

CELEBRATING BELLO KOKO'S TWO YEARS IN OFFICE

The Mohammed Bello Koko led management of the Nigerian Ports Authority recently clocked two years in office having been appointed in February, 2022 by the immediate past administration with the task of repositioning the sector towards improved operational efficiency and service delivery.

On Bello Koko's watch, the ports have indeed witnessed greater operational efficiency Sustained Transparency, Increased revenue generation and remittance to the Consolidated Revenue Fund (CRF), Rehabilitation of

infrastructure, improved salaries and emolument for its workforce, enhancement of port security through procurement and deployment of security patrol boats, amongst others.

At the international stage, he has established a robust partnership with the EU-funded West and Central Africa Ports Security, WeCAPS, towards risk prevention, vulnerability assessment of port infrastructure, and skills acquisition for port personnel to strengthen the security and safety of the Nigerian ports.

Stakeholders conclude that, while management sojourn into greater operational efficiency there are high expectations that it would deliver on its promises thereby boosting the nation's GDP and improving the lives of Nigerians.

The Editorial team, Online Production, NPANews celebrates with our amiable Boss as he further achieves greater heights. CONGRATULATION Sir.

INSIDE this EDITION

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
COMMITTEE COMMENDS NPA
ON SEAPORT DEVELOPMENT**
- Pg. 3

**PATHWAYS TO VISA ACQUISITION:
US VISA REQUIREMENTS**
- Pg. 4

**HEALTH AND SAFETY:
IMPORTANT ENVIRONMENT QUIZ
FOR COMPETITIVE EXAMS**
- Pg. 5

**VOXPOP:
DOES FIRST IMPRESSION REALLY
MATTER IN YOUR DEALINGS
WITH PEOPLE ?**
- Pg. 6



THE EDITOR'S DESK

A MESSAGE FROM OUR EDITOR



EDITORIAL

Sarah K. Ballah
Ezinne Asinobi
Kingsley Ukabiala
Olubiyi Omidiji
Ebere Alaezi-Offia
Albert Orem
Anas Mohammed

- Editor-In-Chief
- Deputy Editor-In-Chief
- Editor
- Senior Staff Writer
- Reporter (Travels & Tourism)
- Reporter (People & Events)
- Reporter

PRODUCTION

Olusola Akosile

PHOTOGRAPHY

Paul I. Erakhifu
Bidemi Agboola

SECRETARIAT:

Gbenga Soyomi (Secretary)
Peter Tovishede

the
APEN

In this edition of our online tabloid, we facilitate with the Managing Director NPA Bello Koko as he marks two years in office. The editorial team

highlights the various achievements recorded since the assumption of office given the challenges faced.

In a related development, the management of the NPA recently received the House of Representative Committee on Ports and Harbours at the Corporate Headquarters office. The visiting team led by the Chairman Rt. Hon. Nnolim Nnaji was in Lagos as part of its oversight functions. The Chairman praised Mr Koko for his dedication and focus on repositioning the sector towards improved service delivery and operational efficiency.

Our regular features like Vox Pop, Health & Safety, Maritime Terminologies as well as work ethics are also included for your reading.



Kingsley Ukabiala
Editor

All correspondence to be sent through: npanews@nigerianports.gov.ng
Contributions are welcome from members of staff. You can send high resolution photographs of your social events like birthdays, marriages, burials, etc

**"It is not the ship so much
as the skillful sailing that
assures the prosperous voyage".
- George William Curtis**

Quotable Quote

OUR VISION: TO BE THE MARITIME LOGISTICS HUB FOR SUSTAINABLE PORT SERVICES IN AFRICA

From the
ARCHIVES



SULTAN OF SOKOTO ON A VISIT TO APAPA PORT - 1959

A production of the Corporate and Strategic Communications Division Available on www.nigerianports.gov.ng and in emails of all officers/staff of NPA.



PLANNING WISELY

The hallmark of successful time management is being consistently productive each day. Many people use a daily plan to motivate themselves. Having a daily plan and committing to it can help you stay focused on the priorities of that particular day. As well, you are more likely to get things accomplished if you write down your plans for the day.

CREATING YOUR PRODUCTIVITY JOURNAL

Essentially, planning is nothing more than taking a piece of paper and a pen and writing down the tasks and associated steps that you need to take throughout the day to ensure that your goal is completed. To start, get yourself a spiral notebook and label it as your Personal Productivity Journal or your Professional Productivity Journal. (We recommend keeping a separate journal for work and for your personal life, so you can focus on them at separate times, thus maintaining your optimal work/life balance.) Label each page with the day and the date and what needs to be done that particular day. Next, prioritize each task in order of importance. Highlight the top three items and focus on those first. Cross off items as you complete them. Items that are not completed should be carried over to the next page.

