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# SAFETY



## What to do When Your Brake Fails

You will most often use a foot brake while driving to slow down your car or come to a complete stop.

Anytime you want to stop the car while it is in motion, you should engage the foot brake. If you try to stop the car with the handbrake while moving, this will cause the **rear wheels to lock up**, and you could drift or lose control.

In a **manual transmission**, you will need to engage the clutch anytime you choose to brake (just as you would to move the car into another gear or press the gas pedal).

In an **automatic**, you can simply press the foot brake to slow the car down. In addition to stopping the car, the foot brake can also be used to start the car in many models.

**Newer vehicles** may use a start and stop button to turn the vehicle on. If this is the case, you will need to press down on the foot brake before the car turns on. This is an added safety feature, and it triggers the engine to start.

As the front wheels take a majority of the impact, the foot brake should be used if you are approaching something quickly in front of you. Do not pull the handbrake in these situations, especially if traveling at high speeds.

The primary braking system will be

able to stop the car in a much more controlled manner than trying to rely solely on your auxiliary braking system.

### What Should You Do If Brakes Don't Work?

In the rare event that your brakes fail, you will want to be well-equipped with steps to take. This is a dangerous situation that can be stressful if encountered. **DO NOT** turn off the car. You need to car on to steer.

If something is wrong with your primary braking system and may require the use of your handbrake while the vehicle is moving.

These are steps to take when you experience brake failure:

**Pump the brakes:** If the brakes don't appear to work, try pumping them a couple of times. This should help to slow the car down as you may have some braking abilities left.

**Use the handbrake:** This should be a

last resort and only done at lower speeds where it is safe to do so. Engage the handbrake slowly, adding more pressure to slow the car down. Moving gradually will prevent skidding and tyre locking.

**Downshift:** If your car has a manual transmission, you will want to shift into a lower gear. You can gradually shift into lower gears unless there is an immediate hazard in front of you. Automatic vehicles can switch to manual operation on their gear shifter.

**Use hazards:** If safe, turn your hazard lights on to alert other drivers that something is wrong and to avoid getting close to your vehicle. Your first priority is to avoid harm to yourself and others.

**Find somewhere to slow down:** You should also consider getting off the road if there is somewhere to do so. You could slow down your car by zig zagging your car as long as you are in

control of the car. Whatever friction you can use to slow the car down as safely as possible can be helpful, such as bushes on the side of the road.

While you hope not to ever be in this situation, knowing what to do beforehand will keep you calm if the brake failure occurs. This example also shows how your handbrake can be useful in the event that your foot brake fails.

The handbrake may not always work when your brakes fail, but often times the problem has to do with front brakes rather than the rear ones. Getting your car checked out regularly can help prevent issues.

Again remember not to turn off the car if the brakes fail. If your brakes were working normally and you turned off the car while driving, it would be very difficult to brake.

## The Difference Between a Handbrake and Foot Brake

Handbrake and foot brake are necessary components to ensure the function and safety of a car. Your foot brake is key to all slowing and stopping functions while driving, and handbrakes are used to support the foot brake while parked, or in rare emergency situations.

Understanding the differences will help you to operate your vehicle more efficiently and safely. Especially if operating a car with automatic transmission, many drivers will not use their handbrake in addition to shifting the car into park.

**If parking, we recommend always placing the car in park and using the handbrake.**

Car manufacturers build two braking systems to keep vehicle drivers safe and allow for the efficient operation of both manual and automatic transmissions.

# NEWS

## FRSC Duty Room, Centre of Corruption- Former FRSC Commander

A former Assistant Corps Marshal (ACM) of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), Commander Ayobami Omiyale, has described the Duty Rooms of FRSC formations as a place where clandestine and corrupt practices take place.

Commander Omiyale who said his experience as Sector Command of the FRSC in many states as well as Zonal Commanding Officer, called on Commanding Officers to put an extra eye on duty rooms of their commands.

According to the Road Safety expert, who made this observation recently, while delivering a paper titled 'Promotion of Strategic partnership for innovative road safety intervention in Lagos and Ogun states', at the third quarter retreat of the FRSC RS2, in Lagos recently, duty rooms are very strategic to road

safety operations.

He advised that "all Duty Rooms must be audited and investigated on a monthly basis as this is the engine room of operations in FRSC.

"All books and registers must be inspected daily for lapses, mutilations, omissions, wrong entries and errors which will be corrected immediately.

"Daily entries of impoundments, confiscations and payments should be forwarded to the zonal headquarters

on a weekly basis with a zonal duty



Acting Corps of the FRSC, Dauda Biu

room officer appointed to supervise

the process".

Omiyale also faulted the FRSC for its open ended vision statement of eradicating Road Traffic Crashes (RTC) on all roads.

Presenting statistics that showed an exponential increase in the number of RTC in the country between 2020 and 2021, Omiyale stated that "it can be gleaned from the foregoing tables that contrary to the vision statement of FRSC, which is to eradicate road traffic crashes on all roads, the crashes are actually escalating exponentially by 25% in the zone and 9% in the whole country between year 2020 and 2021.

"Casualties also rose by the same percentages within the same period. The purport of this is that our thirteen-year-old vision is not working, has never worked and needs to be overhauled in order to achieve a more realistic and achievable vision that can be measured and is time-bound".

## FG Seeks Foreign Investments To Develop Transport Infrastructure

The Minister of Transportation, Mu'azu Sambo, has reiterated the importance of the transport sector, especially transport infrastructure, in the development of any economy.

Sambo, who disclosed this at the Nigerian International Economic Partnership Forum held in New York, said poor maintenance and insufficient investments have put an enormous strain on transport infrastructure and services in the country.

He said as the government makes strives to ensure infrastructural projects are viable within a stable financial ecosystem, there are priority areas in the maritime, inland waterways and rail subsectors of the transportation sector.

The Minister, who delivered a paper on 'Financing Nigeria's Transport Infrastructure,' said the maritime subsector, which hosts six major seaports engaged in international maritime trade, namely Tincan, Apapa, Calabar, Onne Port, Portharcourt and Warri, had suffered infrastructure decay since their various dates of operation.

He said the seaports have suffered dilapidation and decay over the years and now require massive capital investments for upgrades and rehabilitation.

According to him, there is a need for urgent investment in Apapa and Tincan Island ports, which account for about 70 per cent of the nation's maritime trade, as well as Calabar and Warri ports, which present investment opportunities in dredging, to maintain regular

draught of about 7.5metres.

He also emphasised the need for deep seaports to attract the biggest shipping vessels to the country, which has necessitated the desire to create deep sea ports with an average draught of 15 metres.

Sambo called for investment in the Ibom deep sea port in Akwa Ibom, which is in the fifth stage of development, as well as the Badagry deep sea port that has recently been approved by the Federal Executive Council (FEC) for construction by international private investors for 45 years Build, Own, Operate and

Transfer (BOOT) basis.

He said other ongoing initiatives for deep seas ports include Bonny and Bakassi, which present themselves as opportunities for private capital.

Sambo also called for private capital investments in inland dry ports and rail networks targeted at manufacturing, agriculture and solid minerals to decongest seaports, improve supply chain logistics and bring shipping activities closer to shippers in the hinterland.

Speaking on the inland waterways subsector, the minister said: "While the Onitsha port has already been

concessioned to private investors, other opportunities in this subsector include the concession of Oguta, Baro and Lokoja ports; operation of the ferry (passenger) and freight (cargo) services along the inland waterways corridor; development of additional river ports and jetties along other inland waterways navigable routes on PPP arrangements and the development of tank farms along the inland waterway corridors to leverage the waterways for the carriage of petroleum and other bulk liquid cargoes to the hinterland."

## East-West Road 80% Completed-Niger Delta Ministry

By Ignatius Ushie

The Ministry of Niger Delta Affairs has announced investments in 872 high impact projects across nine states of the Niger Delta region. This was contained in a statement made available to Transport Day in Abuja.

It stated that while the Minister was Speaking on a Radio Nigeria news programme, Mr. Umana Okon Umana, Minister of Niger Delta Affairs, said the projects, which are at various stages of completion, include skill acquisition centres, cassava processing mills, oil processing mills, roads, bridges, and education facilities.

According to him, the projects cover sectors such as agriculture, empowerment, housing, environment, youths and women development.

The minister announced a new era of transparency and accountability in the

ministry in which stakeholders will be in a position to interact with and directly contribute to the governance process in the region through feedback, adding that the publication of a compendium of completed projects executed by the ministry and the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) to be launched in a few months' time, is a feature of the new era of openness and accountability in the development of the Niger Delta.

Umana said the report of the Forensic Audit of the NDDC identified more than 13,000 projects, 50 percent of which have been completed. "I have directed the NDDC to follow up on the Forensic Audit Report, and publish a compendium of projects completed in the nine states, sector by sector, location by location, date and cost of the contracts to enhance

accountability and transparency."

Describing the East-West Road that traverses the entire length of the Niger Delta region as the defining project of the ministry and a prime federal investment in the region, Umana said the 338-km dual carriage way is 80 percent complete.

He explained that on the directive of President Muhammadu Buhari, the road project was handed over to the Ministry of Works and Housing, which has redesigned the Eleme section in Rivers state into a six-lane super highway to accommodate heavy traffic from the industrial clusters between Eleme and Onne portion of the road.

Speaking further, the minister said the ministry has built housing estates in all the states of the region, adding that some of the houses have been allocated to end users.

# EDITORIAL

## The Proposed Lagos Lekki Airport

It was cheering news recently when we heard about the granting of approval by the federal government to the Lagos state to commence construction works on the proposed Lekki-Epe cargoes and passengers airport. The projection is that the airport, expected to cost an estimated \$900 million, will on completion, have 5 million annual capacity traveling passengers around Lekki, Ajah and Epe axis of Lagos state. Though we see this projected passenger numbers as being very ambitious, we nonetheless commend the state government for its vision. While officially handling over an approval letter for development of the airport to the Lagos state governor, Babajide Sanwo-Olu, at the opening ceremony of the 2022 edition of the Lagos Economic Summit tagged “Ehingbeti” on Victoria Island, Lagos, earlier this

month, Aviation Minister, Hadi Sirika, said, the state is now qualified to embark on the project, considering its cosmopolitan nature.

