

**SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
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- (c) To ensure that the provisions of the strategy are implemented in a timely manner by the responsible actors;
- (d) To develop a set of indicators for measuring the progress achieved in the implementation of Sustainable Development Goals and their progressive revision;
- (e) To advocate Sustainable Development Goals across Ministries, Departments and Public Agencies, the private sector and society in general;
- (f) To review government and specific ministry policies, plans, programmes and projects to ensure that they are in line with the strategy and to ensure that all Ministries, Departments and Agencies factor in Sustainable Development Goals in their workings;
- (g) To identify any relevant process or policy which may be undermining the implementation of Sustainable Development Goals and propose alternative processes or policies to the government for adoption;
- (h) To perform audits to evaluate how the Ministries, Departments and Agencies has integrated the principles of Sustainable Development Goals in their policies, plans, programmes and projects;
- (i) To commit itself to work closely with Local Government Councils and other stakeholders for the promotion of Sustainable Development Goals at a local level;
- (j) To engage in active consultation with all stakeholders; and
- (k) To carry out any other task that may, from time to time, be requested by the Governor in respect of the delivery of Sustainable Development Goals.

Powers of the Competent authority.

- 4. (1)** In carrying out its functions under section 3, the Competent authority shall, be empowered to:
- (a) Set recommendations to be achieved at the state, local, sectoral, entity or any other level deemed appropriate;
 - (b) Initiate, promote, sponsor and encourage projects, studies, research, training, awareness initiatives and any other activities which will support the delivery of Sustainable Development Goals;

- (c) Make recommendations to the Governor on matters related to the delivery of Sustainable Development Goals for adoption by government;
 - (d) Request information from government Ministries, Departments and Agencies;
 - (e) Establish and direct subcommittees to undertake various task;
 - (f) Make its own rules of procedure, including procedures of subcommittees; and
- (2) Without prejudice to any of its responsibilities, the Governor shall have the power to delegate to any department, agency or entity any one or more functions listed in section 3 or any of the powers listed in subsection (1). Any delegation made in pursuance of this section shall be in writing and shall be published in the official Gazette.

PART III

Duties of Ministries, Departments and Agencies. (MDAs)

5. (1) The MDAs shall respond to any request from the Competent authority for:
- (a) Information, both of a qualitative and quantitative nature;
 - (b) Inputs into the formation, revision or monitoring of any strategy or strategies, policy or policies or any other initiative related to the delivery of Sustainable Development Goals;
 - (c) Any other form of input that may, from time to time, be required in respect of the delivery of Sustainable Development Goals.
- (2) (a) Every Ministry shall have a Sustainable Development Goals Coordinator.
- (b) The Sustainable Development Goals' Coordinator shall provide the Competent authority with any input it may require in fulfilment of its functions listed in section 3, the powers listed in section 4 and duties listed in section 5 (1) respectively. Such input shall be in a consolidated format reflecting the approved position of the Ministry.
- (c) The Permanent Secretary within each Ministry shall be the Sustainable Development Goals Coordinator in respect of such Ministry.

- (3) (a) Every MDAs shall have a Sustainable Development Goals Desk Officer.
- (b) The Sustainable Development Goals Desk Officer shall assist the Sustainable Development Goals Coordinator in developing the Ministry's position in respect of any request by the Competent authority.
- (c) The Director responsible for policy development within each Ministry and the Head of each government agency and entity shall be the Sustainable Development Goals Desk Officer.
- (4) The Competent authority shall be entitled to request any information directly from the Sustainable Development Goals Desk Officer.
- (5) Each MDA shall state in a special section of its annual report:
 - (a) The manner in which it has responded to requests received from the Component authority;
 - (b) The specific activities or interventions it has undertaken to achieve the delivery of the Sustainable Development Goals and to quantify the benefits accrued thereof.
- (6) Within the context of subsection (5), the Secretary to the State Government shall be entitled to request the Competent authority to review, from time to time, ant such reports in so far as it related to the provisions of this Law.

