and Property Development Company Limited and Commodities Development Initiative (CDI), conducted a joint site inspection of three forest reserves in Jigawa State. The sites visited were Rabadi Forest Reserve in Gwaram LGA, Aguran Galadima Forest Reserve in Kafin Hausa LGA, and Albasu Forest Reserve in Sule Tankarkar LGA. The site inspections were conducted to determine a suitable location for the CDI-proposed PPP with Jigawa State Government, regarding the development of pasture grass for export.
- On the 3rd and 4th of September, InvestJigawa embarked on a due diligence/ monitoring visit to Gerawa Rice Mill, Nass Agro Commodity Limited, Afribus Farms Limited, Hymir Seed Limited, Mesh Hilal Limited and Mazaf Deport Store Limited. The visit was to verify information as contained in the investors' letters of request, engage with the investors, and gather insights that may enhance their credibility.
- September 3: The InvestJigawa team led by Secretary/Legal Adviser Dr Zakiyyu Muhammad, conducted a joint site inspection and community engagement with representatives of Starlink Global & Ideal Limited. Starlink, a leading agricultural exporter in Nigeria, plans to establish an organic sesame seed farming and processing facility in the Maigatari area, which is expected to create job opportunities and contribute to the sustainability of the local economy. The investors toured the Maigatari Export Processing Zone to assess the EPZ's facilities. In addition to the inspection, the team conducted community sensitisation, informing local farmers and leaders about the planned organic sesame seed programme. The visit concluded with a tour of the Turbus/Jajeri Forest Reserve, where the farm project would be located. The investors expressed confidence in the potential of the state, and were happy the local community showed a willingness to collaborate with the company. The team also visited around the Maigatari market, where members engaged residents about grain movement at the Maigatari border. The Starlink team is dedicated to collaborating with local authorities and stakeholders to ensure smooth cross-border trade.



- September 5: The Investment Appraisal Committee chaired by InvestJigawa conducted a joint site inspection in respect of Metafora International Limited and Mafa Rice Mill. The sites visited were Iggi Forest Reserve Dutse LGA and Unuguwar Jibrin, Kaugama LGA.
- On September 12, 2024, the Director General of InvestJigawa led a team to visit WACOT's Sesame Farm Project and Farmers Academy in Gumel LGA. WACOT specialises in the cleaning and processing of sesame seeds. The company notably operates a farmers' academy that provides comprehensive training for farmers, focusing on youth and women in various agricultural activities. WACOT has an outgrower programme that benefits local farmers and aims to enhance the sesame value chain in the state. During the visit, the team toured the factory and farm site, gaining valuable insights into WACOT's operations and various initiatives.
- Nigerian Arabian gulf Chamber of Commerce steering Committee holds meeting on 6th November, 2024: The Nigeria Arabian Gulf Chamber of Commerce (NAGCC) Steering Committee held its meeting in Abuja on the 6th of November 2024. Led by His Excellency the Deputy Governor of Jigawa State, Engr. Aminu Usman MNSE, the meeting featured a video showing an update on the Chamber's work, especially the Nigeria Trade House in Dubai, UAE that was inaugurated on 3rd December, 2024. There were also discussions around making Jigawa State the meat hub of Nigeria for export of



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Director General InvestJigawa, who is a member of the Steering Committee was also present, while the NAGCC was represented by Usman Abbas, Executive Director, Zuliatu Garuba, Head, Membership and Corporate Services and Chidozie Nwachukwu, Head of Trade Promotion.



- On 10th December 2023, InvestJigawa hosted its 3rd Annual Investors' Dinner at the prestigious Banquet Hall, Government House, Dutse. The event brought together a dynamic mix of stakeholders, including business leaders, policymakers, service providers, and representatives from various sectors, all united by a shared commitment to advancing Jigawa State's economic growth and development. The dinner was more than just a gathering; it celebrated partnership and collaboration, by providing a platform for open dialogue and the exchange of transformative ideas. InvestJigawa used the opportunity to showcase the state's untapped investment potential, highlight progress made over the past year, and outline its strategic vision for the future. Key moments of the event included interactions that underscored InvestJigawa dedication to bridging gaps between the private sector, government, and service providers to provide an environment where innovation thrives, partnerships flourish, and businesses succeed. The dinner also served as a networking hub, where participants forged meaningful connections, explored synergies, and identified actionable pathways to drive Jigawa's economic transformation.



