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## News



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# NPA, PORT OF ANTWERP SIGN MoU TOWARDS OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY

**T**he Management of the Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA) and the Port of Antwerp Belgium have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) towards operational efficiency in line with the desire to deepen the mutual beneficial relationship existing between the two Ports. The MoU which now exists between the two Port entities is also expected to strengthen the bilateral relations between the two Organisations.

Speaking to stakeholders at the Corporate Headquarters of the NPA the representative of the Managing Director, The Executive Director Marine and Operations Dr Sokonte Huttin Davies submitted that apart from resulting in a boost in efficiency through expertise, development and digitalization, the MoU would ensure simultaneous growth with new skills being acquired and new trends opened.

The agreement which will last for five years effective from the 27<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2019 will also broaden technical skills and practical knowledge. The Memorandum of Understanding covers vast areas which include infrastructure, stimulation of trade growth as well as concretizing the enabling environment for the tenants of Public Private Partnership (PPP) to thrive amongst the two Ports.

According to the team from Port of Antwerp, they see greater future in the Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA) as it makes progress in its concessioned regime. Thus the reason for the mutually beneficial Memorandum of Understanding.

Quoting Annick De Rider, President Port Of Antwerp, "West Africa takes a large share in the traffic of Port of Antwerp. It is therefore our ambition to further strengthen our position in West Africa. We aim to pass our know-how and experience. We hope that this mission will create new fruitful contacts, new connections and new business opportunities in order to ensure future growth for years to come".

The Port of Antwerp is the second largest Port in Europe that aims for flexibility, response to a rapidly evolving Maritime Market, allowing the Port to continue playing roles in cooperation, adaptability and focusing greatly on digitalization.

In his contribution, the Chairman Board of Directors of the NPA Emmanuel Olajide Adesoye stated that the industry expectation is that the two Organisations would leverage on each other's expertise for growth in trade, which would result in Global Economic Development for the two Nations.

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In this month's edition we bring to your reading pleasure another, in the series of achievements recorded by the Hadiza Bala Usman led NPA Management as it concerns international best practices.

It is no longer news that the NPA has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Authorities of Port of Antwerp. The agreement would facilitate an increase in cargo movement within our Ports, increase revenue, sharing of

expertise among Personnel and enhance training through internship.

Furthermore, the NPA Management through its Medical Division recently conducted a program in sensitization, screening and treatment of Prostate Cancer for the men in the organization. It is of the view that its workforce need to be healthy for optimal productivity.

Our safety corner gives you tips on signs to watch out for, when using a gas cylinder as well as when using generators while the vox pop provides tips on how to avoid the effects of overspending during festive periods.