Sirika said the proposed airport, was crucial, especially as the state embarks on its 30-Year Development Plan to make the state a model mega city in Africa and one of the best in the world, adding that “the airport would be effective to link Lagos with Africa and the rest of the world, through the aviation industry.

The Lekki airport is coming to add up to the number of over 20 airports in Nigeria, most just existing without viability and self-sustainability.

It has been noted that out of Nigeria's over 20 airports, as controlled by the Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria (FAAN), only four are said to be economically viable and self-sustaining.

According to an aviation expert, Mr Bankole Bernard, who spoke recently in Lagos, only Abuja, Lagos, Port Harcourt and Kano airports are viable, as all others are struggling to keep afloat.

On ensuring viability of airports, he said “What are the possible solutions to consider given the numerous challenges we are faced with in the industry? We can start with the modernisation of airport terminals with shopping malls. This will contribute to the commercial viability of the airports and other necessary infrastructures like the internet and constant power supply to support businesses. “We must begin to think of an alternative power supply like renewable energy to keep the airports functional and reduce the cost of operation in the long run. This will also make the airports viable and attractive. There is the area of interconnectivity within airports. The

interconnectivity of the local airports to the international airports will contribute to the economic viability of the airports,” he said.

Obviously, Lagos state government must from the beginning, put measures in place to ensure that the proposed Lekki airport becomes operational and viable from day one.

It is also important to state here that almost all state governments have sheepishly embarked on construction of airports, many of which have remained white elephant projects over the years, causing unbearable financial burdens on the state finances. While we are optimistic that the proposed Lekki airport has all the prospects of being viable at the end of the day because of its cosmopolitan location, our advice is that states should desist from embarking on construction of airports that would end up as unviable projects.

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# TYRE WATCH



## New Technologies Improve Efficiencies Amid Industry Evolution

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This transformation has changed factory design and driven changes in tyre building machines, process equipment and tyres themselves. Some changes are the result of regulations, heightened OEM and consumer performance requirements and new tyre materials. These improvements in tyre manufacturing and others are detailed in the new Smithers Rapra market report, "The Future of Tire Manufacturing to 2024."

Improvements in manufacturing processes have been ongoing since the first tyre factories and have accelerated over the last decade spurred by the increased focus on environmental issues. The construction of new factories will help meet growing demand and handle new equipment more easily. Advances in automation have also helped significantly, although there are still significant savings to be realized, as well as increasing environmental regulations with which to comply.

These together mean that improvements in manufacturing efficiencies will continue to be a focus for tyre companies.

Developments affecting tyre plants and manufacturing processes are as diverse as the penetration of new vehicle powertrains, logistical burdens, emergence of new markets, mergers and acquisitions and the increased value and scarcity of real estate.

### Regional Developments

Tyre demand and industry growth are driving manufacturing expansion at both the regional and global level. Distribution of tyre manufacturing capacity and production across the major regions of the world is shaped by local tyre demand from OEM and replacement market customers and favorable costs of the production factors.

Tyre manufacturers tend to establish local factories in their most important sales areas, most recently focusing on Asia, according to "The Future of Tire Manufacturing to 2024." The reverse is also happening with Asian



producers setting up production close to customers they consider important, such as U.S.-based OEMs. For this reason North American tyre manufacturing is showing growth while the mature European market will lose share over the coming five years. Raw material prices are very similar all over the world, but labour and energy costs vary by region or country.

### Tyre Demand Drives Manufacturing

Global tyre demand is the ultimate driver of tyre manufacturing, with both vehicles in use generating ongoing tyre wear and replacement needs, and new vehicle sales requiring OEM tyres to be fitted. Overall global tyre demand is expected to grow 4% per year in unit terms in 2019-24.

The global tyre industry as measured by tonnage of production is estimated

to be 19.25 million tons in 2019, and is anticipated to grow at a 3.4% compound annual growth rate through 2024, to 22.75 million tons.

This growth is being driven and shaped by a variety of economic, technology and regulatory, demographic and consumer trends at the global, regional and national level, including alternative powertrains and autonomous vehicles, improvement in materials including sustainable substitutes and changing customer requirements like greater fuel efficiency with reduced emissions. There is a continuing high-performance trend toward larger OEM tyre sizes/rim diameters, as well as ongoing pressure on automakers to meet emissions and fuel economy standards for individual vehicles as

well as fleets, while tyre companies adapt to consumer labeling schemes in Europe and, increasingly, elsewhere.

### Influence of vehicle mix and design

Trends in both conventional and emerging segments of motor vehicles have a critical influence on tyres requirements and manufacturing, requiring a lot of planning and flexibility. For instance, a continuing shift toward light trucks away from passenger cars in developed markets coexists with growth in developing markets in entry-level vehicle segments. The shifts at the OEM level have been underway for years, as seen by the continuing high growth of higher performance vehicles as well as eco-friendly vehicles and fleets.

## Changes In Tyre Types And Design

A tyre's key required or desirable characteristics include safety, reliability, wet and dry traction, snow performance/wet performance, handling, high rolling efficiency, noise and life (miles)/longevity. New tyre developments are constantly occurring, and there are substantial changes every year. Tyre attributes in flux include tread/shape, material types and material chemistry, among

others, and that does not even include the many concept tyres.

Tyre makers have made their primary commitment to produce ever more technically advanced tyres (e.g. with sensors to measure tread depth, temperature and provide real-time alerts to drivers), run-flat tyres including self-sealing tyres, self-inflating tyres, air-free tyre technologies and reduced noise or noise-dampening tyre technology

(important for quiet electric vehicles).

Technology impact on tyre manufacturing to produce these technically advanced tyres includes new molds, laser carving tools, new test equipment (especially for noise), as well as material changes such as different resins, silicas and aramid fibers.

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# TYRE WATCH

## How to Maintain the Best Tyres

**T**yres are one of the key safety components of your vehicle. Proper maintenance can lead to a safer ride and better fuel economy.

Here are a few ways to maintain your tyres:

**Check your tyre pressure.** Under-inflated and over-inflated tyres can lead to braking issues, so check your tyre pressure once a month. Newer cars have built-in systems to tell drivers when their tyre pressure is off, but if that doesn't apply to your vehicle, keep a tyre gauge in your car.

**Look at your tyre tread.** Tyres come with tread wear indicators, and you should check them once a month. These rubber strips run horizontally across the tyre and only appear when the tyre needs changing. Tyres are considered unsafe when they're worn down 2/32 of an inch, according to the NHTSA.

**Buy the right size tyres.** Tyre size can be another hurdle to navigate when searching for the best tyres. To



find the best tyres for your vehicle, take a look at your owner's manual. If the information isn't there, you can also check the driver's side door for

the Tyre and Loading Information label.

**Rotate your tyres.** Rotating your tyres according to a manufacturer-

recommend schedule makes sure they wear out evenly. Improper inflation and alignment can also cause uneven wear.

## EV Tyre Requirements

**U**se of electric vehicles (EVs) is on the rise and one obvious effect of the uptake of electric powertrains is the increased complexity of tire varieties. This includes the further SKU (stocking unit) proliferation from increased variation in OE tire types and sizes. Tyre wear concerns with EVs make higher wear resistance critical, since traditional tyres wear 30% faster on EVs than on conventional vehicles.

EV tyres require optimized footprint shape and contact pressure distribution to avoid irregular wear. Maximizing battery range requires continued reduction of rolling resistance, and the additional weight of EVs may require even lighter-weight tyres. Quiet electric vehicles require emphasis on noise reduction on top of existing pressure from labeling schemes.

### AV Tyre Evolution

Many EV tyre changes also apply to autonomous vehicles (likely to be all or mostly electric), but the introduction and spread of autonomous driving means that further changes are emerging and will have to be scaled up alongside more traditional manufacturing.

Tyre sensing and communication capabilities are emerging at OE and aftermarket levels. Various types of tyre condition and wear sensors and

intelligent tyres are in development, with some approaching market readiness in advance of the big future shift to autonomous vehicles.

Autonomous self-steering cars will mean that tyre-vehicle communication becomes more important, meaning tyre sensors will be needed. Connected tyres will contribute to road sensing, vehicle operation and predictive maintenance (wear/damage sensing).

Emphasis on low noise and high ride

quality will increase. Reliability requirements may be higher, increasing potential market for run-flat tyres and eventual non-pneumatics. As AVs become the norm, the light vehicle tire may be characterized by their tall and skinny shape (for aerodynamics and other attributes), sensor technology, no speed rating (driving speeds will be programmed and limited), better ride and less NVH (noise, vibration and harshness), ultra-low rolling

resistance (improving fuel economy), possible run-flat technology (if it can be lightweight enough) and labeling for compatibility.

By **Janine Young**. For more information about the Smithers Rapra market report "The Future of Tyre Manufacturing," visit: [www.smithersrapra.com/market-reports/tire-industry-market-reports/the-future-of-tire-manufacturing-to-2024](http://www.smithersrapra.com/market-reports/tire-industry-market-reports/the-future-of-tire-manufacturing-to-2024).

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## ValueJet Embrace The Sky With 'First Flight On Us' Promo



**V**alueJet, a Fly for Value Aviation Company and Nigeria's newest domestic airline, is set to begin commercial operations in October 2022. This was announced recently during the official launch of the Nigerian domestic airline at Providence Hotel, Ikeja, GRA, in Lagos.

The airline, which was founded in July 2018, is offering a new and flexible air fare pricing scheme to make flying more affordable and accessible for every air traveler in the Nigerian domestic air travel market, while offering passengers free trips on their first flights.

Customers who book round trips between the 4th and 9th of October

have their first flight on ValueJet. However, this offer is only valid for flights between the 10th of October and the 9th of November. At the moment, the airline operates to and from Lagos, Abuja, Port Harcourt, and Asaba airports.

"ValueJet was founded with a mission to make air travel affordable to everyone, and a vision to build a global airline, connecting people with places while using modern air travel. Offering end-to-end customer experience backed by up-to-date technology, the airline is made up of dedicated and passionate people who are committed to providing the best-in-class service to its customers," said Managing Director, ValueJet, Captain

Omololu Majekodunmi.

