



HOUSE COMMITTEE VISITS PORT LOCATIONS...

...COMMENDS MANAGEMENT'S SYNERGY WITH STAKEHOLDERS

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The House of Representatives Committee on Ports, Harbours and Waterways recently paid working visits to Port locations on oversight functions.

During the visits, the Chairman of the Committee Honorable Osy Prestige urged all and sundry to contribute most meaningfully in ensuring that the Nigerian Ports comply with International best practices. At Onne Port, Honorable Prestige commended the Port Manager Alhassan Ismaila Abubakar for the enabling environment for the effective collaboration during their visit to the Port. He thanked the Port Manager for his warm reception and for his promptness and pro-activeness in responding to issues of their concern.

Hon. Osy also observed that there is a cordial relationship existing between the Port Manager, Terminal Operators and other Stakeholders. He describes this as good synergy with operators to enhance good business performances.

Hon. Osy stated that the issue of security concern raised by the Port Manager is a recurrent concern already raised in all other Ports. He however promised that his Committee will ensure that the insecurity on waters channels at the Gulf of Guinea, particularly offshore of Bonny, Brass and Yenegoa as raised by the Port Manager is addressed with a view to eradicate attacks on vessels, abductions for ransom, killings and destruction of assets by pirates.

The Port Manager Onne Port Complex, Alhassan Ismaila Abubakar expressed his gratitude along with his Management team for the visit of the House Committee to Onne Port.

From the Editorial Suites



In this December Christmas edition, we bring you educative, informative and entertaining stories just for our teeming readers.

The Authority's Management thrust of team and collaboration with Stakeholders was recently brought once more to the fore when the Managing Director of the Nigerian Ports Authority Hadiza Bala Usman hosted past Managing Directors, retired General Managers and Assistant General Managers to a commendation dinner. Plaques were presented to them for their past contributions to the growth of the organization.

Also, the need for renewed synergy amongst security agencies operating within the Ports across the country especially in the area of intelligence sharing was re-emphasized at the just conclude security conference organized by the Security Division held in Calabar Cross River state. The Managing Director represented by the General Manager Security Capt. Ihenacho Ebubuego further reminded participants at the weeklong event to be more vigilant to be able to curb all forms of threats.

The Corporate and Strategic Communications Division NPA has a new General Manager. Engineer Adams Jatto who was recently assigned as the new spokesman of the organisation following a rejig of the top echelon towards a more vibrant dissemination of information of Management's activities across board.

The RORO Co-operative Society recently held its Annual General Meeting held at NPA Sports Ground Bode Thomas Surulere. The high point of the day was the election of new executive to manage its affairs for the next 2 years.

We also bring to you tit bits from the just conclude Oral Health Sensitization for the organization's workforce organized by the Health, Safety and Environment Division in collaboration with seasoned oral health professionals from the Lagos State University Teaching Hospital. The 2 day programme was to further educate participants on the need to maintain healthy standards towards a more efficient service delivery.

Of course, the ever informative Vox-Pop for December sums up our presentation. The editorial crew wish all a merry Christmas and prosperous new 2019.

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A Ship is always safe at the Shore, but that is not what it is built for.

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Soldiers on Parade for Visit by King George V and Queen Mary.

NPA MD CHARGES FIRE OFFICERS ON PROFESSIONALISM



While addressing graduands of Squad 50 of the Fire Service Cadets at their passing out parade at NPA Fire Service Central Training School Apapa, the Managing Director of Nigerian Ports Authority, Hadiza Bala Usman has called on Officers and Men of the Fire Service Department to rededicate themselves to the vision, mission and core values of the Authority by displaying professional ability, agility whilst demonstrating high sense of responsibility in the discharge of their duties in line with the management thrust of operational efficiency.

Represented by the Executive Director, Marine and Operations, Dr Sekonte H. Davies, she added that going by the skills demonstrated while performing their drills, management is convinced that the officers have been adequately trained to impact positively on the society.

Highlights of the ceremony include the inspection of the parade Guard mounted by the graduands by Dr. Sekonte H Davies. Awards of Appreciation were given to the Managing Director and Dr Sekonte Davies.

