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# TRANSPORT SAFETY

## Six Ways Airports are improving Safety

Dakota Murphey

The aviation industry takes airport safety and security very seriously. But this mindset can lead to excessive wait times and significant frustration for travelers. Fortunately, there are many changes in the works, as technology advances aim to make the airport experience smoother and faster. Here are six ways airports are improving their safety measures while becoming easier to use.

### 1. Powerful body scanners

One safety measure going through the trial stage is a very powerful walk-through passenger scanner that can recognize potential hidden threats without passengers needing to stay still or remove items of clothing. The system was recently tested at Cardiff Airport and has the potential to not only improve security but also speed up the entire passenger security process.

The scanner images people's body heat and utilizes computer learning to tell the difference between something that is a threat and something that is not without passengers having to stop or stand still.

### 2. Countering drones

Drones flying around airports (which we're increasingly seeing) not only cause disruptions but also potentially very serious security risks. An incident at Gatwick Airport in late 2018 showed how much chaos can be caused by a single drone flying near an airport. Unsurprisingly then, aviation authorities are looking at various options to deal with the issue. The many possibilities include enforcing stricter regulation over the drone industry as a whole or even forcing drones to comply with geofencing, where internal GPS stops the drone from entering restricted areas.

### 3. The introduction of e-passports

E-passports are one of the major large-scale airport security advances in recent years. E-passports (also known as biometric passports) have been rolled out across the UK, with the first one issued way back in 2010. All new British passports are issued in this format, so it certainly appears to be here to stay.

The passports contain a chip that can be scanned by automatic machines at airports around the world. This significantly reduces the amount of work that has to be carried out by airport staff. These passport chips also eliminate the possibility of human error in the process, ensuring that airport security runs not only faster, but safer too.

### 4. Facial recognition software

Facial recognition software is one of the new security features that many of us are already familiar with. For



Corps Marshal, FRSC,  
Dr Boboye Oyeyemi

example, e-passport machines scan your face to establish whether it matches the one in the passport that you present.

However, this process is only in its infancy. A related innovation would enable a person to check in, drop off bags, and even board a flight without

needing to show a passport. Instead, the technology scans the passport chip and utilizes facial recognition cameras throughout the airport to verify the person's identity. The individual passes through security automatically as their face is

recognized by scanners.

### 5. Physical security measures

In the rush to become more technologically advanced, airports must still continue to invest in the proper physical security measures required to keep passengers and staff safe at all times.

"Every project has its own specific requirements that need consideration to achieve the safety and security of the construction personnel and the public," says security and safety contractors Maltaward. "The industry is required to meet compliance with the strict airport codes of practice."

### 6. Terahertz screening

Terahertz screening is another important technology that has the potential to revolutionize the airport industry. British business Thruvision is at the cutting edge of this technology, which works by sensing heat emissions from an individual's body to visualize hidden objects.

Some have suggested that this could present a health risk; however, Thruvision has argued that the devices do not use artificial illumination, which makes them safe.

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## Desist from Night trips, FRSC advises Commercial Drivers, Passengers

The Corps Marshal, Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), Dr Boboye Oyeyemi has advised fleet operators, other commercial drivers and patronisers of night trips, including private vehicle owners to henceforth desist night trips.

This is due to the dangers, the risks

and the rising cases of fatalities occasioned by road traffic crashes recorded at night.

The FRSC Boss emphasised that night trip which is often characterised by poor visibility, fatigue, sleeping on wheels, excessive speed among others is not only unsafe but utterly dangerous.

According to Bisi Kazeem, the Corps Public Education Officer, Oyeyemi gave the warning while reacting to some reports of fatal crashes recorded at night at the beginning of the year, which led to the death of several road users and left others with different degrees of injuries.

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# EDITORIAL

## Covid-19: How safe are we in Public Transport

**N**igeria, like other countries around the world, have been battling the scourge of covid-19 for about one year now, recording deaths, and still counting.

Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a contagious disease caused by severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2).

The first case was identified in Wuhan, China, in December 2019. It has since spread worldwide, leading to an ongoing pandemic.

Symptoms of COVID-19 are variable, but often include fever, cough, fatigue, breathing difficulties, and loss of smell and taste. Symptoms begin one to 14 days after exposure to the virus. It is said that around one in five infected individuals do not develop any symptoms.



In Nigeria, the first case of covid-19 was discovered in February last year, and thereafter, according to the federal ministry of Health, the country has recorded 1382 deaths, with 103,999 reported cases. While 82,555 cases have been discharged, all states of the federation and the Federal Capital Territory have all reported cases. While government has been enforcing measures to check the

spread of the virus, one area of concern is how people commute in public transport.

Government had insisted that all passengers must wear face mask to minimise the risk of being infected or infecting others. However, we have observed that many passengers do not comply. While passengers who patronize air transportation large comply especially while in the airports and on board, we observe that

passengers using public road transportation, hardly comply.

It seems the law enforcement agents have been overwhelmed and flash enforcements, especially in Lagos and Abuja, have made very little or no meaningful impact. Even the distancing in public buses as advocated by government is no more respected by bus operators.

We call on state and federal

governments to heighten the efforts in public awareness campaigns, to continuously educate and enlighten the masses on the dangers associated with non-adherence to covid-19 safety guidelines.

We also commend those have religiously adhered to the safety guidelines and enjoin them not to relent, as they remain good examples to follow.

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# TYRE WATCH



## Infinity commits to Quality Garage Equipment



Infinity Group, a business entity committed to deliver the best in products and service to its customers, has taken a leadership position in the West African Tyre Industry. Infinity Group has its presence of more than 32 years in Nigeria and 12 years in Ghana and have established professional Service Centers, along with an enviable Sales Network, in

the automotive industry with special focus on Automotive Tyres, Batteries, Garage Equipment and Auto Parts. It provides Wheel Alignment Machine Unique Align+ software Microsoft Windows7 compatibility Alignment program Compatible with Alignment Pit Simultaneous Front and Rear wheel alignment (4x4).

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user defined Rear Setback & Track width difference Data Manager Software for storing alignment results 3-D Pictorial & Two color text printout Lift level compensation Multi-lingual program & voice



### New real-time Tyre monitoring System enhances Safety

Automotive and truck parts manufacturer, Bridgestone in collaboration with technology company Microsoft has developed a unique and innovative monitoring system to detect tyre damage issues in real-time. Bridgestone Europe, Russia, Middle East, India and Africa (EMIA) CEO and President, Laurent Dartoux says damaged tyres can either directly lead to accidents or adversely affect other components of a vehicle which could result in an accident. According to the Global Auto Tyre Market 2018 report published by market research firm Global Marketers, in September 2018, 30 per cent of all accidents are caused by technical failure.

## Michelin to connect all its Car Tyres by 2023

Michelin has announced it will incorporate Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) chips into all its car tyres by 2023. The manufacturer said RFID technology is a cost-effective way of

tracking tyres and a 'significant contributor' to predictive maintenance services. It will also enhance driver safety by allowing Advanced Driver Assistance Systems (ADAS) such as ESP to adjust responses according to

specific tyre characteristics, says Michelin. Michael Ewert, vice president of Global Sales for Original Equipment at Michelin, said: "Since RFID technology ensures this exact tyre identification, it is conceivable in the future that drivers will see a tyre

status display next to their fuel gauge. "RFID in tyres makes many new business models possible and can also further increase safety when driving. We are convinced it represents a significant step forward in the tyre industry."

# RAILWAY

## Korean made eco-friendly Bullet Train launched

By Xu Aiying and Yoon Sojung

A Korean-made low-carbon and eco-friendly high-speed train has been launched with the name KTX-Eum. The Korea Railroad Corp. said the new train on Jan. 5 left on its first trip on the route connecting Cheongnyangni Station in Seoul and Andong, Gyeongsangbuk-do Province, in line with the opening of the WonjuJecheon Electrified Double Track Line. The KTX-Eum is the first domestically made high-speed electric train featuring self-propelled carriages. It can accommodate more passengers because it needs no locomotive and can add or reduce speed in short distances. Because the train is powered by electricity, it emits no fine dust and its CO2 emissions are just 70% of those of diesel-powered trains and 15% of those of passenger cars.

The new train needs just over two hours to get to Andong from Cheongnyangni Station in Seoul, far faster than the previous time of three hours and 54 minutes. This greatly improves accessibility between the Seoul metropolitan area and the country's central region.



