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FROM THE GOVERNOR

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to this Economic and Investment Summit, a landmark gathering dedicated to shaping the future of our dear state and unlocking its vast economic potential.

This Summit reflects our administration's unwavering commitment to a bold and inclusive economic transformation agenda—one that prioritizes sustainable growth, job creation, innovation, and shared prosperity. We recognize that the future of development in Delta State depends not only on the strength of public institutions but also on the vibrancy of private enterprise and the confidence of investors.

Over the past years, we have deliberately pursued policies aimed at making Delta State one of the most investment-friendly destinations in Nigeria. We have continued to improve the ease of doing business, strengthen regulatory transparency, expand infrastructure, and create an enabling environment where local and foreign investors can thrive with confidence and security.

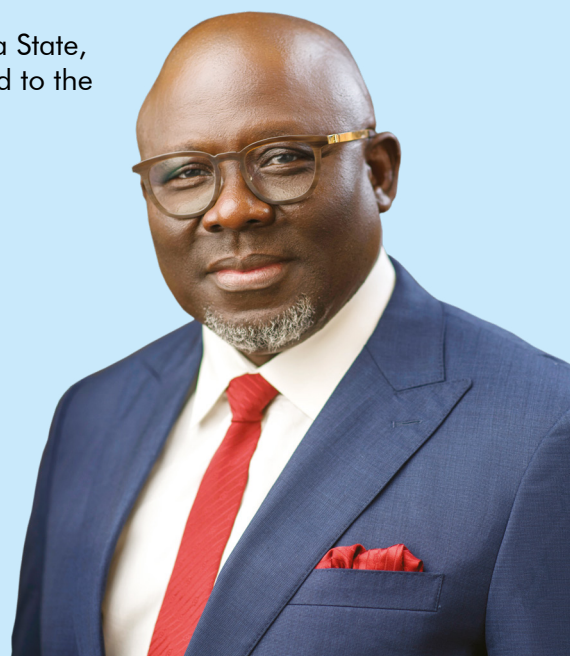
Our vision is long-term and forward-looking. We are not merely focused on immediate gains, but on building a resilient and diversified economy capable of sustaining growth for generations to come. From agriculture and energy to technology, manufacturing, and services, Delta State is open for strategic partnerships that will unlock value across key sectors of our economy.

This summit, therefore, serves as a platform for dialogue, collaboration, and actionable commitments. We invite investors, development partners, and industry leaders to join us in this journey of transformation. Together, we can convert our abundant human and natural resources into real prosperity for our people.

On behalf of the Government and people of Delta State, I thank you for your participation and look forward to the impactful outcomes of this engagement.

God bless Delta State.
God bless the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

His Excellency,
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INTRODUCTION

It is my honour to present this Prospectus for the Delta State Economic and Investment Summit. Carefully developed to guide stakeholders, partners, and participants, this document provides a clear understanding of the summit's vision, structure, and strategic intent. It also showcases the diverse investment opportunities across Delta State's priority sectors, highlighting the state's immense potential for sustainable economic growth and strategic partnerships.

The primary purpose of this prospectus is to articulate the objectives of the Summit and to serve as a guide for engagement with government, investors, development partners, and the private sector. It outlines the priority sectors, investment opportunities, policy direction, and collaborative frameworks that will define discussions and outcomes at the summit. In essence, it is designed to align expectations and provide a roadmap for meaningful participation, partnership and engagement.

The summit is conceived as a catalytic platform for economic transformation. It is expected to deepen investor confidence, attract both domestic and foreign direct investment, and strengthen partnerships that will accelerate infrastructure development, industrial growth, and job creation. Beyond immediate engagements, the summit aims to position Delta State as a competitive, innovation-driven, and investment-ready economy within Nigeria and the broader African market.

We are confident that the outcomes of this summit will extend beyond the conference halls, translating into actionable commitments and long-term investments that will strengthen the state's economy and improve livelihoods. Our vision is to position Delta State as a preferred investment destination that stimulates enterprise, creates sustainable jobs, and expands opportunities for growth. Through improved infrastructure, strategic partnerships, and innovation, we aim to enhance the quality of life for individuals, families, and businesses across the state.

On behalf of the Planning Committee, I express my sincere appreciation to all stakeholders for their support and participation, and I look forward to a successful and impactful summit.

Dr. Kingsley Eze Emu

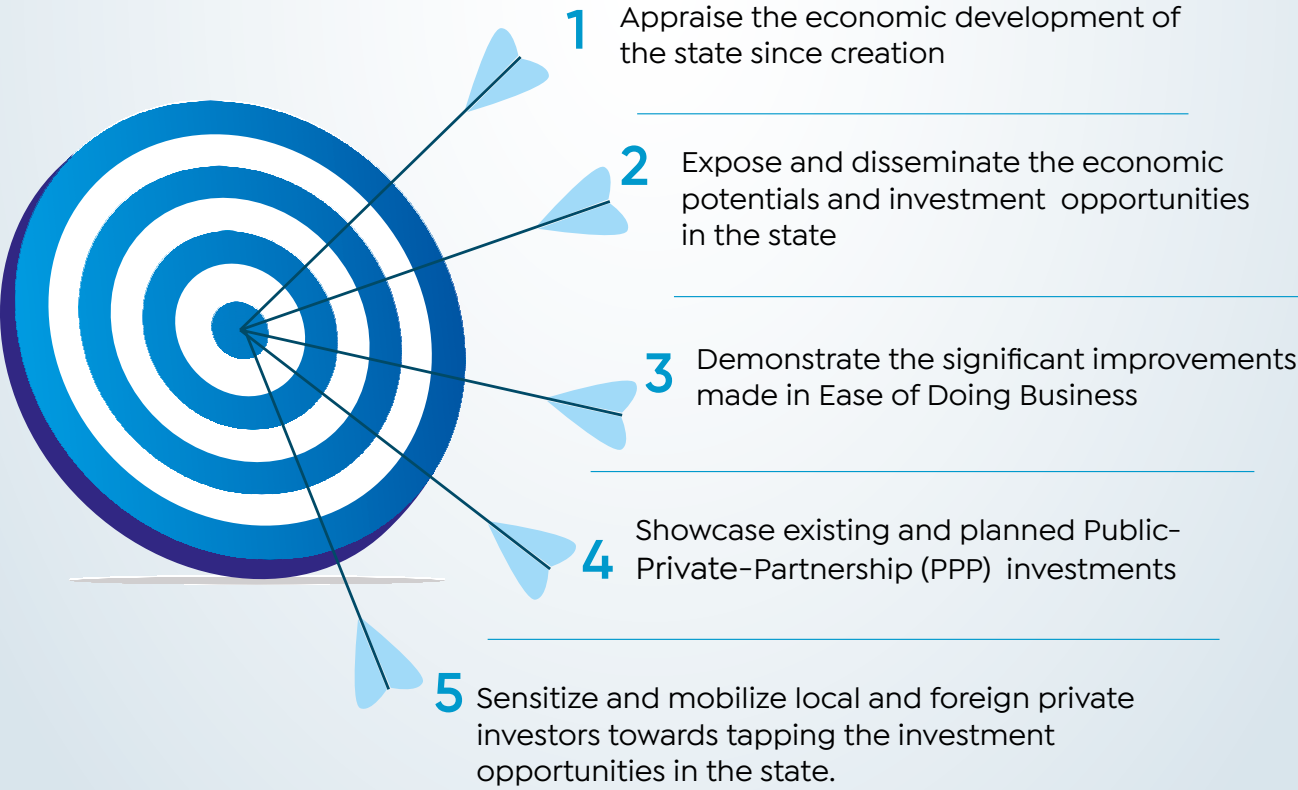
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GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE SUMMIT

The Delta State Economic and Investment Summit is intended to galvanize investment stakeholders and private sector players towards utilizing the state’s economic potentials and investment opportunities to the fullest.

In a nutshell, the specific objectives are as follows:



About DELTA STATE

Delta State is one of the 36 federating states of Nigeria. It was created out of the old Bendel State, on 27th of August 1991 following its division into Delta and Edo States. With Asaba as its capital, the state has distinguished itself as a centre of commerce, industry, oil and gas, agriculture, and diverse investment opportunities.



LOCATION

Delta State is located in the western flank of the River Niger and lies between longitudes 50.00'E and 60.45'E and latitudes 50.00'N and 60.30'N in the oil rich Niger-Delta region of Nigeria. The state is bounded in the north and west by Edo State, the east by Anambra, Imo and Rivers States, southeast by Bayelsa State, and on the southern flank by the Bight of Benin which covers about 163 Kilometers of the state's Atlantic Ocean coastline. The state is strategically located as a vital gateway to the south-east, south-west and south-south regions of Nigeria.

POPULATION

The total population is estimated at 6,717,922 in 2024, increasing to 6,895,515 in 2025. Males and females are estimated to account for 50.3% and 49.7% of the population, respectively. The percentages of rural and urban population are estimated at 58.7% and 41.3% of the total population respectively.

PEOPLE AND CULTURE

The language groups and nationalities in Delta State are the Urhobo, Ika, Aniocha/Oshimili, Izon, Isoko, Ukwuani and Itsekiri. They have identical customs, beliefs and culture. This cultural similarity is manifested in their festivals, traditional religions and marriage ceremonies. The system of traditional administration is similar, so are the folklores, dances, arts, crafts and modes of dressing. There is freedom of worship and a high level of religious tolerance in the State. Christianity, Islam and African Traditional Religions are prevalent and exist harmoniously.

Administratively, the state is divided into 25 Local Government Areas, namely;

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

Some of the major towns in the state are; Asaba, Warri, Effurun, Sepele, Ughelli, Agbor, Umunede, Obiaruku, Ibusa, Orhunhworun- DSC Township, Bomadi, Patani, Burutu, Koko, Oleh, Ozoro, Orerokpe, Kwale, Ogwashi-Uku, Issele-Uku.

