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# PORT ACTIVITIES BOOM

## - AS RIVERS AND CALABAR PORTS RECEIVE LARGER VESSELS

**P**ort activities in Rivers and Calabar Ports have recorded an upsurge following the berthing of larger vessels. This follows a sustained effort by the Management of the Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA) to encourage importers to utilize the Eastern Ports.

Specifically, the Rivers Port Complex berthed a massive NLNG vessel- "Navigator Capricorn" which is the first of its kind to berth in the entire Eastern axis. Its arrival promises to ensure that petroleum products consumers in the zone would for the first time meet their product needs without travelling out of the zone.

The "Navigator Capricorn" measures 160 meters, with a gross registered tonnage of 5,493.

To accommodate the vessel, at the stock gap jetty, the channel had to be dredged to 7 meters with the placement of buoys to aid navigation.

For Calabar Port, two container vessels MV Zea Walawe and MV Adamas called in quick succession. The MV Adamas discharged 14 of its 128 laden containers before onward sail to Point Naire in the Congo.

Reports reaching us attest to the fact that more vessels would soon berth at the Calabar Port because of the incentives approved by The NPA Management for importers who decide to use the Port.

Recently, as part of efforts to decongest the Ports in Lagos, the Hadiza-led Management approved a 10 percent discount for importers who move their goods through the Eastern Ports.

The use of these Ports, after many years of low patronage, have yielded tremendous revenue for the Authority and by extension, to improve the gross domestic product of the nation's economy. Besides, this has led to increased job and wealth creation for Terminal Operators, stakeholders, service providers, clearing agents, freight forwarders, and dockworkers who use and patronize the Ports.

The Rivers and Calabar Ports have witnessed recent upgrade of their infrastructure such as quay aprons and port facilities under this Management and this is an ongoing process to ensure the actualization of the vision of being the leading Port in Africa is achieved while aiming for the hub of maritime business in the West and Central Africa.

Clearly, this is a strategic and laudable move by the Management of the NPA to make Ports in the Eastern axis come alive while ensuring that the importers and stakeholders get value for their investments.

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**T**he November edition highlights a major breakthrough recently recorded by the Nigerian Ports Authority Management with the berthing of more, and larger vessels within the Eastern Ports axis.

Following the concerted efforts at ensuring a more efficient service delivery, operational efficiency as well as the recent incentives given to importers to use the Eastern Ports by Management, the Ports of the Eastern Axis, Rivers Port, Calabar Port and Onne Port have enjoyed tremendous limelight and patronage with the recent berthing of larger vessels.

Increasingly, the female folk are getting involved in more technical areas of the maritime industry. A feature article in this edition takes an overview of this trend and how it can only result in the overall growth of the sector.

In the Health and Safety corner, we bring you some important safety tips when commuting through the states as the yuletide/ end of the year season is around the corner.

These and other regular juicy stories have been served hot and sizzling for your reading pleasure.

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## NPA NewsQuote

*We are tied to the ocean. And when we go back to the sea, whether it is to sail or to watch - we are going back from whence we came.*

*- John F. Kennedy*

## Archival



**Rolls Royce vehicle transported through a river in Eastern Nigeria (1962)**



# ROLE OF WOMEN IN NIGERIA'S MARITIME SECTOR



**M**aritime experts the world over have applauded the recent positive contributions of women in the Maritime sector which has greatly impacted positively in the growth and development of the industry across board.

Recent findings reveal that more women are found in various technical areas such as Pilotage, Administration and Headship of various Ministries, Department and Agencies which was not the case before now.

Thus, the sector has been repositioned towards a more efficient service delivery with a view to competing favorably In line with international best practices.

Of note, was the recent visit by a group of female pilots to the Managing Director of the Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA) Hadiza Bala Usman.

It would be recalled that the Rector of the Maritime Academy of Nigeria (MAN) Commodore Emmanuel Effedua who represented by the Acting Director Gabriel Eto while delivering a goodwill message in Lagos at the 2019 annual lecture and investiture ceremony of the Certified Institute of Shipping of Nigeria (CISN) stated that the academy aligns with various



bodies and events aimed at fostering Maritime education for females.

Quoting him "women must be given opportunity to excel in the Maritime industry in order to foster accelerated growth. Women achievers abound in Maritime industry and they are celebrated. So a lot of sensitization about Women's accomplishments and advocacy about women and all hands must be on desk towards encouraging other woman capabilities innate abilities need to be done to achieve gender parity in the workplace .women need mentorship and sponsorship to make it to the top in their career pursuit".

Industry watchers are of the view that the sector is no longer a male dominated sector which is a welcome development.