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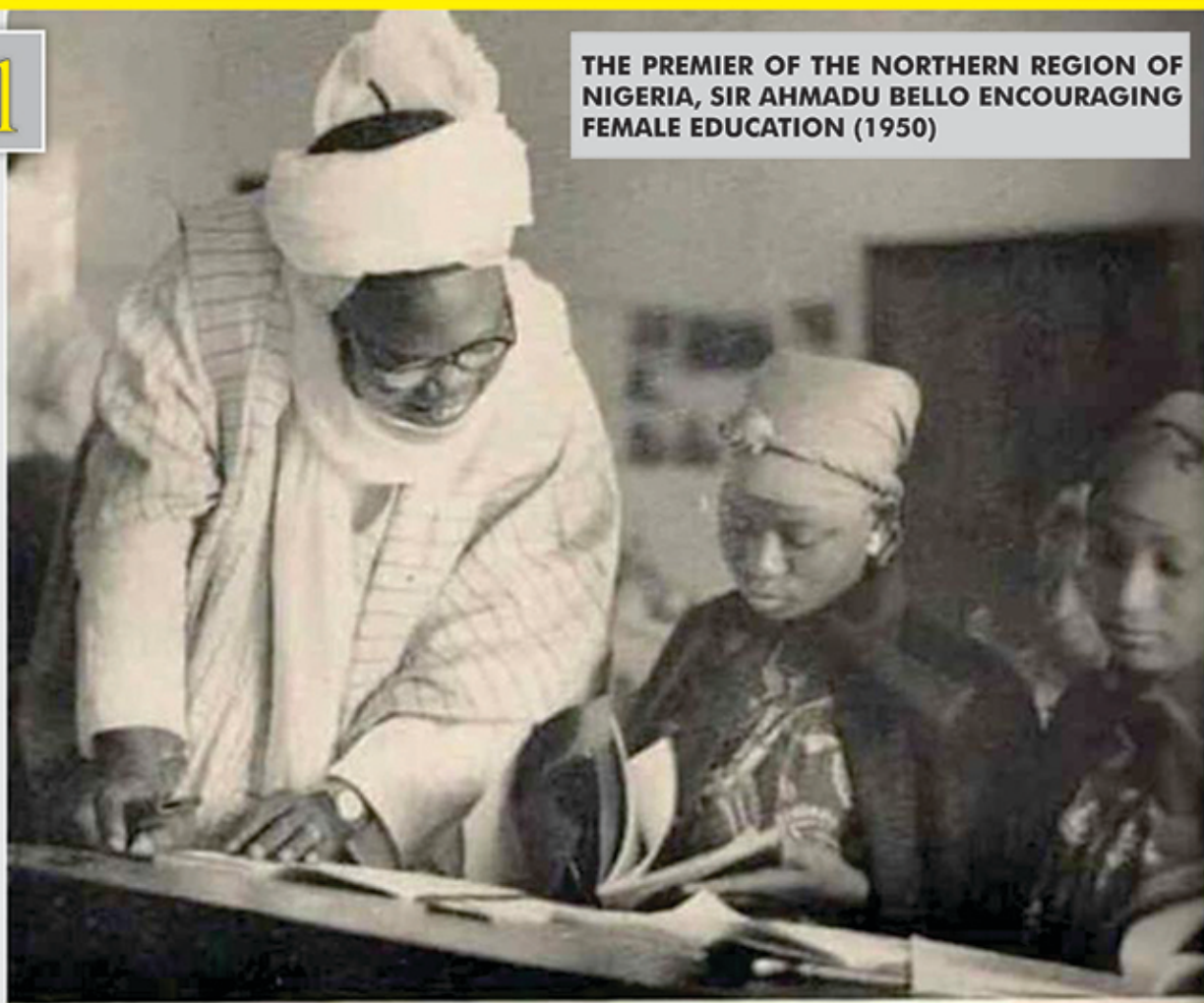
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## NPA NewsQuote

"A SAILOR WITHOUT A  
DESTINATION CAN  
NOT HOPE FOR A  
BETTER WIND"

## Archival



THE PREMIER OF THE NORTHERN REGION OF NIGERIA, SIR AHMADU BELLO ENCOURAGING FEMALE EDUCATION (1950)



**T**he Management of Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA), led by the Managing Director, Hadiza Bala Usman today joined the Economic and Financial Crime Commission (EFCC) and other Agencies of government to celebrate the 2019 World Anti-Corruption Day in Lagos.



**T**he Managing Director, Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA), Hadiza Bala Usman (2<sup>nd</sup> from right), the Zonal Head, EFCC, Lagos, Mohammed Rabo (3<sup>rd</sup> from left), the President, Women Arise for change and Campaign for Democracy, Dr. Joe Okei-Odumakin (right), the Executive Director, Marine and Operations, Dr. Sokonte Huttin Davies (left) and other Stakeholders during the 2019 World Anti-Corruption Day Walk in Lagos.



**WORLD UNITE AGAINST CORRUPTION**

THEME:

*Zero Tolerance to Corruption*

**T**he President, Women Arise for change and Campaign for Democracy, Dr. Joe Okei-Odumakin, the MD NPA, Hadiza Bala Usman, the Director Internal Audit, NIMASA, Victor Onuzuruike and the Zonal Head, EFCC, Lagos, Mohammed Rabo at the event.

## NPA WINS 2019 FEPSGA GAMES, BEATS 110 MDAs



**T**he Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA) contingent to the 38<sup>th</sup> edition of the Federation of Public Service Games (FEPSGA) Lafia 2019, has emerged the overall winner of the games, carting away the prestigious overall golden trophy with a total of 10 gold, 11 silver and 8 bronze medals out of a total 110 Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) across the country.

The closing ceremony and trophy/medals presentations took place recently at the Lafia Township Stadium, Lafia, Nasarawa state saw only 47 MDA's making the medals table.

In his congratulatory message to the team, the NPA General Manager Human Resources and Chairman of Central NIPOSA, Yahaya Bukar, congratulated the entire members of the contingent assuring that their exceptional feat would be brought to the attention of the Managing Director and her Management team, whom he assured will reward the team appropriately, concluding that the success at Lafia was an eloquent testimony to the dividends of the yearly NIPOSA games.

