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**T**he Managing Director of Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA) Hadiza Bala Usman recently played host to delegates from different parts of the world in Abuja, Nigeria at the just concluded International Association of Ports and Harbours (IAPH) first regional conference held in Africa. This year's edition tagged "African Ports and Hinterland Connectivity" aims amongst others at creating a forum for delegates to discuss strategies towards maximizing the benefits of connectivity in the movement of cargo from the Ports to the hinterland. We were in Abuja where we bring you reports and memorable pictures at the historic event.



# From the Editorial Suites



**T**his month's edition is very special to the editorial team of the In-House Newsletter as we bring you highlights from the just concluded International Association of Ports and Harbours [IAPH] Africa Conference which took place in Abuja between 17-19 September, 2018 at the prestigious Transcorp Hilton Abuja.

The International event is the first within the African region in the association's 63 years of its existence with a global alliance of 180 member's Ports and 140 Port related businesses in 90 countries.

The theme of the Conference which is tagged "African Ports and Hinterland Connectivity" aims at further promoting collaborations and information sharing which helps to resolve common issues and continually improve on services of Ports to the Maritime Industries.

In this edition, we serve you with memorable speeches, moments and pictures from the historic event for your delight.

These and other many juicy stories are put together for your reading pleasure.

**Catherine N. Ude**  
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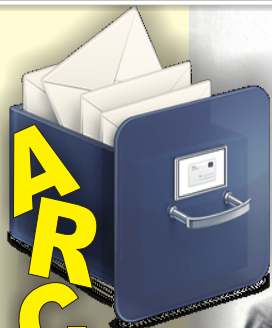
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**"YOU CAN NEVER CROSS THE OCEAN UNLESS YOU HAVE THE COURAGE TO LOSE SIGHT OF THE SHORE"**

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THE VISITING OF THE BRITISH PORTS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MR. STEVENSON AND HIS WIFE WITH THE NPA BOARD MEMBERS AND SENIOR EUROPEAN OFFICIALS 1958



# HADIZA

**BALA USMAN**

## MD NPA WELCOMES DELEGATES

I am delighted to welcome you to the first ever conference of the African Region of the International Association for Ports and Harbours which opens today. The IAPH was established in 1955 to promote the development of ports and create a worldwide synergy for effectiveness amongst all member countries through strong member relationships.

In the 63 years of its existence, the association has grown into a global alliance representing 180 Members Ports and 140 Port related businesses in 90 countries. The IAPH promotes collaborations and information-sharing which helps to resolve common issues and continually improve on service of ports to the maritime industries.

Some of the common strategies the association employs to achieve its mission of strengthening relationships among member ports included: facilitating interactions and ideas sharing for problem-solving and formulation of best practices policies. And since this is an industry, global in nature with the success of one affecting the other, the association also leverages members' expertise through technical committees and programmes that create platforms focused on resolving complex port and maritime industry concerns and building greater efficiency and sustainability for ports worldwide.

It is in the furtherance of this objective that members of the association in the African Region decided to put together this conference to provide a platform for the discussion and the formulation of ideas that would create policies for the effective administration of our ports and ultimately increase port collective capacity for efficiency.

Although this is an African conference, global key organisations like the World Trade Organisation (WTO), the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, UNCTAD are here to avail us the opportunity to latest global best practices and opportunity that exists for the development of ports in Africa.

And our colleagues from various African trade corridors including the Lagos Abidjan, Walvis Bay Corridor Group, Antwerp Port Authority, Guangzhou Port Authority and administrator from African Ports such as Transnet National Port Authority (South Africa), (ii) Kenya Ports Authority, (iii) Douala Port Authority (Cameroon), (iv) Nigerian Ports Authority, (v) Cotonou Port Authority (Benin), (vi) Abidjan Port Authority (Cote d'Ivoire), (vii) Dakar Port Authority (Senegal), (viii) Tanger Med Port (Morocco), (ix) Port of Alexandria (Egypt) are available to share experiences and gain new insights on how to improve our operations and attain better efficiency.

There is no doubt that Africa holds a special place in the global maritime space, with 39 of the 54 countries on the continent endowed with littoral assets, the development of the continent is to a large extent, tied to the optimal exploitation of its vast maritime resources. And since we, as brothers and sisters on the continent are also affected by relatively identical limitations and concerns, this conference gives us the opportunity to explore ways of cooperation for the development of our ports and the economies of our countries, ultimately.

Given our limitless potential and the concerted efforts of national leaders on the continent to explore the potentials that our ports bear, there could be no better time for us as administrators of ports across the continent to ponder on the best ways to improve connectivity to the hinterland where most of the cargoes that we receive at our ports are designed for.

There is no doubt that one of the determinants factors for the relevance of ports is the speed and seamlessness with which owners of cargo are able to move their consignments out of the ports and that Africa really does still have a lot of work to do in this area.

For these and so many other reasons, the theme for the conference, African Ports and Hinterland Connectivity, is one that will hopefully unleash the potential of our ports to contribute to development.

I implore all participants to open their minds to speak out and learn new things that will justify this meeting and affect our organisations and countries positively. I once again, welcome you to this conference and wish you very happy and fruitful deliberations.



# COMMUNIQUE OF THE AFRICAN REGIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE IAPH

HOLDING AT THE TRANSCORP HILTON, ABUJA FROM THE 17<sup>TH</sup> – 19<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2018.