## HARNESSING OPPORTUNITIES IN THE MARITIME SUB-SECTOR

### - A BOOST FOR THE NATION'S ECONOMY

**T**he Managing Director of Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA), Hadiza Bala Usman has called for sustained efforts to maximize the opportunities that are abound in the Maritime Sub-Sector through entrepreneurship.

Speaking at the second edition of the Nigeria and Entrepreneurship Summit and Honors (NESH) Maritime Roundtable in Lagos on the theme: "Harnessing the Opportunities for Entrepreneurs in the Nigerian Sub Sector, she stated that the "Nation's Maritime sub sector can be a notable contributor to the efforts at poverty reduction, creation of wealth, promotion of skills acquisition and encouragement of entrepreneurship", noting that the sector has "the potential of contributing at least 10 percent of Nigeria's GDP in no distant future because Nigeria has the biggest market in Africa".

The Roundtable Summit discussions centered on the strategic exploitation and harnessing of vast opportunities that abound in the Maritime domain and the envisaged contributions to the nation's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) thereby reducing the dependence on the petroleum sector. She further said that "Nigeria has a vast inland waterway resource estimated at about 3,000 km that can support a vibrant inter-regional trade. The country is also advantageously located on the coastline corridors of the Gulf of Guinea and the Bight of Benin and has eight littoral states coupled with a growing population and huge market that counters the capacity to stimulate substantial domestic tonnage".

The Managing Director informed the stakeholders at the Summit

that there was need to strengthen requisite skills for greater professionalism through funding and capacity building that would drive the implementation of the abundant Maritime resources in the country.

She also noted that the Authority was in collaboration with Federal Ministry of Works And Housing FMWH and the Nigerian Railway Corporation in order to increase the latter's market share in the wheel of cargo evacuation from the ports.

In doing this, the Authority advocates critical traffic management framework, collaboration with Inland Container depots like that of Kaduna for swift cargo evacuation to the northern hinterlands.

The deployment of modern technology tools like Revenue and Invoice Management System (RIMS) and the much-expected Single Window for real time swift cargo release processes are in progress. The NPA equally encourages Stakeholders in the areas of Traffic Management Frameworks for stemming the gridlock across board, automated truck management system exemplified by holding bay with an efficient call-up systems.

She called for the effective management of the nation's Green fields which are expected to attract Foreign Direct Investments (FDIs) and generate more revenue while enshrining the tenets of Private Public Partnership (PPP).

Hadiza stressed the need for the utilization of modern navigational infrastructure for Health, Safety, and Security of the Port environment whilst enshrining efficient Marine services in line with Global practice.



# NIGERIAN PORTS AUTHORITY

## COMMITTED TO FURTHER ENHANCING BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT



**M**anaging Director of the Nigerian Ports Authority, Hadiza Bala Usman has assured of the Authority's determination to ensure effective service delivery in all Nigerian Ports with the intention of making the nation's maritime sector more competitive and become a hub in the sub-region.

Bala Usman, who was represented by the Executive Director, Finance and Administration, Mohammed Bello-Koko, spoke while receiving members of the House Of Representatives Committee on Ports who paid a working visit to the NPA.

She explained that the Authority was working to reduce the dwell time of cargo at the Ports as well as embrace multimodal transportation through the use of locomotive trains and barges for the evacuation of cargoes in and out of the Ports to the hinterlands.

She said: "Over 95% of the cargoes coming into the Ports are taken through trucks and that is not efficient. There must be multimodal means of transportation to include trains and barges in order to reduce congestion and we are working towards this".

In his remarks, Chairman of the House Committee Garba Datti Mohammad told stakeholders that the visit to the Ports was to avail the Committee with the workings of the Ports and find out ways that the House could enhance Port operations.

He thanked the Management of the NPA for the cooperation that the committee has received from the organization noting that this has brought members up to speed as to the operations of NPA.

"It is necessary for members to see things for themselves and also meet with the operators so that we could better appreciate activities and operations of not only the NPA, but also Terminal Operators and other service providers".

Hon. Mohammad stated further that the visit was to appraise the 2019 budget performance in line with the directive of President Muhammadu Buhari to Ministries, Departments and Agencies of government during the presentation of the 2020 budget.

He concluded by commending the Management of the NPA for the positive developments in the sector since its assumption of office and assured of the Committees willingness to partner with the Authority towards improving the maritime sector given its importance to the national economy.



**T**he controller of Customs, Oil and Gas Free Trade Zone, Comptroller S. L. A. Wushishi paid a courtesy visit to the Port Manager, Onne Port complex, Alhassan Ismaila Abubakar recently.