With a top speed of 260 km per hour, the new train from Seoul takes an hour and eight minutes to get to Jecheon, Chungcheongbuk-do Province, an hour and 45 minutes to Yeongju, Gyeongsangbuk-do Province, and two hours and three minutes to Andong.

President Moon Jae-in on Jan. 4 visited Wonju Station in Wonju, Gangwon-do Province, to ride the train a day before its official launch. Praising the new train, he said, "If roads were the arteries of our economic development in the 20th century, railroads constitute the main arteries of economic and social

advancement in the 21st century." "The force, which spearheads the grand transformation of our daily lives and supports implementation of the Green, Digital and Regionally Balanced New Deals, emanates from the railroad as well." [Xuaiy@korea.kr](mailto:Xuaiy@korea.kr)

### Why Lagos-Ibadan Rail commissioning is delayed-Amaechi



The Minister of Transportation, Rt. Hon. Chibuike Rotimi Amaechi, has said that the commissioning of the Lagos-Ibadan rail line would be put on hold due to the upsurge of Covid19 in the country. Amaechi disclosed this at a Television Interview in Abuja recently.

According to him, over 60 staff on project site have been infected by Covid19 while trying to complete the project. "First let us admit that over 60 of our staff, not ministry of transport staff, but the staff working on the rail project have been infected by Covid, luckily nobody has died and I pray nobody will die, but you

see the kind of sacrifice everybody is making to get the rail to function.

"They are people sacrificing their lives to get to that point, we are of the view when we made that decision that Nigeria will not say 2020 was a bad year, so remove one year and add another year to Buhari administration.

"As far as we are concerned, we need to learn how to leave with Covid, I really want to congratulate those that achieve that feat, we were to inaugurate first week in January. We had to stop those doing minor completion because of the rise in Covid transmission."

### FG signs USD1.959b Kano-Maradi Railway Line Project

By Ignatius Ushie

The Federal Government in its bid to link the whole country by rail, has signed the Memorandum of Understanding with Mota-Engil Group on the construction of US\$1.959 billion Kano-Maradi Standard Gauge Railway lines.

In a statement made available to Transport Day in Abuja, the Minister of Transportation, Rt. Hon. Chibuike Rotimi Amaechi signed on behalf of the Federal Government while the Managing Director, Mota-Engil, Antonio Gvoea signed on behalf of the contracting firm.

The new railway corridor which is to be located in northern Nigeria will run through three states: Kano, Jigawa and Katsina and through Niger territory as far as Maradi. Other cities that will be affected by the rail line in Nigeria are: Danbatta, Kazaure, Daura, Mashi, Katsina and Jibiya. The 283.750 kilometre rail line, besides developing freight and passenger transport as it will be integrated with road transport, will make a great contribution to the local economy as well as an important development in the social sector.

The project duration is for 36 months and the contract type is Engineering, Procurement and Construction. The signing ceremony was witnessed by the Permanent Secretary, Federal

Ministry of Transportation, Dr. Magdalene Ajani and the Director, Legal Services, Pius Oteh. He Managing Director, Mota-Engil Group, Antonio Gvoea; Head of Legal, Mota-Engil Group, Cameron Beverley; Magajin Garin Kano, Muhammad Wada; Director, Mota-Engil Group, Kola Abdulkarim; Vice President, Mota-Engil Group, Mohammed Abdul-Razaq; Nigerian Ambassador to Germany, Yusuf Tuggar; the Managing Director, Nigerian Ports Authority, Hadiza Bala-Usman etc also witnessed the event.

### NRC Begins ETicketing For Abuja-Kaduna

The Nigerian Railway Corporation (NRC) says it has commenced the e-ticketing for train services on the Abuja-Kaduna route.

Managing Director of NRC, Fidelt Okhiria, said "The essence of this e-ticketing is to enable people to access tickets easily with fewer hurdles and especially during this period of social distancing due to the COVID-19 pandemic."

According to Okhiria, the e-ticketing platform will guarantee orderliness in purchasing of tickets and address some major security challenges in the country.

He said that the e-ticketing would also ensure that the database of all passengers boarding the train were captured in case of emergencies and for other purposes.

# LUBES/ENERGY

## General Motors Oil Specifications Automatic Transmission Fluids (ATF)

Performance classification:

### Dexron Type A, Suffix A

Specification introduced in 1957. It requires the oil to meet certain limits regarding its kinematic viscosity.

### Dexron IID

General Motors Dexron®-IID Specification. ATF issued in 1975. Contained ATF cooler corrosion requirements not listed in Dexron®-II.

### Dexron IIE

General Motors Specification Dexron®-IIE. ATF issued in 1991 requiring improved low temperature performance compared to Dexron®-IID, 20 000 cP at minus 40 °C.

### Dexron III F

GM specification for Automatic transmission oil introduced in 1994. Successor of Dexron IID and IIE.

### Dexron III G

Successor of Dexron III(F) automatic transmission fluid. This has the same low temperature characteristics as Dexron IIE, but with modifications to anti-oxidancy and friction material. Introduced in 1997.

### Dexron III H

Dexron III license H was introduced in June



2003 to replace the Dexron III G fluid. It has an oxidative stable base oil (group 2 or group 3). Oils according to this specification have longer maintenance of friction properties and anti-shredder properties, better foam control and a longer fluid life.

### Dexron VI

Specification introduced in 2005 to replace Dexron IIIH. This specification requires better stay-in-grade properties, oxidative stability and anti-foam characteristics. Oils meeting this specification can be used with extended drain intervals and are energy conserving.

Mobil ATF 220 (in 1L and 208L pack) meets Dexron IID specification.

Mobil ATF 320 (in 1L, 4L and 208L pack) meets Dexron III G performance specification

## Some Best Practices for a Periodic Car Service



One of the major concerns for any new or potential car owner is the service cost affiliated with the brand they plan on purchasing. This means, potential car buyers generally opt to buy economically priced cars or cars offered by a well established automaker. But that needn't always be the case. New automakers are designing their latest offerings to provide competitive maintenance costs and with minimalistic attention you can bring down the service costs for your adored ride.

We've also compiled 10 simple steps that you can take to harness prolonged and efficient service from your car.

### Regularly Check the Condition of Engine Oil

A driver should ensure that the engine oil is regularly inspected and changed on prescribed time intervals. This is one of the most economical precaution that one can take to ensure longevity of their engine's service. Over the course of time the engine oil deteriorates, especially organic engine oils in comparison to the relatively expensive synthetic oils. Old oil can put engine components through unwarranted friction and stress that will eventually cause wear and tear of components.

### Top-up Engine Oil

Engines, even modern engines are designed to function effectively in optimum conditions. One of these conditions is the availability of necessitated quantities of engine oil. When an engine runs on depleted or

insufficient quantity of oil, it is subjected to strain that might cause it to overheat, which may lead to metal components breaking of and entering the oil. These metal bits can harm the engine beyond repair by causing excess friction.

### Change Coolant Periodically

The cooling system should be flushed and coolant should be refreshed according to recommended time intervals. Even modern engine components are designed to function at specific optimum temperatures and old coolant may cause overheating of the vehicle, which may result in a complete breakdown.

### Check Coolant

A 50/50 mix of distilled water and coolant (usually, as in some car this

may vary according to their performance attributes) will make sure that your cooling system function in its optimum shape. This will also ensure prevention from corrosion and prevent deposit build-ups inside cooling system, as the coolant act as a lubricant for the moving parts in the system.

### Refreshing Differential and Transmission Oils

Transmission and differentials are components that act as a bridge between the power developed by the engine and momentum gained by the wheels. These parts do not require frequent service but in order to maintain transmission efficiency their fluids must be changed according to the service intervals prescribed in the user manual.

# AVIATION



## Bidders emerge for MRO, Aircraft Leasing Company

The Federal Government's plan to set up Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul (MRO) facility, and Aircraft Leasing Company has received a boost with the emergence of bidders for the projects.

The Ministry of Aviation, following evaluation of proposals, approved the consortium of AJ Walters Leasing Limited (AJW Leasing) and Glovesly Pro-Project Limited, as the preferred bidder to establish the Aircraft Leasing Company for Nigeria. The trio of AJ Walters Aviation Limited, EgyptAir Maintenance & Engineering (EGME) and Glovesly Pro-Project Limited emerged the preferred bidder to establish the MRO.

