**DRAFT WEBSITE CONTENT FOR MINISTRY OF JUSTICE**

**VISION**

To be a cutting edge public service institution which promotes and protects rule of law, drives easy access to justice and efficient justice delivery system in Akwa Ibom State and provides best legal services for the attainment of all development goals.

**MISSION**

To promote and protect the rule of law; provide excellent, result oriented service in delivering on our ministerial responsibilities; and deploy best legal knowledge and skills in the protection of the State's legal and public interests toward the attainment of all development goals.

**CORE RESPONSIBILITIES**

1. Advise government and government agencies on all legal and quasi legal matters.
2. Represent the state in civil and criminal proceedings.
3. Draft and vet all government agreements and other government related legal documents.
4. Administer estate of individuals who seek the services of government in that regard.
5. Enable easy access to justice through alternative dispute resolution.
6. Advise and represent the State government in judicial panels, committees, boards and commissions of enquiry.
7. Promote and uphold human rights, the rule of law and effective administration of justice.
8. Coordinate and create synergy among stakeholders in the rule of law and justice administration sector.
9. Protect the legal and quasi legal interests of the state and the public.
10. Facilitate legal, legislative and related policy frameworks for the attainment of the State's development goals.

**LIST OF DEPARTMENTS AND PARASTATALS**

1. Department of Public Prosecutions
2. Department of Civil Litigation
3. Department of Legal Drafting
4. Sexual and Gender-Based Violence Response Department
5. Department of Estate Administration
6. Department of Planning, Research And Statistics
7. Department of Administration And Supplies
8. Department of Finance And Accounts
9. Centre For Alternative Dispute Resolution(CADR)
10. Law Reform Commission

Achievements and Projects of the Ministry

1. Publication of 1st and 2nd edition of the Ibom Justice Digest (A publication of the Ministry of Justice.
2. Orientation seminar for newly recruited junior staff.
3. Orientation workshop for legal desk officers, litigation officers and newly recruited law officers.
4. Workshop for law officers handling civil matters.
5. Training for law officers and police officers in prosecutorial roles along with Investigating Police Officers.
6. Workshop in collaboration with Federal Ministry of Justice on effective implementation of sections of the Administration of Criminal Justice Act and the Administration of the Criminal Justice Law for law officers, police officers, magistrates, lawyers in private practice and civil society stakeholders.
7. Audit of awaiting trial inmates population in correctional facilities in Akwa Ibom State.
8. Publication of the laws of Akwa Ibom State enacted in one calendar year (2023).
9. Training of traditional rulers and critical stakeholders in the traditional justice system on peaceful resolution of dispute through ADR mechanisms.
10. Sponsorship of staff to various trainings organized by reputable institutions like National Institute for Legislative and Democratic Studies (NILDS), Civil Society Legislative Advocacy Centre (CISLAC), Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies (NIALS), Marines and Oceans Academy, amongst others.
11. Facilitation of participation by staff at the training on cost cutting measures, organized by the Efficiency Unit, Federal Ministry of Finance, Abuja.
12. Hosting of 2025 gender based violence awareness month in all Local Government Areas from 1st June, 2025 to 30th June 2025.
13. Sustained engagement with the authorities of the Court of Appeal towards the establishment of the Court of Appeal in Uyo.
14. The Ministry of Justice is currently handling 1666 civil matters; 12876 criminal matters; 1918 gender based violence related matters; 3015 Estates of deceased persons; 2233 Alternative Dispute Resolution cases and 7235 completed tasks by the Department of Legal Drafting, which comprises of contractual agreements, legislation, and legal advisories.
15. Transformation of the workspace through office renovations, furnishing and provision of work tools.