



EXECUTIVE ORDER
NO. 3 OF 2022

**ESTABLISHING THE KOGI STATE GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM
AGENCY**

WHEREAS the Government of Kogi State recognizes the need for efficient land management and administration to ensure equitable access to land, secure land tenure, and promote economic development.

WHEREAS modern technology and Geographic Information Systems (GIS) are essential to enhancing land registration, monitoring, planning, and management in Kogi State.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Yahaya Adoza Bello, Governor of Kogi State, by the authority vested in me under Section 5(2) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999(as amended) and all other enabling Laws and powers in that regard, do hereby order as follows:

**PART 1: ESTABLISHMENT OF THE KOGI STATE GEOGRAPHIC
INFORMATION SYSTEM AGENCY(KOGIS)**

Section 1: Establishment of the Agency

1. **Name and Establishment:** The Kogi State Geographic Information System Agency (hereinafter referred to as 'the Agency') is hereby established as a pivotal institution in the efficient management of land in Kogi State.
2. **Legal Status:** The Agency shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal and may sue and be sued in its corporate name, thereby ensuring its authority and accountability in all its actions and decisions. This commitment to transparency and accountability is a cornerstone of the Agency's operations, providing reassurance to all stakeholders.

Section 2: Functions of the Agency: The Agency shall have the following functions:

1. To develop, maintain, and operate a comprehensive Geographic Information System (GIS) for Kogi State.
2. To ensure the accurate and up-to-date mapping of all lands in Kogi State.
3. To oversee the registration of land titles, Certificates of Occupancy, instruments, and other related land documents.
4. To issue Certificates of Occupancy and other land-related certificates by the laws of Kogi State.
5. To provide accurate and timely land information to the government, private sector, and the public.
6. To facilitate land administration, planning, and development through GIS.
7. To collaborate with relevant government agencies, departments, and other stakeholders in land management and GIS matters.
8. To conduct research, training, and capacity building in GIS and related fields.
9. To ensure the security and integrity of land records and data.
10. To provide advisory services on land-related matters to the government and other stakeholders.

Section 3: Duties of the Agency The duties of the Agency shall include:

1. The collection, storage, and dissemination of geographic data relevant to land use, land tenure, and land management.
2. The issuance of land titles, Certificates of Occupancy, certificates, and other relevant documents per the laws of Kogi State.
3. The management and updating of the State's land registry.
4. The resolution of disputes related to land registration, boundaries, titles, and Certificates of Occupancy.
5. The provision of public access to land information by applicable laws and regulations.
6. The enforcement of land-related policies and regulations in Kogi State.

Section 4: Powers of the Agency: The Agency shall have the power to:

1. Acquire, hold, and manage land and property in the name of the Agency.
2. Conduct surveys, mapping, and other activities necessary for the operation of the GIS.
3. Enter into agreements, contracts, and partnerships with public and private entities to further the agency's objectives.
4. Charge fees for services rendered, including issuing land titles, Certificates of Occupancy, certificates, and other related documents.
5. Enforce compliance with land-related laws and regulations in Kogi State.
6. Institute legal proceedings in land registration, title disputes, Certificates of Occupancy, and enforcement of its functions.
7. Make regulations and guidelines for the effective functioning of the Agency, subject to approval by the Governor.

Section 5: Composition of the Agency: The Agency shall consist of the following members:

1. The Governor shall appoint the key principal officers of the Agency below.
2. The Director-General shall be the Agency's Chief Executive Officer
3. Directors of various departments, including GIS Operations, Land Registry, Legal Services, and Public Relations.
4. Representatives from relevant government ministries, including the Ministry of Lands, Survey, and Planning.
5. Experts in GIS, land management, and related fields.
6. Other staff members may be necessary for the effective functioning of the Agency.

Section 6: Qualification and Appointment of Staff

1. The Governor shall appoint the Director-General and shall possess relevant qualifications in GIS, land management, surveying, or a related field, with at least ten (10) years of experience.
2. The Governor shall appoint directors and other senior staff on the recommendation of the Director-General and shall possess relevant qualifications and experience in their respective fields.
3. All staff of the Agency shall be appointed on merit, with consideration given to relevant qualifications, experience, and professional competence.

PART 2: REGISTRATION OF LANDS, TITLES, CERTIFICATES OF OCCUPANCY, AND INSTRUMENTS

Section 7: Registration of Lands, Titles, Certificates of Occupancy, and Instruments

1. All lands, titles, Certificates of Occupancy, and instruments in Kogi State shall be registered with the Agency.
2. The registration process shall be by the laws of Kogi State and conducted using the GIS developed and maintained by the Agency.
3. The Agency shall issue Certificates of Occupancy, certificates, and other relevant documents to confirm the registration of lands, titles, and instruments.

Section 8: Enforcement

1. The Agency shall have the authority to enforce the registration of lands, titles, Certificates of Occupancy, and instruments within Kogi State.
2. Any person or entity failing to comply with the registration requirements may be subject to penalties as prescribed by the laws of Kogi State.
3. The Agency shall work with law enforcement agencies and the judiciary to ensure the enforcement of land-related regulations and the resolution of disputes.

Section 9: Miscellaneous Provisions

1. The Agency shall submit an annual report to the Governor on its activities, including financial statements, challenges, and recommendations for improvement.
2. The Agency may propose amendments to this executive order or relevant laws from time to time to enhance its effectiveness.

Section 10: This Executive Order commences on the date the Governor of Kogi State signs it.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL this ^{30th}.....Day of
December, 2022



Signature of the Executive Governor of the KogiState
ALHAJI (DR.)YAHAYA BELLO