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JIGAWA STATE GOVERNMENT

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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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Executive Governor, Jigawa State



HIS EXCELLENCY
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2025 IN SUMMARY

KEY INVESTMENT WINS

1. US$624 million investment commitment secured (NIPC/COVEC) for an Integrated Agricultural Park — rice, maize, cassava, cattle ranching, fisheries, agro-machinery assembly, and solar-powered agricultural infrastructure
2. Operational launch of DE-FIRST FLOOR MILL LTD, Gagarawa
3. 5-year MoU signed with AfricaRice — seed distribution, climate-smart farming, value-addition, capacity building

REFORM AREAS

1. SABER/PEBEC Stakeholder Workshop — regulatory simplification, land administration, ease-of-doing-business
2. Governing Council strategic retreat (13–15 August) — roadmap reset for sustainable growth
3. Export-strategy sensitization — rice, hibiscus, sesame, livestock, halal products

Leadership

23 MAJOR ACTIVITIES AND ENGAGEMENTS

1. 1 industrial facility launch (DE-FIRST FLOOR MILL LTD)
2. 1 Investment Appraisal Committee meeting (35th, plus a community engagement session)
3. 5+ Aftercare visits (Danmodi Rice Mill, Three Brother Rice Mill, Klysat Foods, Matura Agro Resource, Ar-Shukr Yogurt)
4. 4 International/national forums (Taravest 2025, China–Africa Expo, Investopedia launch, Women&Co Co-Design Day)
5. 2 Community/stakeholder engagements in Gwaram LGA (6 private sector companies)
6. 3 Partnership/linkage sessions (MJD Global–Silvex B2B, BaBa Azumi Foundation linkage, Hibiscus Supply Partnership Engagement)
7. 2 Signature investor events (Annual Investors Lunch, JIWEN Business Summit & Trade Fair)
8. 1 Infrastructure inspection (Dutse Cargo Airport, with Rano Air)

INTRODUCTION

In October 2013, the 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.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- The year 2025 marked a defining period for InvestJigawa, with the agency consolidating its role as the premier investment promotion entity in Jigawa State. Over the year, InvestJigawa pursued a broad, multi-sector strategy emphasizing agriculture, agribusiness, industrialization, renewable energy, export-oriented growth, institutional strengthening, and stakeholder engagement. Key achievements include the securing of a US$624 million investment commitment for an Integrated Agricultural Park, strategic partnerships with global institutions such as AfricaRice, the operational launch of DE-FIRST FLOOR MILL LTD, participation in major national and international investment forums, and the hosting of the Annual Investors Lunch on 4 December. These initiatives strengthened investor confidence, catalyzed private-sector engagement, and positioned Jigawa as a competitive investment destination.

MAJOR ACTIVITIES & INITIATIVES IN 2025



The year began with InvestJigawa actively facilitating industrial growth. On 12 January, the agency attended the launch of DE-FIRST FLOOR MILL LTD in Gagarawa, a state-of-the-art agro-processing facility. The launch highlighted the state's commitment to industrialization and economic empowerment, providing new opportunities for local communities and strengthening Jigawa's agro-processing sector. Later in the month, on 29 January, InvestJigawa hosted a virtual meeting focused on public-private partnerships for primary healthcare and real-estate projects, signaling an expansion into social infrastructure, urban renewal, and holistic development initiatives.

- InvestJigawa strengthened agricultural linkages and investor engagement in February. On 3 February, the agency facilitated a B2B linkage between MJD Global Concept LTD, a supplier of agricultural machinery, and Silvex International LTD, a leading agro-processing company, enhancing the agricultural supply chain and mechanization across the state.



- On 11 February, the 35th Investment Appraisal Committee meeting was held, evaluating proposals from prominent firms such as One-Ten Oil & Gas LTD, Safah & Fresh, and Gemkol Resources LTD, ensuring that sustainable investment opportunities were actively pursued.
- On 12 February, the agency conducted aftercare visits to key agro-enterprises, including Danmodi Rice Mill Limited, Three Brother Rice Mill Limited, Klysat Foods Limited, Matura Agro Resource Limited, and Ar-Shukr Yogurt. These visits aimed to assess operational realities, strengthen collaboration, and promote sustainable agricultural practices to enhance productivity and local food security.