The MRO and aircraft leasing company are among the four main components of the Aviation Roadmap initiative of the current administration, which also has the national carrier project and airport concession programme.

## Abu Dhabi airport is now using AI to shorten queues

Along with its airline partners and ConvergentAI, Abu Dhabi International Airport is using big data and Artificial Intelligence to trial the 'Smart Travel' system, which is set to improve the passenger journey at every step.

In a bid to shorten queues and deliver a smoother and more seamless passenger experience, Abu Dhabi International Airport (AUH) rolling on a new enhanced 'Smart Travel' system, developed by Abu Dhabi Airports in partnership with ConvergentAI.

## Dana Air takes delivery of Aircraft

Dana Air has taken delivery of its Boeing aircraft fresh from maintenance overseas. The airline said the arrival of the aircraft came days after another of its aircraft returned to service recently in December.

The Chief Operating Officer of Dana Air, Obi Mbanuzuo while speaking on the development said, "Just recently we received one of our aircraft back from maintenance sound while the other is undergoing mandatory checks by the Nigerian

Civil Aviation Authority (NCAA) before release."

"The safety of our guests and crew will continue to take priority in our operations and we will continue to keep our safety standards with zero tolerance for violations irrespective of the situation or circumstance.

"The return of another of our aircraft in late December, helped mitigate the schedule disruptions we experienced recently and we have been able to ferry a good number of our guests to their destinations while

working to ensure all round customer satisfaction and schedule reliability for our guests

"We once again acknowledge the frustrations of our guests and wish to use this medium to once again apologise to them for the schedule disruptions experienced some weeks back. We are deeply sorry about it and we are working tirelessly to improve on our known schedule integrity and overall operational efficiency." he added.

## Airbus honours Ethiopian with Unique Agility Award

Ethiopian Airlines Group, has been honoured by Airbus, the largest global aircraft manufacturer, with an award for the unique agility and resilience the airline displayed amid the Covid-19 global crisis. In reaction to the award, Mr. Tewolde GebreMariam, Ethiopian Group CEO remarked, "We at Ethiopian are immensely delighted that one of the top companies in the world, Airbus, has

recognized the efforts of the management and employees of Ethiopian Airlines unique agility and resilience amid the Covid-19 global crisis. We were there when the world needed us most. I would like to express my gratitude to the over 17,000 hardworking Ethiopian employees and management team." Mr. Hadi Akoum, Airbus Vice President Sales Africa and Levant Customer Affairs on his part said,




"This is to express the admiration of Airbus executive management and all Airbus employees for the unbelievable achievement of Ethiopian Airlines in this unprecedented epidemic. While other airlines were just trying to figure out what to do, Ethiopia Airlines was aggressively pressing ahead finding solution, creating solution converting their passenger aircraft to freighters.





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# MOTORING

## 2020: New Auto Brand, New Franchises

By Frank Kintum



The year 2020 has come and gone with its challenges. That was a year that witnessed the real heat of the covid-19 which started a year earlier, and the EndSars protests. The auto industry took its share of bashing from these two scenarios, as sales figures plummeted and jobs were lost.

Nonetheless, in the midst of all these, some auto companies were able to weather the storm and made new launches and announcements, aside the full embrace of online technology to remain afloat.

Coscharis Motors, promoted by the indomitable Cosmas Maduka, was one of the few companies that made headlines during the year. The company finally activated its romance with French auto maker, Renault.

Recall that Coscharis Motors is not a push over in the auto business, as it holds the exclusive franchise for a number of auto brands such as BMW, Ford, Rolls Royce, Jaguar, Joy Long etc.

So, during the year, the company commenced the local assembling of some Renault models at its Awoyaya, Lagos facility.

According to the Group Managing Director, Coscharis Group, Josiah Samuel, “if you recall in July 2019 we formally announced our partnership with the Renault Group to represent their auto brands in Nigeria. This was done with fanfare when we equally showcased our ultra-modern Semi Knocked Down Assembly Plant located at our group head office in Lagos. As at today, Coscharis Motors is set to commence Renault vehicle sales based on locally assembled models and fully

built models for Nigeria roads.

“So far, we have secured all the requisite OEM's ratings and approvals to commence assemblage of the Duster and Logan while we are presently bringing in fully - built Koleos, Kwid and Oroch (which is to be introduced at a later date)”. Coscharis Motors is offering customers the options of 1.0 to 2.5-litre engines across the models.

Another news maker during the year was Mikano Motors. Over the years,

this company has made a name in the power industry, and according to the company's officials, it has expanded business and the auto industry is one of the targets.

The company recently established an auto assembly line at Kamareh city, along the ever busy Lagos-Sagamu expressway for the assembly of Geely models. And only recently, it engaged some of the models on Test Drive, witnessed by auto journalists.



# MOTORING

Addressing newsmen at the event, Mikano Motors' Sales Manager, Everistus Eze described local assembly of Geely automobile brand as part of his company's efforts towards boosting the nation's economy via job creation.

He said: "Although Mikano has always been known as service provider in many aspects, including Power, Steel and Medical, our decision to invest in the automotive sector was motivated by our belief that Nigeria deserves a better transportation experience, rather than being a dumping area for second hand cars with no history, no warranty and no spare parts.

"Therefore, we chose to assemble and ultimately manufacture a top quality automotive brand to create jobs for the youths, help stimulate the nation's economy and further support Nigerian families with most comfortable and affordable means of transportation."

Another interesting development was the unveiling of the Nord brand at the Land Mark events centre in Lagos.

The event brought spontaneous excitement as the indigenous auto maker, Nord Automobiles Limited, launched five models assembled in Nigeria, cutting across passenger and commercial vehicles. These models are Nord sedan A3; the Nord SUV A5; Nord Flit mini bus; Nord Max pick up; and Nord Tank pickup.

CEO of the company, Mr Oluwatobi Ajayi noted that Nord was born out of the need to check the importation of substandard vehicles into Nigeria, and to drastically reduce the huge amounts spent annually on automobile importation.

According to him, "we aim to exceed expectations by offering our customers world standard products at very competitive prices.

"The Nord vehicles are designed for the discerning customer, who craves daily satisfaction and full automobile experience. They are a perfect combination of style, performance and fuel efficiency."

Then, the big fish, Stallion Motors caused quite a stir when it announced during the year that it has sealed a deal with Bajaj to distribute its 3-wheeler and 4-wheeler autos in Nigeria.

Stallion Motors, which has a solid pedigree in auto marketing in Nigeria, is already making impressive impact with the tricycles across the country.

The company, shortly after announcing the takeover of the Bajaj



Mr Oluwatobi Ajayi



franchise, launched the RE 250 Super Keke in an elegant event held at Federal Palace hotel, Victoria Island, Lagos.

The RE 250 was unveiled by superstar footballer Jay Jay Okocha in the presence of over 100 keke dealers, with the theme "Bigger Heart, Stronger Body."

Commenting on the occasion, **Mr Shaleen Nayak, Vice-President, West Africa, Bajaj Auto** said, "Nigeria is one of the most important 3W markets in the world and we have

specially designed this vehicle for Nigeria. For instance, we have always felt that a keke rider in Nigeria requires a bigger, more powerful engine because of the tough road conditions. The addition of front fork can greatly ease shoulder pain for the rider after a long hard day of work. We are delighted to launch the RE250 for our Nigerian keke riders and we believe the RE250 will help riders & fleet owners prosper in their life."

**Mr Manish Rohtagi, Group CEO,**

**Stallion** said, "The RE250 Superkeke is a truly innovative and powerful product for the Nigerian roads. The company through its superior product and sharp service offerings and welfare initiatives will establish and forge long term partnership with the channel ecosystem and customers across Nigeria. Through these fulfilment partners, we envisage providing employment opportunity to 5 million Nigerians directly and indirectly over the next 5 years."



# UNIONS/ASSOCIATIONS/INSTITUTES

## MWUN lauds SIFAX on Welfare Packages



The Maritime Workers Union of Nigeria (MWUN) has lauded efforts of port concessionaire, Ports and Cargo Handling Services (PCHS), a subsidiary of SIFAX Group for its exemplary performance in facilitation better welfare packages and other incentives for dockworkers were satisfactory in 2020.