Earlier at the opening ceremony, the Executive Governor of Nasarawa State, Engr. Abdullahi Sule had expressed joy for the state clinching the hosting right of the 38 edition of the FEPSGA games, adding that the state is peaceful, sports loving and welcoming to visitors.



**T**he Managing Director, Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA), Hadiza Bala Usman was recently a guest at the 2019 Women in Successful Careers (WISCAR) Annual Leadership and Mentoring Conference in Lagos recently.



**T**he Executives of the Africa Association of Professional Freight Forwarders and Logistics of Nigeria (APFFLON) paid a working visit to the Management of the Nigerian Ports Authority at the Corporate Headquarters in Lagos.



The representative of the Managing Director and Executive Director, Marine and Operations, Nigerian Ports Authority, Dr. Sokonte Huttin Davies (Standing 6<sup>th</sup> from left) and the President, Africa Association of Professional Freight Forwarders and Logistics of Nigeria (AAPFFLN), Otunba Frank Ogujemite (7<sup>th</sup> from left), top Management of NPA and Executives of APFFLON at the occasion.

**T**he representative of the Managing Director and the General Manager, Corporate and Strategic Communications, Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA), Jatto Adams, Chairman, Ports Consultative Council (PCC), the Publisher, Nigerian Maritime Handbook, Funmi Folorunso and the Director General, Nigerian Chamber of Shipping, Obiageli Obi at the private presentation of the Nigerian Maritime Handbook to the Chief Executives of Maritime Agencies in Lagos.



**NIGERIAN PORTS AUTHORITY (NPA) Flags-Off Ceremony of Prostate Cancer Awareness, Screens Male Staff and restates greater service delivery.**



**T**he early detection of prostate cancer amongst the menfolk should be handled with all seriousness of seriously to drastically reduce if not eradicate preventable death which would adversely affect the immediate and extended family members bearing in mind that men are bread winners of the family.

This was part of the message put across to the entire workforce and most especially the menfolk by the Generally Manager Medical NPA Dr Christiana Akpa. During the courtesy visit to the General Manager Corporate and Strategic Communications Adams Jatto in his office as part of the awareness exercise which commenced on 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2019 at the Corporate Headquarters, would be extended to other ports as well.

According to Dr Akpa, statistics at disposal of the Division reveal that the disease is ravaging amongst the men especially those who are 40 years and above and there is the need to take a drastic action in nipping it in the bud.

Management she stated was much interested in saving the lives of the menfolk and from the stress of spending their life earnings on treatment that could have been prevented before retirement.

#### **NPA AT WISTA NIGERIAN ANNUAL BUSINESS LUNCHEON & 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

**T**he Management of the Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA) joined industry enthusiasts at the Women International Shipping and Trading Association (WISTA) Nigeria, during her 2019 Annual Business Luncheon and 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary held in Lagos.



The Representative of the MD and General Manager MD's Office, NPA, Dr. Chinwe Abama, the President, Women International Shipping and Trading Association (WISTA) Nigeria, Mary Madu Hamman, GM Corporate & Strategic Communications, NPA, Jatto Adeiza Adams, DG Chamber of Shipping, Barr. Obiageli Obi and the Financial Secretary, WISTA, Anna Akpan during the 2019 WISTA Annual Business Luncheon and 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in Lagos.



# WORK HOUR RELAXATION

## Vox Pop

### HOW DOES ONE AVOID THE EFFECTS OF OVERSPENDING AT FESTIVE PERIODS?

**T**he urge to over spend during the festive period can sometimes be overwhelming but we have to try and give ourselves a reality check. We can do this using the following tips bearing in mind our children's school fees in January: Set a budget, Spend only what you have saved, Track your spending, Avoid black Friday adverts, Cut back on travel if possible.

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**T**o avoid overspending during festive periods, first and foremost, avoid travelling to the village if you do not have any real reasons to travel. Make a strict budget and stick to it. Avoid unnecessary hosting and dinning. Do not spend money to impress people example donations, huge gifts and spraying of money. See festive periods as normal as any other day!

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**F**estive periods are usually periods of excessive spendings leading to financial distress moments. In order to avoid the distress there is need to organize oneself as follows:

- Set a budge/ determine your budget: taking a look at low much to spend that will not crunch you post festive periods.
- List your variable spendings: such as entertainment, clothing, gifts, and events such that you do not surpass your budget.
- Savings: make savings that will take care of post festive period.
- Switch to cash: against use of debit/credit cards during the period.
- Choose cheaper entertainment: for prudence.
- Self-discipline: inculcate the habit of self-discipline on spending.