MAXIMIZING THE POWER OF YOUR PRODUCTIVITY JOURNAL

Personal development expert Brian Tracy believes that when you write down your action list the night before, your subconscious mind focuses on that plan while you sleep. By planning the night before, you will also start fresh and focus on the most important tasks for the day. Of course, you will want to review your list in the morning, but you will have a head start on your day. Always have your productivity journal with you during the day to avoid becoming sidetracked. Crossing off completed tasks will give your subconscious mind a tremendous amount of satisfaction. This will also help to maintain your motivation to complete the remaining items on your action list. If you find yourself moving uncompleted tasks over into the following day, and the day after that, then you need to ask yourself why that task is on your list in the first place and what value it has in your life. If you postpone a task three times, it does not belong on your action list.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE COMMENDS NPA ON SEAPORT DEVELOPMENT



The House of Representatives Committee on

Ports and Harbours which recently concluded a 3- day oversight visit to the Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA) has commended the leadership of the NPA Chief Executive Officer and the workforce for achieving "exceptional results" despite challenges facing the sector.

Speaking at a press conference held at the Authority's conference room, our correspondent gathered that, the Committee Chairman Rt. Honourable Nnolim Nnaji was pleased with the Authority's effort to enhance its operations to meet International best practices given the role the sector plays in the country's economic growth and development.

Nnaji, highlighted critical areas needing improvement to include, level of decay at various ports, urgent reconstruction of Tin Can Island and comprehensive rehabilitation of Apapa, Rivers, Warri and other key port complexes, while pledging legislative support for Automating cargo examination scanners to enhance service delivery.



Contributions are welcome from members of staff. You can send high resolution photographs of your social events like birthdays, marriages, burials, etc

MARITIME TERMS

Compiled by Albert Orem

CONT. FROM LAST EDITION

Container crane: Usually, a rail-mounted gantry crane located on a wharf for the purpose of loading and unloading containers on vessels.

Container terminal: A specialized facility where ocean container vessels dock to discharge and load containers, equipped with cranes with a safe lifting capacity of 35-40 tons, with booms having an outreach of up to 120 feet in order to reach the outside cells of vessels. Most such cranes operate on rail tracks and have articulating rail trucks on each of their four legs, enabling them to traverse along the terminal and work various bays on the vessel and for more than one crane to work a single vessel simultaneously. Most terminals have direct rail access and container storage areas, and are served by highway carriers.

Containerization: The technique of using a container to store, protect and handle cargo while it is in transit. This shipping method has both greatly expedited the speed at which cargo is moved from origin to destination and lowered shipping costs.

Container on Flat Car (COFC)- A container placed directly on a railroad flatcar without chassis.

Contraband: Goods prohibited in trade (such as weapons going to Iran, anything to Cuba). Smuggled goods.

Corps of Engineers: This department of the U. S. Army is responsible for flood protection and providing safe navigation channels. The Corps builds and maintains the levees, flood walls and spillways that keep major rivers out of low lying communities. The Corps is vital to keeping navigation channels open by dredging sand, silt and gravel that accumulate on river and harbor bottoms.

CONT. NEXT EDITION



PATHWAYS TO VISA ACQUISITION

- Benedicta Onwuemene

US VISA REQUIREMENTS

- **Your valid international passport:** It must be valid for at least six months beyond your planned stay in the United States. However, there are some countries that are exempt from this requirement only needing a passport that is valid during their period of stay in the United States. Your passport must have at least one blank page to be able to affix visa.

- **Two passport photograph:** The US visa photo requirement is one of the main requirements for every visa you apply for. Upload the photo while you apply online through the DS-160 form. If the upload fails, you can submit the photo on the appointment day. However, we advise you that, even if you upload the photo online, to still bring it with you in case you need it during the interview.
- **Receipt proving payment of \$185 for a nonimmigrant US visa application:** Differently from the European visa policy where you pay the fee at on the appointment day, for a US visa you need to pay the fee in order to be able to schedule an interview. Keep in mind that the US visa fee is non-refundable if you decide to cancel your appointment or if your visa application is rejected.
- **Social media details.** A list of the social media that you use, and the name of your account in each, phone number, email and social media history of the five previous years.
- **Book an appointment**

Every document not written in either English or the official language of the country in which the interview will take place must be translated. Translations must be certified by a competent translator.

- **An online nonimmigrant DS-160 application form.** If you are applying for a US nonimmigrant visa you should complete the online application form DS-160. You can fill the DS-160 form online via the Consular Electronic ApplicationCenter

Aside from the main documents, there are others you will have to submit in order to support the answers you have given in your application form, such as:

- **Previous USA visas:** If you have visited the US before with an older passport, then you should take it with you on the day of the interview at the embassy or consulate. The US authorities require previously held visas are able to prove that you have entered the country before.
- **Invitation letter:** An invitation letter for US visa is a letter written by a United States citizen or legal resident, confirming that they are willing to admit an international with whom they have family ties or friendship, and also that they have enough room for the visitor for the entire period of their stay in the US.

