

**MINUTES OF THE 4TH MEETING OF THE STATE
COMMITTEE ON EXPORT PROMOTION (SCEP) HELD ON:
WEDNESDAY, 17TH DECEMBER 2025 AT CONFERENCE
HALL, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE, INDUSTRY, TOURISM
AND SOLID MINERALS BY 11:00 A.M.**

1. OPENING PRAYER

The meeting commenced with an opening prayer led by **Mr. Saje Abba**, Director of Pest Control, and Ministry of Agriculture.

2. ATTENDANCE

The meeting was attended by key stakeholders from the Ministry of Commerce, Ministry of Agriculture, Nigerian Export Promotion Council (NEPC), Association of Exporters, NAFDAC, and MHAI&C. A total of **sixteen (16)** participants were present. The attendance register, duly signed by participants, is attached.

3. OPENING REMARKS

The meeting was declared open by the **Director of Commerce**, who represented the Chairman of the State Committee on Export Promotion (SCEP), **Alhaji Zannah Ali Ibrahim, FSI**, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Commerce, Industry, Tourism and Solid Minerals.

In his remarks, the Director of Commerce noted that the meeting was not fully constituted due to the absence of some key stakeholders, including the Managing Director of YICL, the Director-General of the Chamber of

Commerce, the One State One Product (OSOP) Focal Person, and other relevant stakeholders.

He recalled that during the previous meeting, the Committee unanimously resolved to conduct site visits through a constituted sub-committee to assess the readiness of sesame processing facilities across the State.

4. MATTERS ARISING

4.1 Contribution by the NEPC Representative

Mr. Usman Ahmed, Coordinating Officer, Nigerian Export Promotion Council (NEPC), Yobe State, commended the Honourable Commissioner for Commerce, Industry, Tourism and Solid Minerals, **Rt. Hon. Kaigama Umar**, the Ministry, and the Yobe State Government for their continuous support and commitment to export development in the State.

He emphasized the prioritization of **sesame seeds** as a key export commodity alongside **gum arabic**, noting that sesame production is largely within the control of the State, whereas gum arabic production is relatively beyond it.

Mr. Ahmed further suggested that, in addition to agricultural commodities, **solid minerals** should also be considered for export. He urged the Committee to identify specific mineral resources suitable for export inclusion.

He also encouraged the Ministry to collaborate with relevant stakeholders to extend **capacity-building programmes** to Potiskum and other Local Government Areas to raise awareness on sesame production and export opportunities.

Additionally, he advocated for the promotion of **informal exports** as a strategy to boost export activities in the State, citing examples such as:

- Jibia Market, Katsina State
- Kishi Market, Oyo State
- Bakassi Market, Cameroon

4.2 Contribution by the Director of Commerce

The Director of Commerce, **Alhaji Audu Abubakar Daya**, stated that in line with the submission of the NEPC State Coordinating Officer, the Ministry has made budgetary provisions for **sensitization campaigns across the 17 Local Government Areas** of the State.

He proposed that capacity-building programmes should be conducted on a **zonal basis**, covering:

- Potiskum Zone
- Gashua Zone
- Damaturu Zone

On the inclusion of solid minerals as part of SCEP export products, he noted that the Committee would deliberate and determine priority mineral resources. He added that the proposed mineral sub-committee would comprise representatives from the **Directorate of Solid Minerals**, the **Mining Development Company**, and the **Miners Association**, with suggestions from members to also involve the **Federal Ministry of Mines and Steel Development**.

4.3 Remarks by the Ministry of Agriculture

Mr. Saje Abba, Director of Pest Control, Ministry of Agriculture, informed the Committee that in preparation for the zonal capacity-

building programmes, the Ministry has made available **fertilizers, insecticides, and well-packaged sesame seeds** at affordable prices.

He encouraged farmers to register with the Ministry to access quality sesame seeds for cultivation. The NEPC representative further advised that the distribution of sesame seeds should prioritize zones with existing sesame processing facilities to enhance accessibility and utilization.

4.4 Contribution by the Chairman, Association of Nigerian Exporters

Alhaji Aliyu Yusuf Madaki, Chairman, Association of Nigerian Exporters, urged the Committee to give due consideration to **African markets** and not rely solely on international markets for exports. He emphasized the importance of strengthening intra-African trade opportunities.

5. CLOSING PRAYER

The meeting concluded with a closing prayer led by **Alhaji Aliyu Yusuf Madaki**, Chairman, and Yobe Exporters.

Signed:


AUDU ABUBAKAR DAYA
Director of Commerce (DOC)



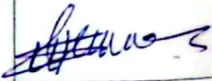
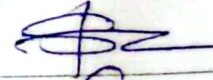
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