AKWA-IBOM

Akwa-Ibom is a state in Nigeria. It is located in south-eastern part of the country, lying between latitudes 4° 32′N and 5° 33′N and longitudes 7°25′E and 8°25′E. The state is located in the south-south geopolitical zone, and in bordered on the east by Cross River State, on the west by Rivers State and Abia State, and on the south by the Atlantic Ocean and the southernmost tip of Cross River Stat. Nickname: Land of Promise.

Akwa-Ibom is a state with a population of over five million people. The state was created in September 3, 1987 from the former Cross-River State and is currently the highest oil- and gas-producing state in the country. The state's capital is Uyo. Akwa-Ibom has an airport and two major seaports on the Atlantic Ocean with a proposed construction of a world class sea port Ibaka Seaport at Oron. The state also boasts of a 30,000 seat ultramodern sports complex. Akwa-Ibom State is also home to the Ibom E-library, a world class information centre. Major languages spoken are Ibibio, Anang, Efik and Oron.

Uyo, Eket, Ikot Ekpene, Etinan, Oron, Abak, Ikot Abasi and Ibeno are major cities in the state.

Akwa-Ibom State consists of thirty-one (31) local government areas, they are: Abak, Eastern Obolo, Eket, Esit-Eket, Essien Udim, Etim Ekpo, Etinan, Ibeno, Ibesikpo-Asutan, Ibiono Ibom, Ika, Ikono, Ikot Abasi, Ikot Ekpene, Ini, Itu, Mbo, Mkpat-Enin, Nsit-Atai, Nsit-Ibom, Nsit-Ubim, Obot-Akara, Okobo, Onna, Oron, Oruk Anam, Ukanafun, Uruan, Udung-Uko, Urue-Offong/Oruko, and Uyo.

Some educational institutes in the state are: University of Uyo, Maritime Academy of Nigeria, Oron, Akwa-Ibom State University, Obong University, Obong Ntak Inyang, Akwa-Ibom State Polytechnic, Uyo City Polytechnic, Apex Polytechnic, Heritage Polytechnic, Eket, School of Nursing, Uyo, Eket, Oron, Ikot Ekpene, Etinan, Akwa-Ibom College of Education, Afaha Nsit, School of Basic Studies, College of Arts and Sciences, Nnung Ukim, Sure Polytechnic Ukanafun.