



# NPA

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# NIPOSA 2019:

## NPA COMMISSIONS ULTRA MODERN SPORTING COMPLEX, FLAGS-OFF NIPOSA GAMES

**T**he Managing Director of the Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA), Hadiza Bala Usman has stated that the Authority pays premium on the health, welfare and physical preparedness of staff in order that the workforce contribute meaningfully for greater efficiency and satisfactory services at the Nation's seaports.

Speaking while commissioning the new ultra-modern sports facility as well as kicking off the 2019 annual Nigerian Ports Authority Sports Association (NIPOSA) Games at Bode Thomas, Surulere, Lagos, the NPA helmsperson said that the sports complex is a critical feature in the Authority's operational thrust of efficiency. The standard facility is part of motivation put in place by management to drive staff towards greater productivity and dividends to the nations' economy.

Furthermore, the Managing Director said, concerning the new Sport Centre, "In improving the health and welfare of staffers of the Organisation, we understand that sport activities are also a way of galvanizing for greater loyalty of the workforce to the development of the Authority and our joint aspirations of being the leading port in the sub region."

An elated Hadiza asserted that the NPA management is delighted at the fact that as anticipated from inception on mounting the saddle, the rehabilitation of the Sport facility has become a dream come true. "I am truly happy that this dream is today a reality." She eulogized the NPA sports teams across board in their professionalism at winning laurels citing the Maritime cup the football team lifted after ten (10) years, and the exciting NPA position on the medals table of the Federation of Public and Civil Service games (FEPSCG) where our contingent placed fourth out of 61 MDAs.

She therefore told the workforce to be proud of both the sports facility and the club house, which provide a refreshing environment for recreation, networking, relaxation and unwinding amongst staff in preparation for a new refreshed day, stronger and ready to rededicating ourselves to the service to our great nation.

In his contribution, the chairman NIPOSA games, General Manager Human Resources, Yahaya Bukar said the games this year would be a huge success amidst appreciation to NPA Management on the rehabilitation of the sports facility stressing that in the spirit of collaboration, Management has extended participation to Stakeholders in the games meant to promote unity amongst staff of the organisation across the nation with focus on staff mental alertness and physical wellbeing. He added that two new games, basketball and swimming have been included for the competition this year.

According to the chairman "the NPA Management deserves accolades for exceptional support, it is to their credit that NIPOSA has been resuscitated after 17 years."



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**T**his edition features the just concluded **Nigerian Ports Sports Association [NIPOSA] Games**. The Managing Director of the NPA, Hadiza Bala Usman, says Management will continually support its workforce in sporting activities with the belief that the competition will further boost unity, friendliness and a healthy mind and body across board.

We also report the commissioning of the refurbished Club House at the Sports Ground in Bode Thomas Surulere, Lagos by the Managing Director. This, she said, is with the view of creating an avenue for NPA workforce and the general public to network and unwind towards improved healthy life and productivity. In appreciation of customers who patronised its services over the years, the Management of the NPA recently joined the corporate world to celebrate the **World Customer Day**. This is also a reminder to the Workforce on the need to up their services in view of the competitive business environment. These and other juicy stories and pictures are for your reading pleasure.

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#### NPA NewsQuote

**You can't cross the sea merely  
by standing and staring at  
the water**

#### Archival



**ROLLS ROYCE VEHICLE TRANSPORTED THROUGH A RIVER IN EASTERN NIGERIA (1962)**



# NPA JOINS THE WORLD TO CELEBRATE GLOBAL CUSTOMER SERVICE WEEK



**T**he NPA Management has called on its workforce to further ensure critical assessment and evaluation of the workplace practices and ethics which would go a long way at positioning the Authority's workforce positively before the external customers against the backdrop of greater Customer satisfaction at the nation's seaports.

This remark was made by the Managing Director of the NPA Hadiza Bala Usman who was represented by the Authority's Executive Director Marine and Operations Dr Sokonte Davies while declaring open the 2019 Customer Service Week held at the Corporate Headquarters Office, Marina.

The General Manager SERVICOM Mrs Hariratu Mohammed in her brief remark called on the Workforce to endeavour to put in their best at all times with a positive public perception to ensure that Customers continually patronise the Organisation in view of the competitive business environment.

This year's theme tagged **THE MAGIC OF SERVICE** was to celebrate both the internal and external customers.

## NPA BOARD SET TO REVAMP RIVERS PORT

**I**n a bid to improve productivity and drive efficiency, The Board of Directors, Nigerian Ports Authority has pledged to revamp Rivers Port in Port Harcourt.

The Board Chairman Mr. Emmanuel Adesoye disclosed this while speaking to newsmen during his working visit to the Port recently, to carry out on-the-spot assessment on the state of the Port infrastructure.

He averred that the board is poised to increase patronage of the Port, through a holistic upgrade of the Port infrastructure and also providing the needed equipment that have been mapped out to aid smooth operational activities.