NPA MD PARLEYS WITH TERMINAL OPERATORS ON PORTS CONGESTION

The Managing Director of Nigerian Ports Authority, Hadiza Bala Usman, has called on terminal operators, shipping companies, port managers and allied stakeholders to do all they could to eradicate or at best mitigate the effects of the present congestion at the nation's seaports,

According to the Managing Director, the issue of ports congestion should be of concern to all and therefore they should look into the issue of evacuation of empty containers, increase in free days of storage, waiving of demurrage for a definite period of time, creating a window of some period to accommodate the concerns of importers, etc

The Managing Director told the Stakeholders that the meeting was convened in compliance with a directive from the Vice President of the Federal republic of Nigeria and Chairman, Ease of Doing Business Council, Professor Yemi Osinbajo on the need to find lasting solution to the issue of ports congestion.

She further noted that government is desirous of getting things done more smoothly, and therefore NPA will do everything possible. Hadiza further informed the Terminal Operators that among the efforts NPA has made include the use of Barges to move cargoes to Ikorodu, collaborating with other stakeholders to construct access roads in Apapa, encouraged Dangote Private Jetty Project, promoted Intermodal Transportation System.

RORO PORT COOPERATIVE SOCIETY ELECT NEW EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

The Roro Port Cooperative society at its 22nd Annual General Meeting recently elected new Executive members to run its affairs in the coming years. They include;

President Francis. N. Okoro, Vice President S.F.Onuh, General Secretary Owolabi Owate, Assistant Secretary Bamanga Adamu, Treasurer Emmanuel Abuh, Financial Secretary A.R.Badmus, PRO Bidemi Agboola. The Ex – Officio are Emeka Aleagbu and Mrs Florence Ogedegbe.



Thanks for serving NPA News hot.

Brilliant as usual.

Mrs. Funmilayo Olotu
Port Manager,
Calabar Port



MANAGEMENT RESTRATEGIZES FOR GREATER EFFICIENCY

The Management of the NPA, recently rejigged its top echelon Management structure towards a more efficient service delivery of Port Services nationwide.

The disposition which affected the Assistant General Manager (AGMs) and General Managers (GMs) cadres are inter alia:

S/N	NAMES	PN	PRESENT DESIGNATION	NEW DESIGNATION
1.	Captain Ebubeogu Ihenacho	4570	General Manager, MD' Office	Report to Executive Director Marine & Operations for duty as Gen. Manager, Security
2.	Yusuf Ahmed	9316	General Manager, HSE	Report to Executive Director, Engr. & Tech. Services for duty as Gen. Manager, Land & Asset Management
3.	Engr. Jatto Adeiza Adams	4991	General Manager, Land and Asset Management	Report to the Managing Director, for duty as Gen. Manger, Corporate & Strategic Communication.
4.	Longe Babatunde Esezobor	7018	General Manager, Marine & Operations	Report to Executive Director, Marine & Operations for duty as Gen. Manager, Marine & Operations.
5.	Egbunu Gabriel Iye	4434	Gen. Manager, Superannuation	Report to Executive Director, Fin. & Admin. For duty as Gen. M anager, Superannuation
6.	Mohammed Hariratu Maina (Mrs.)	4757	General Manager, SERVICOM	Report to Managing Director for duty as Gen. Manager, SERVICOM
7.	Usoro Elisha Benedict	4947	General Manager, Public Private Partnership (PPP)	Report to Managing Director for duty as Gen. Manager, Pub. Private Partnership (PPP)
8.	Engr. Abdulbaki Salaudeen Ishola	5145	General Manager, HSE	Report to Executive Director, Marine & Operations for duty as Gen. Manager HSE

ONNE PORT MANAGER PARLEYS WITH JOURNALIST



Recently, at Onne Port Complex, about 25 journalists interacted with the Port Manager at the Port Conference Room, and the event was very successful.

During the occasion, the Port Manager Alhassan Ismaila Abubakar showcase the activities of the Port, the success and how the Port broke new grounds in Corporate Community relations with her host communities, thereby enhancing peace and harmony within the Port at Onne.

He expressed his appreciation for the visiting media practitioners telling them that they are critical stakeholders to the Port.

He tasked them to emphasize on the stories that will project the Port activities in a positive ways.

The Port Manager, described Onne Port, as a service Port observing that the Port is prompt at service delivery to its client. He said that the Federal Government through her concessioning arrangement handed over the Port to about four (4) Concessionaires i.e. Intels, Brawal, WACT, Indorama, noting that they operate designated berths.