- On 13 February, InvestJigawa commenced discussions with Federal University Dutse (FUD) to host a Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Week and explore staff capacity-building partnerships. Later in February, on 26 February, the agency hosted

beneficiaries of the BaBa Azumi Foundation, trained in organic farming, in a strategic linkage-to-businesses session, connecting them with investors such as Silvex International and L&Z to foster MSMEs and inclusive economic growth.



- May was a month of strategic progress and leadership renewal. On 8 May, Aisha Sheikh Mujaddadi was appointed Director-General of InvestJigawa, ushering in a new era of innovation, strategic partnerships, and investor-focused initiatives.
- On 10 May, InvestJigawa, represented by Secretary/Legal Adviser Dr. Zakiyyu Muhammad, conducted an inspection of Dutse Cargo Airport in partnership with Rano Air, focusing on its readiness for commercial passenger and cargo operations. This step aimed to enhance state connectivity, improve logistics, and support trade and investment.
- On 21 May, InvestJigawa participated in Taravest 2025, a leading Northern Nigeria investment and development forum. The agency presented Jigawa's competitive advantages, resources, and business-friendly policies, engaging with regional and international stakeholders.



- On 28 May, the DG represented InvestJigawa at a NIPC stakeholder engagement, strengthening strategic partnerships and showcasing Jigawa's investor-friendly reforms and initiatives.



- InvestJigawa's international engagement deepened in June. On 18 June, the agency participated in the 4th China–Africa Economic and Trade Expo in Changsha, China, alongside Governor Malam Umar Namadi. The delegation highlighted investment opportunities in agriculture, renewable energy, infrastructure, and youth enterprise, strengthening Jigawa's global visibility and investor engagement.



- On 30 June, InvestJigawa hosted a PEBEC Stakeholder Workshop in Dutse under the SABER program, bringing together MDAs, reform champions, and private sector representatives to enhance transparency, simplify regulatory processes, improve land administration, and strengthen the overall ease-of-doing-business in the state.



- Additionally, the agency facilitated stakeholder engagement on proposed agricultural investments in Gwaram LGA, involving six private sector companies. The sessions provided a transparent platform for dialogue between communities and investors, ensuring alignment with community values, environmental standards, and sustainability principles.



- August was a landmark month for investment facilitation. From 13–15 August, InvestJigawa held a strategic retreat with the Governing Council, chaired by the Deputy Governor and the DG, to assess progress, identify systemic challenges, and chart a renewed roadmap for sustainable growth.



- On 11 August, the Investment Appraisal Committee conducted a community engagement in Gwaram LGA, where representatives of BA Bello Ltd, AB Hamza Nigeria Ltd, and Wahida Company Ltd interacted with local leaders and stakeholders, reinforcing transparency and social license for large-scale agricultural projects.



- On 27 August, the state witnessed a historic milestone when a delegation from NIPC and COVEC secured a US$624 million commitment for an Integrated Agricultural Park, covering rice, maize, cassava, cattle ranching, fisheries, agro-machinery assembly, and solar-powered agricultural infrastructure. The site tours included rice and wheat belts, Baranda Farm Estate, and Jigawa Farm Mechanization Company.



- From 19–20 August, InvestJigawa participated in the Investopedia launch in Abuja, engaging federal and subnational leaders to showcase Jigawa's bankable projects across multiple sectors. The DG also held a courtesy visit with NIPC leadership to strengthen collaboration and coordinate state-level investment facilitation.



- On **4 September 2025**, InvestJigawa participated in the Africa Food Systems Forum 2025 in Dakar, Senegal, showcasing Jigawa State's agricultural investment opportunities in wheat, rice, sesame, and hibiscus. The engagement facilitated discussions with development partners and stakeholders on improving market access, strengthening agricultural resilience, and attracting investment into the state's agrifood sector.
- On **30 September 2025**, InvestJigawa participated in the Northern Nigeria Investment and Industrialisation Summit in Abuja, bringing together stakeholders from the 19 northern states to explore opportunities in agriculture, solid minerals, infrastructure, industry, and human capital. The participation strengthened Jigawa State's engagement in regional investment partnerships and industrial development initiatives.
- On **24 September 2025**, InvestJigawa engaged a delegation from China Zheshang Zhougtuo on potential investments in the renewable energy and mining sectors. The engagement explored opportunities for global partnerships, responsible resource development, and expansion of Jigawa State's energy and industrial base.October focused on export-readiness, women empowerment, and strategic partnerships. On 22 October, the DG represented InvestJigawa at Pathfinder International's Women&Co Co-Design Day in Abuja, emphasizing inclusive investment, climate resilience, and women-led innovation in health and governance.