Recently, the airline announced that it had taken delivery of three CRJ900 jets, 5N-BXS, 5N-BXT and 5N-BXR, concluded all required demo flights, and have now received the Air Operator Certificate (AOC), authorising the airline to carry out specified commercial air transport operations.

ValueJet's flight packages include ValueLite, ValuePremium, and their ancillary service ValueXtra.

The frequent flyer program, named ValueFlyer, is aimed at rewarding frequent flyers with points as they fly. For every sign up on VALUEFLYER, customers earn 1000 points.

For more information on updates on

ValueJet's fares, flight schedules, and other services, please visit [www.flyvaluejet.com](http://www.flyvaluejet.com) and follow them on [Instagram](#), on [Facebook](#), and on [Twitter](#).

## Nigeria Re-elected As Part 2 Member of ICAO Council

By Ignatius Ushie

**I**t was double celebration for Nigeria in Montreal Canada on Saturday as it won re-election into the Part 2 of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Council on the same day it was marking its 62nd Independence Anniversary.

The re-election which took place at the plenary session of the ongoing 41st General Assembly of the organisation in Montreal Canada, saw Nigeria garnering 149 votes to be elected for the 15th consecutive time.

Reacting to Nigeria's victory in the elections, Minister of Aviation, Senator Hadi Sirika, who is leader of the Nigerian delegation at the Assembly, said the increased number of countries that supported Nigeria showed its rising profile amongst member-nations.

He expressed appreciation for the support that the Aviation sector has continued to enjoy from President Muhammadu Buhari which has resulted in the numerous

achievements being celebrated by the global aviation community.

The Minister described the election as an icing on birthday cake for Nigeria, having taken place on its Independence Anniversary day.

Also speaking on the re-election of Nigeria into the Part 2 of the ICAO Council, the Nigerian High Commissioner in Canada, Ambassador Adeyinka Asekun, congratulated the Minister and all those whose contributions resulted in

the achievement.

He said it was a thing of pride for him as an individual and the High Commissioner to be part of the double celebration for the nation, the election and the Independence anniversary happening on the same day.

As part of the celebrations of the country's Independence, the Nigerian Mission, led by the Minister, hosted delegates from all the countries at the Assembly to a reception.

## Arik Air Marks Anniversary With Discounted Fares

**L**ocal airline, Arik Air, is commemorating the eighth anniversary of its frequent flyer programme, Arik Affinity Wings, offering discounted airfares to loyal customers.

Spokesperson of the airline, Banji Ola, said that registered and intending members of the programme have the opportunity to travel more and pay less by taking advantage of the anniversary promotion.

Existing members will enjoy a 20 per cent discount on any flight booked between October 1 and October 31, 2022, while new members will be welcomed into the Affinity Wings family with a 15 per cent discount on flights booked within the same period.

Chief Executive Officer of Arik Air, Capt. Roy Ilegbodu, said Arik Air was proud to achieve the milestone with its esteemed customers despite the odds.

## Innovation, Safety Will Boast Air Cargo-IATA

**T**he International Air Transport Association (IATA) has identified four main priorities, if air cargo demand in the post-pandemic period must be resilient and stronger.

The priorities, as outlined at the 15th World Cargo Symposium (WCS) in London, United Kingdom (UK), are: achieving net zero carbon emissions by 2050; continuing to modernise processes; finding better solutions to safely carry lithium batteries; and making air cargo attractive to new talent.

IATA's Global Head of Cargo, Brendan Sullivan, said air cargo had a stellar year in 2021, achieving \$204 billion in revenues.

However, social and economic challenges are mounting. Sullivan mentioned that the war in Ukraine has disrupted supply chains, jet fuel prices are high and economic volatility has slowed Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth.

"Despite this, there are positive developments. E-commerce continues to grow, COVID restrictions are easing, and high-value specialised cargo products are proving resistant to economic ups-and-downs. Going forward, achieving our net zero commitment, modernising processes, finding better solutions to safely carry lithium batteries, and making air cargo attractive to new talent are critical," he said.



# AVIATION

## Essential Tips For Flying With A Baby

### 1. Get to the Airport Early When Flying With a Baby

While some new parents argue against arriving at the airport too early, as it requires entertaining your baby for a longer stretch of time outside the comforts of home, the simple fact remains: airport stress is dictated by your departure time. And the less time you give yourself to go from the parking garage to the gate, especially with a baby and extra gear in tow, the more stress you will create. Flying with a baby takes significantly more time than traveling on your own. Arriving 90 minutes to two hours before your flight ensures no matter how long the check-in or TSA lines are, or how slowly they're moving, you'll never have to sweat missing your flight.

### 2. Use Curbside Check-In

This could be the single-biggest, life-changing tip on the list. Traveling with a baby requires *a lot* of extra gear, stroller, car seat, diaper bag, bigger luggage, etc, with which you traditionally wouldn't fly. The sooner you can ditch your checked bags (and possibly the car seat and stroller) without having to wait in the long check-in line, the easier life will be.

### 3. Gate-Check Your Stroller and Car Seat

The beauty of flying with small children is that car seats and strollers fly free. Better still, you can walk them straight down the jetway and check them in before you board the plane, ensuring both will be there when you disembark.

### 4. Wear Your Baby and Your Diaper Bag

Hands are a hot commodity when traveling with kids and between carry-on luggage, strollers, diaper bags, and your coffee, not to mention the actual baby, parents simply don't have enough of them. Even pushing a stroller requires at least one hand be in use. The easiest solution is to invest in a child carrier and wear your baby through the airport; it's especially helpful when going through security. Just be aware that most airlines won't let you use the carrier on the plane.

### 5. Board the Plane Separately

While all airlines allow parents with babies to board first, it's not always



the smartest move. Remember, it usually takes a half-hour for everybody else to board and the plane to start moving, that's a lot of time stuck in your seat with a newborn. If you're traveling with a spouse, friend, or family member, the better strategy is to have one person board the flight early to stow the carry-ons and diaper bag, gate-check the stroller/car seat, and, if concerned about germs, disinfect the armrests and tray tables. Meanwhile, the other parent walks/entertains the child until everybody is on board and then boards last.

### 6. If You Can Afford It, Buy the Baby a Seat

Obviously, this decision depends on one's finances, but if you've got the money to buy an extra seat, book it. Being able to secure the wiggly baby in a car seat, rather than bouncing them on your lap for three hours, is a game-changer. Plus, there's a better chance they'll actually sleep during the flight than if resting in your arms or on your shoulder, which, incidentally, isn't always comfortable for a parent either.

### 7. Fly During Nap (or Happy) Time

We know: Given the hell that is air travel, this may not always work. Even if you do book your flight during this window of time and everything departs smoothly, your kid may be too

distracted to sleep because, hey, everything is new and why can't anyone get up? But booking flights that coincide with a child's nap schedule at least give you better odds for a smoother trip

### 8. Book Two Aisle Seats Across From Each Other

While a lot of nursing moms prefer a window seat for privacy, booking two aisle seats across from one another can provide a much-needed change of scenery for an infant-in-arms. Funny as it might sound, each time the child is handed back and forth, they're reintroduced to a new environment, new neighbors, etc. which can help recapture their attention. Not only that, but it's much easier for either parent to get up and soothe the baby by walking up and down the aisle.

### 9. Nurse or Feed Them During Take-off and Landing

Hands down the number one tip for flying with a baby, and one aimed at keeping the entire plane from hating you, is to nurse or feed your baby during take-off and landing. Their ears are especially sensitive to the changes in air pressure during those phases of the flight and the result of the uncomfortable sensation is usually an Armageddon-like meltdown. By nursing or giving them a bottle, the swallowing keeps the

ears from popping and the cabin quiet(er). Or, if they don't want to eat, give them a pacifier.

### 10. Use Baby Food as an Activity

For toddlers and babies old enough to enjoy solid snacks, eating food on a plane is an all-consuming activity on par with watching an iPad. If a baby is tired of listening to books or playing games, break out the Cheerios and let them concentrate on eating, and on picking the Cheerios off the sanitized tray table for a bit.