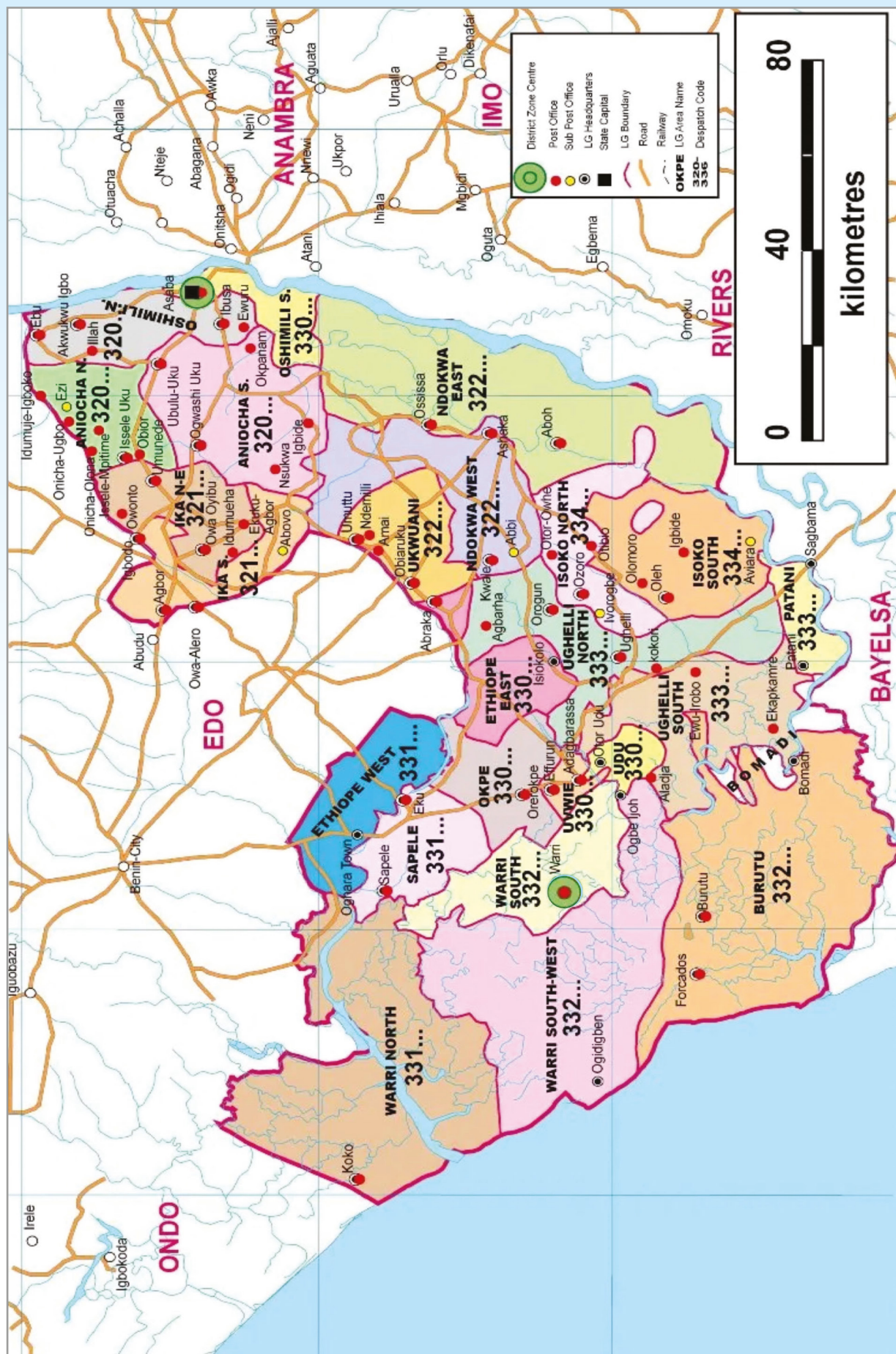
There are four (4) Seaports in Delta State, namely:

- Warri
- Koko
- Sapele
- Burutu

There are two (2) Airports in th state, namely:

- Asaba International Airport
- Osubi Airport (near Warri)

There are also, two petroleum exporting terminals and a railway line from Warri to Itakpe in Kogi State.



DELTA STATE'S STATISTICAL FACT SHEET

Land Area	18,050 square kilometres
Water Bodies	About 6,000 square kilometres, about 40% of total area, signifying great potentials for fish and aquaculture production
Coastline of Atlantic Ocean	163 kilometres long, indicating immense opportunities for water transport
Natural endowment	Leading Producer of Oil & Gas; Clay, Lead, Zinc, Limestone, Rock Salt, and uranium Delta state is home to 40% of Nigeria's natural gas reserves.
Agricultural Potentials	Rubber, Oil Palm, Cassava, Plantain, Banana, Yams, Rice, Maize, and Tomatoes. Fishing, Seafood etc
Population estimates at 2.6% per annum based on 2006 census figures	• 2019 population est. 5,218,432 • 2020 population est. 5,334,112 • 2021 population est. 5,493,318 • 2022 population est. 5,636,145 • 2023 population est. 5,782,685 • 2024 population est. 5,933,035 • 2025 population est. 6,087,293
Business Potentials	Tourism, Hospitality and Aviation, Agriculture & Agro business, Oil & Gas, ICT & Digital economy, Energy & Power, real estate & Infrastructure, Ceramics.
Comparative Advantage	4 Sea Ports, FLNG project, Tourism
Youth Population	• About 60% of the population is under 30 years old, indicating a huge youth population • Also, about 34% of the population is under 15 years old • And the national median age is 18 years indicating a very young population
Ethnic Nationalities	Urhobo, Isoko, Itsekiri, Ijaw, Ika, Ndokwa, Aniocha/Oshimili
Major Cities	Asaba, Agbor, Kwale, Oleh, Ughelli, Sapele, Warri
GDP Delta State 2023 rebased GDP report produced by Delta State Ministry of Economic Planning in collaboration with National Bureau of Statistics, Abuja	• 2019 GDP is N9.203 trillion • 2020 GDP is N8.999 trillion • 2021 GDP is N10.288 trillion • 2022 GDP is N11.508 trillion • 2023 GDP is N14.498 trillion • 2024 GDP is N16.970 trillion
Per capita Income Data source is same as above. Reduction is as a result of increase in \$ rate per naira.	• USD4,831.78 in 2019 • USD4,309.75 in 2020 due to COVID-19 economic slump • USD4,568.07 in 2021 • USD4,748.55 in 2022 • USD2,915.41 in 2023 • USD1,863.34 in 2024
Growth of GDP from 2019 to 2024	• GDP dropped from N9.203 trillion in 2019 to N8.999 trillion in 2020, that is decrease 2.22%, arising from the global economic slump occasioned by the COVID-19 lockdown • GDP increased from N8.999 trillion in 2020 to N10.288 trillion, in 2021 i.e. an increase of 14.34% from the 2020 figure. • GDP in 2022 is N11.51 trillion an increase of 11.86% from the 2021 figure. • The 2023 GDP is N14.498 trillion an increase of 26% from the 2022 figure. • The 2024 GDP rose to N16.97 trillion an increase of 17.04% from the 2023 figure. The State GDP has witnessed steady increase since 2020.
Ranking of GDP among Nigerian States	Among five largest state economies in Nigeria.
Economy Structure (Composition of GDP)	Non-Oil sector contributes more than half, that is 68.17% of GDP as of 2022, 70.10% in 2023 & 71.43% in 2024. Computed from Delta state GDP report 2024 produced by the Delta State Ministry of Economic Planning in collaboration with NBS, Abuja.
Average Annual Growth rate of the economy Growth rate of nominal GDP at Market Prices Growth rate %	18.34% between 2022 – 2024. Computed from Delta state 2024 GDP report produced by the Delta State Ministry of Economic Planning in collaboration with NBS, Abuja.
Unemployment & underemployment Rate	• Delta State unemployment rate for 2023 is 8.2%, which is higher than national average of 5.4%. (Based on the new methodology by the NBS anyone working at least 1 hour/week is employed). Pre-2020 show unemployment rate above 30%). • Underemployment rate is 12%.
Monetary Poverty (NBS Poverty Report 2022)	Among 10 least poor states in Nigeria, following Lagos state, a leap from 12 th least poor state in 2009/2010.
Multidimensional Poverty Index (NBS 2022)	• The 2022 Multidimensional poverty index combines four indicators – (i) Health – food security; (ii) Education (iii) living standards and (iv) work & shocks. • Multidimensional poverty in Delta State is 47%, lower than the national rate of 63% • Based on this performance, Delta State is the 9th least poor in Multidimensional poverty.
Human Capital Development	No.1 in 2017, rating by National Competitiveness Council of Nigeria.
2025 Commonwealth Institute of Advanced and Professional Studies (CIAPS) Governance Performance Index CGPI	Second-best governed state in Nigeria.



DELTA STATE ECONOMY

AN OVERVIEW

The state's economy is driven by a combination of abundant natural resources and a vibrant agricultural sector, which remains a significant contributor to the state's economic activity. Major crops cultivated include yam, cassava, oil palm, rice, and maize. In addition to supporting food security and rural livelihoods, agricultural production contributes substantially to the state's non-oil economy. Other agricultural products include rubber and timber, reflecting the state's rich resource endowment and diverse production base.

Delta State is a major producer of crude oil and natural gas, making a significant contribution to both the state and national economies.

Economically, Delta State is highly diversified, participating in 44 of the 46 economic activities recognized at the nation's GDP profile as at 2024. The only activities not currently represented in the state are coal mining and cement production. However, coal mining has just commenced significant operations in some parts of the state.

The state's economic landscape encompasses a broad range of sectors, including agriculture; mining and quarrying (comprising crude oil, natural gas, metal ores, and other minerals); manufacturing (excluding cement production); construction; wholesale and retail trade; accommodation and

food services; transportation and storage; information and communication; arts, entertainment, and recreation; financial and insurance services; real estate; professional, scientific, and technical services; administrative and support services; public administration; education; human health and social services; and other service activities.

The breadth of these economic activities underscores Delta State's strategic importance as one of Nigeria's most economically vibrant states. Its strong petroleum industry, complemented by a robust agricultural sector and expanding service industries, position the state as a key driver of national economic growth and development.

The state's extensive 163-kilometre coastline provides immense opportunities for the development of fisheries, aquaculture, and seafood production. The coastline is also home to four major seaports located in Warri, Burutu, Koko, and Sapele, alongside attractive beaches with significant potential for tourism and recreational development.

The Warri Port, regarded as one of Nigeria's major ports and the second largest after Tin Can Island Port in Lagos, remains a strategic maritime asset. The Sapele Port, currently utilized by the Nigerian Navy, provides enhanced security for investment assets and marine operations within the area. Historically, the ports in Warri and Sapele played vital roles in the exportation of agricultural commodities such as palm produce, rubber, and other

products from the northern parts of Nigeria before the emergence of the oil economy. Today, their strategic proximity to oil and gas production facilities makes them suitable hubs for the transportation and exportation of petroleum products.

Delta State is also endowed with significant tourism potential, driven by its rich network of rivers, beautiful beaches, lush vegetation, cultural festivals, and historical landmarks. The state government’s establishment of the Leisure Park and Film Village in Asaba is expected to further enhance the city’s status as a growing centre for Nigeria’s Nollywood film industry and attract more creative and tourism-related investments.

Other notable tourist attractions across the state include the historic Chief Nana’s Palace in Koko, the source of River Ethiope—renowned as one of the deepest inland waterways in Africa—and the Lander Brothers Anchorage in Asaba, which reflects the state’s rich historical and cultural heritage.

Delta State Gross Domestic Product (GDP) 2024

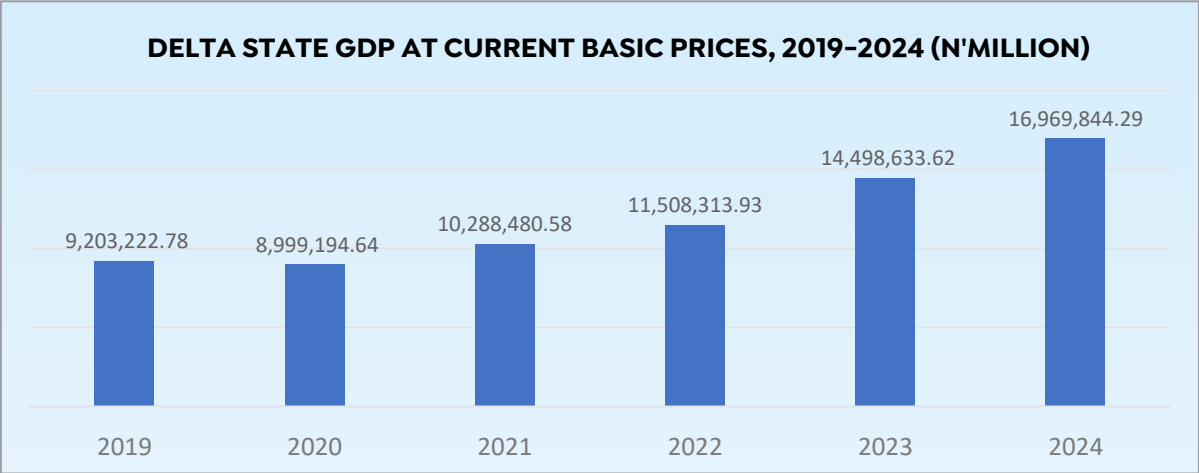
Delta State’s economy experienced sustained growth between 2022 and 2024. Aggregate GDP increased from ₦11.51 trillion in 2022 to ₦14.50 trillion in 2023, representing growth of 25.98 percent. In 2024, GDP expanded further by 17.04 percent to ₦16.97 trillion.