PART IV

Inter-Ministerial Committee on SDG.

6. (1) There shall be an Inter-Ministerial Committee on SDG hereinafter referred to as the "Committee".
- (2) The Committee shall be composed of the following persons:
 - (a) The Special Adviser to the Governor on SDGs as Chairperson;
 - (b) Head of Service;
 - (c) Accountant-General of Ekiti State;
 - (d) Any other person or persons in the Civil Service as the Governor may appoint.
- (3) (a) The Committee shall convene at least once a quarter.
- (b) The Secretariat of the Committee shall be domiciled in the Office of the SDG.
- (4) The Committee shall have the mandate to:

- (a) Ensure that achieving Sustainable Development Goals is the guiding principle within all policy areas of Government;
- (b) Develop audits of various areas or sectors which are deemed to contribute towards Sustainable Development Goals;
- (c) Propose benchmarks and actions to government entities for them to take up in order to contribute towards the attainment of Sustainable Development Goals;
- (d) To request any government entity to provide data or information or to collect data or information about any topic that could have a bearing on achieving Sustainable Development Goals;

PART V

Mainstreaming Sustainable Development Goals.

7. (1) There shall be a Sustainable Development Goals Network referred to as “the Network” with the aim of promoting Sustainable Development in Ekiti State.
 - (2) The Network shall be made up of the following persons:
 - (a) The Special Adviser on SDGs appointed by the Governor.
 - (b) The Sustainable Development Goals Desk Officer in each Ministry.
 - (c) A person from the Non-Governmental Organisations sector having knowledge of and experience in SDG matters appointed by the Governor;
 - (d) A person with knowledge of, and experience in commerce, economy and industry appointed by the Governor;
 - (e) A person with knowledge of, and experience in social and community affairs appointed by the Governor;
 - (f) The representative of the Ekiti State Traditional Rulers Council;
 - (g) 2 persons representing women’s interest in Ekiti State.
 - (3) The Network shall convene as required by the competent authority once a quarter.
8. (1) The competent authority shall endeavour to foster a higher level of awareness of Sustainable Development Goals across all strata of society.

- (2) The Head of Service shall promote Sustainable Development through training courses for the Civil Service as well as through other initiatives.
 - (3) The competent authority shall also engage in other initiatives aimed at fostering the understanding of Sustainable Development Goals across the whole spectrum of society.
9. (1) The competent authority shall endeavour to develop a working relationship with the House of Assembly with a view to providing parliamentary support including ensuring that adequate funding is earmarked to achieve the SDGs.

PART VI

General Provisions.

10. The competent authority shall act on the policy direction that may, from time to time, be provided by the Governor.
11. The Governor may make regulations for the purpose of implementing the provisions of this Law and in particular, but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, to further promote the entrenchment of Sustainable Development practices across the Civil Service, the private sector and civil society in general, which regulations may also make provision in respect of matters that are consequential or incidental to the provisions of this Law.
12. The competent authority shall, not later than three months after the end of each financial year, make and transmit to the Governor a report dealing generally with the activities of the competent authority during that financial year and containing such information relating to the proceedings and policy of the competent authority as the Governor may from time to time require. The Governor shall cause a copy of any such report to be laid on the Table of the House of Assembly and a debate held thereon as soon as practicable.

Interpretation.

13. In this Law unless it is expressly provided:

“**Committee**” means Inter-Ministerial Committee on SDG;

“**Competent Authority**” means the Office of the Sustainable Development Goals;

“**Governor**” means the Governor of Ekiti State;

“**Head of Service**” means the Head of service of Ekiti State;

“**MDAs**” means Ministries, Departments and Agencies in Ekiti State;

“**Network**” means Sustainable Development Goals Network;

“**SDG**” means Sustainable Development Goals;

“**State**” means Ekiti State of Nigeria.

14. This Law may be cited as the Sustainable Development Goals Law, 2019.