### 11. Bring Cheap Toys

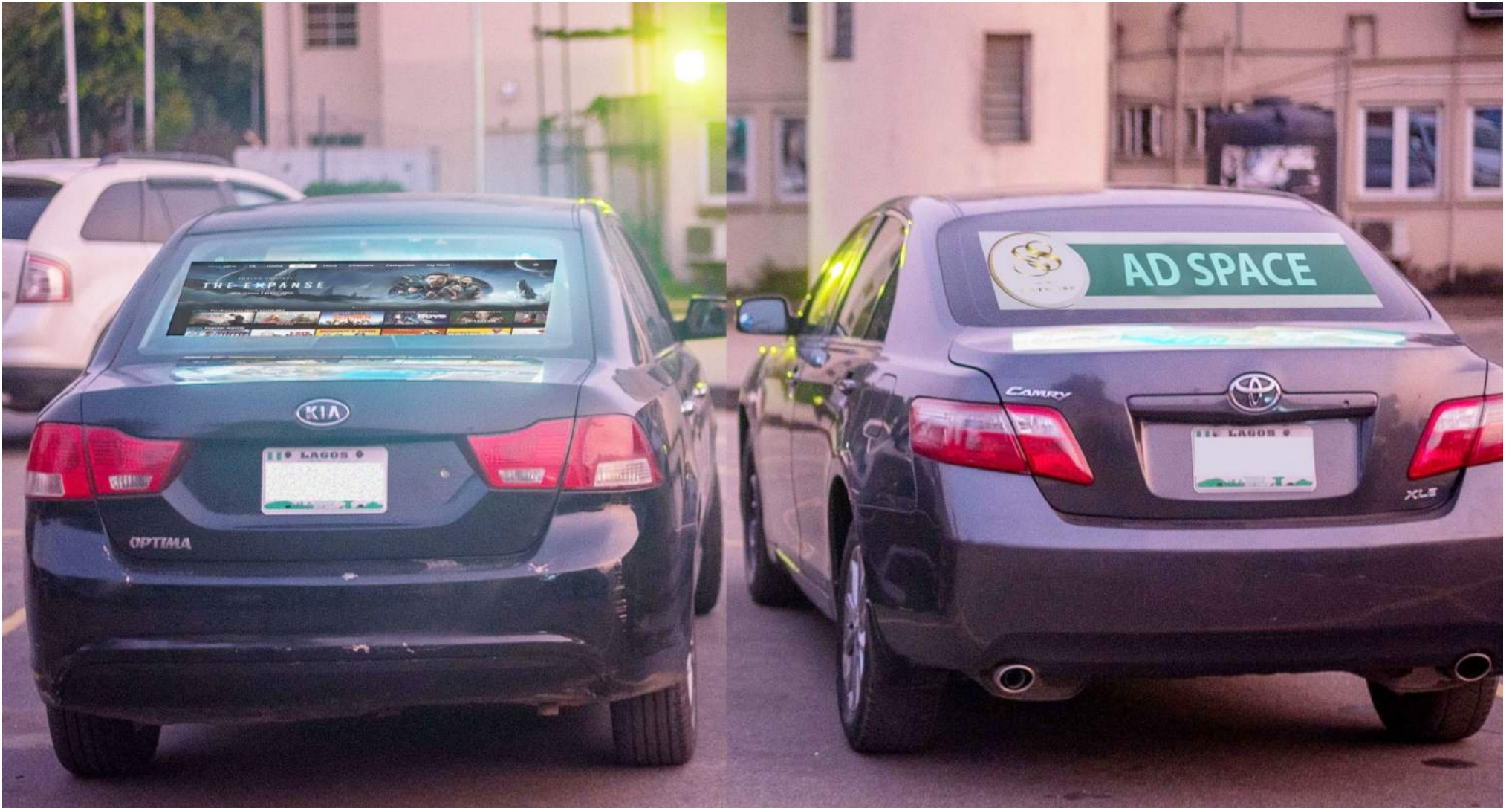
Take a trip to the store before your flight and stock up on cheap toys you don't mind losing or accidentally leaving on the plane. And then wrap them individually in cheap wrapping paper like it was Christmas Eve. Whenever your child gets restless during the flight, break out a new toy and help them unwrap it. Let them play with the paper, then the actual toy, and when the child tires of both, well, there's always Cheerios.

### 12. Stay Calm

*Finally, keep a cool head about you. Easier said than done, we know. But a nervous parent breeds a nervous baby, and the calmer you stay, the more likely the child will mirror your emotions.* By **Dave Baldwin**, <https://www.fatherly.com/life/essential-tips-traveling-baby-plane>

# AUTO

## Firm Introduces Mobile Outdoor Led Advertising



An indigenous firm, 88 Network, has introduced into the Nigerian market, a mobile advertising solution for brands and companies to easier advertise their products and services. This solution, according to the Founder and CEO of the company, Oluwaseun Oloto, is deployed via a rear view led screen mounted on the rear windscreen of the car.

She explained that the solution is a “transparent in-vehicle portable rear window LED display, it does not block out light or the view on both sides. This allows the driver to see through his rear-view windows while driving.

“In comparison to the traditional LED screens, the transparent LED screen is more creative in displaying content. As the vehicle is being driven on the road, the advertisements will be appreciated potentially”.

Giving more insights into the advantages of the new solution over the static advertising display on the body of vehicles, Oluwaseun Oloto explained that with the old method, “you can only advertise one brand per time, and once the vehicle is dented, the advertising message is affected.

“Adverts pasted though may be creative, they are not interactive, and adverts are less visible at night, and the SAV used distort the body of the vehicle”

According to her “mobile advertising in Lagos has proven to be

one of the effective and efficient means of outdoor advertising in Lagos because a lot of Lagos residents spend most of their time outdoor and mostly inside traffic. This channel of advertising conveys over 1000 different campaigns

### We are proud of Kemi, Mandilas GM, Kemi, says Ade.Ojo

Founder of Toyota Nigeria Limited, TNL, Chief Michael Ade.Ojo, has described the General Manager of Mandilas Motors, Ms. Kemi Koyejo as a performer, who takes her job very seriously.

Chief Ade.Ojo, who spoke at the MUSON Centre, Lagos during the 60th birthday ceremony of Koyejo as the chairman of the occasion, showered encomiums on the General Manager for her contributions towards driving Toyota brand sale and development in Nigeria.

He said, “Olukemi is a performer, a wonderful lady, who takes her job very seriously. She is “Lady Toyota”. She never misbehaves and I want to pray that God should continue to bless you the more.”

Chief Ade Ojo, who recalled that Kemi's father was his senior in high school, expressed no surprise at Kemi's sterling performance and behaviour, given her family background.

“The Toyota family in Nigeria is very proud of you and God will continue to be with you,” he prayed.

The 84-year-old business mogul

monthly since its inception”.

She added that “as an innovative and technology driven business, we constantly seek out ways to bring brands closer to consumers through our diverse range of services”.

The CEO concludes that on the long

run, the new advertising solution will be more cost effective for brands advertising because of its multiple advantages over the old static method.

attended the event with his wife, and senior management staff of Toyota Nigeria Limited including the Managing Director, Mr. Kunle Ade Ojo.

Reiterating Chief Ade Ojo's commendation on the Mandilas General Manager, the Managing Director of Toyota, Mr. Kunle

Adejo, also said that the Mandilas General Manager is very hard-working and has brought many ideas that have led to the growth of the Toyota brand in Nigeria.

He also used the occasion to announce that the Nigerian Institution of Mechanical Engineers has conferred on him a Fellow of the institute.

### China's EV, Nio to Enter EU markets

Chinese electric vehicle maker Nio (9866.HK) will only lease its cars when it launches in four European markets this year, its CEO told Reuters recently, betting that flexibility will be a key selling point as drivers switch to the new technology.

Users will be able to lease a car with a 75 gigawatt hour battery for 1,199-1,295 euros (\$1,171-\$1,264) a month depending on the length of the subscription, which can be as short as a month.

The plan is the latest unconventional move by the company, which already allows customers to rent rather than buy the battery - the most expensive

part of an electric vehicle (EV).

Rather than charging their cars at home, Nio owners can also drive them to a battery swapping station to have a new powerpack installed in minutes to save time.

Now, as it prepares to launch in Germany, the Netherlands, Sweden and Denmark, Nio plans to operate its businesses there on a corporate leasing and subscription model, offering all three models available in China - the ET7, ET5 and EL7, with the latter renamed in Europe from its Chinese name of ES7 because of a branding dispute with Volkswagen's (VOWG p.DE) Audi.

# AUTO

## Kia K8 Embodies High-Tech, Modern And Innovative Sedan



The Kia K8 combines cutting-edge innovation and dynamic performance to establish new benchmarks for premium quality in the sedan segment.

Further demonstrating the recent rejuvenation of the brand, the K8 offers progressive and refined driving performance, a cutting-edge Advanced Driver Assistance System, and a contemporary and clean interior space that provides the driver and passengers with a first-class lounge experience.

The K8 will be available in Nigeria on request, and advance bookings are currently open both online and across Kia showrooms nationwide.

### Engineering at the core

K8's sleek style is matched with refined powertrains and driving performance

The K8's four powertrains have all been developed to offer refined, smooth power delivery while improving fuel economy and reducing emissions (powertrain options may vary by country).

A state-of-the-art 3.5-liter Smartstream powertrain is offered in two power and fuel guises: a GDI (gasoline direct injection) derivative with 300 ps and 36.6 kgf.m (359 Nm) torque, and an LPI (liquid propane injection) stablemate with 240 ps with 32.0 kgf.m (314 Nm) torque.

A 2.5-liter GDI engine is also available, delivering 198 ps and 25.3 kgf.m (248 Nm) torque. Like the Smartstream powertrain, the 2.5 four-cylinder features GDI and MPI dual injection technology to realize optimized fuel injection across all operating conditions. A smooth 8-speed automatic transmission, designed and developed in-house, accompanies the 2.5 GDI engine and the 3.5 GDI and LPI Smartstream derivatives.

Adding to the sense of refinement, the K8 has been developed to offer minimal NVH (noise, vibration, and harshness), employing reinforced sound packaging materials including a triple sealing solution to the doors that dramatically reduces unwanted noises coming from the outside. Vibration levels are kept to a minimum thanks in part to a new vibration damper.

### Progressive and modern space

Every element of the K8 interior has been designed with high-end luxury in mind, serving to elevate the senses of the driver and passengers.

Named the Ergo Motion Seat, the leading-edge driver's seat has a 'comfort stretching' mode that individually controls the air pockets of the hip and backrest areas of the seat, creating the effect of stretching while sitting down. There is also a 'smart

support' function that tenses the seat against the body of the driver, creating a unison and helping to inspire total driving confidence. The 'smart support' function of the seat is activated when the K8 engages sports driving mode or when the car exceeds 130 km/h. It lowers the height of the hip area of the seat and strengthens the support to the side bolsters. A third innovative mode 'posture assistance' adjusts the air pouches located around the hip and back areas of the seat when driving for more than one hour to provide a sumptuous seating position.

### Advanced connectivity, infotainment, and sound quality

A contemporary panoramic curved display links a 12-inch digital cluster and a 12-inch infotainment system, bringing together the K8's advanced connectivity and infotainment technology for all inside the sports sedan. This curved display a first for Kia is clean, ultra-modern, and easy to use, giving the K8 an effective minimalist-meets-simplicity tech style.

The K8 is the first-ever Kia vehicle to feature an industry-leading sound system from Meridian Audio. The 14-speaker premium sound system from the world-renowned British audio pioneer makes use of advanced materials and next-generation innovations to enable the very highest

levels of sound quality tuned specifically for the interior of the vehicle. The system includes a titanium dome vibration plate tweeter that helps to minimize sound distortion and natural wood fiber dresses the vibration plate that is part of the door speaker, adding to the natural and organic ambience of the K8 cabin.

This next-generation head-up display unit clearly visualizes essential data for the driver in their eyeline, including Advanced Driver Assistance System, navigation information, and the current speed.