He commended that the Managing Director of NPA, Hadiza Bala Usman for her pro-activeness in massive infrastructural development, provision of Operational equipment, including tug-boats and Security boats for surveillance as well as implicating Corporate Social Responsibility policy.

He said Onne Port is on steady expansion, observing that the Port has cordial relationship with security agencies at the Port, including other Federal Government sister Organizations. The Federal Government Fertilizer initiative at Onne Port, including expansion of Indorama Operations has given added advantage.

In his comments during the program, Amb. Dr Ralph John, President Maritime Energy Media Practitioners of Nigeria expressed his appreciation to the Port Manager for the meeting with Media Practitioners in the state.

ADAMS JATTO, THE NEW NPA SPOKESMAN

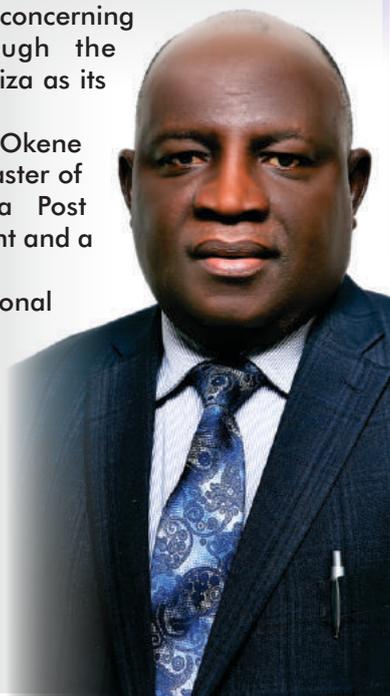
The Authority's Management has further reinvigorated its Corporate and Strategic Communications Division for a more robust dissemination of information concerning Management's operations through the appointment of Engineer Adams Jatto Adeiza as its new spokesperson.

Jatto the new spokesman who hails from Okene Local Government of Kogi state holds a Master of Project Management (MPM) Degree, a Post Graduate Diploma in Shipping Management and a Bachelor of Engineering (Electrical).

He belongs to various reputable professional bodies such as the Nigerian Society of Engineers (MNSE), Fellow The Institute of Shipping Technology (FIST), Fellow The Institute of Credit Administration (FICA). He is also a Certified Public Private Partnership Specialist.

He has attended various International and Local training programmes. He was formerly the General Manager Lands and Assets Administration before his present disposition.

He is happily married with children.