The union commended efforts of the Chief Executive Officers of SIFAX Group, Dr. Taiwo Afolabi, even as it reiterated the huge improvements of the concessionaire on workers welfare.

The letter signed by the President General of the union, Comrade Adewale Adeyanju stated that the high moral standard and pursuit of happiness of workers by the concessionaire last year is worthy of emulation by others.

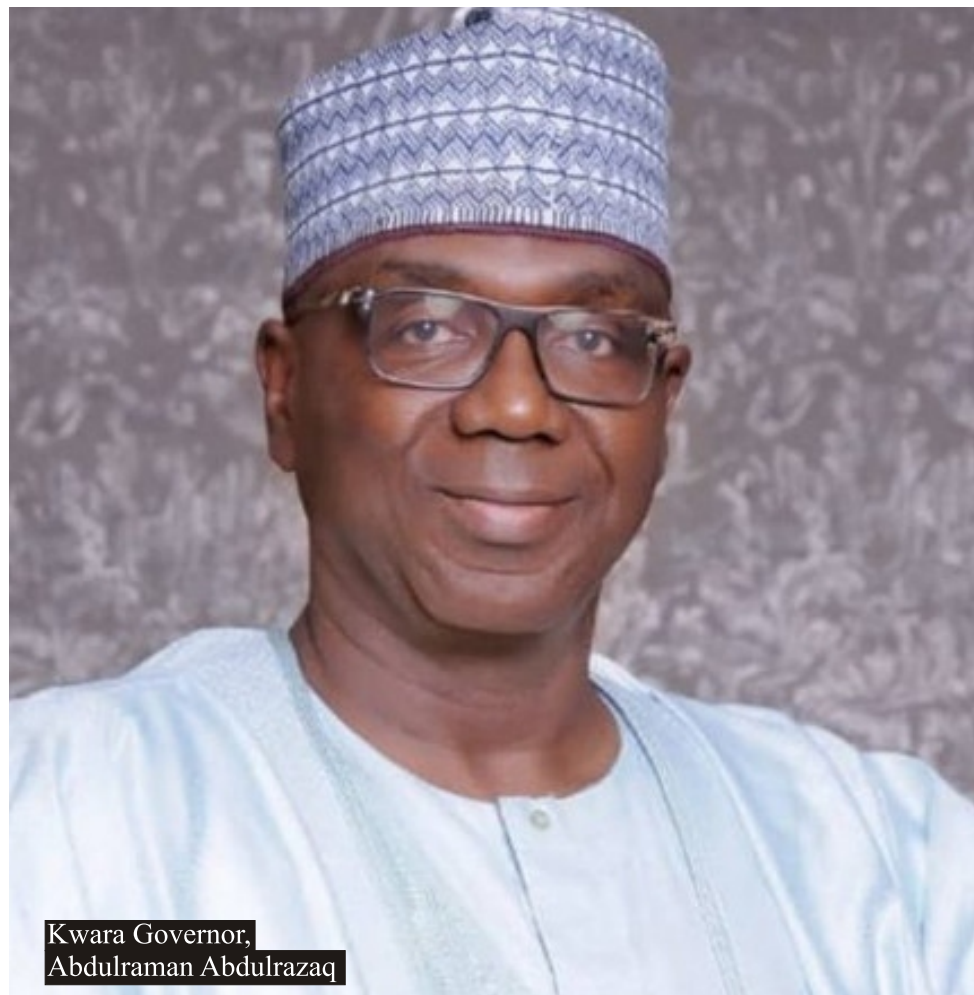
Adeyanju adjudged the concessionaire as the best terminal operator of the year 2020, based on feedback mechanism by the dockworkers in all the terminals nationwide on welfare packages, Ports and Cargo Handling Services deserved an award.

He also assured the SIFAX boss of the union's commitment to support the concessionaire in ensuring that port operations and the maritime industry

attain its place of excellence in the Africa continent.

The union boss also commended other terminal operators for the support and welfare packages of

workers but urged the concessionaires to prioritize incentives of dockworkers, as part of efforts to create a conducive and competitive environment for ports



Kwara Governor,  
Abdulraman Abdulrazaq

## Kwara gives Commercial Drivers ultimatum over illegal parking

The Kwara Traffic Management Authority (KWARTMA) has given operators of commercial vehicles and car owners a two-week ultimatum to stop parking in unauthorised places in Ilorin, the state capital.

The KWARTMA Chief Executive Officer, Mr AbdulYekeen Bello, gave

the directive in an interview with newsmen in Ilorin recently.

Bello said that the agency had held a stakeholders' meeting with transport unions and other road users to ensure compliance.

He added that the ultimatum was based on the directive of the state

House of Assembly to ensure that all major roads in the state capital were free for motorists and pedestrians. Bello warned residents of the state, who were fond of displaying wares on pedestrians' ways, to vacate before the expiration of the ultimatum.

## Operation Akpakwu: Taxi Union commend Ayade

Some commercial drivers have commended the efforts of Operation Akpakwu in tackling the incidence of kidnapping and criminality in Calabar.

Speaking in Calabar, state chairman of Unified Commercial Taxi and Bus Drivers Association, Pastor Thomas Effiong Okon, showered praises on Ayade and heads of security agencies in the state for securing lives and property of the people

"I am a Calabar South resident and that was the hub of almost all the crisis but for the past days, we have had relative peace as there has been no incidence of kidnapping or hijack of some sorts. So operation Akpakwu has done a lot. You know security is a thing that needs constant improvement but so far they have done a lot. For me, they have met at least 80% of our security expectations in the state," Pastor Okon said.

Also Speaking, another resident, Comrade Ekpenyong Akiba was full of praises for Ayade for "bringing Operation Akpakwu to secure lives and property in Calabar.

"The efforts of Operation Akpakwu have been fantastic and they have done marvelously well, we have seen the improvement in security in the state and the spate of kidnapping has reduced to the barest minimum. We can now sleep with our eyes closed.

"I thank our governor for bringing Operation Akpakwu to secure lives and property in Calabar. Thank you, Ayade, you have done well," he said.

## NEMA, FRSC train Gombe Road Transport Workers

The National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) in collaboration with the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) have trained road transport workers in Gombe State on disaster prevention and management.

The training was held at the FRSC Office in Lafiyawo Community in Akko Local Government Area of Gombe State.

Mr Simon Katu, Head of Operations, NEMA, Gombe State Operations Office, said the training was to ensure safety of all stakeholders on the road.

He said the training was a fall out from their past operation, "Operation Eagle Eye" in collaboration with the FRSC.

"We deliberated with key stakeholders and discovered that there was need for a fruitful and refresher meeting with transport workers."

"This is to create more awareness that would help the road transport workers in the reduction of disasters on roads especially in the new year," he said.

# HEALTH

## Protect yourself and others from COVID-19

If COVID-19 is spreading in your community, stay safe by taking some simple precautions, such as physical distancing, wearing a mask, keeping rooms well ventilated, avoiding crowds, cleaning your hands, and coughing into a bent elbow or tissue. Check local advice where you live and work. **Do it all!**

**What to do to keep yourself and others safe from COVID-19**

**Maintain at least a 1-metre distance between yourself and others** to reduce your risk of infection when they cough, sneeze or speak. Maintain an even greater distance between yourself and others when indoors. The further away, the better.

**Make wearing a mask a normal part of being around other people.**

**The appropriate use, storage and cleaning or disposal are essential to make masks as effective as possible.**

Here are the basics of [how to wear a mask](#):

Clean your hands before you put your mask on, as well as before and after you take it off, and after you touch it at any time.

Make sure it covers both your nose, mouth and chin.

When you take off a mask, store it in a clean plastic bag, and every day either wash it if it's a fabric mask, or dispose of a medical mask in a trash bin.

Don't use masks with valves.

**How to make your environment safer**

**Avoid the 3Cs: spaces that are closed, crowded or involve close contact.**

- Outbreaks have been reported in restaurants, choir practices, fitness classes, nightclubs, offices and places of worship where people have gathered, often in crowded indoor settings where they talk loudly, shout,



breathe heavily or sing.

- The risks of getting COVID-19 are higher in crowded and inadequately ventilated spaces where infected people spend long periods of time together in close proximity. These environments are where the virus appears to spread by respiratory droplets or aerosols more efficiently, so taking precautions is even more important.

**Meet people outside.** Outdoor gatherings are safer than indoor ones, particularly if indoor spaces are small and without outdoor air coming in.