### Advanced Driver Assistance System

Kia's renowned Advanced Driver Assistance System (ADAS) reduces hazards, fully protecting occupants and other road users on every journey. As part of its ADAS package, the K8 features Kia's highly acclaimed Forward Collision-Avoidance Assist (FCA), which helps avoid collisions with objects in front of the vehicle while driving. If the preceding vehicle suddenly slows down, or if a forward collision risk is detected, such as a stopped vehicle, a pedestrian, or a cyclist in front of the K8, FCA provides a warning. After the warning, if the risk of collision increases, FCA automatically assists with the emergency braking of the vehicle.

# UNIONS, ASSOCIATIONS, INSTITUTES

## LASG To Partner NITT On Data Base Development

The Lagos State Government has disclosed its plan to launch the Lagos State Transport Policy. This was revealed recently when the Nigerian Institute of Transport Technology (NITT) paid a courtesy visit to the Ministry of Transport in its collaboration drive to develop a more responsive and comprehensive Multi-modal Transport System that gives the people of Lagos State more options. The Commissioner for Transportation Dr. Frederic Oladeinde, while receiving the Director General of NITT, who led other management staff on a courtesy visit to the ministry from Zaria, Kaduna State, stated that there is need for the institute to partner with the Lagos State Government on the development of a more climate friendly transport sector.

Oladeinde disclosed that the fundamental goal of the Lagos State transport policy is to project an



L-R: Vice Chairman, Road Transport Employers Association of Nigeria Caretaker Committee, Bamgbose Oluseyi; Special Adviser to Lagos state Governor on Transportation, Hon. Sola Giwa; Chairman, RTEAN Caretaker Committee, Hon. Sulaiman Adeshina Raji; Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Transportation, Engr. Abdulhafiz Toriola; and Director Transport Operations of the Ministry, Engr. Olasunkanmi Ojowuro during the official inauguration of the RTEAN Caretaker Committee at the Secretariat, Alausa, Ikeja, Lagos

Integrated Multi-modal transport system that is safe, adequate, reliable, comfortable, efficient, environmentally sound, and affordable within the framework of a progressive and competitive market economy. He added that transportation is seen as the engine

of any economy and must therefore be resilient and the various options must be connected.

The Transport Commissioner reiterated that the State transportation requirements are driven by the State's Strategic

Transport Master Plan prepared by the Lagos Metropolitan Area Transport Authority, (LAMATA).

'As a Ministry, we have preserved the plan and ensured that policies supporting the Traffic Management and Transportation help deepen the implementation of the Strategic Transport Master Plan, as such, collaboration with NITT in developing evidence based research using real data to drive the policy is a welcome idea' Oladeinde affirmed.

Explaining the purpose of the courtesy visit, the Director General of the Nigerian Institute of Transport Technology (NITT) Dr. Bayero Salih

Farah, stated that the institute has the statutory responsibility to professionalize the Nigerian transport sector through training and re-training of workforce and also to conduct research that will inform policy direction and development.

## CIOTA Suspends Electoral Process

The National Executive Committee of the Chartered Institute of Transport Administration of Nigeria has suspended the electoral process for the 2022 General Elections as announced by the 7 man Ad-Hoc electoral panel headed by Professor Innocent Ogwude.

Chairman of Council and President CIOTA, Dr. Bashir Jamoh and the National Secretary, Honorable Chinda Evans Ogbuji, jointly signed a resolution at an emergency meeting of NEC noting that this decision was taken in line with the provisions of paragraph 6, sub paragraph 3 of the first schedule of the Establishment Act of CIOTA signed into law in 2019 by President Muhammadu Buhari.

The National Executive Committee said the decision was to save the entire electoral process and reiterated its commitment to having a transparent and credible elections and handover of power to the next administration. According to Jamoh, "We had to take this decision to save the entire electoral process. NEC have received several complaints about the process such as Ad-Hoc Electoral Committee levying interested members for expression of interest form without

approval of NEC, non-publication of all vacant elective positions, restriction of collection and submission of nomination forms to just one week instead of the 5 weeks to election date as stipulated in the CIOTA Act, non-adherence to eligibility criteria as contained in the Institute's Act, and lack of transparency and fairness in the entire process amongst other allegations".

"We shall not condone any act by anybody or group of persons to bring the Institute to disrepute. The

Electoral Committee should not allow itself be coerced into taking actions that will set bad precedence that will injure the reputation of CIOTA. I am glad about the level of interest in CIOTA electoral process. It's a testament to the enviable standards we have taken the Institute to.

"We are committed to ensuring fair play in the conduct of elections. All interested aspirants must be given equal opportunity and a level playing field. All actions leading to the elections must be in line with the

CIOTA ACT 2019. CIOTA is a creation of the Law and as such must be guided by provisions of its enabling Act. Being the Exco that midwived the enactment of the CIOTA Act in 2019, we will not condone any action contrary to the Act and constitution of the Institute on election matters".

The Professor Innocent Ogwude led Electoral Panel is saddled with the responsibility of conducting elections to fill executive positions at the Annual General meeting scheduled for the last week of November 2022.

### Auto Journalists commend Governor Sanwo-Olu over RTEAN Ban

The Nigeria Auto Journalists Association (NAJA), the umbrella association of automotive reporters in Nigeria, has commended the Lagos state governor, Babajide Sanwo-Olu for his swift action in suspending all activities of the Road Transport Employers Association of Nigeria (RTEAN) in the state following the recent restiveness between rival members of the group in Iyana-Iba, Ojo and Lagos Island areas of the state.

Mike Ochonma, Chairman of

NAJA, made the commendation in a press statement he issued to newsmen few hours after the announcement of the ban on the activities of RTEAN.

The chairman of NAJA stated that, the ban by his Excellency, the executive governor of Lagos state became imperative to prevent further breakdown of law and order in the state.

He called for more restraint and caution from RTEAN members to allow the state government take necessary steps that will not only

restore peace and decorum from the association, but more importantly, guarantee the security of lives of defenseless Lagos commuters going about their normal businesses.

The governor noted that the suspension has become imperative following some pockets of violence recorded in Ojo and Lagos Island on Wednesday, adding that a 35-man caretaker committee has been constituted to take over activities of the union henceforth.

Heading the committee is Sulaiman Adeshina Raji with Bamgbose Oluseyi as deputy chairman.

# NAIDP WATCH

## Jelani Speaks, Honoured at Nigeria-Korea Business Summit In Seoul



When it comes to technology, the world is constantly in awe of its fast evolution, unlike the times of stones and heavy lifting during the stoneage, man has been able to surpass his limits in regards to finding easier methods of communication, connection, development and awareness; be it personal, business or communal. While the world evolves to its own tune(s), Asian nations have been able to somehow methodically, yet swiftly grow above their counterparts and allies in this regard...but for the sake of this writeup, we will be talking about South Korea and its momentous visit by Nigerian Delegates.

Jelani Aliyu, MFR, the Director General/CEO, National Automotive

Design and Development Council (NADDC), was part of the team that led the delegation. The mission was to discuss with international peers as well as key private and governmental South Korean industry heads on the need for Advanced Technology for a New Nigerian Human Experience under the flag of the Nigeria- Korea Business Summit, held in Seoul, Republic of Korea.

At the summit, Mr. Aliyu emphasized on the beauty of man's advancement from the rudimentary to the impossible, such as nanotechnology and robotics, concepts of fantasy now made possible beyond one's imagination. Beyond participating in the roundtable discussions, Aliyu

formally addressed trending recurrent problems for help to be offered. Mr. Aliyu left a heartfelt positive impression on all who attended by humbly acknowledging Nigeria's challenges and sincerely calling for an understanding of the way forward, that as much as Nigeria has its own technology challenges, like any other growing country or nation, it is an incredible opportunity to learn, grow, advance and be better in its own way, and that would only be made possible through strategic international partnerships, as well as focusing on effective avenues for learning, regardless of age, gender or position.

It is noteworthy to say that despite the infamous rise of Artificial

Intelligence and other forms of advanced technology, Mr. Aliyu recognized the need for human growth, fulfillment and happiness, as the basis for the relevance of any technology, be it online or offline, software solutions or actual physical systems.

Also speaking at the event the, DG NADDC, mentioned that with transportation, Nigeria is looking at Vehicle Electrification, clean mobility that is good for the environment. This would allow ubiquitous logistics to every nook and corner of Nigeria without negatively impacting the environment.

Aliyu discussed that the NADDC has encouraged and supported both local and multinational automotive companies to start producing EVs in Nigeria. As a result of that Hyundai Nigeria has started the assembly of the Hyundai Kona EV, Jet Systems Motors has deployed the Jet Systems Electric Van, and Max-e has developed an electric motorcycle that has been tested and proven in rural Nigeria.

He highlighted that the agency has also developed 100% Solar Powered EV Charging Stations as pilots to prove that you can power e mobility completely off grid. "We put them up at three universities, Usman Dan Fodio, Sokoto, University of Lagos, and University of Nigeria, Nsukka.

He asked, "With the advanced capabilities in the Korean automotive industry, what can we do together in Nigeria, how do we work together to scale up the production of Nigeria relevant Electric Vehicles?"

"The NADDC has built 18 Automotive Training Centres across Nigeria, where we can partner with potential Korean companies for training in EV Technology".

He stated "A majority of our people still live in rural areas, and that through decentralized development their lives can be enhanced right where they are so that there is no need for them to migrate to the cities. Actually, I believe there is need to introduce super advanced internet enabled technology to all our rural areas, drones for logistics and healthcare, 100% renewable energy mini grids, satellite connected educational network."

He further urged that we have an exciting opportunity, Nigeria and Korea, to work together through highly efficient hardware and software to enable these super solutions for the Nigerians.

Aliyu reiterated that the future is bright, and together our two nations can develop solutions that can be manufactured and deployed in Nigeria to lift millions into abundance, peace and prosperity.

By Abdulsalam Nadama

## Ogun To Introduce Gas-enabled Vehicles To Control Emission

The Ogun State government has revealed its plans to convert vehicles running on petrol to gas in its bid to reduce carbon emission.

