**REPORT ON THE SENSITIZATION/TRAINING WORKSHOP ON GUIDELINES TO INCREASE SMEs PARTICIPATION IN CONTRACT AWARDED BY AKWA IBOM STATE GOVERNMENT FOR SMEs AND STAKEHOLDERS.**

The workshop was held at three Senatorial Districts of the state as follows:

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| **DISTRICT** | **VENUE** | **DATE** | **NO. OF PARTICIPANTS** |
| Eket Senatorial District | Eket Council Hall, Eket | September 22nd, 2020 | 185 |
| Ikot Ekpene Senatorial District | Independence Hall, Abak | September 24th, 2020 | 353 |
| Uyo Senatorial District | State Secretariat Auditorium, Uyo | September 25th, 2020 | 165 |
| **TOTAL PARTICIPANTS** |  |  | **703** |

**Course Presentations:**

Training 1:

* MSMEs and Public Procurement: Guidelines on Improved Participation (Facilitator: **Ibrahim Abu** – *Public Procurement Reform Specialist*)
* Impact of SMEs on the Economy ( Facilitator: **Moshood Lawal** - *Head, Entrepreneurship and Social Investment Desk, OSSAP-SDGs*)

Training 2:

* SMEs and Public Procurement: Challenges and Solutions (Facilitator: **Ibrahim Abu** – *Public Procurement Reform Specialist*)
* Impact of SMEs on the Economy ( Facilitator: **Moshood Lawal** - *Head, Entrepreneurship and Social Investment Desk, OSSAP-SDGs* )

Training 3:

* Adaptation of Existing Public Procurement Procedures to Support Increased Participation of SMEs in the Award of Akwa Ibom State Contracts (Facilitator: **Biebele Arimie** – *Public Procurement Specialist*)
* Impact of SMEs on the Economy ( Facilitator: **Moshood Lawal** - *Head, Entrepreneurship and Social Investment Desk, OSSAP-SDGs*)

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