

**MINUTES OF MEETING 3RD MEETING OF THE STATE COMMITTEE ON EXPORT PROMOTION (SCEP) HELD ON THURSDAY, 23<sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER 2025 BY 11:00 AM, AT THE CONFERENCE HALL, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE, INDUSTRY, TOURISM AND SOLID MINERALS (MCITS), YOBE STATE**

**1. Attendance**

The meeting convened key stakeholders from Yobe State's commerce, agriculture, and export sectors, fostering collaboration and idea exchange. Approximately twenty (20) participants attended, including representatives from:

- Ministry of Commerce
- Nigerian Export Promotion Council (NEPC)
- Yobe Chamber of Commerce, Industry, Mines and Agriculture (YOCCIMA)
- National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control (NAFDAC)
- All Farmers Association of Nigeria (AFAN)
- Yobe Investment Company Ltd. (YICL)
- Shippers Council
- Private sector organizations and other trade associations

(See attached attendance list for details.)

## **2. Opening Prayer**

The meeting commenced with an opening prayer led by Barr. Ibrahim Usman Idriss Director of Legal Services, Yobe Investment Company Ltd. (YICL).

## **3. Opening Remarks**

The Permanent Secretary of MCITS, Zanna Ali Ibrahim (FCI), was ably represented by the Director of Commerce, Audu Abubakar Daya, who formally declared the meeting open.

In his remarks, the Permanent Secretary commended the SCEP's role in promoting non-oil exports in line with the NEPC Act. He highlighted the government's investment in Sesame Seed Processing and Packaging factories located in Machina, Nguru, Potiskum, and Damaturu, and urged members to propose practical strategies for operationalizing these facilities.

## **4. Review of Previous Minutes**

The Secretary, Audu Abubakar Daya, read the minutes of the previous meeting held on 31st July 2025. The minutes were adopted following a motion by Usman Ahmed (NEPC) and seconded by Mustapha Galadima (Shippers Council).

## **5. Matters Arising**

- **Algiers International Trade Fair:**

Usman Ahmed (NEPC) noted the state's absence at the Algiers International Trade Fair despite prior appeals. The Director of Commerce explained that

bureaucratic bottlenecks hindered government approval. The next event is scheduled to hold in Lagos State. 11/20/27

- **Facility Readiness:**

Mai Musa Kaku (DG, YOCCIMA) inquired about the readiness of the sesame facilities. MD of YICL, Hamza Saidu, confirmed that exporters are prepared to use the facilities, pending commissioning. He emphasized that commissioning is ceremonial and usage is the priority. He proposed a resolution affirming the readiness of the facilities.

- **Facility Allocation Request:**

Babayo Madugu (Secretary, Yobe Sesame Organization) requested allocation of one facility for his association. The Director of Commerce advised him to submit a formal application with a viable working plan.

- **Collaboration for Facility Use:**

Usman Ahmed (NEPC) urged collaboration between YAPPIP and private organizations for access to sesame cleaning facilities. The Director of Commerce responded that YAPPIP is already handling the matter.

- **Funding for Cleaning Operations:**

Mai Musa Kaku (YOCCIMA) asked if funds were available for cleaning operations. The Director of Commerce stated that no funds were currently allocated, but interested individuals could explore funding options.

- **Loan and Financing Opportunities:**

MD YICL, Hamza Saidu, reported a partnership with NEXIM Bank, with ₦800 million available for loans to farmers and commodity exporters. He also mentioned a \$7.5 million loan accessed by the state government as a proceed from ease of doing business reform (SABER) and encouraged the

Ministry and Chamber of Commerce to apply, using the sesame facilities as collateral.

- **Confidence in Facility Use:**

Ali Yusuf Madaki (Chairman, Yobe Exporters) expressed concern over delays in facility activation. He had mobilized buyers based on assurances of readiness but is now losing credibility due to the lack of operational progress.

## **6. Resolutions**

The committee unanimously agreed on the following actions:

- Address operational challenges at the sesame processing factories
- Organize site visits by committee members to assess facility readiness
- NAFDAC to inspect and test laboratory equipment and advise on export procedures and documentation

Establish a Sub-Committee comprising:

- NAFDAC
  - YOCCIMA
  - YICL
  - NEPC
  - Exporters
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- Ensure full utilization of facilities and strengthen the sesame seed value chain

- Develop and recognize commodity brokers in Yobe State, to participate in commissioning and launching of the facilities
- Promote the use of Yobe-branded woven sacks produced by Yobe Polythene Company

## **7. Any Other Business (AOB)**

MD YICL proposed that the State Committee on Export Promotion (SCEP) be included in the state budget for funding support.

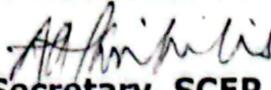
## **8. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned following a motion by Mai Musa Kaku (YOCCIMA), seconded by Usman Ahmed (NEPC). The date for the next meeting will be communicated in due course, but before the end of the quarter the sub-committee will convene an emergency meeting.

## **9. Closing Prayer**

The meeting concluded with a closing prayer led by Ago Jarma Bulama, Chairman, and One Step One Product.

**AUDU ABUBAKAR DAYA**

  
**Secretary, SCEP**  
**For Chairman**

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