On the issue of encroachment, he urged the Port Management to beef up security around the Port property and also report any security threat beyond its capacity to the Corporate Headquarters.

Mr. Adesoye commended the working attitude of the staff and their enthusiasm to move the Port forward. He charged them to work together to out-perform competitors, and also benchmark their activities in line with international best practices.

In his welcome address earlier, the Port Manager Rivers Port Engineer Yunusa Ibrahim Anji informed his audience that the Port Management has been taking a lot of steps to revive the Port, such as acquisition of basic and modern operational equipment.

He further harped on the cordial relationship the Port enjoys with its host community. According to him, the Management has a robust community relation programme, which has advertently curbed youth restiveness and other social vices.

The Port Manager expressed satisfaction on the bold step of the Board to improve the state of the Port Infrastructure Authority wide, for operational efficiency.



## CONTAINER VESSEL MV BOREAS VISITS CALABAR PORT



**T**he Vessel MV Boreas by name coming from Valencia in Spain, enroute Port Harcourt to Calabar berthing at Berth 4 Eco marine Terminal, Calabar Port Complex, brought by Shipping agent Hullblyth.



# NIPOSA GAMES

## ...IN PIX



SN	LOCATION	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	TOTAL	POSITION
1	HEADQUARTERS	10	4	6	20	1 <sup>ST</sup>
2	TCIP	8	3	3	14	2 <sup>ND</sup>
3	RIVERS	7	6	7	20	3 <sup>RD</sup>
4	ONNE	5	7	2	14	4 <sup>TH</sup>
5	LPC	4	9	7	20	5 <sup>TH</sup>
6	CALABAR	4	6	2	13	6 <sup>TH</sup>
7	DELTA	3	2	6	11	7 <sup>TH</sup>





# WORK HOUR RELAXATION

## Vox Pop

### HOW DO YOU ACHIEVE BALANCE BETWEEN SAVER/SPENDER COUPLE?

**I**n marriage, money belongs to both partners, that means you should both decide how to spend it.

Savings is a top priority, to say the fact. Sometimes it feels impossible to convince the other person to change his or her way concerning money, but if your spouse has a different money habit than you, there should be a meeting point, i.e. every kobo should be budgeted for. This is where saver gets a sense of control and spender gets permission to buy without guilt.

**AJAMOLAYA SHOLA**  
SECURITY, HQ



**M**arriage and money are live event, but in a situation where saver get the sense of control and spender get permission to spend without being queried both parties win.

To achieve this, they must come to an agreement, there are healthy level of spending and saving for every family. If one partner spends too much there is bound to be friction over money matters.

However, any form of marriage saving is a priority.

**ADEGOYE MERCY MODUPE**  
SECURITY, HQ



**F**irstly, line of Communication about money should always be open – couple should talk about money so that they can make decisions together.

Keep some play money for each other to spend as they wish without consulting the other to avoid quarrel.

In Conclusion, achieving a balance between saver/spender couple would help them to be happier, and build a better relationship with a strong family base.

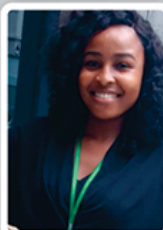
**DURU IFEANYI BRIGHT**  
ENTERPRISE RISK MGT.  
DELTA PORTS, WARRI



**C**ouples are supposed to discuss their finances before getting married, so one can set expectations and get to know the financial side of one's spouse before being a couple.

So also, depending on their respective backgrounds they have to be cooperative, they should respect each other's decision but most importantly come to an agreement on how to save, whether to open a joint account and a different account for spending in order not to be extravagant in spending.

**EZEA CHIAMAKA**  
C&SC, HQ



**B**efore marriage, the couple should discuss their finances on how to draw a realistic budget always, not only to draw budget but also how to finance it.

The couple should make saving a matter of priority.

Both spender and saver are not bad personalities if properly managed.

Conclusively, the couple should have more than one means of income.

**OVWIOMODIOWHO FAMOUS**  
C&SC DIV. DELTA PORTS, WARRI.



**B**oth the Husband and the Wife are savers and spenders. The most important aspect of spending and saving is building a trust on each other. Wives could not avoid unnecessary demanding of money each time she notices that the Husband has got some cash.

In summary, if a couple should allow God to be in-charge of their finances, the issue of who spends more or who saves more will not be a problem in any home.

**UGO PRINCE ENE**  
TRAINING, CALABAR



**T**here is need to have agreement between both partners on how much money should be spent or there should be a tab on each of the partner's electronic payment systems so that he/she wouldn't exceed the agreed amount.