CONT. NEXT EDITION

HEALTH & SAFETY

IMPORTANT ENVIRONMENT QUIZ FOR COMPETITIVENESS EXAMS

Environment stands for surrounding and it has been defined as the sum total of all conditions and influences that affect the development of an organism. Here, we are giving the Environment Quiz Questions with answers on the Basic Concepts of Environment and Ecology in the form of multiple-choice questions which strengthen the knowledge of aspirants who are preparing for the competitive Exams.

QUESTIONS

Q1. Which one of the following trees is considered to be an environmental hazard?
(A) Eucalyptus (B) Babool (C) Neem (D) Amaltas

Q2. The greenhouse effect is mostly caused by
(A) Ozone layer (B) Moisture in the atmosphere (C) Infra-red radiation (D) Carbon dioxide in the atmosphere

Q3. Which of the following is not a greenhouse gas?
(A) Nitrogen (B) Methane (C) Nitrous oxide (D) Carbon dioxide

Q4. The use of fossil fuels is responsible for the increase in the amount of which gas in the atmosphere?
(A) Argon (B) Carbon dioxide (C) Ozone (D) Nitrogen

Q5. The greatest diversity of animal and plant species occurs in
(A) Equatorial forests (B) Deserts and Savanna (C) Temperature deciduous forests
(D) Tropical moist forests

Q6. In a food chain, the solar energy utilized by plants is only
(A) 1.0% (B) 10% (C) 0.01% (D) 0.1%

Q7. Global-500 Award is given for achievement in the field of
(A) Population control (B) Movement against terrorism (C) Movement against narcotics
(D) Environmental protection

Q8. The loss of biodiversity is due to
(A) Destruction of forests (B) Environmental pollution (C) The destruction of natural baits of the organism (D) All of the above

Q9. In an ecosystem, a stable group is called
(A) Succession (B) Seral (C) Climax (D) Ecotone

Q10. Which of the following is not helpful in maintaining ecological stability?
(A) Ecosystem diversity (B) Homeostatic mechanism (C) Ecosystem complexity
(D) Ecosystem uniformity

Q11. Which of the following is not a water pollutant?
(A) Sulphur dioxide (B) Zinc (C) Copper (D) Nickel

Q12. Acid rain is caused due to air pollution by
(A) Nitrous oxide and Sulphur dioxide (B) Carbon dioxide (C) Carbon monoxide (D) Methane

Q13. The Ozone layer restricts
(A) Ultraviolet radiation (B) X-rays and Gamma rays (C) Infrared radiation (D) Visible light

Q14. Among the biotic components of the ecosystem, the producer system is
(A) Green plants (B) Tiger (C) Cow (D) Peacock

Q15. The maximum biodiversity is found in
(A) Arctic forests (B) Tropical rainforests (C) Temperate forests (D) Coniferous forests

Q16. Global warming is caused due to the emission of
(A) Hydrocarbon (B) Carbon monoxide (C) Carbon dioxide (D) Nitrogen

Q17. Which one of the following is a part of the Geological cycle?
(A) Hydrological cycle (B) Nitrogen cycle (C) Hydrogen cycle (D) Carbon cycle

Q18. Which one of the following energy is most utilized in biomass?
(A) Tidal energy (B) Geothermal energy (C) Solar energy (D) Atomic energy

Q19. Solar radiation plays the most important role in the
(A) Water cycle (B) Nitrogen cycle (C) Carbon cycle (D) Oxygen cycle

Q20. The biotic component of the environment does not include
(A) Micro-organism system (B) Plant system (C) Animal system (D) Soil system

ANSWERS

- Q1. (A) Eucalyptus
Q2. (D) Carbon dioxide in the atmosphere
Q3. (A) Nitrogen
Q4. (B) Carbon dioxide
Q5. (A) Equatorial forests
Q6. (A) 1.0%
Q7. (D) Environmental protection
Q8. (D) All of the above
Q9. (D) Ecotone
Q10. (D) Ecosystem uniformity
Q11. (C) Copper
Q12. (A) Nitrous oxide and Sulphur dioxide
Q13. (A) Ultraviolet radiation
Q14. (A) Green plants
Q15. (B) Tropical rain forests
Q16. (C) Carbon dioxide
Q17. (A) Hydrological cycle
Q18. (C) Solar energy
Q19. (A) Water cycle
Q20. (D) Soil system

By Engr. Dafe T. S. Rtd. AGM, Safety

Work Hour Relaxation

VOX-POP

Does first impression really matter in your dealings with people?