The strong performance of both the oil and non-oil sectors underscores the resilience of the state’s economy, while the rising contribution of non-oil activities reflects ongoing structural transformation and broad-based economic development.

Oil Sector

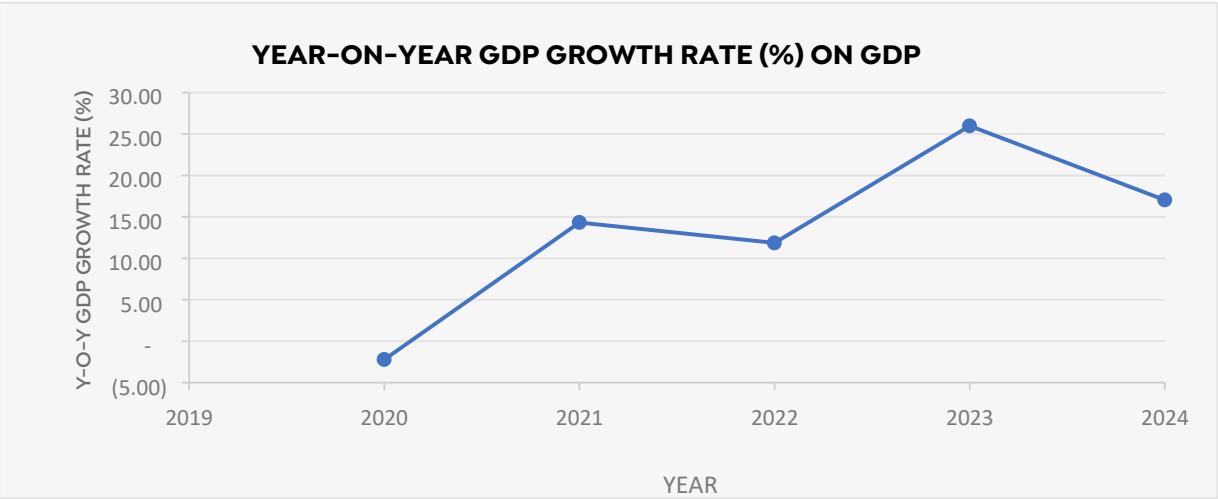
The oil sector remained a major contributor to Delta State’s economy. Sectoral value added increased from ₦3.66 trillion in 2022 to ₦4.33 trillion in 2023, representing a growth rate of 18.35 percent. Growth continued in 2024, with value added rising by 11.84 percent to ₦4.85 trillion.

DELTA STATE GDP AT CURRENT BASIC PRICES		
Year	GDP (N'million)	%
2019	9,203,222.78	
2020	8,999,194.64	-2.22%
2021	10,288,480.58	14%
2022	11,508,313.93	12%
2023	14,498,633.62	25.98%
2024	16,969,844.29	17.04%

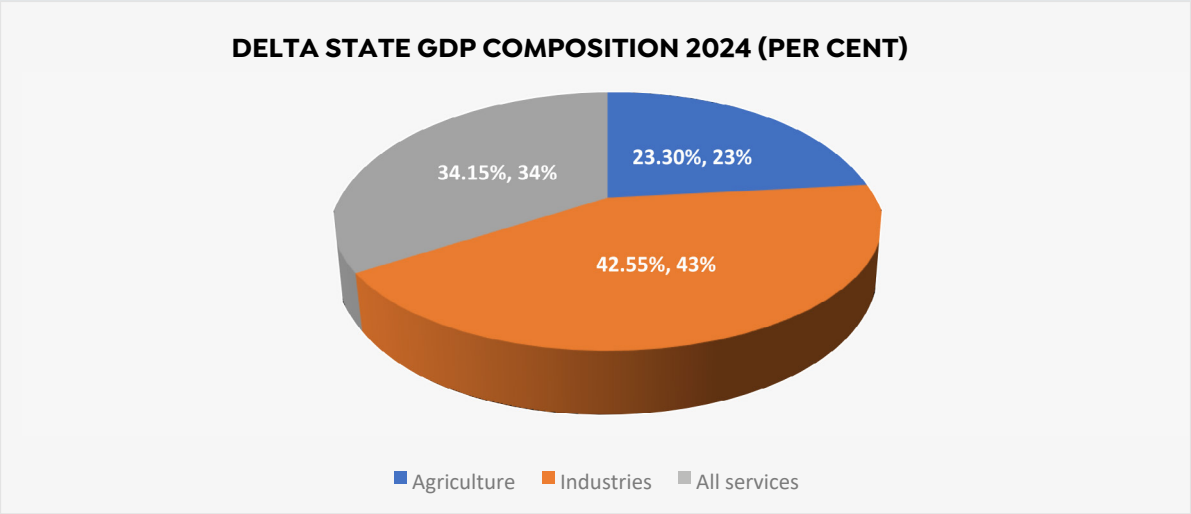


The size of Delta State economy has risen from N9.266 trillion naira in 2019 to N11.51 trillion in 2022. This increased by 25.98% to 14.50 trillion naira in 2023, and further rose by 17.04% in 2024 to N16.96 trillion. This impressive economic performance is the culmination of sound economic governance, fiscal prudence, and effective implementation of sector policies and programmes.

YEAR-ON-YEAR GDP GROWTH RATE	
Year	Y-O-Y GROWTH RATE (%)
2019	-
2020	-2.22
2021	14.33
2022	11.86
2023	25.98
2024	17.04



DELTA STATE GDP COMPOSITION 2024 - PER CENT		
Agriculture	23.30%	3,953,973.72
Industries	42.55%	7,220,668.75
All services	34.15%	5,795,201.83
	100.00%	16,969,844.29



Services is the second major contributor to GDP following oil sector. Agriculture is the third.

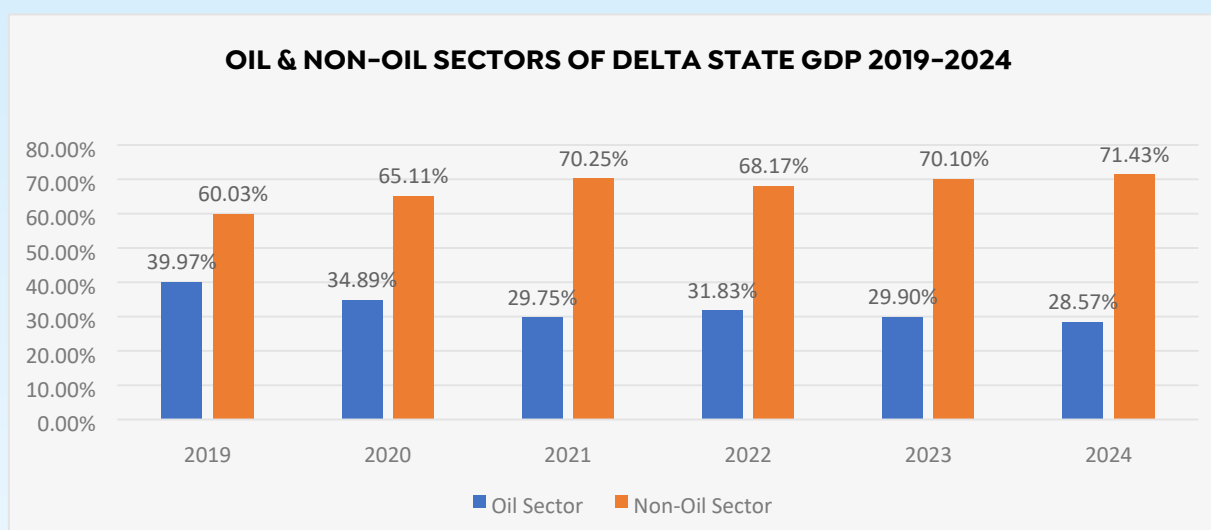
Despite the increase in output, the sector’s contribution to the state’s Gross Domestic Product (GDP) declined over the period. The oil sector accounted for 31.83 percent of GDP in 2022, decreasing to 29.90 percent in 2023, and further to 28.57 percent in 2024. This reflects the

growing importance of non-oil activities in the state’s economic structure.

Non-Oil Sector

The non-oil sector recorded strong growth and remained the dominant driver of

OIL AND NON-OIL SECTORS OF DELTA STATE GDP		
Year	Oil Sector	Non-Oil Sector
2019	39.97%	60.03%
2020	34.89%	65.11%
2021	29.75%	70.25%
2022	31.83%	68.17%
2023	29.90%	70.10%
2024	28.57%	71.43%



In nominal terms:

Year	Non-Oil GDP	Oil GDP
2019	5,524,163.99	3,678,918.20
2020	5,859,480.74	3,139,644.45
2021	7,227,669.49	3,060,807.67
2022	7,845,635.23	3,662,678.71
2023	10,164,020.44	4,334,928.46
2024	12,121,559.78	4,848,183.99

economic activity in Delta State. Value added rose to ₦10.16 trillion in 2023, representing a growth rate of 29.55 percent over the preceding year. In 2024, the sector expanded further by 19.27 percent to reach ₦12.12 trillion. The sector's share of aggregate GDP increased correspondingly, accounting for 71.43 percent of total economic output in 2024. This performance highlights the state's increasing economic diversification and the strengthening role of non-oil sector.

Drivers of Economic Growth and Sectoral Performance

Economic growth in Delta State in 2024 was underpinned by strong performances across several strategic sectors. The principal drivers of growth included mining and quarrying, particularly crude petroleum and natural gas production; agriculture, with crop production playing a leading role; construction; real estate; trade; information and communication, notably telecommunications services; arts, entertainment and recreation, and other services. These sectors collectively

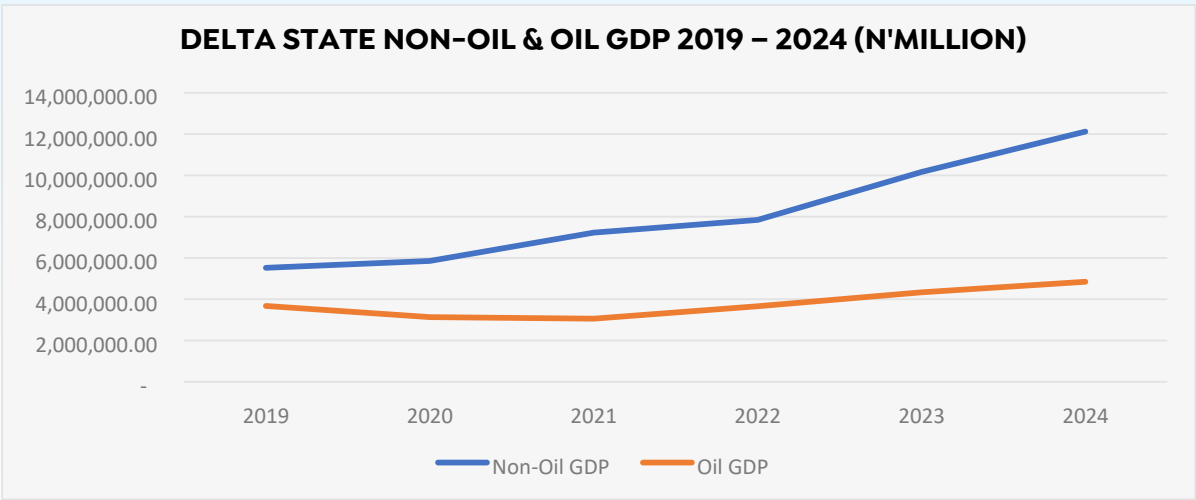
contributed to the expansion of the state's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) during the year.