- Throughout October, InvestJigawa conducted an export-strategy sensitization meeting, engaging cooperatives, potential investors, and strategic partners to promote export readiness and value-addition in rice, hibiscus, sesame, livestock, and halal products.

- On **28 October 2025**, InvestJigawa participated in the UK Developing Countries Trading Scheme (DCTS) Roadshow in Kano, represented by an Investment Facilitation Officer. The engagement provided insights into UK market access opportunities, export requirements, and mechanisms for strengthening the competitiveness of Jigawa businesses in international markets.
- On **9 October 2025**, InvestJigawa participated in a business roundtable on improving broadband connectivity and safeguarding critical national information infrastructure, jointly organized by the Nigerian Communications Commission, World Bank, and Nigeria Governors' Forum. The engagement focused on reforms and strategies for expanding digital infrastructure and strengthening broadband investment in Jigawa State.
- On **9 October 2025**, InvestJigawa participated in the 31st Nigeria Economic Summit in Abuja, represented by its Director General, who joined national leaders, policymakers, investors, and development partners in discussions on economic reforms and inclusive growth. The participation provided an opportunity to promote Jigawa State's investment priorities and strengthen engagement on industrial development, infrastructure, and strategic partnerships.
- On **14 November 2025**, the Jigawa State Government signed a five-year strategic Memorandum of Understanding with AfricaRice to strengthen rice production, food security, and agricultural value chains in the state. InvestJigawa participated in the engagement as part of efforts to facilitate strategic partnerships, promote agricultural investment, and support technology and knowledge transfer to farmers.
- On 26 November 2025, the Jigawa State Government initiated efforts to revitalize Jigawa Pharmaceutical Company Limited (JiPHARMA) through the development of a comprehensive business plan. InvestJigawa was mandated to facilitate investor engagement and attract credible investors to support the resumption of pharmaceutical and medical consumables manufacturing in the state.
- On **19 November 2025**, InvestJigawa convened a high-level engagement with the state leadership of Kautal Hore and Miyetti Allah Fulani associations to strengthen stakeholder cooperation and investor protection. The engagement focused on promoting peaceful coexistence and securing community support for large-scale agricultural and industrial investments across Jigawa State.
- Additionally, the agency facilitated a Hibiscus Supply Partnership Engagement in Dutse with Comittraex, financial institutions, trade organizations, and local farmers to establish sustainable supply chains for export markets, enhance financing opportunities, and improve production and quality standards.



- On 4 December, InvestJigawa hosted the Annual Investors Lunch 2025 at the Government House Banquet Hall, Dutse, bringing together local and international investors, development partners, and senior government officials. The event provided a platform for engagement, appreciation, and the reaffirmation of Jigawa's investor-friendly environment.









- The agency also actively participated in the JIWEN Business Summit & 2nd JIWEN Trade Fair 2025, themed "Filling the Gaps: Real Interaction Towards Business Growth for Entrepreneurs in Jigawa." The DG served as Chief Host, emphasizing the state government's commitment to inclusive economic growth and recognizing the role of women as drivers of development. The summit was graced by Governor Mallam Umar

Namadi, who highlighted key sectoral progress, including the Gagarawa Industrial Park, Maigatari Export Processing Zone, and renewable energy expansion.





- On 14 December 2025, InvestJigawa participated in a high-level stakeholders' roundtable on the Gagarawa Agribusiness Project, bringing together Great Northern Agribusiness (Lee Group), traditional leaders, local government chairmen, and senior state officials. The engagement reaffirmed Jigawa State's commitment to transparent, inclusive, and community-centred investment facilitation.





- On 11 December 2025, the Jigawa State Government signed a strategic partnership with the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA) to strengthen agricultural value chains, promote innovation, and unlock new agribusiness opportunities. InvestJigawa participated in the engagement, which also included an invitation for IITA to establish a regional substation in Jigawa to support research, seed systems, and technology transfer.