Compiled by **ALBERT OREM**

It matters and it doesn't matter, Circumstances/situations can either make someone act in a kind/unkind manner. That's why a second and third opinion is needed before judgement is made.

Uwabujo Kenechukwu
Training, Delta Port

First impressions are often shaped by past experiences. I believe in overlooking initial judgement and offering empathy. People carry diverse stories and understanding their pain & joy creates a more compassionate connection and fosters genuine relationships beyond surface impression.

Hafiz Ibrahim Bello
Accounts, Delta Port

I believe that first impressions wield a significant influence in shaping our relationships with others. The initial moments of interaction often set the tone for future interactions, impacting perceptions and attitudes. While some argue that first impressions are fleeting and can be misleading, they undeniably play a crucial role in establishing a foundation for relationships.

Tiamiyu Muneerah M. (Mrs)
Vessel Mgt, LPC

Yes, first impression matters in my dealing with people. It often sets the tone for future interaction and can influence perception, trust and rapport. While it is not the sole determinant of how I relate with people, the first impression undeniably plays a crucial role in shaping my initial perception and attitude.

Ekine Ibifiri
Tariff & Billing, LPC

First impression for me plays an important role in how I feel about others, my perception, how they act, what they say, attitudes and expectations. Basically, I believe if you can make a good first impression, people are more likely to remember you, than someone else who had made little or no impression.

Bello Haruna
HR Operations, HQ

When you first meet someone, your first thoughts about them don't tell you everything about who they really are. It's important to understand that everyone is different and has their background and beliefs. Be considerate of people who may have different perspectives or struggle with social situations, we can be more understanding and create a more inclusive environment where everyone feels accepted.

Fiberesima Anabel Miebaka
C&SC, HQ



Dr. Chinwe Nwokolo
3rd February
Medical Dept., HQ



Osoba Funmilayo
14th February
Engineering Dept., LPC



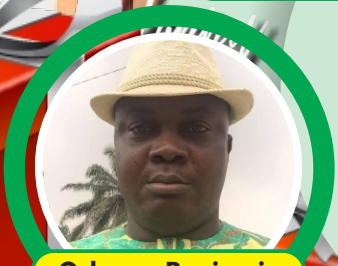
Patricia Emebo
18th February
HR Dept. HQ



'Sola Adesanwo
2nd February
C&SC Div., TinCan



Oluremi Salau
26th February
Accounts. Dept., HQ



Ocheme Benjamin
28th February
Servicom Dept., HQ



Dauda Micah Sukukum
2nd February
Legal, HQ



Okolo Joseph Oyabrade
3rd February
Archive Mgt, HQ



Simeon Ayini
8th February
Personnel Dept. HQ



Mike Awiankele
10th February
Admin. Dept., Delta



Olufunmilayo Humbe
3rd February
T&B TCIP



Jangnap Nansoh
15 February
Audit Dept.



Darlington Opolo
12th February
Security Dept., LPC



Ibrahim Bello
15th February
Personnel Dept, Marina



Kinde Hamidu
28th February
Security Dept., HQ



Oluwole Ezekiel
18th February
Fire Service, Tin Can Port



Tosin Ogunsakin
3rd February
T&B TCIP



Daku Laraba
14th February
HR Dept. HQ



Dashe David
Engineering, HQ
12th February



Anwuli Akpu
18th February
Security Dept. HQ

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



The **Nigerian Ports Authority** provides professional port operations that meet the present and future needs of our customers.

Our stakeholders are top priority, little wonder we guarantee customer satisfaction and innovation in managing our 6 ports across the nation with the aim of maximizing operational efficiencies and providing value for money to our stakeholders.

We are a National Brand Asset Anchored on Service Excellence

Nigerian Ports Authority

...To be the Maritime Logistics Hub for Sustainable Port Services in Africa...



www.nigerianports.gov.ng

Our Port Locations:

Lagos Port Complex, Apapa
P.M.B. 1021 Apapa Lagos
Email Address:
lpinfo@nigerianports.gov.ng

Tin Can Island Port
P.M.B. 1201, Apapa, Lagos
Email Address:
tcinfo@nigerianports.gov.ng

Rivers Port, Port-Harcourt
Basket House, P.M.B. 5043
Port-Harcourt - Rivers State
Email Address:
riversinfo@nigerianports.gov.ng

Delta Ports, Warri
P.M.B. 1054, Warri
Delta State
Email Address:
deltainfo@nigerianports.gov.ng

Calabar Port Complex, Calabar
New Calabar Port Complex
P.M.B 1014 Calabar,
Cross-River State
Email Address:
calabarinfo@nigerianports.gov.ng

Onne Port Complex, Onne
Onne Port Complex,
PMB 6199 Onne
Rivers State
Email Address:
onneinfo@nigerianports.gov.ng