Agriculture recorded the highest growth rate among the broad sectors of the economy, expanding by 22.91 percent in 2024. Although this represented a moderation from the 28.65 percent growth achieved in 2023, the sector remained a key engine of economic growth.

The services sector grew by 16.51 percent

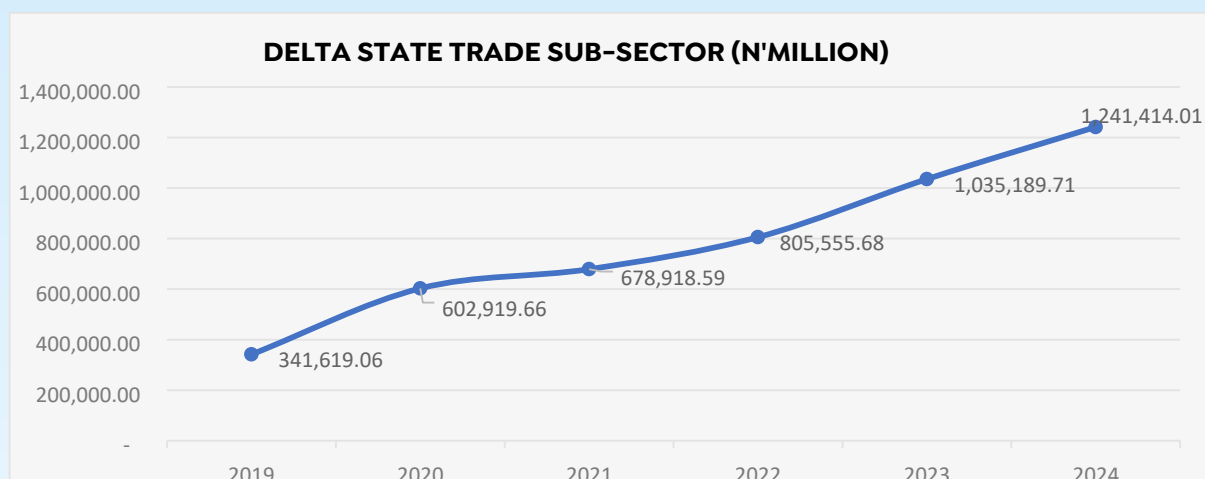
in 2024, compared to 24.58 percent in the preceding year, reflecting continued expansion in activities such as telecommunications, trade, finance, and other service-related industries.

Similarly, the industrial sector recorded growth of 14.47 percent, lower than the 25.77 percent growth observed in 2023, but nonetheless maintained its position as the largest contributor to economic output.



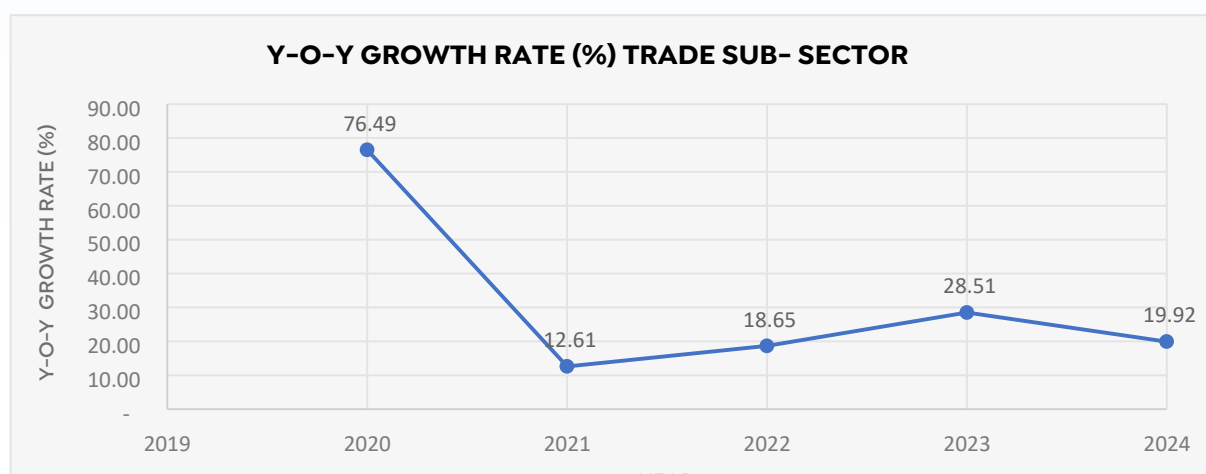
The oil sector experienced a decline between 2019 and 2021, followed by a strong recovery in 2022 and 2023, although its share of GDP fluctuated and slightly decreased in 2023. In contrast, the non-oil sector showed consistent and robust growth throughout the period, with significant increases in value added—especially in 2021 and 2023—highlighting its expanding role in the economy.

DELTA STATE GDP GROWTH (TRADE SUB-SECTOR)	
Year	GDP (N'million)
2019	341,619.06
2020	602,919.66
2021	678,918.59
2022	805,555.68
2023	1,035,189.71
2024	1,241,414.01



Nominal value added showed a steady upward trend from ₦341,619.06 billion in 2019, rising consistently through 2020 and 2021, and reaching ₦805,555.68 billion in 2022, an increase of N229.63 billion. Nominal value added of N1.04 trillion was recorded in 2023. In 2024, value added stood at N1.24 trillion, showing a growth rate of 19.92% on a year-on-year basis.

Y-O-Y GROWTH RATE (%) IN TRADE	
Year	Y-O-Y Growth Rate (%)
2019	-
2020	76.49
2021	12.61
2022	18.65
2023	28.51
2024	19.92



Overall, all three broad sectors—agriculture, industry, and services—recorded positive growth, demonstrating the resilience and diversity of the state’s economy.

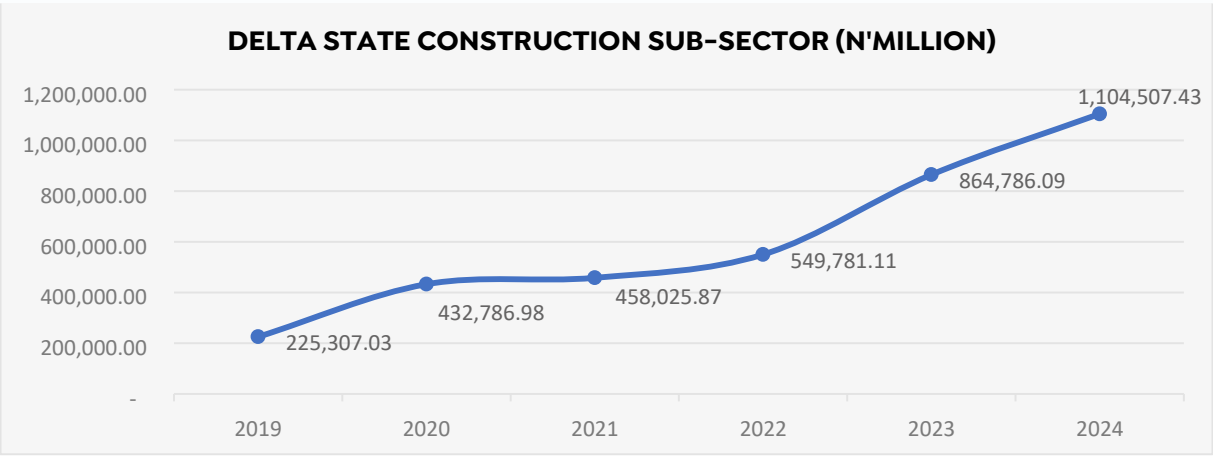
Sectoral Contribution to GDP

The sectoral composition of Delta State’s economy remained relatively stable in 2024. Agriculture accounted for 23.30 percent of nominal GDP, an increase from 22.18 percent in 2023, reflecting the sector’s growing importance within the state’s economic structure.

Industry contributed 42.55 percent of nominal GDP in 2024, slightly lower than the 43.50 percent recorded in the previous year, while the services sector accounted for 34.16 percent, compared with 34.31 percent in 2023.

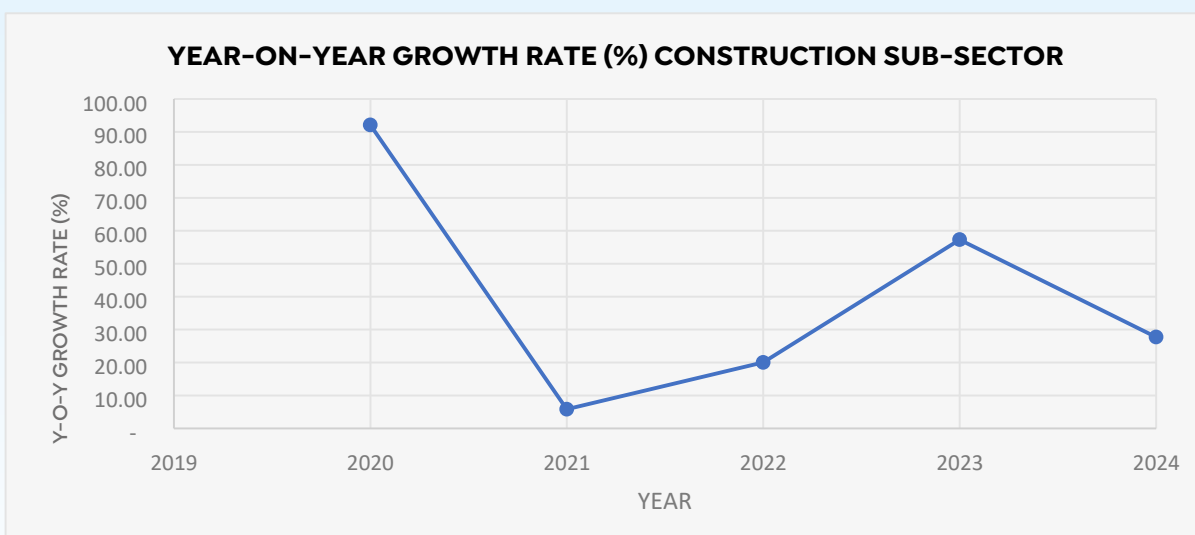
The increase in agriculture’s share of GDP, alongside the sustained contributions of industry and services, highlights the gradual diversification of the state’s economy and reinforces its capacity to achieve broad-based and sustainable economic growth.