2025 ACHIEVEMENTS & HIGHLIGHTS

- **US$624 million investment commitment secured for an Integrated Agricultural Park**, representing arguably the agency's largest investment commitment recorded in 2025 and a major milestone in Jigawa's investment attraction efforts.
- **Strategic partnership with AfricaRice:** A five-year MoU was signed to support improved rice seed systems, climate-smart farming, value addition, research, and capacity building, with the objective of strengthening Jigawa's position in rice production.
- **Strengthened international investment engagement:** The agency participated in major investment, agriculture, trade, and economic forums, including the Africa Food Systems Forum in Dakar, Northern Nigeria Investment and Industrialisation Summit, Nigeria Economic Summit, and UK DCTS Roadshow, increasing Jigawa's visibility among investors and development partners.
- **Promotion of an export-oriented economy:** Through export-focused sensitisation and participation in international agribusiness and trade engagements, InvestJigawa promoted opportunities for export-ready agricultural value chains and improved access to international markets.
- **Expansion of investment opportunities beyond agriculture:** The agency broadened its investment facilitation efforts to include healthcare, pharmaceuticals, housing and real estate, renewable energy, mining, broadband infrastructure, and water management, reflecting a more diversified investment portfolio.
- **JiPHARMA revitalisation and healthcare investment:** Following the development of a business plan for Jigawa Pharmaceutical Company Limited, InvestJigawa was mandated to attract credible investors to support the resumption of pharmaceutical and medical consumables manufacturing in the state.
- **Strengthened investor protection and community engagement:** The agency intensified investor aftercare, stakeholder consultations, and community-company engagements, including engagements with traditional institutions and community stakeholders, to promote peaceful coexistence, responsible investment, and investor confidence.
- **Improved business environment and institutional capacity:** Continued engagement under SABER/PEBEC, stakeholder consultations, and institutional activities, including the agency's leadership retreat, supported efforts to strengthen investment facilitation processes and align institutional priorities with long-term economic growth.
- **Strengthened agricultural investment partnerships:** Engagements with IITA and AfricaRice, alongside participation in international agricultural forums, expanded opportunities for technology transfer, research collaboration, value-chain development, and agricultural investment.

- **Enhanced trade and market access opportunities:** Participation in the UK Developing Countries Trading Scheme (DCTS) Roadshow provided exposure to export requirements, tariff preferences, and market-access opportunities for businesses seeking to enter the UK market.
- **Renewable energy and mining investment promotion:** Engagement with the China Zheshang Zhougtuo delegation opened discussions around potential investment opportunities in renewable energy and mining, supporting efforts to diversify Jigawa's industrial and resource-based economy.
- **Investor recognition and confidence renewal:** On 4 December 2025, InvestJigawa hosted the 2025 Annual Investors Lunch at the Government House Banquet Hall, Dutse, bringing together local and international investors, development partners, and senior government officials. The event provided a platform to strengthen investor relations, appreciate existing investors, and reaffirm the State's commitment to maintaining a peaceful, reliable, and investor-friendly business environment.

ANNOUNCED INVESTMENTS IN JIGAWA STATE – 2025

- **Bagaja Renewables:** In September 2025, Bagaja Renewables announced a **₦1.2 billion renewable energy investment** involving solar-hybrid mini-grid development in Kafin Hausa and other locations across Jigawa State, with an expected capacity of up to 10MW and 50 jobs.
- **MJD Global Ltd:** In June 2025, MJD Global Ltd announced a **₦500 million investment** in the production and multiplication of high-quality seeds for rice, wheat, maize, sorghum, and tomatoes, with an expected 500 jobs.
- **BA Bello Nigeria Limited:** In June 2025, BA Bello Nigeria Limited announced a **₦200 million fully mechanised farming project** covering rice, maize, wheat, and beans, with an expected 300 jobs.
- **Husal Farms Limited:** In May 2025, Husal Farms Limited announced a **₦255 million livestock ranching and fodder production project**, expected to create over 1,000 jobs and strengthen livestock production infrastructure.
- **Tiziana Nigeria Limited:** In June 2025, Tiziana Nigeria Limited announced a **₦500 million mixed-use development** comprising a children's park, hotel, and orchard, with an expected 1,100 jobs.
- **De First Flour Mills:** In January 2025, De First Flour Mills announced a **₦30 million flour milling project** to produce wheat flour and related products, with an expected 15 jobs.
- **China Overseas Engineering Co. Ltd (COVEC):** In August 2025, COVEC announced a **US$624 million multi-sector agricultural and agro-industrial investment** covering rice, maize and cassava value chains, cattle ranching, fisheries, agro-machinery assembly, and solar-powered agricultural parks.