**Avoid crowded or indoor settings** but if you can't, then take precautions:

- **Open a window.** *Increase the amount of 'natural ventilation' when indoors.*

- *WHO has published Q&As on ventilation and air conditioning for both the general public and people who manage public spaces and buildings.*

- **Wear a mask** (see above for more details).

**Don't forget the basics of good**

**hygiene**

**Regularly and thoroughly clean your hands with an alcohol-based hand rub or wash them with soap and water.** This eliminates germs including viruses that may be on your hands.

**Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.** Hands touch many surfaces and can pick up viruses. Once contaminated, hands can transfer the virus to your eyes, nose or mouth. From there, the virus can enter your body and infect you.

**Cover your mouth and nose with your bent elbow or tissue when you cough or sneeze.** Then dispose of the used tissue immediately into a closed bin and wash your hands. By following good 'respiratory hygiene', you protect the people around you from viruses, which cause colds, flu and COVID-19.

**Clean and disinfect surfaces frequently especially those which are regularly touched,** such as door handles, faucets and phone screens.

**What to do if you feel unwell**

**Know the full range of symptoms of COVID-19.** The most

common symptoms of COVID-19 are fever, dry cough, and tiredness. Other symptoms that are less common and may affect some patients include loss of taste or smell, aches and pains, headache, sore throat, nasal congestion, red eyes, diarrhoea, or a skin rash.

**Stay home and self-isolate even if you have minor symptoms such as cough, headache, mild fever,** until you recover. Call your health care provider or hotline for advice. Have someone bring you supplies. If you need to leave your house or have someone near you, wear a medical mask to avoid infecting others.

**If you have a fever, cough and difficulty breathing, seek medical attention immediately. Call by telephone first, if you can** and follow the directions of your local health authority.

**Keep up to date on the latest information from trusted sources, such as WHO or your local and national health authorities.** Local and national authorities and public health units are best placed to advise on what people in your area should be doing to protect themselves.

-WHO

# AUTOMOTIVE AFRICA

## New Initiative: German Automotive Industry intensifies links to Africa

The German automotive industry sees potential in Africa and strengthens its ties to the continent. The German Association of the Automotive Industry (VDA) joined hands with the African Association of Automotive Manufacturers (AAAM) as part of the "PartnerAfrica" project of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ). AAAM is the first Automotive association with a pan-African approach, established in 2015 by global Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs).

The partnership-based cooperation between VDA and AAAM is mutually beneficial: in cooperation with local and regional structures it helps the automotive industry to improve access to sometimes difficult markets and at the same time it is in the interest of German development policy to improve local prospects by involving the private sector and to create sustainable jobs and sustainable mobility in partner countries.

The VDA-AAAM partnership sees itself as an engine for dynamic growth, high innovation speed and state-of-the-art jobs.

For the VDA, cooperation with Africa focuses on the following priorities: expanding the sustainability strategy beyond products and production to include energy sources, such as e-fuels, and digital mobility solutions. In addition, strengthening the development partnership, increasing trade volume and investment, and further opening market access for manufacturers and suppliers. Equally important is supporting the development of local supply and value chains. In addition to stakeholder management and partnerships, topics such as promoting training and employment are also part of the comprehensive program.

Hildegard Müller, President of the VDA, said: "We highly appreciate our partnership with AAAM as the VDA intends to increase its involvement in Africa. With the joint project, VDA and AAAM are pursuing the goal of creating improved conditions for a flourishing automotive industry on the African continent, in order to increase economic growth and welfare in Africa and enable German as well as African member companies to participate in market growth and foster win-win trade and investments between Europe and Africa. This commitment of the VDA and AAAM is a significant contribution to growth and prosperity in Africa, supported by the investments of car manufacturers and suppliers on this



Executive Director,  
Nigeria Automobile  
Manufacturers Association,  
Mr. Remi Olaife

emerging continent." An in-house cluster for the association partnership at VDA's headquarters in Berlin and two project offices in South Africa and Ghana are now responsible for project implementation and supporting direct local contacts for members and partners.

Africa has in some countries fast growing economies with a young, growing population and rapid rates of urbanization along with very low rates of motorization. By 2035, the continent is expected to have the largest labour force potential in the world<sup>1</sup>. The automotive and logistics sector holds a key position due to its sustainable value creation in supplier networks, assembly plants,

distribution structures and pan-African trade relations. And it offers great potential for innovation, growth and jobs. The motorization rate in Africa is just 45 vehicles per 1,000 inhabitants, which is significantly below the global average of 203 per 1,000.

In 2019, the total volume of new vehicles sold in the African market (passenger cars) was 869,000 vehicles. Africa has great potential as a market and production location for the German automotive industry. In 2019, 62,000 passenger cars were exported from Germany to Africa. 49 percent of these went to South Africa, the most important market in Africa.

In 2019, 355,000 passenger cars

were sold in South Africa, with German OEMs accounting for 34 percent or 119,000 cars.

Total passenger car production in Africa in 2019 was around 787,000 units. 44 percent of the total car production in Africa took place with 349,000 units in South Africa. German OEMs have steadily expanded their production in South Africa in recent years. Compared to 2010, their production has increased by 44 percent to 317,000 passenger cars in 2019. This means that 91 percent of passenger car production in South Africa is carried out by German manufacturers.

For the German automotive industry, Africa is becoming more and more important not only as an export destination, but also as a local production site: In recent years, German automotive manufacturers and suppliers have made increasing investments not only in the established markets of the Mahgreb region and South Africa, but also in future markets such as Ghana and Rwanda.

The German automotive industry is globally connected. With over 2,500 production facilities abroad, German manufacturers and suppliers contribute to growth and prosperity in over 70 countries around the world. At the same time, the companies use their know-how to contribute to sustainable mobility with environmentally friendly technologies on site.

The untapped demand from Africa is coupled with a steady rise in consumer spending, which has risen over the past few years at an annual rate of 10 percent. The estimated sales forecast of new light vehicles in Africa will be 1.8 million in 2027. This is a doubling compared to the market volume of 2019. Dave Coffey, CEO of AAAM: "Our experts estimate that the African new-vehicle market can initially grow to 3 million by 2035, with the potential of 5m, by implementing effective automotive policies and ecosystems. We are excited about our partnership with the VDA as it will provide expertise, resources and a strong network that will facilitate the development of the automotive industry in Africa."

VDA and AAAM strongly support the industrialization on the African continent by sharing their industry knowledge, by creating platforms for exchange and by building bridges between countries and between public and private institutions. Furthermore, Africa is expected to play an increasing role in producing and exporting renewable energy. Therefore, a reliable trade framework between Africa and Europe is needed. Also, within Africa trade relations should be eased and intensified.



# NEWS

## Kyari restates commitment to Transparency, bags Ethics, Compliance Award

The Group Managing Director of the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC), Mallam Mele Kyari, has reiterated his commitment to conducting the business and operations of the Corporation in a transparent manner with a view to placing it on the path of profitability. Mallam Kyari made the pledge recently at the ECOA-Africa Fellowship Investiture Ceremony where he was honoured with the Honourary Fellowship Award of Ethics and Compliance Officers Association. A press release by the Group General Manager, Group Public Affairs Division, Dr. Kennie Obateru, stated that the NNPC GMD was among other prominent leaders honoured in recognition of their commitment and promotion of ethical leadership. In his acceptance speech, the GMD who was represented by the Group

General Manager, Governance Risk & Compliance, Mr Chris Akamiro stated: "I want to assure you that NNPC under my leadership, will continue to be transparent in its operations, render complete and timely Financial Statements to all stakeholders and be repositioned for profitability for the benefit of over 200 million Nigerians".



L-R: President and Chairman of Council, Ethics and Compliance Officers Association - Africa (ECOA-Africa), Prof. Bassey Ubom, presenting the certificate of Honourary Fellowship of the Association to the representative of the NNPC GMD and Group General Manager, Governance Risk & Compliance, Mr Chris Akamiro. With them is the Group General Manager, Group Public Affairs Division, Dr. Kennie Obateru.

## Seplat, Waltersmith sign Crude Purchase Agreement

Seplat Petroleum Development Company Plc a leading Nigerian independent energy company listed on both the Nigerian Stock Exchange and the London Stock Exchange, has announced a Crude Purchase Agreement (CPA) with Waltersmith Petroman Oil Limited.

