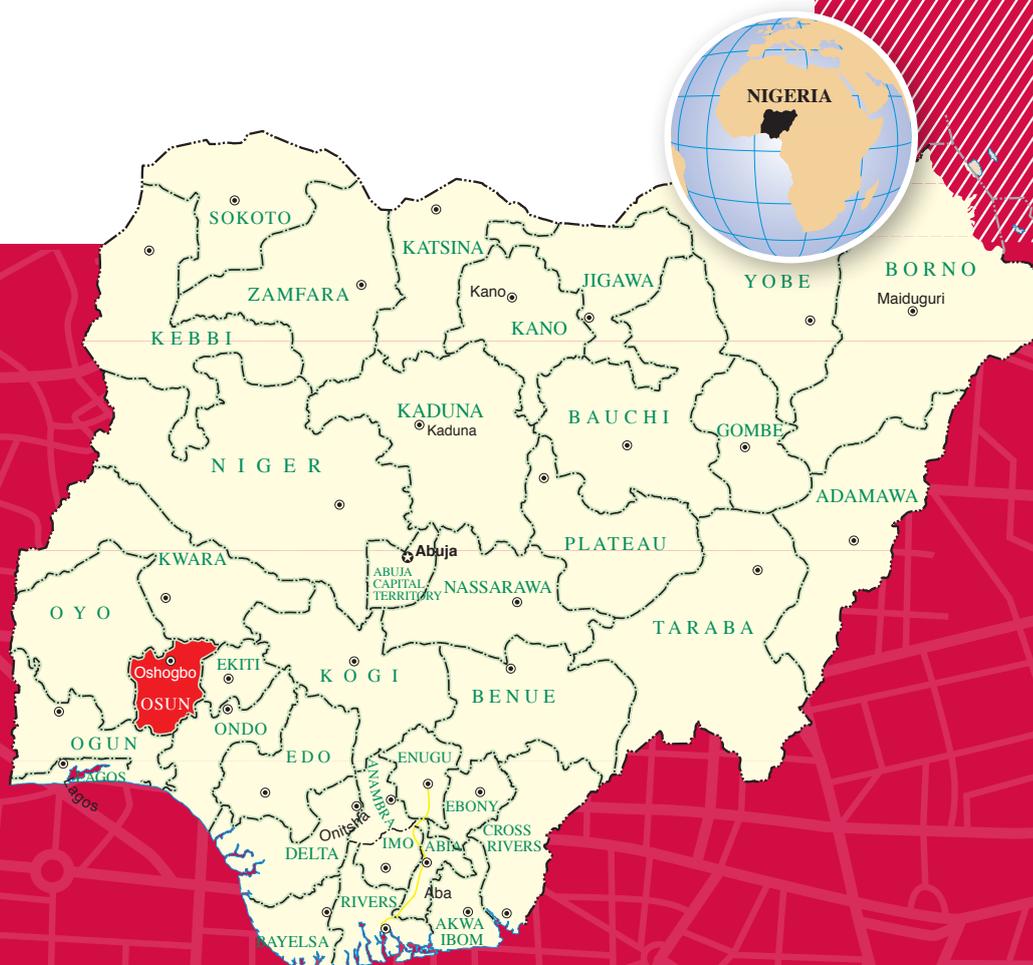


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# FOREWORD



Historically, cities have been acknowledged as major drivers of the national economy, which contribute substantially to the Gross Domestic Product (GDP). They also attract investments and create wealth, enhance social development, human and technical resources and are repositories of knowledge and agents of socio-political change.

Rapid population growth in the State of Osun, as is typical of Nigeria's South West geopolitical zone, has manifested in haphazard and uncoordinated physical development, overcrowding and diverse adverse consequences for the teeming number of residents who flock to the cities in search of a better life. Consequently, our cities have become generally unsustainable, increasingly difficult to manage, and progressively unable to fulfil their potentials as engines of growth.

On assumption of office, my administration, with a view to reposition the State of Osun to enable it attain the potentials of its development agenda, adopted a Six-Point Integral Action Plan as the foundation for charting future initiatives and programs of the State government of Osun. The Integral Action Plan is hinged on the following six actions:

- Banish Poverty.
- Banish Hunger.
- Banish Unemployment.
- Restore Healthy Living.
- Promote Functional Education.
- Ensure Communal Peace and Progress.