DELTA STATE GDP GROWTH (CONSTRUCTION SUB-SECTOR)	
Year	GDP (N'million)
2019	225,307.03
2020	432,786.98
2021	458,025.87
2022	549,781.11
2023	864,786.09
2024	1,104,507.43

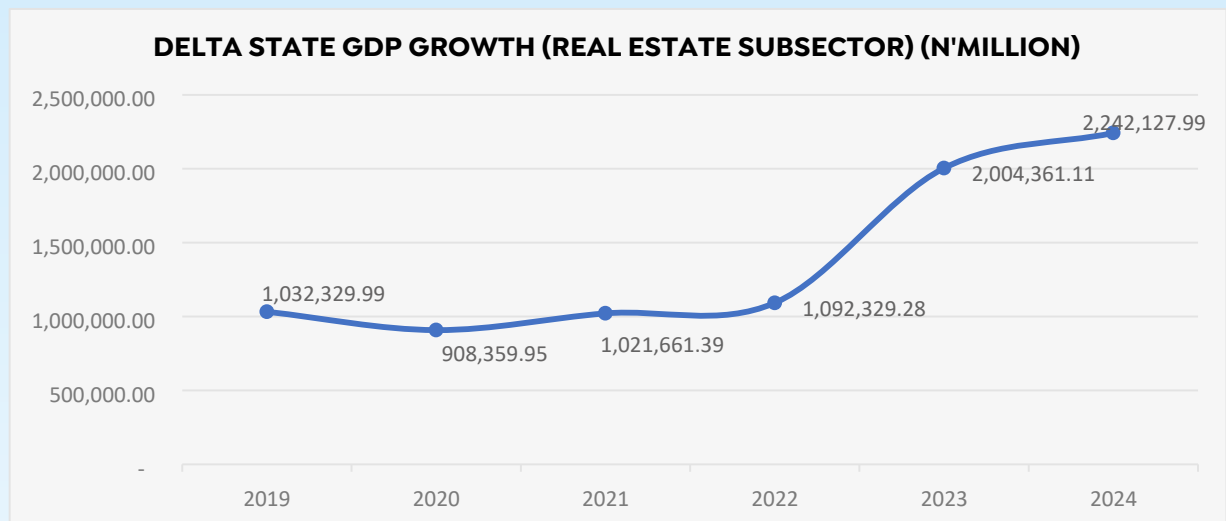


The construction sector showed an overall upward growth trend between 2019 and 2023, rising from 2.45% in 2019 to 5.96% in 2023, despite a slight dip in 2021. Nominal value added also increased significantly from ₦549,781.11 billion in 2022 to ₦864,786.09 billion in 2023, showing a growth rate of 57.30%. In 2024, the sector grew by 27.72% to ₦1.10 trillion.

YEAR-ON-YEAR GROWTH RATE CONSTRUCTION SUB-SECTOR	
Year	Y-O-Y GROWTH RATE (%)
2019	-
2020	92.09
2021	5.83
2022	20.03
2023	57.30
2024	27.72

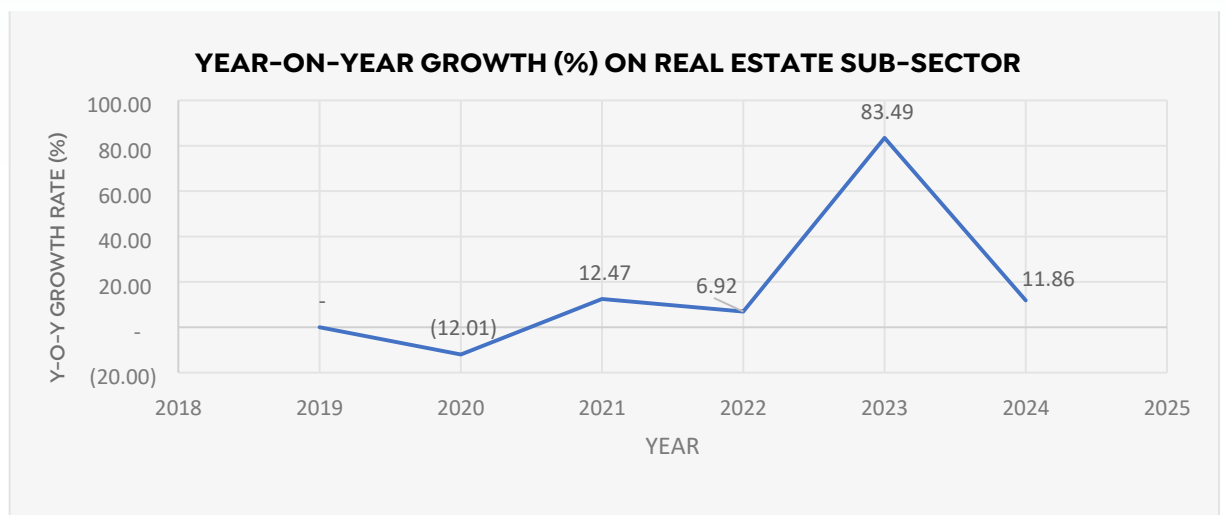


DELTA STATE GDP GROWTH (REAL ESTATE SUBSECTOR)	
Year	GDP (N'million)
2019	1,032,329.99
2020	908,359.95
2021	1,021,661.39
2022	1,092,329.28
2023	2,004,361.11
2024	2,242,127.99

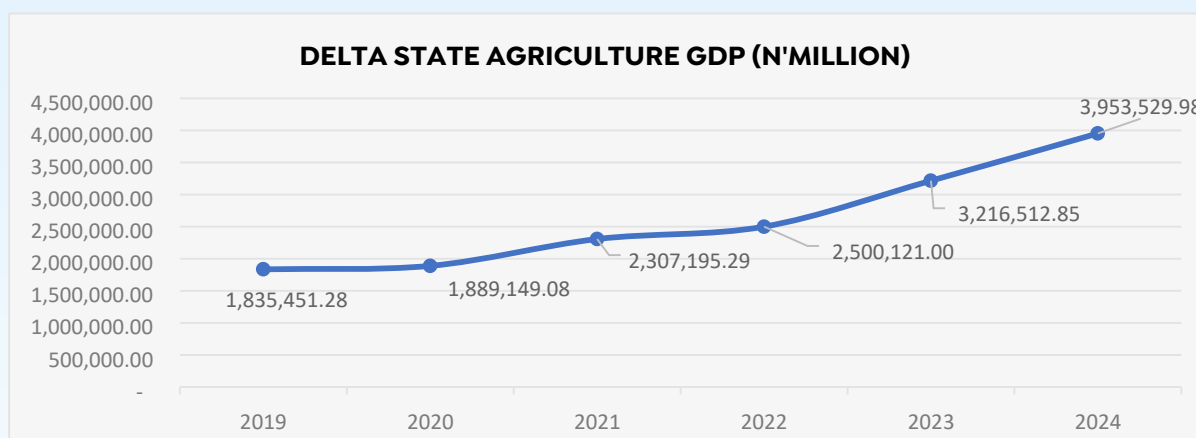


The real estate sector experienced a slight decline from N1.03 trillion in 2019 to N0.91 trillion in 2020, before rebounding significantly to N1.09 trillion in 2022. Nominal value added of real estate in Delta state stood at N2.00 trillion in 2023, indicating a year-on-year growth rate of 83.47% from N1.09 trillion recorded in 2022. In 2024, value added rose to N2.24 trillion, an increase by 11.86%.

YEAR-ON-YEAR GROWTH RATE REAL ESTATE SUB-SECTOR		
Year	Y-O-Y GROWTH RATE (%)	
2019	-	-
2020	-	12.01
2021		12.47
2022		6.92
2023		83.49
2024		11.86

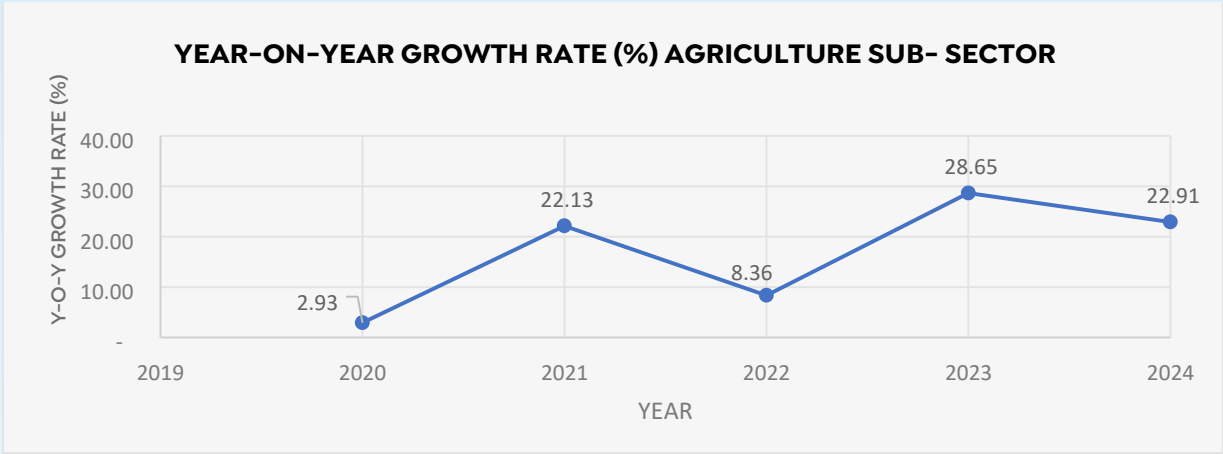


DELTA STATE AGRICULTURE GDP (N'MILLION)	
Year	N'million
2019	1,835,451.28
2020	1,889,149.08
2021	2,307,195.29
2022	2,500,121.00
2023	3,216,512.85
2024	3,953,529.98

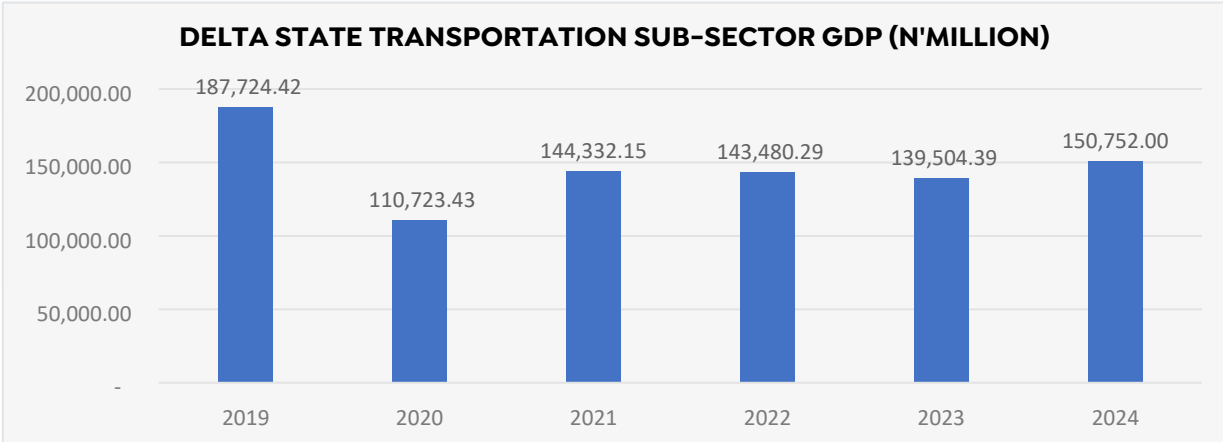


The agriculture sector, comprising crop production, livestock, forestry, and fishing, recorded steady growth from N1.84 trillion in 2019 to N1.89 trillion 2020. It rose by 22.13% in 2021 to N2.31 trillion and grew by 8.36% in 2022 to N2.50 trillion. It grew by 28.65% to N3.22 trillion in 2023, and rose by 22.91% to N3.95 trillion in 2024.

