

GOMBE STATE OF NIGERIA



A GUIDE TO OBTAINING PERMIT AND CONDUCT OF ENVIRONMENT IMPACT ASSESSMENT IN GOMBE STATE AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) STAGES & COST

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In line with the provision of Gombe State Environmental Sanitation and Protection Agency Law, 2005 (as amended), Individuals and Organizations seeking to obtain permit to conduct Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for new facilities/developmental projects in Gombe State are required to apply through the following process:

Stage 1: Submission of the following:

a. **Letter of intent to The Honourable Commissioner**, Gombe State Ministry of Environment and Forestry, Located at Old Mile 3 Ministry of Information & Culture Complex, Gombe, Gombe State

b. **Registration Form**

The applicant shall obtain and fill the form at the Gombe State Ministry of Environment and Forestry located at Old Mile-3, Ministry of Information & Culture Complex, Gombe, Gombe State or contact the Tel No. 08039747449 between Monday to Friday from 10am to 3pm daily or email us at gsmoenv@gmail.com and make a payment of the sum of N100,000 to the State Government's TSA revenue account through Remita at any Bank or POS and attached evidence of payment to the registration form.

c. **Terms of Reference:**

The Ministry provide the scope of the Terms of Reference with the Proponent's commissioned Environmental Consultant (duly registered and accredited with the Ministry). Project summary Terms of Reference (TOR) contain the following:

- i. Brief of the project
- ii. Location of the project
- iii. Project proponent
- iv. Legislative frameworks
- v. Intended baseline to be submitted in not less than 10-15 pages.

Stage 2: Initial Site Verification

Upon submission of the above, the Ministry will conduct Initial Site Verification on the project location. The cost will be borne by the project owners covering the officers air travels, duty tour allowance.

The site visit report and the TOR submitted would be used to categorize the project into either Category 1, 2 or 3.

A letter from the Ministry will convey the category, type and numbers of Baseline data you are to collect, for laboratory analysis thereafter submit draft Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) report.

- **Category 1:**

The draft report will be displayed in the LGA headquarters where the project is domiciled, the Ministry's Notice Board for 21-working days and 2 National Dailies for public information, comments, and opinion.

- **Category 2:**

The applicant will bear the cost of Newspapers and Radio announcement

- **Category 3:**

The projects will be displayed depending on the project, Location, and sensitivity.

Stage 3: Review of Draft Report

Draft report of the EIA study submitted to the Ministry shall be reviewed as follows:

- **Category one:** The report will be reviewed by the following:

- Experts on Environment;
- The State Environmental Officials;
- The State Commissioner of Environment;
- The LGA chairman

The review process usually takes a period of 3 Days categorize as follows:

- Day One: Arrival;
- Day Two: Site visit
- Day Three: Review meeting

As part of the activity in day three is a public review where the applicant is expected to bear the cost of hotel for three nights and feeding of the review team, with a provision for venue, tea break, and group lunch for at least 100 people.

- **Category 2:** it's the same as in category one except the public will not be involved, a room that will take about 40 -50 people and tea break/ group lunch for the audience.
- **Category 3:** This is in house technical review. There may be selection of one or two experts, also the regulators would be involved, and usually held in Gombe.

At the end of each process, a report will be submitted for approval by the Honourable Commissioner.

The applicant will be asked to pay Final Assessment Charges, and copy of the report will be avail to the applicant for his information.

The cost of Baseline survey varies from consultant to the other. If the applicant has any problem, he is free to call for a guide.

Note: Agric project of small scale may not be subjected to detailed process but must be subjected to public disclosure for details.



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SN	DESCRIPTION	Cost
1	Registration of EIA with the Gombe State Ministry of Environment & Forestry	N100,000 Payable to the State Government's TSA revenue account through REMITA at any of the Commercial Bank
2	Initial Site Verification Exercise: The State Ministry officials shall participate in the Initial Site Verification Exercise to the Project location	Approximately N150,000.00. Payable to the State Government's TSA revenue account through REMITA any of the Commercial Bank. This covers DTA and travel cost of the participating officer
3	Scoping Workshop: An officer from the State Ministry of Environment & Forestry and LGA Chairman representative would witness the exercise. Usually, 1 day	DTA/Travel cost of the State Officer @N90,000.00 Same thing with the LGA officers where applicable
4	Participation of official in item No.3 above in the Baseline data gathering	DTA/Travel cost of the State officer @N90,000.00. Same thing with the LGA officers where applicable
5	Participation of official in item No.3 above in the Laboratory analysis of sample collected	DTA/Travel cost of the State officer @N90,000:00. same thing with the LGA officers where applicable
6	Submission of Draft Report	The numbers of copies would be indicated after project categorization. Usually, 10 copies with 2 electronic copies
7	Display exercise in 2 national dailies and Radio Announcement (1st and last 5 days of the Display)	
Note	Proponent Facilitated Review exercise: Review exercise is convened in a Hotel in Gombe State where the project is located and the cost implication is as follows:	Please note all these depends on the size and nature of the project. A small project may be in-house and the conference hall of the

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Honourarium of Panelist, Travels of Gombe Stateenv officials b. Logistic Support and Security Coverage during Panel/StateEnv site visit c. Safety kits for panel/StateEnv official d. Meeting Venue e. Tea Break during Review f. Group Lunch after review meeting g. Community Affairs Note: About 1 million will cover the exercise depending on the hotel chosen 	Commissioner may be used depending on the size of the participants.
8	Publication of EIS on National Dailies	By proponent
9	Participation of State Ministry/LGA	
<p>NOTE: If the project is a small one in terms of length of the project and Federal Government, it may not require elaborate EIA. Although they will be all the preliminaries to the report submission. The review maybe technical in-house in Gombe so all the hotel bills may not come in.</p>		

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PERMANENT SECRETARY
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