It was obvious that in order to harness the potentials of the State's significant urban population in achieving this laudable objective, the capacity of our cities to support this development agenda and offer better living conditions to their residents had to be significantly enhanced. Hence, the O-Renewal Programme was designed to regenerate a one-kilometre radius of the core areas in the nine largest cities in the State and, on the 9th of July, 2012, the State entered into a collaboration agreement for Technical Assistance with the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN HABITAT), for the development and adoption

of Structure Plans to guide the growth and development of these cities and their environs over the next 20 years, spanning the period 2014 to 2033. The participating cities are Osogbo, Ede, Ilesa, Iwo, Ikirun, Ila-Orangun, Ile-Ife, Ikire and Ejigbo.

This fully participatory project, which engaged all levels of stakeholders in the communities, adopts the Rapid Urban Sector Profiling for Sustainability (RUSPS) methodology to propose the spatial contexts for promoting social, economic and cultural development of the cities and their environs with respect to the following identified thematic areas: Shelter and slums; Local Economic Development; Transportation; Urban Safety/Security; Disaster Risk Reduction; Basic Urban Services; Environment; Gender; Governance; Heritage/Historic areas; and Land Administration.

In addition, the Structure Plans seek to build capacity and aid informed strategic decision-making among local communities, the Local Governments and State Officials by setting the broad structure for the direction of future growth of these cities, providing for the co-ordination of both present and future activities and public services as well as in the provision of key infrastructure items like water, drainage, electricity and roads.

We acknowledge that these Structure Plans would not be expected to solve all problems at the same time and would therefore be subjected to periodic evaluation and review in the course of implementation.

I would like to express the appreciation of the Government of the State of Osun to UN HABITAT and its Executive Director, Dr. Joan Clos, as well as officials in the Regional Office for Africa and the UN HABITAT Programme Support Office in Abuja for the Technical Assistance extended to the State, the outcome of which is this very important document. I would also like to commend all the consultants and technical experts who made tangible contributions to this effort towards ensuring a better future for cities in the State of Osun.

It is my privilege therefore, to recommend the Structure Plan to all stakeholders in the State and urge the full implementation of its recommendations and proposals by all concerned.

**Ogbeni Rauf Aregbesola,**  
Governor, State Government of Osun,  
Osogbo, Nigeria

# PREFACE



In response to the challenges arising from unsustainable urbanisation in the State of Osun which is one of the most urbanized of the country's 36 states and in line with the overall thrust of its Six-Point Integral Action Plan, the Ogbeni Rauf Aregbesola administration through the Ministry of Lands, Physical Planning and Urban Development, embarked on a focused urban regeneration programme centred on the following platforms:

- a. A state-wide **O-Renewal Programme** designed to regenerate a one-kilometre radius of the core areas in the nine largest cities in the state, namely **Osogbo, Ede, Ilesa, Iwo, Ikirun, Ila-Orangun, Ile-Ife, Ikire and Ejigbo.**
- b. The preparation of Structure Plans spanning a radius of 25 kilometres from the core of these nine cities as an overall framework to guide their sustainable growth over the period 2014 to 2033.

The preference for the Rapid Urban Sector Profiling for Sustainability (RUSPS) methodology adopted for the Structure Plans exercise under the guidance of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN HABITAT), was founded on its inclusive and fully participatory nature, which involves a comprehensive stakeholder mapping and engagement process. Besides, consultants and relevant staff of the Ministry of Lands, Physical Planning and Urban Development officials were also trained on the application of the RUSPS methodology following which extensive Focus Group Discussions and City Consultations were held to ensure validation of the data collection and decision-making components.

These Structure Plans are therefore the outcome of a very comprehensive process which we believe will provide an effective spatial platform for achieving the aims and aspirations of the State of Osun's Six-Point Integral Action Plan.