YEAR-ON-YEAR GROWTH RATE AGRICULTURE SUB-SECTOR	
Year	Y-O-Y GROWTH RATE (%)
2019	-
2020	2.93
2021	22.13
2022	8.36
2023	28.65
2024	22.91

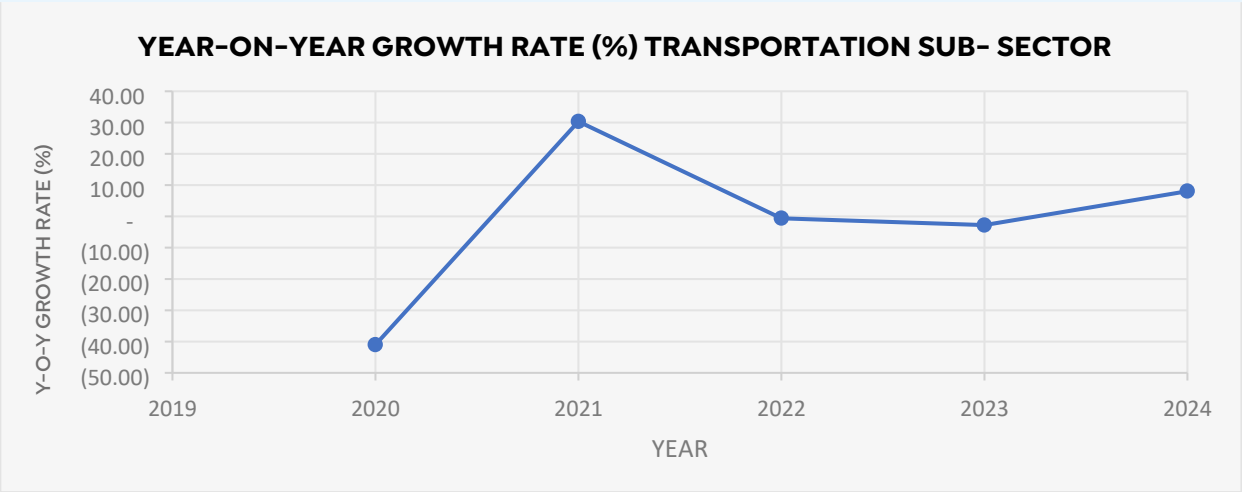


DELTA STATE TRANSPORTATION GDP (N'MILLION)	
Year	N'million
2019	187,724.42
2020	110,723.43
2021	144,332.15
2022	143,480.29
2023	139,504.39
2024	150,752.00



Transportation and storage activities are key to logistics and supply chains, with road transport remaining the dominant mode despite a decline in 2020 due to pandemic-related restrictions and a modest recovery afterward. The nominal value added of the sector was N139.50 billion in 2023, a decrease of 2.77% from the N143.48 billion recorded in 2022. In 2024, value added stood at N150.75 billion, indicating a year-on-year growth of 8.06% relative to the previous year.

YEAR-ON-YEAR GROWTH RATE TRANSPORTATION SUB-SECTOR	
Year	Y-O-Y GROWTH RATE (%)
2019	-
2020	41.02
2021	30.35
2022	0.59
2023	2.77
2024	8.06



FOCUS AREAS

Delta State's economic and investment priorities are centred on oil and gas, agriculture and value chains, blue economy, solid minerals, special economic zones, power and energy, and the digital economy.

Together, these sectors provide a strong foundation for industrial growth, investment, innovation, and sustainable development.





INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN DELTA STATE



OIL & GAS

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.

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



Refinery

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 refineries 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.





Gas Flare



Oil Tank Farm

POWER & RENEWABLE ENERGY

Delta State presents significant investment opportunities in power generation, transmission, distribution, and renewable energy, driven by growing industrial demand, rapid urbanisation, and the need for reliable and sustainable energy solutions. As one of Nigeria's leading oil and gas-producing states, Delta possesses abundant natural gas reserves alongside substantial renewable energy resources, creating a strong foundation for a diversified energy economy.

Investment opportunities abound in gas-fired power plants, embedded and captive power systems, solar farms, mini-grids, biomass and waste-to-energy projects, hydropower, energy storage solutions, rural electrification, and the manufacturing and assembly of renewable energy components. There is also considerable potential in energy infrastructure, smart grid technologies, and industrial power solutions to support manufacturing, agriculture, healthcare, education, and commercial enterprises.

Supported by progressive policies, expanding infrastructure, and



opportunities for Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs), Delta State is positioning itself as a regional energy hub. Investors can play a vital role in closing the energy gap, accelerating industrialisation, promoting clean energy adoption, and generating sustainable long-term returns while contributing to inclusive economic growth.



AGRICULTURE, AGRI-BUSINESS & AQUACULTURE

The state has three broad vegetation zones: Rainforest **(40%)**, freshwater belt **(30%)**, and mangrove forest **(30%)**.

Agriculture forms the bulk of non-oil revenue in Delta State. From the rich, abundant alluvial deposit at the banks of River Niger in Oshimili, through the Ase-creek in Ndokwa, to the flood plains of Patani, Bomadi and Ughelli South; from the Mangrove forest in Burutu to the swamp and brackish water of Warri South; from the wetlands of Warri North through

the vast rainforest and ascending to the fertile, flatland of derived savannah at Oza-Nogogo in Ika South, up to the highlands and valleys of Aniocha and Oshimili; Delta State is blessed with fertile land for commercial agriculture and livestock farming, and a versatile coast line of 163km that forms the backbone of our blue economy which supports artisanal fishing and aquaculture. crops like oil palm, rice, cassava, plantain, yam, potatoes, tomatoes and pepper thrive very well in Delta State.





Delta State Agricultural Potentials

S/NO	COMMODITIES /VARIETIES	POTENTIALS	YIELD (TON) PER HA (STATE /BENCHMARK)	LOCATIONS	OPPORTUNITIES	TARGET AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS
1	Cassava (TME-419, TMS-30572, TMS-30550, and OBA-2)	Cassava Production Disorganised farmers Poor markets Small scale farmers	12 – 15 (state) 36–39 (IITA)	Delta North: Oshimili South, Oshimili North, Aniocha North, Aniocha South, Ika South, Ika North-East, Ukwuani, Ndokwa East, and Ndokwa West. Delta Central: Ethiope East, Ethiope West, Ughelli North, Ughelli South, Okpe, Sapele, Udu, and Uvwie. Delta South: Isoko South, Isoko North, Patani, Bomadi, Burutu, Warri South-West, and Warri North	Cassava starch plants, Ethanol plants, Agricultural logistics and warehousing, Renewable-energy powered agro industries. Solar-powered irrigation systems, Agro-industrial estate Develop Organised offtakers	High Quality Cassava Flour, Pharmaceutical starch, Sorbitol, Ethanol, Starch, Biogas Garri, Cassavita, Chips, pellets, grit
2	Rice (FARO 44, FARO 61, ECO 01, ECO 910, and ECO 930)	Moderate production of rice	2.5 state (Rice Farmers Association of Nigeria, All Farmers Association of Nigeria) 9 (National Rice Research Institute.)	Low lands (Swamps and Flood plain) and upland Delta North: Oshimili South (Oko), Oshimili North (Illah), Ndokwa East (Aboh, Ossisai) Delta South: Isoko South (Avira), Warri North, Patani, Bomadi Delta Central: Ughelli North (Uwheru), Ughelli South, Okpe (Aghalokpe)	Increase production Rice mills, Agro Industrial Park Agricultural logistics and warehousing,	Milled rice, Bran, Brikkette, husk,
3	Tomatoes (Cobra 26, Roma VF, Premium 150 and UC82)	Moderate production	17 – 20 (YAGEP farmers in DARDA) 35 – 40 (Afritropics)	Ika South, Ika North-East, Isoko South and Isoko North.	Increase Production of tomatoes	Tomato paste and puree
4	Oil Palm (Tenera, PalmElit CIRAD, Supergene and Ghana Sumatra)	Oil Palm production and small-scale processors	12-15 (AFAN, Oil Palm Growers Association of Nigeria) 12 – 26 (NIFOR)	Delta North: Ika North-East, Ika South, Aniocha North, Aniocha South, Oshimili North, Oshimili South, Ndokwa West, and Ukwani. Delta Central: Ethiope West, Ethiope East, Okpe, Sapele, Ughelli North and Ughelli South. Delta South: Isoko North, Isoko South and Warri North.	Oil Palm nucleus estates Palm oil refineries, Agricultural logistics and warehousing, Oil palm estates and plantations. Oil palm industrial clusters.	Vegetable Oil (Palm Oil, Oleim, Sterin, Palm Kernel Oil), Palm Kernel Cake/meal, Glycerine, and kernel shell
5	Aquaculture	Fish clusters Catfish production Small scale hatchery and fish drying		Uvwie (Ekpan), Okpe (Jeddo, Egbukodo-Okpe), Oshimili South (Camp 74), and Warri South (Ifie Kporo)	Integrated fish cities, Hatchery hubs, Floating cage systems, Fish cold chain Cold chain logistics, Infrastructure. Catfish production, Tilapia farming,	Fish, Fish meal, Fish Oil, canned fish
6	Artisanal			The Blue Economy LGAs: Bomadi, Burutu, Warri North, Warri South, Warri South West, Oshimili South, Ndokwa East, Patani and Ughelli South.	Deep sea capture Shrimp farming, Cage aquaculture, Integrated fish feed mills, Hatcheries, Fish processing zones.	Fish, Fish meal, Fish Oil, canned fish

7	Poultry	Broilers (4,102 farmers) and Layers (362 farmers) 308 million eggs and 107,399 MT chicken meat annually		State-wide	Feed mills, breeder farms and hatchery, chicken processing facilities with cold storages	Meat, egg powder, frozen chicken, organic fertiliser
8	Cattle	Annual slaughter figures 122,999 cattle, 44,874 sheep/goats and 28,843 pigs		State-wide	Ranching with feed lots. Blood and bone meal. Abattoir development. Cold chain and storage. Logistics for meat	Meat, horns, bone meal, hides and skins

Government Support Framework

- Land databank (geomapped land with soil information),
- Fast-track permits,
- Tax incentives,
- PPP frameworks,
- Infrastructure support,
- Export facilitation systems,
- Security coordination.



A large, detailed image of a fish, possibly a tilapia, swimming in clear blue water. Other smaller fish are visible in the background, creating a sense of a healthy aquatic environment.

AQUACULTURE

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, and Warri.





Fish Farm at Uvwie.



Fish Farm at Ughelli.



Outdoor Production Unit, Melora Farms, Ekpan.



TOURISM, HOSPITALITY AND THE CREATIVE ECONOMY

Delta State offers immense investment opportunities in tourism, hospitality and the creative Industry, driven by its rich cultural heritage, scenic landscapes, festivals, entertainment industry, and strategic location. The state is home to numerous tourist attractions, including beaches, waterfronts, historical sites, cultural festivals, wildlife reserves, and eco-tourism destinations that provide strong potential for destination development and tourism-related investments.

Opportunities exist in the development of hotels and resorts, conference and event centres, amusement parks, waterfront recreation, film and television production facilities, music and performing arts centres, cultural villages, museums, sports and leisure facilities, and integrated tourism estates. The state's growing population, vibrant entertainment scene, and increasing business travel continue to drive demand for world-class hospitality services.

With supportive government policies, improved infrastructure, and a thriving creative talent base, Delta State presents an attractive environment for investors seeking sustainable returns while contributing to job creation, cultural preservation, and economic diversification. The sector remains one of the state's most promising frontiers for private sector investment and public-private partnerships.