**FEHINTOLA SORINWOLU**  
C&SC, HQ



**M**y wife is a saver while I am a spender

I achieve this balance because

1. My wife is a humble woman
2. She has a listening ear
3. She always co-operates with me
4. On a good day, I shower pleasant surprises on her when she least expects

**REUBEN WILBERFORCE SHALGABALA**  
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# Health and Safety

## CARELESS ATTITUDES THAT RESULT IN FIRE AND PREVENTION



Overloading of Sockets



Don't overload electrical socket



Cigarette disposal



Don't dispose off cigarette stub carelessly



Kitchen Equipment



Pay attention to cooking in your kitchen



Refuelling of working Generator



Don't refuel a working generator



Litted Candle

Be careful with lighted candle



Scooping of Fuel



Never involve in scooping of fuel especially from fallen tanker



Burning of Refuse



Avoid burning of your refuse at home

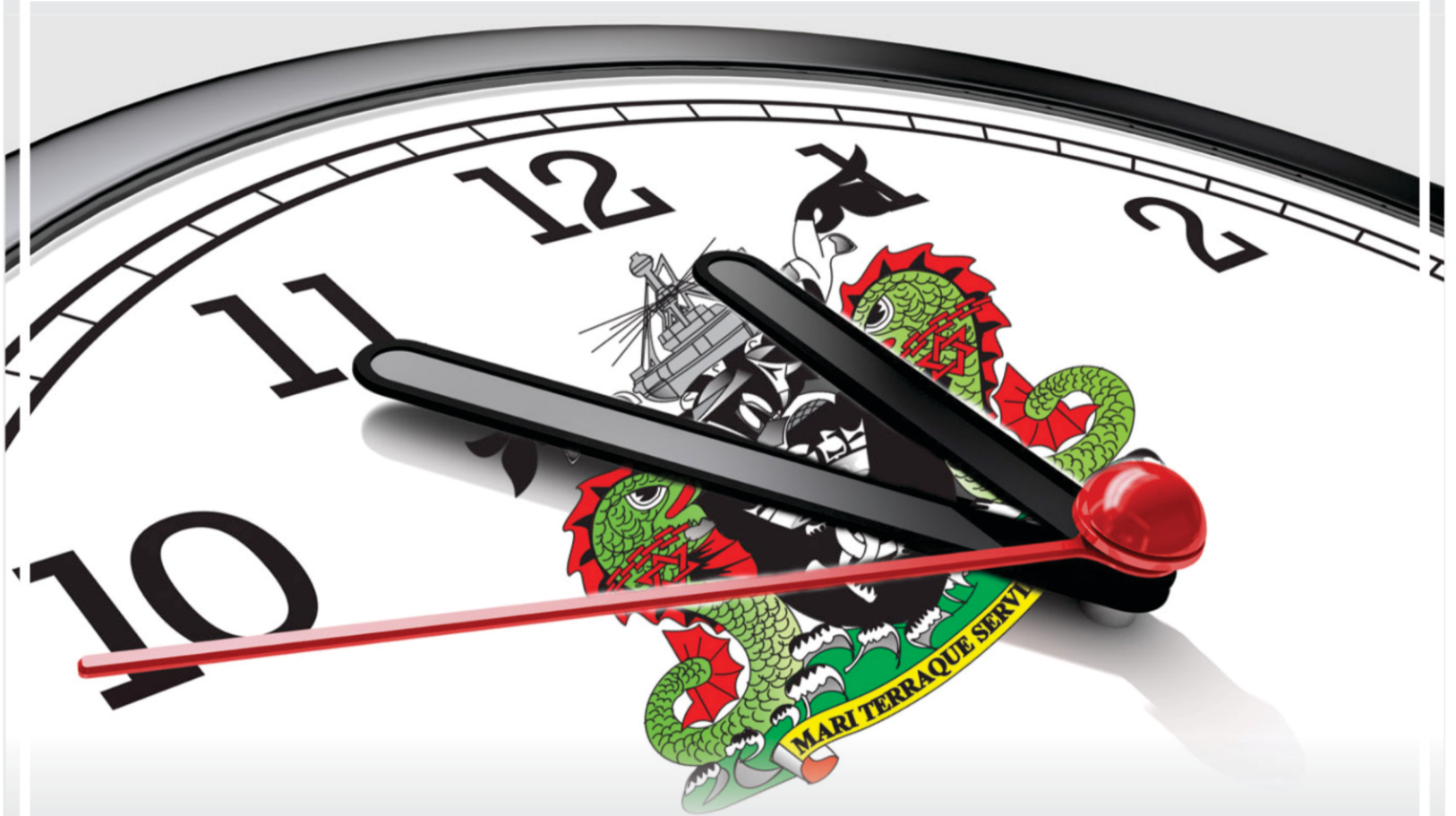
### Remember:

- At work, at home and everywhere, let safety be known.
- Safety never takes a holiday, be alive today, avert fire, alive tomorrow.









We believe **TIME** is of more value than money.

With quick turn-around time of vessels which is evident in our increased port operational efficiency, coupled with decreased port cost, the **Nigerian Ports Authority** is living to expectation in its mission at delivering Efficient Port Service in a Safe, Secure and Customer-friendly Environment.

**- Efficiency - Customer Satisfaction - Safety & Security - Innovation -**



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