The CPA is for the supply of between 2,000 and 4,000 bopd from existing working-interest production from the Ohaji South Field within OML53, for Waltersmith's new 5,000 bopd modular refinery at Ibigwe Field, in Imo State.

Previously, Seplat's share of Ohaji South crude was primarily evacuated to the export Terminal via a third-party Crude Handling Agreement with Waltersmith. This new agreement benefits Seplat by selling its crude oil directly to Waltersmith for refining, thereby eliminating crude losses and downtime experienced along the evacuation and export route.

The transaction would also boost the capacity of Waltersmith in providing its products particularly to the immediate region of our operations thereby supporting Seplat's commitment to national energy security. Seplat maintains its guidance of 48,000 52,000 boepd for the 2020 financial year.

**Roger Brown, Chief Executive of Seplat, said:** "We are delighted to sign this Crude Purchase Agreement with Waltersmith as it ensures that Nigerian crude will be refined locally by a Nigerian refiner. The agreement will eliminate losses we previously experienced on the export pipeline,



L-R: Roger Brown, Chief Executive Officer, Seplat Petroleum Development Company Plc; and Chikezie Nwosu, Chief Executive Officer, Waltersmith Petroman Oil Limited, at the signing of a Crude Purchase Agreement between both companies in Lagos recently.

meaning more revenue will be booked by Seplat for the same amount of oil produced from the field. Waltersmith's refinery will also benefit the Nigerian economy by creating local jobs to refine our oil."

## Maritime Academy Rector tasks graduating Seafarers on discipline, humility

By Ignatius Ushie

The Maritime Academy of Nigeria (MAN) recently graduated 235 seafarers, 52 Higher National Diploma with 183 National Diploma Cadets in various courses and tasked them on patience and humility.

Speaking at the Passing Out Parade, the Rector of the Academy, Commodore Duja Effedua (Rtd) charged the graduating Cadets to be disciplined wherever they go, adding that humility is a good virtue they must portray.

"When you want to be great, start accepting and move on when you fail. You don't have to succeed

everytime you try something but when you fail, you must struggle to continue. We all have a purpose and your purpose in life is that you want to be a seafarer and you are here by God grace.

"So no matter what happened to you, your motivation should be your purpose, books just start and end now but purpose is ongoing. If you know you want to be a great Seafarer in Master Maritime or Chief Engineer somewhere, no matter what happens to you just hang on because there is another killer which is pride, ego, you think you are too much.

## 'How to address Developmental Challenges in Niger Delta region'

The Honourable Minister of State, Ministry of Niger Delta Affairs (MNDA), Senator Omotayo Alasoadura has re-echoed the intentions of the federal government in adopting the best approach towards addressing developmental challenges in the Niger Delta region.

According to a press statement from the Ministry, the Minister stated these while welcoming participants to the Pre-Council Seminar of the 4th National Council on Niger Delta with the theme 'Achieving Uncommon Development in the Niger Delta Region: Roadmap and Strategy' on Monday in the Garden City of Port Harcourt, River State.

Sen. Alasoadura noted that the National Council on Niger Delta was approved by the Federal Executive Council (FEC) as a forum to seek the buy-in and participatory approach of stakeholders towards achieving the mandate of the Ministry which main responsibility is to manage and coordinate, promote and initiate development policies and processes in the Niger Delta.

Speaking further, the Minister of State explained that the MNDA which was created as a direct response to the series of agitations by the people of the region, is presently executing several intervention projects designed to improve the deplorable state of the region.

# NEWS

## ANLCA National President salutes Resilience of Customs Brokers and Freight Forwarders

By Frank Kintum

The National President of the Association of Licenced Customs Agents (ANLCA), Mr. Iju Tony Nwabunike commended Customs Brokers and Freight Forwarders for “our individual and collective resilience in keeping our ports working and making the total logistics chain functional during the periods of lockdown and movement restrictions”.

In his New Year Message made available to Transport Day, the consummate logistics expert stated that “being at work and staying compliant with Covid19 protocols throughout the periods when many others stayed at home are functions of individual self discipline, corporate coordination and selflessness.”

According to him, “this selfless attributes was a factor driven and held beyond personal gain by you but aimed at ensuring needed cargoes, including medical supplies exited our ports to their destined locations across the country.

“Even when the Federal Government provided free buses for us to access and exit ports, which in most cases

were not enough, many of you were at work on your own at extra costs to you. You are appreciated.”

The National President nonetheless called for caution in the face of the second wave of Covid-19, urging practitioners to adhere to all safety guidelines



National President of the Association of Licenced Customs Agents (ANLCA), Mr. Iju Tony Nwabunike

## Mobile Courts convict 76 Traffic Offenders

Seventy six persons have been convicted by mobile courts following the commencement of Operation Zero Tolerance by the Zone 4 Command of the Federal Road Safety Corps comprising Plateau, Benue and Nasarawa States during the Christmas and New Year Operations from 15 December, 2020.

The Zonal Commanding Officer Zone RS4, Jos, Assistant Corps Marshal Kayode Olangunju, disclosed that the Special Patrol Operation which is still ongoing till January 15, 2021 is necessitated due to the usual increased mobility, Road Traffic Law Violations and Crashes associated with the Yuletide period.

He has directed all Commanding Officers in the Zone to ensure prompt arrest and prosecution of traffic offenders to prevent the "hangover effect" as many crashes could occur in the early days of the new year when many motorists are tempted to violate traffic rules as some may feel they had already survived the most dangerous period, the EMBER months, hence they could afford to take some chances on the highways.

In furtherance of the efforts to ensure sanity on the road, 76 violators were convicted by mobile courts in Akwanga and Keffi Unit Commands of Nasarawa State.

## SIFAX Group rewards 46 staff



L-R: Kelly Imade, Group Head, Administration, SIFAX Group; Bode Ojeniyi, Group Executive Director, Corporate Services, SIFAX Group; Joseph Ojehonmon, awardee who clocked 10 years and Oluwakayode Alonge, Group Head, Human Resources, SIFAX Group during the 2020 SIFAX Group Long Service Award celebration held recently at the Group's Head Office, Apapa, Lagos

Sifax Group, a group of companies with investment in Maritime, Aviation, Oil & Gas, Haulage & Logistics, Financial Services and Hospitality, has rewarded and honoured 46 staff at its annual Long Service Award ceremony.

The Sifax Group Long Service Award is an annual event where deserving staff, who have served for a minimum period of ten years, are rewarded with cash gifts for their meritorious, consistent and outstanding service to the company. The awardees received

their gifts at a private ceremony held across various subsidiaries recently.

According to a Press Release made available to Transport Day, Dr. Taiwo Afolabi, Group Executive Vice Chairman, Sifax Group, applauded the staff for their passion, dedication and hard work in uplifting the company to its current heights.

He said: “I must salute your courage, commitment, loyalty and dedication. I am touched to know

that you have all dutifully contributed to the growth of the company in your different subsidiaries. These gestures have shown an unrivalled level of loyalty to both the company and your jobs. Thank you for believing in the SIFAX Group dream and contributing your quota to see it come to fulfillment”.

Out of the 46 award recipients, 38 had been with the company for 10 years while the rest 8 marked their 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

## Emirates Airlines to appeal \$1.63m High Court's judgement

Emirates Airlines has declared that it will contest the judgement of a Federal High Court in Lagos which ordered it to pay \$1.63m to a businessman, Orji Ikem.

Ikem had accused the airline of losing his hand luggage, which went missing during his trip to China in 2007.

According to a statement from the Public Relations firm for the carrier Emirates said it had filed an appeal in the matter.

The statement said, “Emirates has already filed an appeal in this matter and we will be vigorously defending our position.”

Ikem had accused the airline of losing two hand luggage containing personal effects and \$700,000, as well as \$930,000 in 18 bundles of \$50,000 wraps each and \$30,000 cash not in wrap.



# NEWS

## 'Nigeria needs \$4b Annually for Renewable Energy'

The minister of state for power Goddy Jedy Agba has said the power sector require \$4 Billion annually to universally access clean and renewable energy for a sustained power supply to consumers in the country. Speaking at a virtual Global power sector players conference presided over by the United Nations Secretary General His Excellency Antonio Guternes, the minister outlined the



Minister of state, Power,  
Goddy Jedy Agba

achievements and challenges President Muhammadu Buhari administration has recorded in the power sector, saying the government is desirous of ensuring that there is adequate supply of electricity to consumers.