- InvestJigawa held a strategic meeting with representatives from Seven Pyramids & Towers Limited. Dr. Zakiyyu Muhammed, the Secretary/Legal Adviser of the Agency, led the discussions as the company expressed interest in establishing a world-class recreational centre in Dutse. This initiative holds immense potential to boost tourism, create jobs, and provide a unique leisure experience for our community
- InvestJigawa hosted a stakeholder meeting to deliberate on the reviewed transition from the Land Acquisition and Resettlement Framework (LARF) to the Framework for Responsible and Inclusive Land-Intensive Investment in Agriculture (FRILIA). The meeting, brought together key stakeholders to assess the updates and align on strategies for implementing sustainable and inclusive land investment practices in agriculture. This review marks a significant step towards fostering responsible investments that drive economic growth while ensuring community inclusion and sustainability



AD HOC RESPONSIBILITIES

Apart from its statutory responsibilities as enshrined in the law establishing it, InvestJigawa is the secretariat for two standing committees; the Ease of Doing Business (EoDB) Steering Committee and the Industrial Park Committee. During the year under review the Agency continued to perform these functions, especially with the release of the 2021 Subnational EODB Baseline Survey Report by PEBEC and commencement of the development of Gagarawa Industrial Park.

Ease of Doing Business (EoDB) Steering Committee

Jigawa State Government established in 2019 to improve and ensure provision of sound and friendly business environment in the State. The secretariat is responsible for coordinating all meetings, and ensuring the implementation of interventions recommended by the committee and its sub-committees. The EoDB Steering Committee terms of reference are:

1. To ensure that the processes, time and cost of securing approvals, permits and licenses are streamlined;
2. To ensure that those processes are properly tailored to be more efficient and attractive to both MSMEs and large-scale investors alike;
3. To work persistently to facilitate and ensure appropriate implementation of reforms and other related policies that will confirm Ease of Doing Business in Jigawa state; and
4. To make sure that a reliable and accurate data is provided, and collaborate with federal government and World Bank evaluation team during periodic surveys on Doing Business in Nigeria.

Membership of the EoDB Steering Committee include:

Deputy Governor of Jigawa State (Chairman)

Director General, Jigawa State Investment Promotion Agency-InvestJigawa (Secretary)

Honourable Commissioner, Ministry of Information, Youth, Sports, and Culture

Honourable Commissioner, Ministry of Commerce, Industry, Cooperatives, and Tourism

Honourable Commissioner, MoLHUD&RP

Honourable Commissioner, Ministry of Justice

Honourable Commissioner, Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources

Honourable Commissioner, Ministry of Environment

Managing Director, Jigawa State Investment and Property Development Company Limited

Director Special Services, Directorate of Special Services and Council Affairs, Office of the SSG

Jigawa State Internal Revenue Service

Chief Registrar, High Court, Jigawa State

Standards Organization of Nigeria

Federal Inland Revenue Service

Nigerian Association of Small-Scale Industrialists

Jigawa Chamber of Commerce, Industry, Mines and Agriculture

Corporate Affairs Commission

Representative of FCDO – LINKS

National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control (NAFDAC)

Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN)
Nigerian Bar Association (NBA), Dutse
Small and Medium Enterprises Development Agency of Nigeria (SMEDAN)
Chairman, Manufacturers Association of Nigeria (MAN), Kano/Jigawa Office

Industrial Park Committee

The Industrial Park Committee was established in 2016 to develop industrial clusters in Jigawa State. Membership of the committee include:

Honourable Commissioner, Ministry of Works and Transport (Chairman)
Honourable Commissioner, MoCIC&T
Honourable Commissioner, Ministry of Water Resources
Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Environment
Director General, InvestJigawa
Director General, Due Process and Project Monitoring Bureau
Permanent Secretary, MoLHUD&RP
Managing Director, Rural Electrification Board (REB)
Director Maintenance, Jigawa Road Maintenance Agency (JIRMA)
Representative of FCDO-LINKS
Head of Investment Facilitation, InvestJigawa (Secretary)