I would like to especially congratulate the Governor of the State of Osun, Ogbeni Rauf Aregbesola for initiating this collaboration with the UN HABITAT towards the execution of this project. I also wish to express our profound gratitude to all who made contributions to the successful outcome of this project, notably the project communities and their leaders for their continued support; the UN-HABITAT Programme Support Office (HAPSO) in Abuja for its supervisory role on this project; the Consultants and other partners and stakeholders for their commitment to delivering a worthy output; and, the entire staff of the Ministry who worked tirelessly on this project.

On behalf of the Ministry of Lands, Physical Planning and Urban Development, we would like to pledge our commitment to ensuring that these Structure Plan proposals/recommendations are conscientiously implemented and periodically reviewed to the best extent possible.

**Arc. Muyiwa Ige,**

Honourable Commissioner for Lands, Physical Planning and Urban Development, Osogbo

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cooperation and assistance of all the officials in the various other State Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) who provided us with relevant data and information for this report.

We specially acknowledge the support and cooperation of the Deputy Governor, Otunba Grace Titilayo Laoye, Obas in Council and community leaders of the various communities covered in this project, namely Ede, Ejigbo, Ijesaland, Ikire, Ikirun, Ila Orangun, Ile-Ife, Iwo and Osogbo; Executive Secretaries of participating Local Governments; members of community development associations, Women and Youth Groups as well as all trade and professional associations, for attending to the requests for information and their various contributions and assistance to the success of the project, especially through their active participation at the City Consultations in each city. Finally, we wish to acknowledge the selfless service rendered in various capacities including consultants, Field Assistants and all those too numerous to mention who in diverse ways contributed to the successful completion of the project.

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# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The State of Osun, located in Nigeria's South West geopolitical zone, ranks among the most urbanized of the country's 36 states, with towns and cities in the state experiencing unprecedented population and spatial growth over the past half Century. This phenomenon, unfortunately, has occurred alongside several undesired consequences, notable among which are haphazard and uncoordinated physical development, overcrowding and congestion within inner city neighbourhoods, inadequate provision of infrastructure and services, as well as deteriorating social and environmental conditions, which make the cities generally unsustainable and unable to fulfil their potentials as engines of growth.

In order to effectively address the challenges of unsustainable urbanisation and adequately position the State of Osun to actualize the objectives of its Six-Point Integral Action Plan, the State Governor, Ogbeni Rauf Aregbesola, through a technical cooperation agreement with the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-HABITAT) initiated a project on the preparation of Structure Plans for nine of the largest cities in the State. The cities are **Osogbo, Ede, Ilesa, Iwo, Ikirun, Ila-Orangun, Ile-Ife, Ikire and Ejigbo.**

This initiative, which would guide the development of participating cities over the next 20 years, was also to follow through on the state's O-Renewal programme designed to regenerate a one-kilometre radius of the core areas in these cities. The Structure Plan for the city of Ilesa therefore integrates elements of the regeneration strategy with proposals for an overall framework to guide its sustainable growth over the period 2014 to 2033.

Essentially, the approach adopted for the prepara-

- Setting the broad structure for the direction of future growth of these cities, taking account of topographical, environmental and socio-economic constraints and considerations;
- Providing for the co-ordination of a wide-range of present and future commercial activities and public services (including provision for adequate recreational public and open spaces) affecting economic development, employment, transportation, housing, education, and social welfare;
- Providing for a staged urban development strategy within particular areas or growth corridors in order to maximize efficiency in the provision of key infrastructure items such as water, sewerage, electricity and roads.

Through the adopted process, consultants and relevant staff of the Ministry of Lands, Physical Planning and Urban Development were trained on the application of the RUSPS methodology developed by UN-HABITAT to collect required data on the agreed thematic areas. Focus Group Discussions and a city consultation were held to enhance inclusiveness and allow validation of the data collection and decision-making processes for the Structure Plan.

## ILESA PLANNING AREA

**Background:** Ilesa Planning Area includes a total of 31 settlements located within Ilesa West, Ilesa East and parts of Obokun, Oriade, Atakunmosa West and Atakunmosa East Local Government Areas. Some parts of Atakunmosa East and Obokun LGAs however fall within the Osogbo Capital Territory Planning Area. Some of the communities within the planning area are: Ilesa, Irogbo, Ijebu-Iesa, Iwaraja, Esa Oke, Aivegunle,

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