**Abubakar, Aliyu**  
Traffic, TCIP



**L**ist out the things you need to spend money on then prioritize it (needs) according to their Importance. Also strictly adhere to that list. Don't buy things on impulse or on credit.

**West, Daba B.**  
Tariff and Billing, Onne port



**T**here are a lot of negative effects of overspending at festive periods:

- One should be able to budget/plan.
- Cut down on your cost and things that is not vital/necessary.
- Use the scale of preference in things.
- Be moderate at your spending.

**Daniel, Omo-Diaji**  
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**D**esign scale of preference/ priority in your spending, avoid luxury spending, and highlight primary issues such as school fees, family needs to be prudent in spending. Try to differentiate between needs and wants and execute them based on scale of preference. Also be objective during such periods. Be focused, visit motherless children's home for sympathy. Take your family out for social events etc. also be a good planner.

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**I**t is easily said than actualized. In my own way with God on my side, I intend working on spending based on an outlined or planned spending based on agreement with my wife. We usually draw out plan on spending for periods.

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# Health and Safety

## SAFETY TIPS



### DANGER SIGNS TO WATCH WHEN USING GAS CYLINDER

**T**here have been many cases of gas cylinder explosions and when this happens, lives are lost and properties worth millions are destroyed.

However, there are so many danger signs we need to look out for while using a Gas Cylinder.

Some of these factors are:

Cooking gas cylinders must not exceed fifteen years.

Use gas cylinders in a vertical position, unless specifically designed to be used otherwise.

Securely restrain cylinders to prevent them from falling over.

Before connecting a gas cylinder to equipment or pipe-work make sure that the regulator and pipe-work are suitable for the type of gas and pressure being used.

Do not drop, roll or drag gas cylinders.

Close the cylinder valve and replace dust caps, where provided when a gas cylinder is not in use.

Where appropriate, fit cylinders with residual pressure valves (non-return valves) to reduce the risk of backflow of water or other materials into the cylinder during use that might corrode it. Ensure that the valve is protected by a valve cap or collar, or that the valve has been designed to withstand impact if the cylinder is dropped.

Store gas cylinders in a dry, safe place on a flat surface in the open air. If this is not reasonably practicable, store in an adequately ventilated building or part of a building specifically reserved for this purpose.

Gas cylinders should be stored away from sources of ignition and other flammable materials.

Avoid storing gas cylinders so that they stand or lie in water.

Ensure the valve is kept shut on empty cylinders to prevent contaminants from getting in.

Store gas cylinders securely when they are not in use. They should be properly restrained unless designed to be free-standing.

Gas cylinders must be clearly marked to show what they contain and the hazards associated with their contents.

Store cylinders where they are not vulnerable to hazards caused by impact.

### USING GENERATOR AT HOME

**T**he primary hazards to avoid when using a generator are carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning from the toxic engine exhaust, electric shock or electrocution, and fire. Noise and vibration hazards are also some hazards associated with the use of generators.

1. To avoid electrocution, keep the generator dry and do not use in rain or wet conditions. Operate it on a dry surface under an open canopy-like structure, such as under a tarp held up on poles. Do not touch the generator with wet hands.
2. Be sure to turn the generator off and let it cool down before refueling. Gasoline spilled on hot engine parts could ignite.
3. Store fuel for the generator in an approved safety can.
4. Store the fuel outside of living areas in a locked shed or other protected area. To guard against accidental fire, do not store it near a fuel-burning appliance, such as water heater in a garage.
5. Check that the connecting cord (electric wire) is free of cuts or tears and that the plug has all three prongs, especially a grounding pin.
6. Do not overload your generator. Remember, even a properly connected portable generator can become overloaded, resulting in overheating or generator failure.
7. Generator engines vibrate and create noise. Excessive noise and vibration could cause hearing loss.
8. Keep portable generators as far away as possible from living areas.
9. Ensure that your generator is service by competent personnel.

#### REMEMBER

- ☐ SAFETY IS NO ACCIDENT AND DON'T LEARN SAFETY BY ACCIDENT
- ☐ ALWAYS REMEMBER THAT ALL ACCIDENTS ARE PREVENTABLE
- ☐ THE KEY TO SAFETY IS IN YOUR HANDS
- ☐ ALWAYS BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SAFETY OF YOURSELF AND OTHERS

Source: [The Nation](#) Newspaper





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