- **Raudah International Agro Allied Ltd:** In June 2025, Raudah International Agro Allied Ltd announced plans to develop **500 hectares of rice and sorghum production**, supported by modern processing facilities and mechanised irrigation, with an expected 2,500 jobs.
- **AB Hamza Nigeria Limited:** In June 2025, AB Hamza Nigeria Limited announced a **₦150 million integrated agricultural project** covering mechanised crop production, processing, storage, and distribution, with an expected 150 jobs and projected annual revenue of ₦500 million by Year 5.
- **Origin Expo Nigeria Limited:** In June 2025, Origin Expo Nigeria Limited announced a **mechanised rice and sorghum farming project** incorporating smart agriculture technologies to improve productivity and modernise agricultural production.
- **Wahida Nigeria Limited:** In June 2025, Wahida Nigeria Limited announced a **₦300 million high-value crop production and agro-processing project** covering sesame, groundnut, maize, and soybeans, with an expected 300 jobs.

Overall Investment Pipeline: Collectively, the announced projects represent significant investment commitments across agriculture, agro-processing, renewable energy, livestock, and hospitality, with an estimated **7,000+ direct jobs**. The projects demonstrate growing private-sector interest in Jigawa State and contribute to the State's objectives of economic diversification, food security, industrialization, and sustainable development.

KEY STRATEGIC PRIORITIES GOING FORWARD (AS OF END-2025)

Based on 2025's trajectory and outcomes, InvestJigawa appears to be focusing on:

1. Agricultural transformation & value-chain development leveraging fertile land, mechanisation (via fabrication hubs), export orientation, and partnerships to modernise agro-production and agribusiness.
2. Export-led growth & diversification shifting from domestic consumption to export-ready produce (rice, sesame, hibiscus, livestock, halal products) to attract international markets and foreign exchange.
3. Industrialization through infrastructure & manufacturing using industrial parks (like Gagarawa), agro-machinery fabrication, and investor-friendly policies to promote manufacturing and agro-processing industries.
4. Sustainable infrastructure, energy & social services exploring renewable energy, water management, housing and healthcare aiming for holistic state development, not just economic growth.
5. Institutional capacity & ease-of-doing-business reforms continuing to streamline regulatory environment, promote transparency, and provide robust investor aftercare and support.
6. Strong investor relations & continuous engagement through periodic stakeholder tours, investor dinners/meetings, and international promotion to sustain investor confidence and attract fresh capital.

7. Strategic partnerships & global outreach collaborating with global institutions (research centres like AfricaRice), participating in international fora (african/halal/agribusiness expos), and engaging foreign expertise for modern solutions.

CRITICAL OBSERVATIONS & POTENTIAL CHALLENGES

1. Diversification into housing, healthcare, industrialization, and energy is promising, but spreading across too many fronts may overstretch resources; prioritization and phased implementation will be crucial.
2. For export-oriented ambitions (e.g., halal, hibiscus, agro-produce), logistics (transport infrastructure, storage, processing), quality standards, and market linkages will be critical enablers; weaknesses in any of these may hamper success.
3. Maintaining a favorable business climate will require sustained regulatory reform, transparency, stable governance, and continued investor aftercare. The retreat and SABER reforms provide a good base but execution and follow-through matter.
4. Community engagement and social license, especially where land, forest or large-scale agriculture is involved, must be handled carefully to avoid conflicts, environmental degradation, or social issues.

CONCLUSION

2025 was a significant year for InvestJigawa, marked by stronger investment facilitation, sectoral diversification, strategic partnerships, and institutional development. The agency advanced investment opportunities across agriculture, agro-processing, healthcare, pharmaceuticals, renewable energy, mining, infrastructure, and export-oriented sectors, while strengthening investor relations, stakeholder engagement, and market access initiatives.