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, Kiagbodo
- Slave Trade Relics, Aboh
- Ozomona Manor House, Onicha-Olona
- Okpe Bead Museum, Orerokpe
- Eni Lake, Uzere
- Okpuzu Falls, Ibusa.



Film Village Leisure Park, Asaba.



Ethiope River Source, Umuaja.



Mungo Park House, Asaba



Lander Brothers Anchorage, Asaba.



Bible Site,
Araya



Nana (Living History) Palace, Koko..



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Beach,
Abraka.

SOLID MINERALS

Delta State sits on the Niger Delta Basin- Part of Nigeria's coastal sedimentary formation.

This geology gave the state deposits of industrial minerals. The industrial minerals are positioned to the sedimentary environment of the Niger Delta. Several studies and research undertaken by the Raw materials Research and Development Council, National Metallurgical Development Centre, and Nigeria Geological Survey Agency, created a national mineral occurrence database, which listed Delta State as one of the major mineral-producing states in Nigeria with huge deposit of solid minerals for commercial exploration and processing.

These solid minerals include:

- Industrial Clay,
- Kaolin,
- Silica Sand,
- Lignite
- Bituminous Coal

Basically, based on the uses, application



Clay

and economic value chain of these solid minerals, they are compelling investment opportunities for prospective investors towards import and export yields, industrialization, job creation and economic diversification, in line with the MORE agenda of the current administration.

Highlights of Solid Minerals Deposit

Mineral Type	Location	L.G.A	Percentage of Deposit	End Products	Prospects/ Opportunities
Industrial Clay	Ofagbe Irri Patani Bomadi Egbema Abigborodo Okoko Orugbo	Isoko North Isoko South Patani Bomadi Warri North Warri North Oshimili –South Warri South	55% of state land mass	• Ceramics wares • foundry molds • Bricks • Sanitary waves • Refractory materials • Wall/roof tiles • Paints	• Exploration and mining • Establishment of industries and factories • Local and export sales • Economic & industrial value chains
Kaolin	Ozanogogo Ubulu-Uku Ukwunzu Ibuza	Ika South Aniocha South Aniocha North Oshimili North	Over 125 million tones	• Ceramic Wares • Pharmaceuticals • Porcelain Wares • Tiles • Paints • Cosmetics	-do-
Silica Sand	Ekakpamre Okwagbe Aladja Koko Ogbe-Ijaw	Ughelli North Ughelli South Udu Warri North Warri South	Commercial quantity	• Glass making (bottle, glass sheets, bulbs, headlamps etc. • Water filtration products	-do-
Lignite	Obomkpa Ogwashi-Uku Okpanam Asaba	Aniocha North Aniocha South Oshimili North Oshimili South	Over 175 million tones	• Power generation • Carbon related ventures	• Exploration and mining • Establishment of industries and factories • Local and export sales • Economic & Industrial value chains
Bituminous Coal	Obomkpa	Aniocha North	Commercial quantity	• Power generation • Industrial fuel	-do-

Investment Incentives and Advantages

- Entranced Ease of Doing Business policies and practices.
- Public-Private-Partnership (PPP) framework.
- One-Stop-Shop business platform domiciled with the Delta State Investment Development Agency (DIDA).
- Strong Potentials for rapid Return on Investment (ROI).
- Access to raw materials (solid minerals), local and international markets.
- Availability of manpower resources (both skilled and unskilled).
- Grant of waivers for the payment of taxes, fees, levies, rates, and other charges.
- Peaceful and investor-friendly host communities.



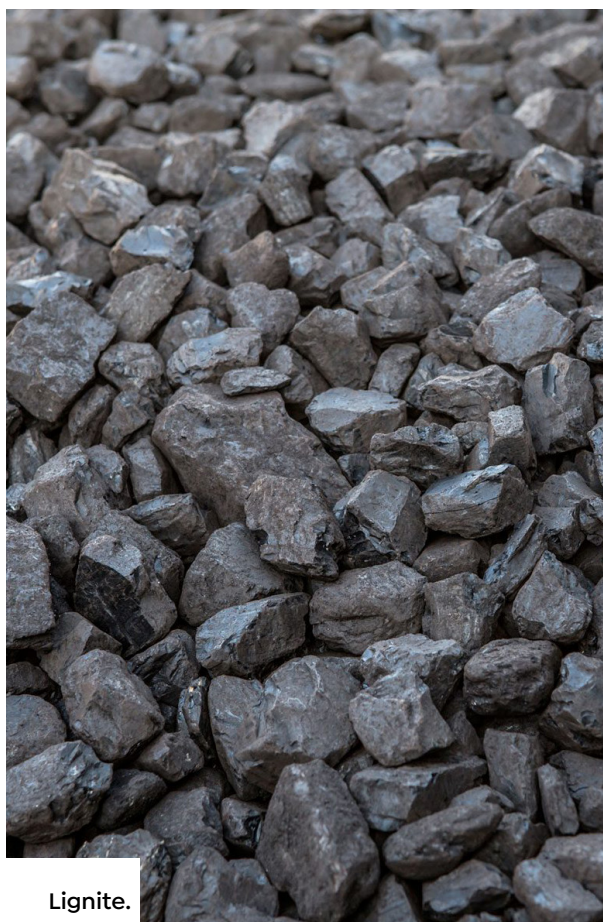
Bituminous Coal



Silica



Kaolin



Lignite.





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.

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 provides 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 are suitable 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





Warri Port.





DIGITAL ECONOMY

Delta State is strategically positioned to harness the opportunities of the digital economy through its youthful population, expanding ICT infrastructure, growing entrepreneurial ecosystem, and increasing adoption of digital technologies. As digital transformation reshapes industries worldwide, the state offers a conducive environment for technology-driven investments that foster innovation, productivity, and inclusive economic growth.

Investment opportunities exist in ICT infrastructure, broadband expansion, data centres, software development, fintech, e-commerce, business process outsourcing (BPO), artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, digital skills

development, innovation hubs, smart city solutions, and technology-enabled services. The state also presents strong prospects for startups and technology companies seeking to develop digital solutions for agriculture, healthcare, education, finance, manufacturing, and public service delivery.

Supported by investor-friendly policies, improving digital infrastructure, and opportunities for Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs), Delta State is committed to building a resilient digital economy. Investors can leverage the state's growing technology ecosystem to drive innovation, create high-value jobs, enhance competitiveness, and achieve sustainable long-term returns in one of Nigeria's emerging digital frontiers.





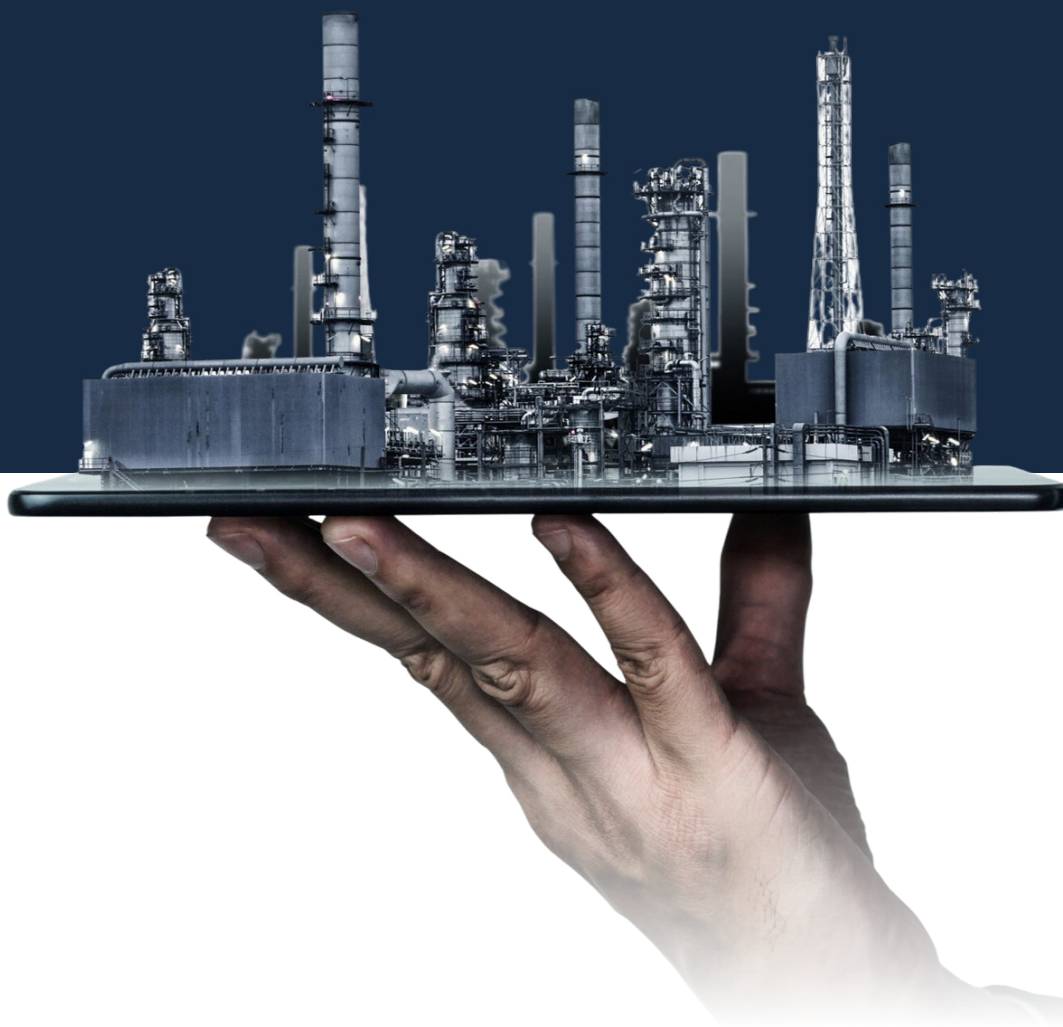
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**SPECIAL
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DELTA SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE:

Powering Africa's Next Industrial Frontier



The Delta Special Economic Zone (DSEZ) presents a compelling dual-investment destination through its flagship zones, Kwale and Koko Free Trade Zones. These zones are designed to unlock industrial growth across energy, manufacturing, petrochemicals, agro-processing, and export-driven industries.

Incorporated in April 2023 by the administration of former Governor, Sen. Dr. Ifeanyi Okowa, the Delta Special Economic Zone Management Company was established with a clear mandate to drive industrialization and attract global investments into the state.

Together, Kwale and Koko Free Trade Zones form a powerful ecosystem that integrates natural resources, infrastructure potential, and market access, positioning investors at the heart of West Africa's emerging industrial corridor.