**H**ouse of Representative Committee on Ports & Harbours visit LPC.



# WORK HOUR RELAXATION

## Vox Pop

**ATTITUDE IS KEY TO A SUCCESSFUL LIFE. DO YOU AGREE?**

**D**eveloping a positive or negative attitude in life determines the success or failure of anyone in life.

If one is to be successful in life, he only needs a positive attitude, i.e. He is to have faith, believe in God and him or herself be open and kind to people, show love and care, refrain from idleness and embrace hard work.

**TUNDE OGBALOI**

HR/OPTS, DELTA PORTS WARRI



**I** absolutely agree. Success hinges on a variety of factors. Key amongst those factors is positive energy. To attract positive energy, one must possess a positive attitude.

Although attitude is an expression of oneself, it has the potential of creating an atmosphere of distrust and disharmony when expressed negatively, especially in the workplace.

**SADIQ UMAR DANGIWA**

HUMAN RESOURCES, HQ



**Y**es I strongly agree. There is a famous saying which connotes "your attitude today determines your success tomorrow. Your attitude impact everything you do, the way you think and your motivational levels.

One's attitude is the most powerful tool for positive action that can help one become successful in life. Bad attitude is a major disability in life if you intend to be successful, reliable, responsible, trust worthy, ethical and so on.

**BELLO HARUNA**

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**A**ttitude can make or mar a person because it is more valuable than money or any material thing. A positive Attitude encourages success. Growing up, factors like environment, culture, education, technology and so many other surrounding conditions may/may not affect an individual's success in life based on his/her ambition, zeal, passion, dedication and ultimately "attitude" that guarantees achievements.

**USMAN SAIDU DABAR**

ICT Div. HQ



**Y**es, Attitude is a very important key rule to a successful life. Your attitude will help you to mode your relationship in life with other fellow human beings, your behaviors with peers and relations in the society in general. It portrays who you are whether you are an honest, trustworthy and transparent fellow or not.

Attitude, Knowledge, and skills are qualities that help to build you up in your day to day encounter with everyone.

**OKOLO MARK**

FIRE SERVICE DELTA PORTS

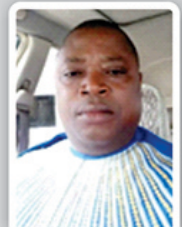


**I** agree with the statement that a positive attitude is key to success in life. Not only does a positive attitude lead to greater success, it also makes easier to gain inner peace, better health, improved relationship, happiness and satisfaction.

A positive attitude also helps one to cope more easily with daily affairs of life. Great and positive attitude will make you a winner in life and also turns unhappy customers into happy customers.

**ASUKWO ESIN**

TARIFF & BLLING, RIVERS PORT



**Y**es the right attitude is key to success, it's your today that determines one's success. The best valuable asset one can possess is a positive attitude towards life.

One's attitude determines how much success one can achieve in life. The important and decisive factor in life is not what happens but the attitude taken towards what happened. The way we respond to situations around us contributes to our success or failure. In the Living bible (Ephesians 4:23) says "your attitudes and thoughts must all be constantly changing for better".

**ONYEKACHI OKORONKWO**

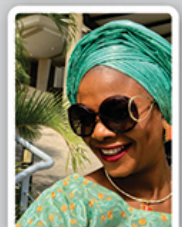
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**T**he word Attitude is relative. It depends on which "Attitude" is key to a Successful Life or vice versa. A bad attitude is a product failure in life, whereas a Good Attitude is definitely the Key to a successful life of which I totally subscribe to. How one manages his or her attitude is very important. Focusing on a "Successful Life", a Good Attitude can be displayed in form of: Gratitude, Emphatic, Perseverance, Integrity, Loyalty, Contentment, Respect, Sincerity, to mention but a few. Talent, Education, Influence & Intelligence can take you to a high Altitude in life, but it's only Good Attitude that can sustain & keep you on the high horizon and even further, which translates to the popular saying that, "Attitude to Gratitude increases Altitude. Good Attitude is definitely a key to Successful life.

**JOY AKINBOBOLA**

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# Health and Safety

## SAFETY TIPS WHEN COMMUTING WITHIN/THROUGH THE STATES



**T**hese are safety tips to prevent being robbed while commuting within or travelling especially as the end of the year approaches.

1. Keep Valuables Out of Sight While Driving.
2. Minimize the Use of Mobile Devices i.e Cell Phones, iPads, Laptops e.t.c while in traffic especially in identified Flashpoint Areas.
3. Keep items like Handbags, Laptop Bags e.t.c in the Boot while Driving in the Traffic.
4. Avoid Carrying Original Vehicle Documents in the Car. These can be scanned and stored in your cell phones.
5. Avoid Short Cut Areas and Stick to Main Streets as Much as Possible.
6. Keep Windows up and Car Doors Locked at all Times While Commuting.
7. Do Not Pick Up Strangers Looking to catch a Ride With you. For

those Who Use Drivers, Kindly Ensure they are Warned to Desist From Doing Such When you are Not in the Vehicle

8. Where Possible, Have a Decoy Bag with No Essential Items in it Close by.
9. Make Effective Use of your Car Mirrors to Monitor Activities of Street Hawkers Around your Vehicle.
10. Where Possible, Avoid Patronizing Street Hawkers While In traffic.
11. Create Layers of Protection With Response to Emergency
12. Try to Stay Calm and Avoid Sudden Movements in the Event of a Robbery Attack and Do Not try to Play the Hero.