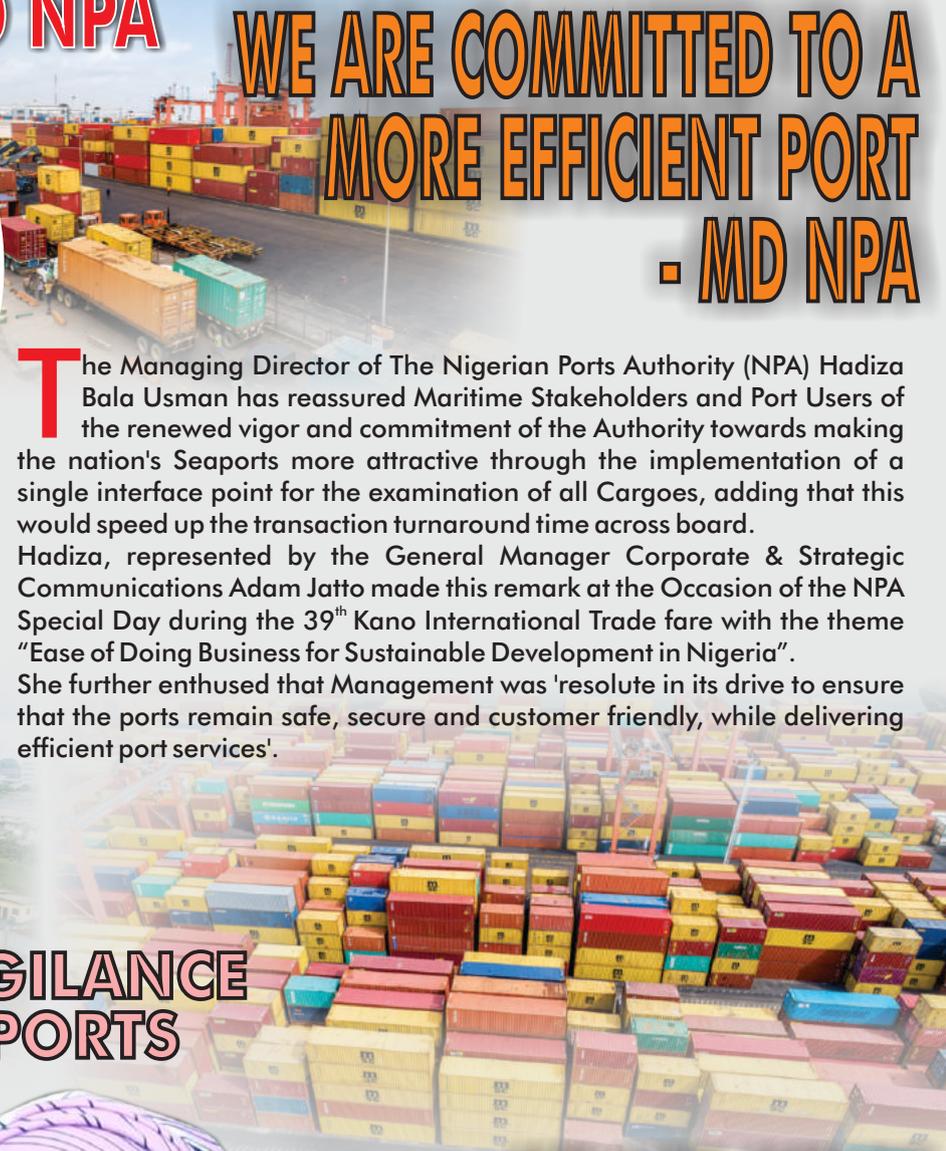
COURTESY VISITS TO MD NPA

The Managing Director of the Nigerian Port Authority, Hadiza Bala Usman has assured the visiting Ambassadors of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) to Nigeria Fahad Al Tafaq, as well as the Consular General of the Republic of Korea Kim In – Tack of the readiness of the Management to collaborate with their Government towards ensuring an efficient Service delivery for all willing to make use of the Seaports across the Nation. She made these remarks when these emissaries paid her a courtesy visits at the Corporate Headquarters, Marina, Lagos.



WE ARE COMMITTED TO A MORE EFFICIENT PORT - MD NPA

The Managing Director of The Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA) Hadiza Bala Usman has reassured Maritime Stakeholders and Port Users of the renewed vigor and commitment of the Authority towards making the nation's Seaports more attractive through the implementation of a single interface point for the examination of all Cargoes, adding that this would speed up the transaction turnaround time across board. Hadiza, represented by the General Manager Corporate & Strategic Communications Adam Jatto made this remark at the Occasion of the NPA Special Day during the 39th Kano International Trade fare with the theme "Ease of Doing Business for Sustainable Development in Nigeria". She further enthused that Management was 'resolute in its drive to ensure that the ports remain safe, secure and customer friendly, while delivering efficient port services'.



MD CALLS FOR MORE VIGILANCE AT THE NATION'S SEAPORTS

The Managing Director of the Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA) Hadiza Bala Usman has called on all Port Facility Security Officers (PFSOs) to renew their efforts and commitment at their duty posts towards the total elimination of insecurity and threats at the nation's Seaports. The NPA Chief Executive represented by the General Manager Security Capt. Iheanacho Ebubeogu made this remark in her goodwill message at the 2018 edition of the annual Conference of Port Facility Security Officers Forum of Nigeria held in Calabar, Cross River State. She informed the gathering of the need for more emphasis on intelligence gathering sharing and synergy amongst other Security agencies in the port for improved efficiency for all port operations. This year's edition the 4th in the series which had as its theme "Integrated Maritime Security Architecture, A panacea for Economic Growth of Nigeria" witnessed the presentation of Awards to individuals and Organizations for their contributions to the development of the forum. The event witnessed the representatives of Security agencies and Calabar Port Manager, Mrs. Olufunmilayo Olotu.



Hadiza Bala Usman

MD NPA HOLDS COMMENDATION DINNER FOR PAST MDs, RETIRED GMs AND AGMs

The Managing Director of the Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA) Hadiza Bala Usman in line with Management's thrust of all an inclusive administrative style recently organized a commendation dinner for past Managing Directors, retired General Managers and Assistant General Managers.