THEME: AFRICAN PORTS & HINTERLAND CONNECTIVITY

## Fundamental issues that arose from the Conference are:

Ports are strategic national assets;

For economies to grow in the right direction, there is need for investments in port and evacuation infrastructure to facilitate hinterland connectivity;

Connectivity for economic growth, expansion and integration should be viewed from the perspective of domestic, sub-regional, continental and international trade domain;

There is need to develop sustainable multi-modal transport linkages with emphasis on rail, inland waterways and pipeline infrastructure;

To overcome the cumbersome and difficult experiences on intra-Africa trade route occasioned by heavy infrastructural deficit and unfriendly border post procedures, there is need for Ministerial/ inter-Government collaborations across sub and regional levels;

African countries need to leverage on the support platforms provided by international bodies such as the IMO, WTO, UNCTAD, ACMA and others to build technical, financial and operational competence and capacity to raise standards and efficiency levels;

To encourage funding, port service providers are encouraged to form viable consortiums to provide the required size for credit guarantees;

Promotion of the use of ICDs and off-dock facilities as a measure of promoting hinterland connectivity;

African ports are encouraged to develop the right capacity to take investment opportunities in landlocked countries;

Need for African ports to adopt best practices in terms of human capacity and expertise;

Development of capacity building in ICT and port community systems to improve efficiency and reduce corruption;

Take advantage of opportunities afforded by infrastructural financial institutions such as AfDB, ADF and NTF to access funds required to address the menace of infrastructural deficits;

Need to operate within the prescription of the FAL convention to mitigate border post problems and associated delays and connectivity restrictions;

There is the need for sustained promotion of the ideals/ objectives of Corridor Management Institutions (CMI) as promoted by ACMA;

Need to consider measures aimed at sustainable environmental protection as the ports and transportation network develop in response to increasing demands of logistics, connectivity and regional integration;

Need to build models that will domesticate environmental compliance processes with regard to the peculiarity of the African situation;

Need for African ports to develop capacities for standards that are comparable to global best practice;

Introduction and strengthening of private sector participation (PPP) to improve dilapidated port infrastructure and efficiency in port operations;

Creating awareness and taking measures to mitigate the negative effects of marine pollution and environmental degradation that could harm the population;

Motivating the ports to pursue agenda that will facilitate ISO compliance in line with current trend on standardization and best practices;

Countries need to look into the possibilities of partnering to develop regional deep-sea ports;

The need for cooperation and synergy between littoral ports and dry ports in the African region to improve hinterland connectivity;

The need to encourage women integration and capacity building in the maritime sector;

Giving incentives and prioritizing services rendered to dry ports to create volume traffic as seen in the case between Dakar Port Authority and Bamako Port in Mali;

Strengthening corporate social responsibilities between the ports and ports community through incentive packages that will make the communities ambassadors of ports

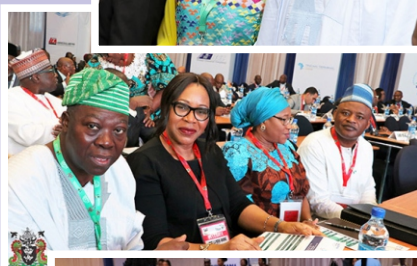
The president of Nigeria encouraged participants to see their participation as privileged and the need to serve their countries with optimum loyalty in ensuring they contribute their quota to trade facilitation and total integration of African economies;





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# IAPH Pictorial





# WORK HOUR RELAXATION

## Vox Pop

**As a parent, would you compel your child taking after a particular profession?  
Give reasons?**



**N**o! I tried that once with my first child and even though the child completed the course, she told me she did it for me. Now the child is doing something different for a post graduate course, something that pleases her. I think what we should do as parent is to help the child find his or her rhythm, guide them as they chart their course. Every individual person is unique so is the child. We should give them the necessary exposure so that they can choose right.

**BALLAH Sarah K.**  
Principal Manager C&SC (SERVICOM)



**C**ompelling a child to take after a particular profession is a bad idea. Parenting is all about providing love & support to develop an independent, happy and confident child rather than crushing her dreams.

As a parent, guide, mentor and educate your child. Once a solid foundation is laid he would not deviate from it due to peer pressure.

The consequence of compelling the child to take after a particular profession most times result to the unfulfilment of both parent & child.

**EUNICE EDIONSERI**, Manager, Procurement



**T**here will be no reason in my belief for a parent to compel his child to take after a particular profession.

First of all as parents, we are expected to provide guidance and counselling to our children and words on all aspects of life including career choice or path. But this has to be done with lot of compulsion. Children are gifted in many different ways than one. All we need do as parents is to look out for such special talent possessed by our children and encourage them to pick up career along such lines. This will make the child to stand out among his peers and later in life when he goes into the society.

**M. J. KHALIL**, AGM Security



No because, every individual has love for some professions and will definitely want to practice what he or she likes.

If the person does the profession of his choice, he will definitely put in all effort in order to excel in that field and have self-actualization.

If the parent compel their child to go for a profession that is not of his choice, he may be discouraged and will not perform well in that field.

**Engr. Pius. U. Okoroafor**  
Dockyard Manager, Rivers Port



**T**he ultimate choice of a profession rest with my child. As a parent, haven identified the child's character trust, interest and inherent potential while growing up, he\she will be given the necessary guidance and encouragement to enable him make a good choice.

**ENGR. MOSAN**



No, I will not compel any child to take a particular profession. I can advise, encourage or guide a child in the direction of some particular profession of choice after a careful observation of that child potentials and interest.

**Olugbenga Onitilo**  
Senior Manager, Accounts, RiversPorts



**I**t used to be parents want their children to be so & so in future. But with the trend s of things, changes occurred. Is not necessary as far as they have good educational background, they can choose their profession based on their conviction not parent choice. We have to move along with changing world.

**A. S. NAKAMBA** Principal Manager Procurement





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