During the year under review the committee committed to the development of Gagarawa Industrial Park in Gagarawa LGA. Managed by the State Government, the park is a 170 ha, 66 plot park that would house Micro, Small, Medium and Large industries. When completed, the park will provide access to local and regional markets, being 125 km to Kano and 52km Maigatari, which houses one of the largest livestock markets in West Africa, and the Maigatari EPZ.

State Action on Enabling Business Reforms (SABER) Steering and Technical Coordinating Committees

1. The Principal Private Secretary Government House Dutse, Jigawa State.
2. The Permanent Secretary Min. of Budget & Economic Planning
3. The State Accountant General, Ministry of Finance,
4. The Secretary /Legal Adviser, InvestJigawa,
5. The Auditor General, Office of the Auditor General (State Government Audit),
6. The Permanent Secretary, Min. of Lands, Housing, Úrban Dev., & Reg. Planning,
7. The Permanent Secretary, Min. of Commerce, Industry, Cooperation & Tourism,
8. The Solicitor-General/Perm. Sec., Ministry of Justice,
9. The Chief Registrar, Jigawa State High Court of Justice,
10. The Executive Secretary, Urban Development Board,
11. The Executive Chairman, Jigawa State Internal Revenue Services (JIRS),
12. The Director Final Account, Ministry of Finance,

13. The Director Planning, Min. of Budget & Economic Planning,
14. The Director Govt. Business Revenue, Jigawa State Internal Revenue Services (JIRS)
15. The Director Commerce, Min. of Commerce, Industry, Cooperation & Tourism,
16. The Director Debt Management, Ministry of Finance,
17. The Director General, Economic Empowerment and Employment Agency,
18. The Deputy Chief Registrar, In-Charge of Small Claims, State High Court,
19. The Director Government Audit, Office of the State Auditor General,
20. The Web-Master, State Website, Min. of Information,
21. The Website Administrator Ministry of Finance,
22. The Head of Investment Facilities, InvestJigawa Dutse, Jigawa State.

MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS

1. Facilitated the signing of MoU with the Nigerian Arabian Gulf Chamber of Commerce (NAGCC).
2. Facilitated the establishment of (COMMTRAJIGAWA) a state-of-the-art hibiscus cleaning and processing facility in partnership with Comtraex Nigeria Limited at the Maigatari Export Processing Zone.
3. Facilitated the linkage between MSMEs and the Bank of Industry to ensure access to the ₦6 billion Naira funds available under the MoU between the Jigawa State Government and the Bank of Industry (BoI). This will provide an opportunity for soft loans for MSMEs, fostering entrepreneurship and economic development in the state.
4. Actively participated in the development of the Agricultural policy 2024-2030 by Ministry of Agriculture and Propcom +
5. Developed Jigawa state Export Promotion Strategy in collaboration with Ministry of commerce, Industry, Corporate and Tourism
6. Review the Jigawa State Land Acquisition and Resettlement Framework (LARF) to align with the World Bank's Framework for Responsible and Inclusive Land-Intensive Agricultural Investments (FRILIA). This will promote sustainable investments in the agricultural sector.
7. Develop Sesame value chain by promoting organic farming system and farmers training program in collaboration with WACOT (TGI Group LTD) and Starlink & Ideal Limited on agricultural innovation projects, strengthening value chains in sesame farming, organic farming, and farmer training programs.
8. Facilitated MSME access to credit through linkage sessions with financial institutions such as CBN, NAIC and NIRSAL, addressing funding challenges and improving financial inclusion in Jigawa State.
9. Conducted sensitization sessions for stakeholders on AfCFTA benefits, including broader market access, increased trade opportunities, and enhanced competitiveness for Jigawa-based businesses.
10. Engaged with the Federal Ministry of Aviation and Aerospace Development and obtained approval for the concession of Dutse International Airport for cargo facilities.

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