In her address, the Managing Director said "this evening is a mark of determination in the Executive Management to put our people first whether in service or out of service".

The retirees were recognized with plaques of commendation as a mark of appreciation for their patriotic sacrifices during their years of active service.

WORK HOUR RELAXATION

Vox Pop WHAT HAS BEEN YOUR MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT IN THE OUTGOING YEAR?



My most memorable moment is when I took my Son to boarding school for the first time. It was so exciting even though I will be missing him, but I was happy because he gained admission into secondary school.

Faka Juliet

Senior Performance and Appraisal Officer, Delta Ports, Warri.



In the out going year I had a lot of good memories, but the most memorable moment was that day a letter was given to me.

Chioma

Senior Tariff and Billing Officer, Delta Ports, Warri.



Due to the game of Federal Civil Servant Game (FESGA) in Nigeria that Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA) participated. It has been a wonderful outing in our own side. Out of 39 contestants, NPA came 4th position, this is a great and wonderful outing.

The Managing Director has performed excellently basically on the reconstruction and rehabilitation of Apapa roads has impacted on the movement of vehicular and human traffic within the Ports.

Ekundare Bukola

Tariff & Billing Officer I
Tariff & Billing Dept. KLT (TCIP)



My most memorable moment of the year was the day I received my promotion letter as a Senior Auditor on 7th November, 2018.

Ajilore Dele Johnson

Senior Auditor
Internal Audit Division HQ



Traveling out of the country for the first time ever since I joined the Authority seventeen years ago. I really enjoyed the trip and also rested from the traffic in Lagos. I sincerely thank the Management for such opportunity and privilege.

Jane U. Eke

Senior Personal Secretary I
Public Private Partnership HQ.



My disposition/redeployment in February, 2018 from the Corporate and Strategic Communications Department, Calabar Port to the Administration division HQ. with the task of supporting the Assistant General Manager Admin(Records and Archives) in ensuring the implementation of the Executive Managements desire for full deployment of a comprehensive document Management solution in the organization.

Michael Owen Awiankele

Manager, Administration.
Records MGT/Archives, HQ.



The most memorable moment of 2018 was when I received my promotion from an Assistant Manager to Manager.

Eunice Edionseri

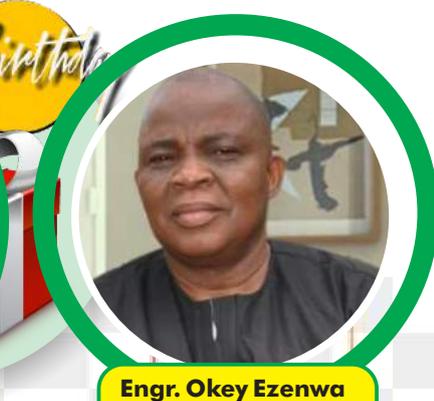
Manager Procurement
Procurement HQ.



The provision of staff welfare buses after several attempts, promotion exercise and salary arrears were my most memorable moment of 2018.

Ojumu Anthony Abiodun

Assistant Manager Admin
Admin HQ.



Abuba kar Garba Umar
Port Manager, Rivers Port
30th December

Charles Okaga
Principle Manager
Traffic (M&RS) HQ.
4th December.

Benjamin Swam Sidi
Prin. Mngr. Training,
HQ, Marina - Lagos.
11th December

Engr. Okey Ezenwa
Prin. Mgr. Safety. HQ.
16th December



Antonia Uchegbulem
Prin. Mgr Pollution. HQ.
21st December

Sola Ayodele Ajamolaya
Security Dept,
HQ, Marina - Lagos.
12th December

Olubiya Omidiji
Manager C & SC Division HQ.
17th December



Nneamaka Isabela Agim
Security Officer, Calabar Port
13th December

Abidemi Agboola
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18th December

Mrs Ijeoma Nwosu
Manager Shores, LPC.
15th December

Mercy Gaiya
Corp. & Strat. Plan. Dept,
HQ, Marina - Lagos.
1st December



Godsglory
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HQ, Marina - Lagos.
3rd December

Mrs. Beatrice Sidi
Welfare officer,
Employee & Labour Relations Dept. Hq
17th Dec.

Kabir Abubakar
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31st December

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15th December

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