The state governor, Dapo Abiodun, stated this during a meeting with the transport union members from Ogun Central.

In a statement issued in Abeokuta recently by the governor's chief press secretary, Kunle Somorin, the

conversion project has been named "Ogun Going Green Project".

He said that Ogun State will take advantage of the network of gas pipelines that pass through the state for the project.

"We want to start by ensuring that our vehicles utilize other sources of fuel that will reduce the amount of emissions which is the largest contributor to global warming.

"So, we are starting with our

transportation sector. We will be using a combination of gas and fuel, but the fuel will only be used to start the vehicles and after that, the gas takes over."

He stated that the first set of kits for the project would arrive in the state in the next three weeks, adding that buses, trucks and taxis, would be the first to benefit from the project, while motorcycles would be converted to electric ones.

# NEWS

## Shell Staff Set to Drive GAC Vehicles

As part of its effort to take the GAC brands to more corporate bodies and organisations, CIG Motors has entered into a partnership with Shell Staff Cooperative, COOPLAG.

Speaking during the signing of the MoU by the two organisations, Mr. Jubril Arogundade, General Manager, Commercial, CIG Motors, said the company's goal is to deliver 1,000 GAC cars to the Shell Corporate which comprises over 3,000 cooperators.

Arogundade said that "Shell is a well-respected company which appreciates quality products, hence the members would find our state of the art cars interesting for their day to day operations". He said the GAC vehicles rank among the very best in the country with enticing features and modern technology, couple with quality after sales backup.

According to him, the partnership to Shell Staff Cooperative, which includes benefits like good prices for GAC cars, excellent service advisory, after sales promo (discounts) and gift items will be built solidly on CIG Motors Aftersales Service.

In his remarks, the president of COOPLAG, Mr. Jude Eforegbe expressed gratitude to CIG Motors for their warm reception. He emphasized on the need to capture the benefits stated in the MOU as the partnership is all about bringing value for COOPLAG and CIG Motors.

The visitors took a tour of the GAC Motor Showroom and After-Sales Centre, which is the bedrock of the CIG Motors business.



## China's GAC Motor To Produce Proprietary EV Batteries

Almost anyone can come up with an electric vehicle (EV) these days, but producing EV batteries is another thing altogether there are only a couple of battery manufacturers around and they dominate the market. In China, EV specialist, **BYD, makes its own batteries**, and GAC Motor is set to do the same.

The Guangzhou-based company is seeking to make its own EV batteries to ensure supplies for its growing EV output. The state-owned carmaker plans to build a US\$1.58 billion (RM7.18 billion) battery plant in its southern home city. Construction is set to start at the end of 2022, and the facility is expected to produce 26.8 gigawatt-hours of batteries per annum in 2025.

The new factory will initially produce lithium iron phosphate batteries for GAC's EV sub-brand Aion and other affiliates, before supplying other carmakers. It sold 125,284 units of Aion-badged EVs in the first seven months of 2022, a 135% year-on-year jump.

GAC is also the local JV partner for Japanese giants Toyota, Honda and Mitsubishi. Sounds familiar? Not many realise or remember, but GAC actually has a presence in Malaysia via Tan Chong, which **launched the GAC GS3 in January 2022**. The Malaysia-spec B-segment SUV with a 1.5L NA engine is **GAC's first ever right-hand drive car**. Have you seen it on the road before? GAC is also behind the Trumpchi brand.

## GAC Mitsubishi Inaugurates New R&D Centre

GAC Mitsubishi Motors ("GMMC"), the joint venture among GAC Group, Mitsubishi Motors Corporation, and Mitsubishi Corporation, inaugurated its new R&D center on September 13, which will help the automaker greatly boost the R&D of its proprietary products and technologies.

GMMC launched the R&D center construction project in October 2018 and broke ground on the center in December 2019. Covering an area of 195mu (130,000 square meters) and involving a total investment of 670 million yuan (\$96.237 million), the R&D center contains such facilities as a scientific research building, a

comprehensive laboratory, a new energy vehicle laboratory, an EMC laboratory, a styling studio, as well as a trial production workshop.

The company said the hardware facility of the new R&D center not only can satisfy the testing and validation demands for every phase of the company's in-house product development, but also can undertake the testing tasks from other companies or testing institutions. According to GAC Group's latest monthly sales results, GMMC produced 23,683 vehicles in the first eight months of 2022, representing a 30.95% year-on-year drop, while its Jan.-Aug. vehicle wholesales dipped 46.81% from a year ago to 20,730 units.

# ENERGY

## NLNG Explores Carbon Capture, Hydrogen

As stakeholders advocate diversification of energy sources, the Nigeria Liquefied Natural Gas (NLNG) Limited, has stated that the firm is already implementing studies on Carbon Capture, Usage and Storage (CCUS), hydrogen electrification and evaluating how they can support the nation's energy transition journey.

Though Nigeria has identified gas as transition energy, the reality of the Russia-Ukraine crisis has led many nations and operators to explore opportunities in hydrogen and other renewable alternatives.

Besides, the company said it delivered over 5,400 cargoes to its customers around the world in its 21 years of operations. NLNG's first cargo sailed from Bonny Island in Rivers State to France putting the firm on the map as an operational company.

According to the NLNG, future-proofing the gas business through a sustainable approach cannot be ignored, especially in the light of global concerns and crisis.



## Important Qualities of a Good Engine Lubricant

### Viscosity

When any lubricant offered resistance to the deforming forces, it is called the viscosity of the lubricant.

Good quality lubrication oil must maintain sufficient viscosity at higher temperatures and it should not be too viscous at lower temperatures.

For high speeds, low viscosity lubricants are suggested while for large clearance and high loads; high viscosity lubricants are recommended.

The viscosity of oil increases, if the temperature of mating surfaces decreases.

### Flash Point & Fire Point

The Flashpoint of oil is the minimum temperature at which it gives off enough vapor to form a momentary flash when the naked flame is brought near its surface, while the fire point is the lowest temperature of the lubrication oil, where it burns continuously.

To avoid the possibility of fire, the flashpoint of oil must be higher than the temperatures likely to be developed on the rubbing surfaces.

The fire point is generally higher than the flashpoint and the difference between the flash point and fire point must be 18-degree centigrade on the higher side.

### Oiliness

It is the property of lubrication oil to spread and attach itself firmly to the lubricating surfaces.



When mating surfaces are subjected to high intensity of pressure, it is recommended to particularly high oiliness; so that the metal is protected by a layer of oil and the

wear is reduced.

### Volatility

Lubrication oil losses a certain weight due to evaporation when it is

subjected to high temperatures for long hours. This loss is known as "loss by evaporation".

The consumption of oil is considerably increased with high volatility at normal working temperatures which is why low volatility is always suggested for lubricants.

### Stability & Insoluble Residue

The stability of the oil is to resist oxidation that would yield acids and sludge. Good lubrication oil must have high stability.

Free carbon or hydrocarbons decomposing into carbon at high temperatures is called the insoluble residue. Good quality lubrication oil should not have any insoluble residue.

## Mismanagement of Extractive Resources Constitutes Violation of Human Rights-NEITI

The Nigeria Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (NEITI) has said that the mismanagement of extractive revenues and other infractions in the country's extractive sector is a violation of human rights.

Executive Secretary of NEITI, Dr. Ogbonnaya Orji stated this in Abuja when he led a delegation of the NEITI board, management and a coalition of civil society advocates

in Nigeria's extractive sector on a courtesy call to the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC).

Orji explained that the lack of transparency and accountability in the management of extractive revenues could lead to many social vices which results in the violation of the rights of the citizens.

"NEITI considers mismanagement of oil, gas and minerals resources as a violation of human rights.

"This is manifested in terms of environmental pollution, climate

injustice, violation of host communities' rights, denial of participation in the natural resources management, inequity in benefits sharing, revenue and social infrastructure and in extreme cases, intimidation, and harassment of civil society advocates," he said.

He called for a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) and the establishment of a technical committee between NEITI and the NHRC to work out modalities for the partnership.

# RAILWAY

## FG to Expend N4.3bn On Purchase Of Trains

The federal government has proposed to spend a total of N4.3 billion in its N20.51 trillion budget on the purchase of trains to expand railway services across the country.

This is contained in the 2023 Federal Government budget submitted to the National Assembly recently by President Muhammadu Buhari.

The figure, which is part of the federal government's executive proposal in the 2023 Appropriation Bill, also earmarked N126.532 billion for the parent Ministry of Transportation.

A breakdown of the figure indicated that the Ministry of Transportation headquarters got N93.661 billion, while National Inland Waterways Authority, NIWA, was allocated N5.397 billion.

Others are Maritime Academy, Oron, which got N1.550 billion; Council for the Regulation Freight Forwarding in Nigeria had over N775 million.

The breakdown of the budget showed that N85.228 billion was earmarked for construction/provision of railways while N15 million was allocated for construction/provision of waterways.

The ministry would spend most of its capital budget on ongoing projects some of which include: activities of Anti-Corruption and Transparency Unit (ACTU) in the ministry and its agencies and entrenching transparency, compliance, ethics, achieving zero tolerance for corruption in the workplace,

development of code of conduct, project monitoring for which it is proposing N30 million.

The Federal Government also proposed N30.759 billion for completion of Abuja-Kaduna; completion of Lagos-Ibadan and its associated additional works; rehabilitation of Itakpe-Ajaokuta rail line and construction of 12 NOS station buildings and tracks laying works at railway ancillary facilities area Agbor, among others.

The construction of identification and installation of 30km speed reduction on road signage in high risk areas (quarterly), was allotted N18 million, while appropriation of 10bn is for railway modernization.

N1.212 billion was also earmarked for construction of office accommodation for the ministry.

2023 Budget: HoS to spend N250m on purchase of vehicles.



Minister of Transportation, Alhaji Muazu Sambo

## World Tourism Day: Legacy 1995 Hosts Lagos Mainland LG Functionaries At Railway Museum

Legacy 1995, an historical and environmental interest group, took a bold step forward recently when it hosted Lagos Mainland Local Government functionaries at Jaekel House, where the Railway Museum is domiciled on Tuesday 27th September 2022, in commemoration of the World Tourism Day. The museum is inside the Nigerian Railway Corporation (NRC) Compound, Ebutte-Meta.

