

**STATE-SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS**

**Scorecard for Ondo State**

Ondo State’s IGR rose from N6.5 billion in 2010 to N11.7 billion in 2014, recording a commendable 16% growth rate over the period. The State’s IGR was however recorded at 13% of its total recurrent revenue in 2014, compared with 26.4% in Ogun and 21.7% in Oyo State.

**IGR SNAPSHOT IN THE SOUTH WEST ZONE (2014)**

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| S/N | STATE | MONTHLY IGR (N) | ANNUAL IGR (N) | 5 YR GROWTH RATE | IGR/RECURRENT REVENUE (%) | IGR PER CAPITA (N) |
| 1 | LAGOS  | 23,013,664,889.66  | 276,163,978,675.95  | 16.5% | 67.9% |  23,552.63  |
| 2 | OGUN  | 1,458,135,065.63  | 17,497,620,787.52  | 21.9% | 26.4% |  3,597.60  |
| 3 | OYO | 1,358,936,141.68  | 16,307,233,700.20  | 11.7% | 21.7% |  2,236.21  |
| 4 | ONDO  | 976,561,791.87  | 11,718,741,502.49  | 16.0% | 13.4% |  2,672.99  |
| 5 | OSUN  | 709,439,515.56  | 8,513,274,186.67  | 26.0% | 15.1% |  1,936.51  |
| 6 | EKITI  | 288,528,454.03  | 3,462,341,448.32  | 22.2% | 7.0% |  1,130.52  |

**Major Challenges**

1. Multiplicity of taxes between the State and local governments.
2. Poor enforcement and prosecution of tax defaulters.
3. Inadequate infrastructure to effectively drive revenue generation.
4. Inability of revenue board to perform effectively due to lack of autonomy and competent manpower.
5. State currently operates pockets of revenue edicts on Business Premises, signage, Land Use Charge, etc. There is the need for a codified (single) legal framework for IGR.
6. Need for proper classification of revenues as a large chunk of the State’s revenue (45.9%) is classified as “others/miscellaneous”.
7. General apathy of the public to tax payment.

**STATE’S ACTION PLAN**

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| **S/N** | **Identified Goals** | **Action Required** | **Timeline** | **Responsibility** |
| 1. | Harmonization of all forms of taxes in order to reduce multiplicity of laws | Collaborate with local governments; invite GEMS3 to work with the state; and review all tax laws and codify a new one | 2016 | BIR, Attorney-General and State House of Assembly |
| 2. | Use of Tax policies/regulations to improve IGR | Enact relevant laws on economic activities; Review/update laws to explore the new concurrent list; and Implementation of all the laws. | 2016 | BIR, Attorney-General and State House of Assembly |
| 3. | Increase IGR through introduction of user charges for public services | Introduce infrastructural levy; stop WAEC fees, commence charges for use of hospitals; and introduce minimum charges for use of school buses. | 2016 | Executive Council |