Kwale Free Trade Zone (KFTZ): Nigeria's Emerging Gas & Industrial Hub

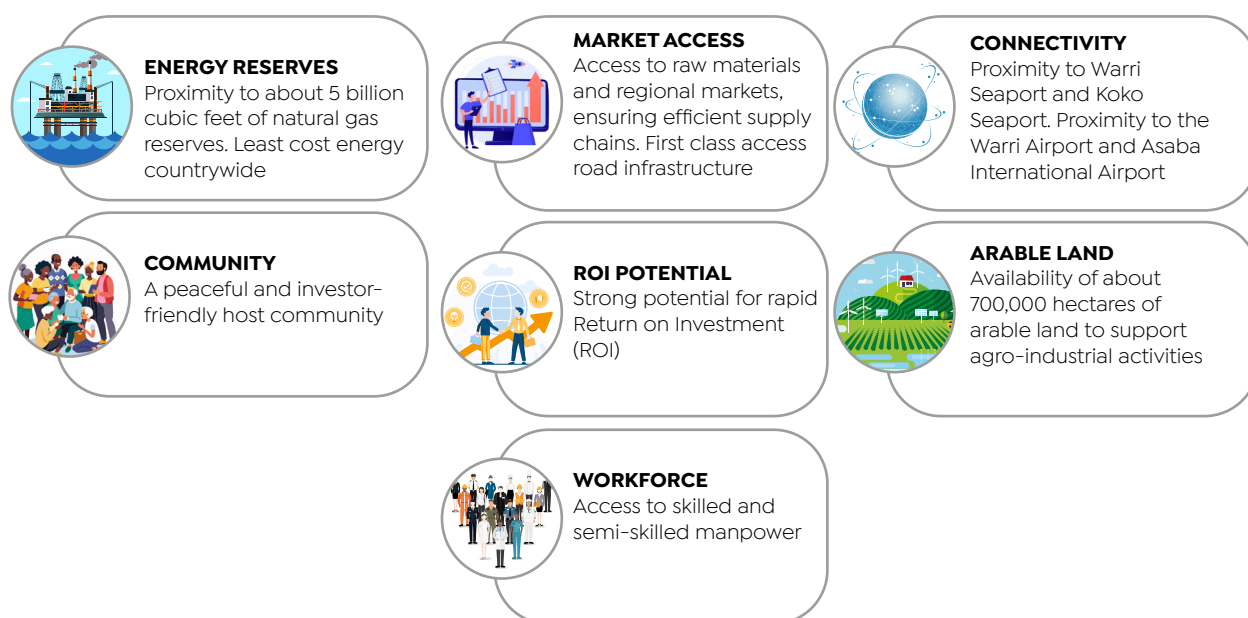
Located in the peaceful yet vibrant town

of Kwale, KFTZ spans approximately 1,000 hectares. The zone is widely recognized for its strategic proximity to some of Nigeria's largest gas reserves, positioning it as a future energy and chemical manufacturing powerhouse.

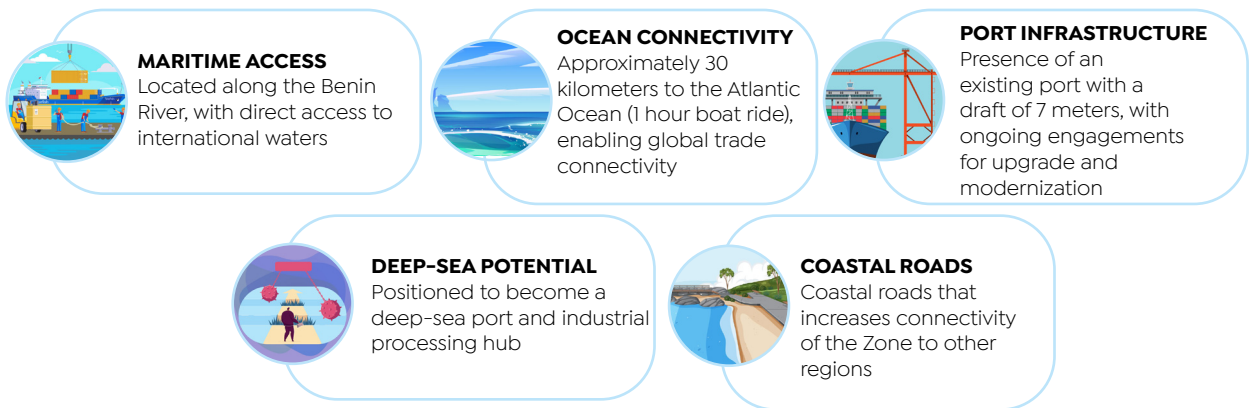
KFTZ is also at the center of the African Development Bank-backed Special Agro-Industrial Processing Zones (SAPZ) initiative, with 390 hectares already earmarked for agro-processing industries. This initiative is set to drive large-scale agricultural transformation, boost exports, and stimulate economic growth across Delta State.

Furthermore, the presence of the NGIC Obiafu-Obrikom-Oben (OB3) gas pipeline, gas gathering facilities and manifold infrastructure, positions Kwale as a critical hub for power generation and energy-intensive industries, including petrochemicals, fertilizers, methanol, steel and manufacturing.

Key Investment Advantages



Strategic Highlights



Koko Free Trade Zone: Gateway to Global Trade & Maritime Industrialization

The Koko Free Trade Zone (Koko FTZ) complements Kwale by providing a maritime and export-oriented industrial platform. Spanning approximately 2,200 hectares, with an additional 2,300 hectares for future expansion, Koko FTZ is uniquely positioned to serve as a logistics, trade, and heavy industrial hub.

Koko FTZ also benefits from its proximity to critical energy infrastructure:

- Approximately three kilometers from the Ajaokuta–Kaduna–Kano (AKK) Gas Pipeline;
- Close to major gas processing

facilities operated by leading energy companies; and

- Strong potential for integration with petrochemical, export manufacturing, and logistics industries.

A Unified Industrial Ecosystem

The synergy between Kwale and Koko Free Trade Zones creates a fully integrated industrial value chain:

- Kwale FTZ serves as the production and processing hub, powered by gas and agro-resources; and
- Koko FTZ complements this by serving similar industrial needs while also acting as a maritime gateway to global markets.



This integrated model ensures:

- Reduced production and logistics costs;
- Reliable access to energy and raw materials;
- Seamless export channels to international markets; and
- Scalable infrastructure for long-term industrial growth.

Energy Advantage: Powering Industrial Growth

Delta State holds 60–80 trillion cubic feet (TCF) of gas reserves, approximately 30% of Nigeria’s gas reserves and contributes a substantial share of daily gas production.

This provides a strong foundation for industries across three categories:

Heavy Industrial Users

E.g; petrochemicals, fertilizers, steel

Medium Industrial Users

E.g; cement, glass, ceramics

Light Industrial Users

E.g; light manufacturing and processing

This robust energy backbone ensures that investors benefit from a reliable, scalable, and cost-effective energy supply, a critical factor for industrial success.



Growing Investor Confidence

DSEZ has already attracted over 10 investors to the zones, with projects currently at various stages of development and construction.

This growing pipeline of investments reflects strong market confidence in the zones’ strategic value, infrastructure potential, and long-term returns.



Strategic location

Strategic location within West Africa’s largest economy



Market Access

Access to regional and global markets through maritime and air connectivity



Natural Resources

Abundant natural resources and energy supply



Government Backing

Strong backing from government and international development partners



Diverse Opportunities

Opportunities across Blue Economy, energy, manufacturing, agro-processing, logistics, and export industries

Incentives

Tax, levy & duty exemption,
25% local market access with approval,
No expatriate quota,
Investment protection,
Free capital repatriation,
Large natural gas reserves,
100% foreign ownership,
Seaport proximity

Conclusion

The Delta Special Economic Zone is more than a destination; it is a platform for industrial transformation. With Kwale driving energy and production, and Koko enabling trade and export, investors are offered a rare opportunity to participate in a fully integrated, future-ready industrial ecosystem.

Delta Special Economic Zone/ Free Trade Zones, invites global investors to collaborate in building Africa’s next industrial powerhouse.



Kwale Free Trade Zone



HUMAN CAPITAL

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 five, credited in part to investments in infrastructure and human capital development, generating over 254,000 jobs.

Delta hosts numerous tertiary institutions offering key educational pathways:

Institutions 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 Osadebey University, Asaba - a 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 programmes.



Universities in Delta State.

Federal:

- Federal University of Petroleum Resources, Effurun.
- Nigerian Maritime University Okerenkoko, Delta State.
- Federal Medical University, Kwale.

State:

- Delta State University, Abraka
- University of Delta, Agbor.
- Southern Delta University, Ozoro.
- Dennis Osadebey University, Asaba.

Private:

- Admiralty University, Ibusa,
- Edwin Clark University, Kiagbodo.
- Michael & Cecilia Ibru University, Agbarha-Otor.

- Novena University, Ogume.
- Western Delta University, Oghara.
- Margaret Lawrence University, Ute-Ogbeje.
- Sports University of Nigeria Idumuje-Ugboko.

List of Government and Private Polytechnics in Delta State.

- Delta State Polytechnic, Ogwashi-Uku.
- Delta State Polytechnic, Otefe-Oghara.
- Delta State School of Marine Technology, Burutu.
- Delta State College of Health Technology, Ovrode.
- Bellarks Polytechnic, Kwale.
- Calvary Polytechnic, Owa-Oyibu.
- Petroleum Training Institute, Effurun.

- Federal Polytechnic, Orogun.

List of Technical Colleges in Delta State:

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

PROSPECTS

- Education Management Information System (EMIS) tracks students' data including enrolment, 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.



University of Delta, Agbor



Southern Delta University, Ozoro



Model Technical College, Omadino

Investment



TAX INCENTIVES

- Pioneer Status Tax Holiday
- Import Duty Exemptions
- SME Tax Reliefs



PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP

Delta State Public Private Partnership is powered by Delta State Investments Development Agency Law which contains:

- Concessioning to private investors interested in Public-Private-Partnerships for design, construction, operation management, and control.
- Public infrastructure financing and maintenance



REGULATORY SUPPORT

- Delta State Public and Private Properties Protection Law to curb the harassment of property developers by land speculators and grabbers.
- Establishment of six small claims courts for resolution of business disputes.
- Delta State Public-Private-Partnership framework.
- Delta State Industrial Policy 2025.
- Delta State Ease of Doing Business Council chaired by His Excellency, the Governor, and the use 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's investment promotion agency, 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.
- Delta State Environmental Protection Agency.
- Delta State Environmental Conservation Law.
- Delta State Forestry Law.
- Delta State Fisheries Edict, 1994.

Incentives



SECURITY

- Delta State is one of the most peaceful and secured states in the country, and this is not by accident.
 - i. As a foremost producer of crude oil, extra security is provided for the critical assets for optimal protection.
 - ii. Establishment of Operation Delta Sweep, a joint security task force, to augment regular policing.
 - iii. Provision of security vehicles with communication gadgets
 - iv. Deployment of technology to tackle insecurity, in collaboration with oil companies.
- The Security Council and the State acquired all unmanned forests to convert them to productive use in collaboration with the owner communities/families.
- Successfully launched the Delta State Security Trust Fund and held a successful security summit with all stakeholders
- Institutionalised Peace Building and Reconciliation Committees, with all communities represented, to ensure:
 - i. Quick feedback.
 - ii. Early warning signals.
- Appointed first-line reporting agents across all the 25 local government areas in the state for purposes of security.
- A Security Council that meets regularly to address security concerns, comprising:
 - i. Army
 - ii. DSS
 - iii. Police
 - iv. NSCDC
 - v. Other relevant security agencies.



One-Stop-Shop operates through the use of Focal Persons from relevant MDAs to ensure the following:

- Deepen intra- MDA collaboration for efficient service delivery.
- Remove bureaucratic friction/delay.
- Improve transparency through end-to-end digitization.
- Reduce time-lines for business registration
- Issuance of permits and licenses within 48 hours.
- After-care and scale-up pathway.
- Grievance redress and performance tracker.

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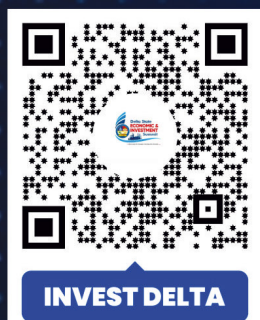
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