This august visitation by the 22 man-led functionaries of the Local Government led by Mr Ajagunna, the Director of Administration, who represented the Executive Chairman Honorable Omolayo Essien, was to appreciate the history of the Railways and fraternize with the great minds in Legacy 1995, the vanguards and pillars behind the establishment of the Museum at the Jaekel House built as far back as 1898.

Welcoming the functionaries of the Local Government, Taiye Olaniyi the

Vice President standing in for Sonja Ally, the President and entire members of Legacy 1995, said that the Railway Museum, has a lot of archival materials, artifacts and an array of iconic sites to showcase, worth seeing and to behold.

According to Olaniyi, "this type of visitation is applauding in the sense that it allows for both a pulling force

of magnetic interaction, just as it affords the spreading of tentacles for more harmonious relationships typical of tourism at the local and enlarged levels".

Adewale Phillips and Henry Oyediran both gurus of what Legacy 1995 Museum represents, introduced and took round the entire visitors to the Museum proper and

the Running Shed.

At the end of the program, everyone expressed happiness at what was seen, words heard and the resultant expansion of the frontier of their educational milieu on heritage preservation including the ambience of the scenery and harmonious greenery of the Railway Museum.

### Railway Property Company To Recover Debts On Leased Lands

The Railway Property Management Company Limited has engaged the services of two private firms to recover the debts from lands leased to some public, private and religious organisations.

The firm took the decision following the lack lustre attitude of some occupants of railway lands in some states towards payment of lease fees on such lands.

Similarly, the company is developing a digitalised Geographic

Information Portal indicating the space limit interested investors can acquire land on lease for investment around the railway corridor.

The managing director/CEO of Railway Property Company Limited, Mr Timothy Zalanga, who dropped this hint in an exclusive interview with Leadership in Lagos, said, the digital portal, when developed, can be accessed by members of the public so as to guide against encroachment of railway land.

According to him, hitherto, some public institutions like the Nigerian Customs Service (NCS), Nigerian Army, amongst others, have encroached on railway land without payment of premium, adding that, the company is currently compiling the debt profile of such agencies with a view to ensuring that the debts are recovered by the debt recovery companies appointed.

He disclosed that, already, two private debt collectors have been engaged to collect debt on behalf of the company.



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## World's First Hydrogen Passenger Trains Now Running In Germany

The rail industry is facing big challenges. Its infrastructure is decades or centuries old and it's expensive to upgrade. Diesel-powered trains dominate, but fuel is getting expensive, and the trains are noisy and terrible for the environment. However, there could be a way forward swapping hydrogen-powered trains for their diesel equivalent. A local train line in Germany near Hamburg started operating this recently with hydrogen-powered trains, using a fleet of 14 produced by the French company Alstom. The trains can run all day long on just one tank of hydrogen and have a range of 1,000 kilometers. Alstom estimates that they will save more than 4,000 tons of CO2 emissions per year equivalent to the annual emissions of 2,000 people.

The hydrogen trains will gradually replace the 15 diesel trains that currently run on the route, ending the year with only hydrogen trains. They can go at a maximum of 140 kilometers per hour, though the regular speed on the line is between 80 and 120. A hydrogen filling station has already been installed on the route



to charge the trains. "Emission-free mobility is one of the most important goals for ensuring a sustainable future," Henri Poupart-Lafarge, CEO and Chairman of the Board of Alstom, said in a press statement. "The world's first hydrogen train, the Coradia iLint, demonstrates our clear commitment to green mobility

combined with state-of-the-art technology."

### The new hydrogen trains

The \$92 million project involved designing the Coradia iLint trains in the southern French town of Tarbes and then assembling them in Salzgitter in central Germany.

Alstom said this could be a zero-emissions solution to the rail lines that still use diesel in Germany, estimating up to 3,000 diesel trains could be replaced by hydrogen ones. The Alstom trains have also been tested in other parts of Europe, highlighting the potential of hydrogen-based public transport.

## Railway Modernization Project In Progress-FG

The Hon. Minister of Transportation, Engr. Mu'azu Jaji Sambo has described the Railway modernization embarked upon by the President Muhammadu Buhari administration as unprecedented in the history of the country.

He stated this in Port-Harcourt, recently while inspecting the ongoing reconstruction of the Eastern Railway Line spanning through Port-Harcourt, Aba, Umuahia, Enugu, Makurdi, Bauchi, Gombe up to Maiduguri.

According to the Hon. Minister, the administration is committed to making lives easier for Nigerians and nothing will change that commitment. On the speed of the project, Engr. Sambo said that a lot of background works are going on and these cannot be physically seen. He listed some of his backgrounds works to include securing finance, procuring and shipment of equipment etc.

He reminded members of the press that the project is being funded 85% by the Chinese and 15% by the Nigerian

Government, adding that there was no iota of truth in the rumors that the funds for the project have been diverted. He however called on the contractors (CCECC) to speed up work on the corridor so as to meet up with the set deadline.

### Africa's First Dual Fuel Hydrogen-Diesel Locomotive To Be Developed

A consortium led by hydrogen application development company, Hyphen Technical, comprising of TransNamib Holdings Limited, University of Namibia, CMB.TECH and Traxtion - have been awarded grant funding for the development of Africa's first dual-fuel hydrogen-diesel locomotives.

The project, called HyRail Namibia, will use Namibian produced green hydrogen supplied from the Cleanergy Solutions Namibia Green Hydrogen facility near Walvis Bay to power the hydrogen dual fuel locomotives.

At the Namibian Green Hydrogen Conference in Windhoek, recently,

Also present during the inspection was the Managing Director of the Nigerian Railway Corporation, Engr. Fidert Okhiria, the Railway District Manager Eastern District, Mr. Mohammed M. Ibrahim, Directors from the Ministry of

Transportation, Management of the contracting firm, CCECC, the consultant handling the project, heads of other sister agencies under the Federal Ministry of Transportation, and a host of other dignitaries.

the four winners of the Namibian green hydrogen pilot projects were announced by Presidential Economic Advisor and Green Hydrogen Commissioner, James Mnyupe. The four pilot projects are partly funded from a share of the €30 million of grant funding made available by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF).

The project is named HyRail Namibia, in alignment with its goals of introducing green hydrogen as a fuel for locomotives in Namibia and the region. The project expected to take 18 months to complete, is comprised of the conversion of two locomotives to use hydrogen in

internal combustion engines, and a hydrogen fuel storage car to store the fuel for the locomotives.

The prototypes will be built and adapted at the Traxtion Rail Hub in Rosslyn, South Africa and then moved to Walvis Bay for operation by TransNamib. Maintenance of the locomotives will take place in Namibia by Traxtion, which will also provide training for TransNamib technical staff. Through this project, TransNamib will be the first state-owned railway in Africa to operate hydrogen-powered locomotives. The project pilot aims to pave the way towards the conversion of the entire locomotive fleet in Namibia in the future.

# MARITIME

## A Guide To Types of Ships (2)



### 7. Fishing Vessels

Ships or boats used for recreational or commercial fishing at sea are called fishing vessels.

Fishing vessels are mainly classified into two types trawlers and non-trawling vessels.

**Trawlers, Purse Seiners:** A fishing trawler, also known as a dragger, is a commercial fishing vessel designed to operate fishing trawls. Trawling is a method of fishing that involves actively dragging or pulling a trawl through the water behind one or more trawlers. A purse seine is a large wall of netting deployed around an entire area or school of fish. The seine has floats along the top line with a lead line threaded through rings along the bottom. Once a school of fish is located, a skiff encircles the school with the net.

**Factory Ships:** A factory ship, also known as a fish processing vessel, is a large ocean-going vessel with extensive on-board facilities for processing and freezing caught fish or whales

### 8. Speciality Vessels

Speciality vessels are constructed and used for specific purposes.

**Tugs:** A tug (tugboat) is a boat or ship that manoeuvres vessels by pushing or towing them.

**Tenders** A boat or a larger ship used to service or support other boats or ships, generally to transport people and/or supplies, is called a tender vessel.

**Pilot Crafts** Pilot crafts are used for the transportation of harbour pilots.

**Cable Layers** Cable laying vessels

help in laying cables onto the sea bed.

**Research Vessels** They are special types of vessels used to carry out a variety of research at sea. Some of the most common types of research vessels are seismic vessels, hydrographic vessels, oceanographic vessels, polar vessels etc.

**Salvage Vessels** Salvage vessels are vessels engaged in salvage operation; recovery of lost property at sea.

**Lightships:** A light vessel, or lightship, is a ship that acts as a lighthouse. They are used in waters that are too deep or otherwise unsuitable for lighthouse construction.

**Barge Carriers:** A barge is a flat-bottomed boat built mainly for river and canal transport of heavy goods.

**Timber Carriers:** Vessels that carry timber

**Livestock Carriers:** Vessels that carry livestock/animals

**Ice breaker ships:** They are used for cutting ice deposits in extremely cold climate conditions to make waters navigational.

### 9. High-Speed Craft

High-speed crafts are a special type of technologically advanced high-performance (typically high speed) marine vehicles. Though most of these technologies are not used in commercial vessels, a few have been successfully implemented and tested in conventional merchant vessels of small scale.

Some of the main types of high-speed crafts are:

Multihulls including wave piercers  
Small waterplane area, twin-hull (SWATH)

Surface effect ship (SES) and Hovercraft

Hydrofoil

Wing in Ground Craft (WIG)

### 10. Dredgers

Dredging is an excavation activity usually carried out underwater, in shallow seas or freshwater areas, to gather up bottom sediments and widen.

Dredgers are vessels with excavation tools used for removing sand and other types of deposits from the seabed. Dredgers are used for several purposes, such as making shallow coastal areas navigational, deep-sea mining etc.

Dredgers are mainly classified into two types:

Mechanical dredgers

Hydraulic dredgers

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## Indigenous Ship Chandlers Decry Poor Funding

About 95 per cent of Nigerian ship chandlers are no longer in the business due to financial burden and lack of support from the government to compete with foreigners.

