

ISUIKWUATO LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA

Community Engagement Policy

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Policy Statement

Isuikwuato Local Government Area believes sustainable development is best achieved through active collaboration between government and the people. The Council is committed to meaningful engagement with residents, traditional institutions, community leaders, civil society organizations, youth and women groups, the private sector, and development partners.

Background

Community participation is fundamental to responsive and inclusive governance. The Local Government recognizes that citizens' knowledge, experience, and contributions are essential to identifying local priorities, improving public service delivery, and promoting sustainable development.

Policy Objectives

- Promote inclusive participation in local governance.
- Strengthen collaboration between the Local Government and communities.
- Encourage citizen involvement in planning and decision-making.
- Improve communication between government and stakeholders.
- Build trust, transparency, and accountability.
- Promote community ownership of development initiatives.
- Foster partnerships that support sustainable development.

Guiding Principles

Inclusiveness — Every community and stakeholder shall have the opportunity to participate in matters affecting local development.

Transparency — The Local Government shall communicate openly and provide timely information on its programmes, policies, and activities.

Respect — Traditional institutions, community leaders, and stakeholders shall be treated with dignity and mutual respect.

Collaboration — Development is a shared responsibility requiring partnerships between government, communities, and development partners.

Current Initiatives

- Regular interaction with Presidents-General and community leadership.
- Collaboration with traditional rulers on peace and development.
- Engagement with youth and women groups.
- Partnerships with civil society organizations, including ISEAA.
- Public sensitization and awareness campaigns.

- Digital communication through the official website and social media platforms.
- Consultation with development partners and private-sector stakeholders.

Implementation Framework

- Promote regular stakeholder consultations.
- Encourage public participation in policy development and programme implementation.
- Provide accessible channels for feedback, suggestions, and enquiries.
- Support initiatives that strengthen community leadership and civic participation.
- Leverage digital platforms to improve communication with residents.

Our Commitment

Isuikwuato Local Government Area remains committed to building a strong partnership with its people. By listening to communities, embracing diverse perspectives, and encouraging active citizen participation, the Council will continue to promote inclusive governance and development.