

Ibom Tropicana Entertainment Centre

The Akwa Ibom Tropicana Entertainment Centre is a bold infrastructure project originally launched in 2008 under Governor Godswill Akpabio's administration. Envisioned as a world-class leisure and business hub, the complex includes several key components:

- A 10,000-capacity convention centre,
- A 14-storey, 200-room five-star hotel,
- A theme park,
- A shopping mall,
- A cinema complex.

Despite its ambitious goals, the project was abandoned after the foundation stage, with only the shopping mall and cinema operational. Governor Umo Eno's administration has now made the completion of this project a priority, allocating significant resources in the 2025 budget. The renewed focus includes finishing the convention centre and the 15-storey hotel, reclaiming encroached land, and ensuring the centre's potential as a driver of tourism and economic growth is fully realized.

The completion of the Tropicana Centre aligns with Akwa Ibom's broader agenda of positioning itself as a prime destination for tourism, conferences, and business. The project is also part of a broader revitalization plan that includes other infrastructure developments across the state, demonstrating the administration's commitment to capital projects despite financial constraints.

Role of the Project Health Control (PHC) Service

Order Efficiency Ltd's **Project Health Control (PHC)** methodology can support this critical initiative by providing real-time monitoring and governance tools. By ensuring that the project meets its goals for quality, timelines, and budget, PHC can help maintain accountability and efficiency throughout the construction phase. Furthermore, its focus on risk management will be instrumental in addressing any lingering concerns about structural or soil integrity, ensuring successful completion.

The PHC Service also facilitates transparent reporting, which could be valuable for showcasing the state's efforts to stakeholders and potential investors. This additional layer of governance can reinforce the administration's drive to restore confidence in abandoned projects and maximize the economic potential of the Ibom Tropicana Entertainment Centre.