Key milestones included the facilitation of major investment commitments, strategic partnerships with institutions such as AfricaRice and IITA, efforts to revitalise JiPHARMA, and increased engagement with international investors, development partners, and trade platforms. These achievements strengthened Jigawa State's investment pipeline and positioned InvestJigawa to build on its progress and further support sustainable economic growth, job creation, and private-sector development in 2026 and beyond.

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 the commencement of the development of Gagarawa Industrial Park.

EASE OF DOING BUSINESS (EODB) STEERING COMMITTEE

Jigawa State Government established the committee in 2019 to improve and ensure the provision of a sound and friendly business environment in the State. The secretariat is responsible for coordinating all meetings and ensuring implementation of recommended interventions.

Terms of reference:

- To ensure that the processes, time and cost of securing approvals, permits and licenses are streamlined;
- To ensure that those processes are properly tailored to be more efficient and attractive to both MSMEs and large-scale investors alike;
- 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
- To make sure that reliable and accurate data is provided, and collaborate with the federal government and World Bank evaluation team during periodic surveys on Doing Business in Nigeria.

Membership includes the Deputy Governor of Jigawa State (Chairman); the Director General, InvestJigawa (Secretary); the Honourable Commissioners of Information, Youth, Sports & Culture; Commerce, Industry, Cooperatives & Tourism; Lands, Housing, Urban Development & Regional Planning; Justice; Agriculture and Natural Resources; and Environment; the Managing Director of the Jigawa State Investment and Property Development Company Limited; the Director Special Services (Office of the SSG); the Jigawa State Internal Revenue Service; the Chief Registrar of the High Court; the Standards Organization of Nigeria; the Federal Inland Revenue Service; the Nigerian Association of Small-Scale Industrialists; the Jigawa Chamber of Commerce, Industry, Mines and Agriculture; the Corporate Affairs Commission; a representative of FCDO–LINKS; NAFDAC; the Central Bank of Nigeria; the Nigerian Bar Association (Dutse); SMEDAN; and the Chairman of the Manufacturers Association of Nigeria (Kano/Jigawa Office).

INDUSTRIAL PARK COMMITTEE

Established in 2016 to develop industrial clusters in Jigawa State. Membership includes the Honourable Commissioner of Works and Transport (Chairman); the Honourable Commissioners of Commerce, Industry, Cooperatives & Tourism, and Water Resources; the Permanent Secretary of Environment; the Director General of InvestJigawa; the Director General of the Due Process and Project Monitoring Bureau; the Permanent Secretary of Lands, Housing, Urban Development & Regional Planning; the Managing Director of the Rural Electrification Board (REB); the Director of Maintenance, Jigawa Road Maintenance Agency (JIRMA); a representative of FCDO-LINKS; and the Head of Investment Facilitation, InvestJigawa (Secretary).

During the year under review the committee committed to the development of Gagarawa Industrial Park in Gagarawa LGA — a 170-hectare, 66-plot park managed by the State Government that will house Micro, Small, Medium and Large industries, providing access to local and regional markets,

being 125 km from Kano and 52 km from 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

- The Principal Private Secretary, Government House Dutse, Jigawa State
- The Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Budget & Economic Planning
- The State Accountant General, Ministry of Finance
- The Secretary/Legal Adviser, InvestJigawa
- The Auditor General, Office of the Auditor General (State Government Audit)
- The Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Lands, Housing, Urban Dev. & Reg. Planning
- The Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Commerce, Industry, Cooperation & Tourism
- The Solicitor-General/Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Justice
- The Chief Registrar, Jigawa State High Court of Justice
- The Executive Secretary, Urban Development Board
- The Executive Chairman, Jigawa State Internal Revenue Services (JIRS)
- The Director Final Account, Ministry of Finance
- The Director Planning, Ministry of Budget & Economic Planning
- The Director Govt. Business Revenue, JIRS
- The Director Commerce, Ministry of Commerce, Industry, Cooperation & Tourism
- The Director Debt Management, Ministry of Finance
- The Director General, Economic Empowerment and Employment Agency
- The Deputy Chief Registrar, In-Charge of Small Claims, State High Court
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