“Our ambition is demonstrated by the recent removal of the fuel subsidy in Nigeria which now make the off-grid sector more competitive, as well as the 5 million solar connections Programe which was included in the Covid 19 recovery strategy, Economic Sustainability Plan ESP.”

While urging global partners to support ESP, introduced by the Federal Government, the minister stressed that Nigeria is taking steps to merge its energy access and energy transition conversations as the largest unelectrified population

globally resides within the borders, arguing that it is important to give access to the unelectrified 85 million people using renewable sources to maintain Nigeria and Africa's low contribution to carbon emission.

Earlier, the UN secretary General Antonio Gluternes noted that African countries and the global trend for power sector development is clean and renewable energy to unbundle the usual grid supply which has been insufficient over the years especially in African countries considering the huge amounts of fund required to fund sustained supply of power.

According to him, the United Nations is prepared to give necessary support to Nigeria considering the position paper presented by the minister of state power Goddy Jedy Agba at the conference.

## Hyundai Motor Wins Four 2020 GOOD DESIGN Awards

Hyundai Motor Company announced its win of four accolades at this year's GOOD DESIGN Awards. Hyundai's two most progressive EV concepts, 45 and Prophecy, together with the all-new 2021 Hyundai Elantra and the Hyundai Hi-Charger, an ultra-fast EV charging infrastructure, were recognized in the Awards' Transportation category.

“Hyundai's design vision to provide lifestyle mobility that coexists with people's lives has been recognized by winning these awards,” said SangYup Lee, Senior Vice President and Head of Hyundai Global Design Center. “Especially through our EV design, we would like to forge a strong emotional connection between humans and automobiles, giving more value to our customer's everyday life.”

The 45 EV concept, first introduced at the International Motor Show 2019 in Frankfurt, is a futuristic homage to

Hyundai's iconic Pony Coupe Concept. The styling of 45 is defined by its monocoque-style form, aerodynamics, light-weight design inspired by aircrafts, and diamond-shaped silhouette.

Earlier this year, the 45 shone under the spotlight at other world-renowned design competitions, including the 2020 International Design Excellence Awards, 2020

Red Dot Awards, and the iF Design Award 2020. Such accolades raise expectations of the upcoming release of IONIQ 5, Hyundai's first dedicated EV in the new IONIQ lineup brand launching next year.

The Prophecy, unveiled last March, is Hyundai's visionary concept that signifies a direction of future EV styling based on the Sensuous Sportiness design identity. It

expands on the era-defining example set by the 45 EV concept that stripped away complexity in favor of clean lines and minimalistic structures. Prophecy won 'Best of the Best' in 2020 Red Dot Awards' Design

Concept group, and the concept was also named a finalist for 2020 International Design Excellence Awards.

Another big win went to the all-new 2021 Elantra, which made its debut earlier this year. The seventh generation Elantra offers a futuristic and innovative look and feel, thanks to its Parametric Dynamics design elements. The vehicle's exterior design is adorned with unique style features including a parametric-jewel-pattern grille and a H-tail Lamp that creates a Hyundai “flying H” logo-like shape. The interior further complements the Elantra's overall appeal with a 10-inch information-display cluster and infotainment system.

The Hyundai Hi-Charger demonstrates the brand's commitment to offer a completely new charging experience to EV owners.



**HYUNDAI**

## Kia Unveils New Logo, Global Brand Slogan

Kia Motors Corporation has revealed its new corporate logo and global brand slogan that signify the automaker's bold transformation and all-new brand purpose. The introduction of the new logo represents Kia's ambitions to establish a leadership position in the future mobility industry by revamping nearly all facets of its business.

The logo is a symbol of Kia's new brand purpose and the values it promises to offer customers through future products and services, and the experiences these enable. Kia seals its brand promise by developing the new

logo to resemble a handwritten signature. The rhythmic

unbroken line of the logo conveys Kia's commitment to bringing moments of inspiration, while its symmetry demonstrates confidence. The rising gestures of the logo embody Kia's rising ambitions for the brand, and, more importantly, what it offers customers.

“Kia's new logo represents the



company's commitment to becoming an icon for change and innovation”, said Ho Sung Song, Kia's President and CEO. “The automotive industry is experiencing a period of rapid transformation, and Kia is proactively shaping and adapting to these changes. Our new logo represents our desire to inspire customers as their mobility needs

evolve, and for our employees to rise to the challenges we face in a fast-changing industry.”

The new logo was unveiled during a record-breaking pyrotechnic display in the skies above Incheon, Korea. The event saw 303 pyrodrone launching hundreds of fireworks in a synchronized artistic display, igniting and celebrating Kia's new beginning. This set a new Guinness World Record for 'Most unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) launching fireworks simultaneously'. The dazzling display can be seen on the Kia Global YouTube channel: [https://youtu.be/s61\\_IsjqLzc](https://youtu.be/s61_IsjqLzc)

# MARITIME

## NIMASA boss pledges to promote Maritime Education

The Director-General of Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA), Dr. Bashir Jamoh, has promised to prioritise maritime education and professionalism in the transport sector,

Jamoh made this pledge while he was inaugurated as Chairman, Governing Board of the Centre for Logistics and Transport Studies (CELTRAS), University of Port Harcourt (UNIPORT).

The inauguration, which held at the university's Institute of Petroleum Studies Auditorium, was supervised by the acting Vice-Chancellor of UNIPORT, Professor Stephen Okodudu. It had in attendance many academic and non-academic staff.

Jamoh's investiture follows his appointment in October as Chairman of the 10-member Governing Board of CELTRAS. Okodudu had said Jamoh was chosen by virtue of his position as Director-General of NIMASA, emphasising that his appointment "is an eloquent testimony to your outstanding contributions to national development."

In his remarks after the inauguration of the Board, the NIMASA boss, who holds a doctorate in Logistics and Transport Management from the University of Port Harcourt, said he



Minister of Transport, Rt. Hon Rotimi Amaechi (r) and the DG, NIMASA, Dr. Bashir Jamoh

felt honoured "to lead this great team towards the accomplishment of the noble mission and objectives of the Centre for Logistics and Transport Studies."

He said: "NIMASA, on its part, has a mandate enshrined in its enabling Act, which includes maritime education. It would be all hands on deck and, hopefully, we shall achieve the mandate of maritime education and professionalism in the country."

With the inauguration of the CELTRAS Board coming at a time when the Federal Government is

trying to improve and expand the transportation infrastructure across the country, Jamoh said the Centre had its work cut out.

"Without professional transporters in our sector, this infrastructure will continue to dilapidated," the Director-General said. "Therefore, it is not by accident that we are gathered here to inaugurate this board to ensure that we produce professionals, and encourage research towards the development of the transportation sector," he added.

## 'CBN's Pre-Export Requirements

### Creating Bottlenecks'

Nigerian exporters have kicked against the pre-export requirements newly introduced by the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN), saying the procedure is frustrating export of goods from the country to other nations.

In a statement, the umbrella body of the exporters, Network of Practicing Non-oil Exporters of Nigeria (NPEN), said the apex bank's demand of electronic Export Proceed Form from exporters has brought about huge setback.

According to the President of NPEN, Ahmed Rabi, the new procedure has so many layers of activities that often led to delays and loss of income on the part of exporters.

"We acknowledge the CBN's desire to ensure that all exports out of Nigeria are documented in order to ensure that the proceeds of such exports are repatriated, however, the reality on the field shows that the process is causing undue delays and consequently, encouraging corruption."

Under the new pre-export requirements regime, the CBN requires export transactions to be initiated through electronic processing on the trade monitoring system (eNXP) before the pre-shipment inspection agent, the Nigeria Customs Service and other designated government agencies would then do the pre-export inspections.

The exporters called for immediate reversal of the process while referring to a recent report that about N868bn worth of goods bound for export are currently stranded at the Nigerian ports owing to the new procedure.

"For example, for the PIA to issue the CCI, the exporter is required to upload a certificate of origin as one of the supporting documents for the eNXP, the PIA is also required to upload the CCI to the TRMS(M) and until this is done, the Customs service will not issue the Single Good Declaration," Rabi said.