Always Remain Vigilant As We Approach the Festive Season And Always Report Security Issues to the Security Unit As And When Due. Stay Safe!

Source: Lagos State Safety and Security Committee





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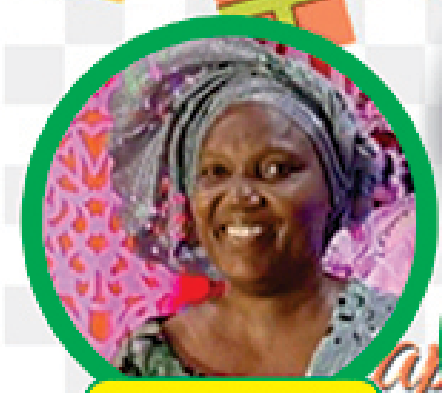
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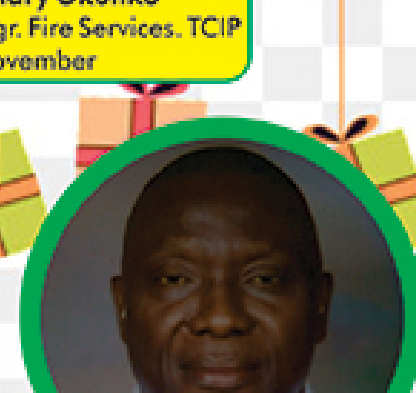
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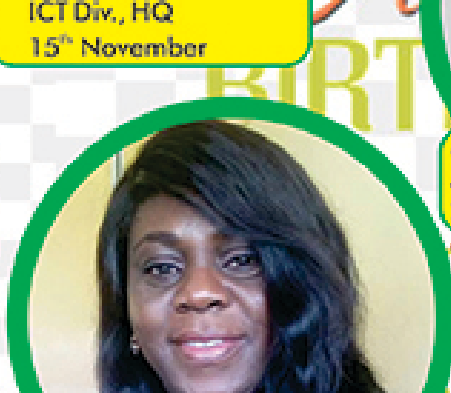
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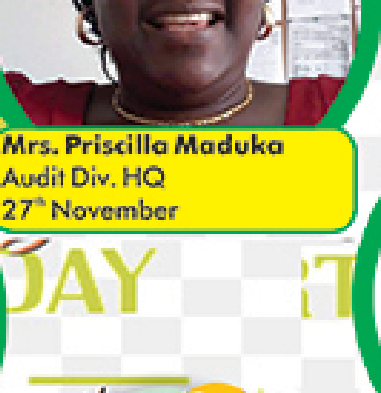
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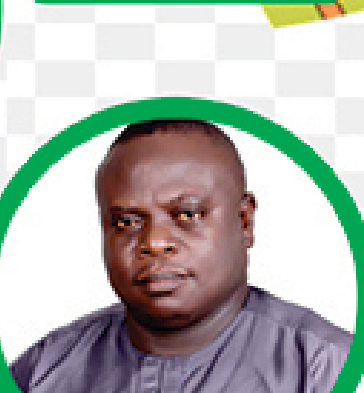
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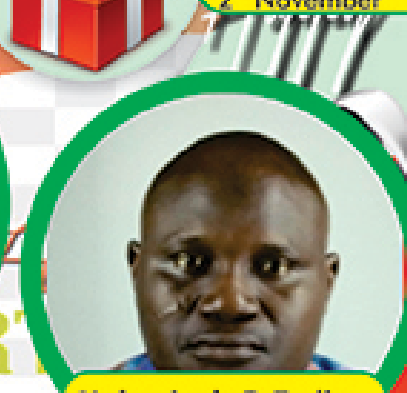
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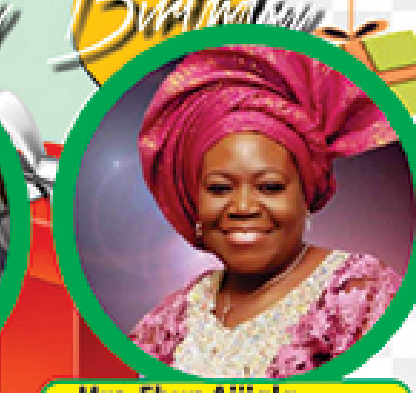
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