According to a former ship chandler, Felix Anaye-Benson, 95 per cent of chandlers are no longer in the business due to financial burden and lack of support from the government.

He said most chandlers who were

chased out of the industry by their foreign counterparts are now into clearing and forwarding, farming and other businesses to survive.

“In the previous years, ship chandling was one of the wings in the maritime sector that generated foreign exchange into the government's coffers because everything we do has to revolve around dollars. Today, the dollars are being taken back to foreign

countries.

“The foreign counterparts have more financial muscle to send us out of business because they are being supported by their government. And shipping companies chose the foreigners above us despite local content giving us an upper hand. But the law is being pushed aside by these shipping companies and engaging the services of the foreigners,” he lamented.

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## FG seeks sustained exploration of seabed in Africa

The federal government has tasked African states to evolve strategies for the sustainable exploration of Africa's Seabed.

Vice President Yemi Osinbajo, said this recently, in Abuja, at the 4th edition of Africa's Deep Seabed Resources, ADSR, Sub-Regional Workshop on the imperative of supporting Africa's Blue Economy.

The event was organised by the International Seabed Authority, ISA, in collaboration with the National Boundary Commission, Federal Ministry of Transport and Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency, NIMASA, the Nigerian Navy and other MDAs.

Osinbajo particularly tasked nations of Africa to prioritise strategies for the sustainable development of Africa's blue economy.

Osinbajo, represented by the Minister of State for Transportation, Prince Ademola Adegoroye, called for concerted efforts to make Seabed a priority.

He said: "There is a need for Nigeria and indeed Africa's industrious stakeholders, relevant organisations and private entities and NGOs to synergise efforts towards enhancing



L-R: Mrs. Jummai Abdullahi of SERVICOM Abuja; Director of SERVICOM NIMASA, Mrs. Bolaji Kehinde; National Coordinator/CEO SERVICOM, Mrs. Nnenna Akajemeli; Director General of Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA) Dr. Bashir Jamoh; Mrs. Ngozi Akinbodewa of SERVICOM Abuja; and Deputy Director SERVICOM NIMASA, Mr Paul Agim during the 2022 Customer Service Week Celebration at the NIMASA headquarters in Lagos.

decision making in Maritime domain.

"It is my firm belief that this workshop will engender thought-provoking discussions and provide Implementable decisions as well reawaken the consciousness of African states towards evolving strategies for the sustainable development of Africa Seabed.

"I welcome you all to Nigeria and I implore you to use the numerous tourism potentials and hospitable culture of our country."

Also speaking at the event, the Secretary General of the International Seabed Authority, ISA, Mr Michael W. Lodge, explained that the main objective of the project was to inform the better

decision-making of African states, strengthen the technical capacity of experts and stimulate discussion to increase and improve the capacity of African nationals in deep Seabed

## No NIMASA Without Relevant Stakeholders, Says DG

The Director General of Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA), Dr. Bashir Jamoh, has stated that stakeholders would continue to occupy premium position in the life of NIMASA, noting that it is the stakeholders who keep the Agency and maritime business afloat.

Speaking during this year's celebration of the Customer Service Week at the agency's Headquarters in Lagos, the DG averred his believe that investment in material assets by NIMASA would be meaningless without the staff and other external stakeholders. He added that for every investment in material assets, there was need for a corresponding availability of stakeholders to make such investment significant.

"Today, we at NIMASA are celebrating our existence. We are celebrating our existence because without you, our stakeholders, there will be no NIMASA. Yes, we must invest in maritime assets acquisition. But then, we know that in spite of the level of investment in both tangible and intangible assets by NIMASA, without the stakeholders, such investments will be meaningless", the DG said.

On her part, the National Coordinator and Chief Executive Officer of

SERVICOM commended NIMASA for all the achievements of the Agency, particularly in the areas of stakeholder support and complaint handling system. She applauded the NIMASA's Maritime Stakeholders' Experience Contact Centre (MSECC), noting that it is a world-class facility.

"We at SERVICOM are thrilled by

what we are seeing in NIMASA today. The environment, level of professionalism exhibited by staff, customer-centric orientation and attitude, as well as the energies we have noticed and experienced are all worthy of emulation. We therefore urge other government parastatals to visit NIMASA leadership and learn from them.

## We Are Losing Investors From The Port, Apapa LG Boss Cries Out

The Chairman of Apapa Local Government Area, Mrs. Idowu Senbanjo, has lamented the continuous exit of investors and multinational companies from the ports.

Senbanjo who disclosed this at a conference for port users held in Lagos also berated the exemption of the local council in partaking from the revenue generated from the port and related economic activities.

She said the massive revenue generated at the port is not coming to the Local Government being the host community of the port.

The Chairperson also narrated how her table is flooded with letters for financial help daily, coupled with

harassment from social miscreants seeking jobs at the port.

She lamented how investments in the port are rotting away because of a lack of patronage, which she credited to unbearable traffic congestion.

"Since I resumed this office, I have come to understand that there is so much poverty. People are struggling and have no jobs.

"In Apapa, revenue and unemployment are major issues. Millions and billions of money pass through my Local Government and none of this money comes to us. Even in the ETO system, the local government is not receiving anything generated from it".

## Customs Partners World Bank, Introduces Fast Track 2.0

The Nigeria Customs Service, in its bid to facilitate trade, has announced that it is on the verge of introducing a new digitalized process aimed at fast tracking clearance in Nigeria's ports in partnership with the World Bank.

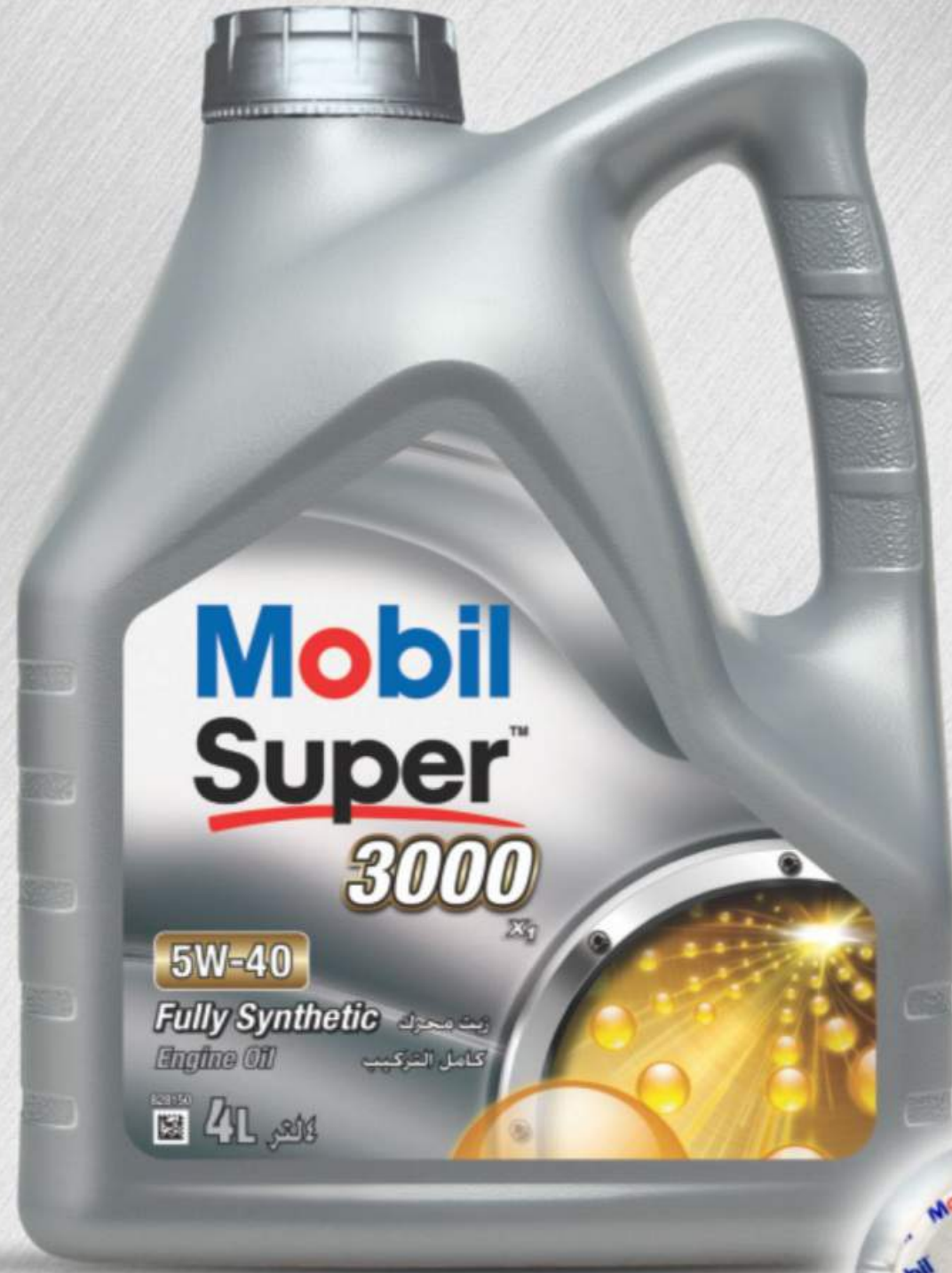
Speaking to news men at a two-day sensitization programme held at the Eko Hotels in Lagos, Assistant Comptroller-General, Bede Anyanwu, reiterated that the process will provide better opportunities for compliant traders.

"The program 'Fast Track 2.0' is a desire for digitalization of the fast-track regime which is one of the tools for trade facilitation that the NCS has, with the view of creating better opportunities for better traders to have quick access to their goods delivered to them at their premises," he said. "It will also ensure higher revenue for the government."

Some senior Customs officers who graced the occasion, as well as representatives of the World Bank, also shed more light on the due automation process.

"The benefits of the fast-track process are endless," Compt. Malanta Yusuf, the Apapa Command Customs Area Controller said. "It may interest you to know that Nigeria has started this process as far back as 2012, where about 1,000 importers were profiled and given a fast-track beneficiary not based on manufacturing concern, but on the integrity and compliance in the system."

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