## Lagos increases Boat fleet



Lagos state Governor, Mr. Babajide Sanwo-Olu

mapping out LAGFERRY's operational strategies for the year 2021. He promised that Lagosians would witness sweeping transformations in water transportation in the year.

He disclosed that arrangements have been concluded by the State Government to increase the boat fleet to 20 this year.

Balogun assured that his agency would reciprocate the government's huge investment in water transportation with improved and efficient service delivery in the year. The LAGFERRY boss urged Lagosians to consider water transportation as a veritable alternative mode that is fast, seamless, safe and reliable. He added that the first quarter of the new year

would witness a lot of transformation in water transportation operations in the state. "I urge you to stay tuned and expect remarkable strides in water transportation in the first quarter of the year as the agency takes delivery of additional world-class boats to increase our fleet to 20 and boost our capacity to meet the ever-increasing demand," Balogun stated.

## Challenges facing seafarers - M/Navy

The National President of Nigerian Merchant Navy Officers and Water Transport Senior Staff Association (NMNOWTSSA), Comrade Bob Yousou, has lamented abandonment, repatriation, insecurity, unpaid wages and poor remuneration as challenges facing the Nigerian seafarers.

Yousou, who disclosed this at the commissioning of its newly acquired national secretariat in Apapa Lagos, said the hazardous nature of seafaring is worth appreciating, but the nation's seafarers are maltreated and poorly remunerated by employers due to lack of Collective

Bargaining Agreement (CBA) and sense of belonging to the right union.

"I want to urge the seafarers' employers to always look at the plight of Nigerian seafarers by not owing them their wages, but pay as at when due. The hazardous nature of seafaring is worth appreciating. We shall no longer tolerate slavery wages for our seafarers. The International Labour Organisation standard in terms of decent working conditions must be applied," he said.

Yousou also decried the proliferation of fake certification by some groups but reaffirmed that the union will continue to fight for the protection of seafarers' with the right certification.

To demonstrate its commitment to multimodal transport system, Lagos State Government has urged residents to embrace the unlimited possibilities in water transportation to ease the persistent gridlock in the state.

The Managing Director, Lagos Ferry Services (LAGFERRY), Abdoulbaq Ladi Balogun, appealed in his new year message to commuters while

# BUSINESS

## Elon Musk's six secrets to business success

By Justin Rowlett - BBC News

What are the secrets behind Elon Musk's astonishing business success?

**Elon Musk has just become the richest person in the world, overtaking Amazon founder Jeff Bezos.**

The Tesla and SpaceX entrepreneur's **net worth has crossed \$185bn (£136bn)** after an increase in the share price of the electric car company.

So, what is the secret of his success? A few years back I spent almost an hour discussing exactly this with him. To mark his new milestone we decided to dust the interview off and share it with you. So here is Elon Musk's guide to success in business.

Take SpaceX. He told me he set the company up because he was frustrated the US space programme wasn't more ambitious.

### 1. It isn't about the money

This is absolutely central to Elon Musk's attitude to business.

When I interviewed him in 2014 he said he didn't know how rich he was.

"It's not as if there is a pile of cash somewhere," he said. "It's really just that I have a certain number of votes in Tesla, and SpaceX, and SolarCity, and the marketplace has value on those votes."

He doesn't have anything against the pursuit of wealth "if it's done in sort of an ethical and good manner", but said it just isn't what drives him.

The approach certainly seems to be working.

The real-life inspiration for Robert Downey Jr's portrayal of Tony Stark of Iron Man fame was worth perhaps \$10bn when we spoke in 2014.

His electric car company, Tesla, has performed particularly well. Shares have surged over the past year to take its value to more than \$700bn. For that you could buy Ford, General Motors, BMW, Volkswagen and Fiat Chrysler, and still have enough left over to buy Ferrari.

But Musk, who turns 50 this year, doesn't expect to die rich. He said he thinks most of his money will be spent building a base on Mars, and wouldn't be surprised if the project consumed his entire fortune.

In fact, like Bill Gates, he would probably regard ending his life with billions in the bank as a mark of failure because he hadn't put that money to good use.

### 2. Pursue your passions

That Mars base is a clue to what Elon Musk believes is the key to success.

"You want things in the future to be better," he told me. "You want these new exciting things that make life better."



"I kept expecting us to advance beyond Earth, and to put a person on Mars, and have, you know, very frequent flights to orbit," he said.

When that didn't happen, he came up with the idea for the "Mars Oasis Mission", which aimed to send a small greenhouse to the red planet. The idea was to get people excited about space again, and persuade the US government to increase Nasa's budget.

It was while he was trying to get that off the ground he realised the problem wasn't "a lack of will, but rather a lack of way" - space technology was far more expensive than it needed to be.

Et voila! The world's cheapest rocket-launching business was born.

And here's the important thing, its genesis wasn't about making money, but landing a person on Mars.

Musk told me he regards himself as an engineer rather than an investor, and says what gets him up in the morning is the desire to solve technical problems.

It is that, rather than dollars in the bank, that is his yardstick of progress. He knows every hurdle his businesses overcome helps everyone else who's trying to solve the same problem - and it does it forever.

That's why, shortly before we met, the entrepreneur had announced he was going to **open up all Tesla's patents** to speed up the development of electric vehicles worldwide.

### 3. Don't be afraid to think big

One of the really striking things about Elon Musk's businesses is how audacious they are.

He wants to revolutionise the car

industry, colonise Mars, build super-fast trains in vacuum tunnels, integrate AI into human brains and upend the solar power and battery industries.

There's a common thread here. All of his projects are the kind of futuristic fantasies you'd find in a kid's magazine in the early 1980s.

Put it like this, his tunnelling business is called The Boring Company.

Musk makes no secret of the fact he was inspired by the books and movies he consumed as a kid in South Africa.

Which brings us to Musk's third business tip - don't hold back.

He believes low ambition is baked into most companies' incentive structures.

Too many companies are "incrementalist", he said. "If you're the CEO of a big company and you aim for something that's a modest improvement, and it takes longer than expected, and doesn't work out quite as well, then nobody's gonna blame you," he told me. You can say it wasn't my fault, it was the suppliers.

If you are bold, and go for a really breakthrough improvement, and it doesn't work, you're definitely going to get fired, he argues. He says this is why most companies focus on making small improvements to their existing products rather than daring to imagine completely new ones.

So, his advice is to make sure you are working on what he calls "stuff that's going to matter".

media caption Musk's team implanted a chip in the brain of a pig to create a machine interface.

Two things stand out in Musk's personal hierarchy of stuff that matters.

First, he wants to accelerate the transition from fossil fuels.

Here's what the entrepreneur had to say about that: "We're drawing upon deep gas fields and deep oil fields that haven't seen the light of day

since the Cambrian era. If the last time something saw light was when the most complex organism was a sponge, you really have to question whether that is a wise move." Second, he wants to ensure the long-term survival of humanity by colonising Mars and "making life multiplanetary".

Like I say, think big.

### 4. Be ready to take risks

This one is obvious.

You've got to have skin in the game to do well, but Elon Musk has taken more risks

than most.

By 2002 he had sold off his holdings in his first two ventures, an internet city guide called Zip2 and the online payment company PayPal. He had just entered his 30s and had almost \$200m in the bank.

He says his plan was to put half his fortune into the businesses and keep the other half.

Things didn't work out like that. When I met him, he was just emerging from the darkest period of his business life.

His new companies faced all sorts of teething troubles. SpaceX's first three launches had failed, and Tesla had all manner of production problems, and supply chain, and design issues.

Then the financial crisis struck.

Musk said he faced a stark choice. "I could either keep the money, then the companies are definitely going to die, or invest what I have left and maybe there is a chance."

He kept pouring in money.

At one point he was so in debt he had to borrow money from friends just to pay his living expenses, he told me.

So, did the prospect of bankruptcy frighten him?

He says it didn't: "My kids might have to go to a sort of government school. I mean big deal, I went to a government school."

### 5. Ignore the critics

What really shocked him - and it was clear in 2014 he was still very upset by it - was the delight many pundits and commentators took in his travails.

"The liberal schadenfreude was really quite astonishing," said Musk. "There were multiple blog sites maintaining a Tesla death watch."

I suggested people may have wanted him to fail because there's a kind of arrogance about his ambition.

He rejected that. "I think it would be arrogant if we said we were definitely going to do it, as opposed to we're aspiring to do it, and we're going to give it our best shot."

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