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The International Air Transport Association is set to lead a global push for greener aviation at its upcoming two-day World Sustainability Symposium in Hong Kong with a deadline of 2050.

The gathering, slated for October 21 to 22, 2025, was made known through a statement endorsed by the Senior Vice President for Sustainability and Chief Economist, Marie Thomsen, on Tuesday.

The event comes at a key moment between the recently concluded 42nd ICAO Assembly and the upcoming COP30 climate summit.

The main goal of the WSS is to drive practical action toward reducing carbon emissions in aviation.

Thomsen said the symposium will bring together “thinkers, doers, and regulators” to decide how the industry can meet its net-zero emissions target by 2050.

“The WSS is a forum for new ideas and

fresh collaboration. Aviation is just one part of the broader global energy transition. If we want to succeed, we need radical collaboration across governments, industries, and institutions,” Thomsen said.

According to her, one major topic at the WSS will be the role of Sustainable Aviation Fuel in reducing the sector's emissions, describing SAF as “the fuel that will do the heavy lifting” in achieving net-zero goals.

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Represented by Adediji Francisca, Acting Director, Reform Coordination & Service Improvement at the ministry, the minister further indicated that “this milestone also aligns with the Federal Government's reform agenda of improving service delivery across Ministries, Departments and Agencies with SERVICOM serving as the bedrock

of citizen-centred service.”

The minister added that by “setting out clear service standards and performance benchmarks, the NCAA has taken a bold step towards enhancing customer satisfaction, boosting operational efficiency, and reinforcing Nigeria's reputation in global aviation.”

Director-General of the NCAA, Chris Ona Najomo, explained that the launch represents more than a policy statement and that the event is not just the unveiling of a document but a “public declaration of a covenant, a solemn commitment between the NCAA and the people and organisations we serve.”

Represented by Capt. Donald Tonye Spiff, Director of Operations, Licensing and Training at the NCAA, the DG stressed that the Service Charter is a clear statement of the Authority's obligations.

“Today, we take an important step forward in our ongoing mission to ensure transparency, accountability, and excellence in the services we deliver.

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FHA Commissions 1.2km Roads In Abuja, Pledges More Projects Nationwide

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Oyetunde Ojo, managing director of the Federal Housing Authority (FHA), says the agency will deliver more projects across the country in line with President Bola Tinubu's Renewed Hope Agenda.

Ojo spoke on Tuesday during the commissioning of three road projects totalling “1.2 kilometres” in Apo-Guzape estate, Abuja.

He said the FHA is committed to prioritising the security of lives and property within its estates.

“With available funds, more roads will be built across our estates nationwide,” he said.

The commissioned projects include 645 metres on 1st Avenue, 540 metres on 13th Crescent, and 15 metres on E Close.

Ojo said the construction of the roads was challenging due to hilly terrains and frequent blasting of rocks, but described the work as a necessary intervention to address security risks posed by criminals using the area as hideouts.



FHA

He commended the staff, management, and contractors of the authority for their teamwork, saying the multilateral decisions taken under the new leadership have produced positive results.

The FHA boss added that the authority will not relent on housing delivery, staff welfare, and other initiatives that will move the agency forward.

He said the management intends to open up the authority to healthy competition, adding that the government should be able to achieve more than the private sector with adequate funding, regulation, and an enabling environment.

Ojo also promised that the delivery of projects will not be compromised, with a commitment to high quality and

standards.

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Minister of Marine and Blue Economy, Adegboyega Oyetola, has stated that Nigeria's maritime sector continues to gain international recognition by producing credible and visionary representatives.

Mr Oyetola said this while congratulating Dr Abubakar Dantsoho, Managing Director of the Nigerian Ports Authority, NPA, on his recent election as Vice President of the International Association for Ports and Harbours, IAPH.

In a statement issued on Wednesday in Abuja by his Special Adviser on Media and Communications, Dr Bolaji Akinola, the minister described Dantsoho's election as a commendable achievement.

The News Agency of Nigeria reports that IAPH is a global organisation that serves as a consultative body to the International Maritime Organisation, IMO, and other United Nations agencies. It brings together more than 300 ports and port-related businesses across 90

countries, playing a key role in shaping international port policy, promoting sustainable development, and encouraging global collaboration on maritime challenges.

"The election of Dantsoho is both a tribute to his leadership and a recognition of Nigeria's growing influence in global maritime affairs," Mr Oyetola said.

He noted that Dantsoho's new role in such a prominent international body would be instrumental in advancing Nigeria's interests on the global stage.

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Governor Chukwuma Soludo of Anambra state, has disclosed that the Federal Government will not refund funds spent by the state government on the reconstruction of the Amawbia-Nise-Agulu-Ekwulobia-Uga federal road.

The governor made this known on Wednesday during a statewide broadcast to mark the 34th anniversary of Anambra State's creation, held at the Light House, Awka.

Soludo, however, said he is not discouraged by the development, stressing that what matters most is that Ndi Anambra now enjoy improved road infrastructure.

"That road should have been done 60 years ago, but it wasn't. This is the best time to do it. Whether the Federal Government refunds us or not, the important thing is that it is our people who will use the road," he stated.

The governor explained that his administration is planning with long-term

population growth in mind. By 2070, he projected, Anambra could be home to about 35 million people. To prepare for this, his government is prioritising the dualization of major roads and other infrastructure, with a vision spanning 100 to 200 years.

Soludo also highlighted the steady progress of Anambra across successive administrations, noting that the state has consistently moved forward since its creation.

He listed past leaders, from Chukwuemeka Ezeife to his immediate predecessor Willie Obiano, as contributors to this trajectory.

On his government's development philosophy, the governor emphasised investment over short-term handouts.

He described his "stomach infrastructure" model as one focused on creating opportunities and putting money back into people's pockets through policies like free education and free antenatal care.

"We are not running a government that doles out money to a few people.

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Airplane on runway

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On May 23, the Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria (FAAN) said the

aviation sector now contributes \$1.7 billion to Nigeria's GDP.

According to Olubunmi Kuku, managing director of FAAN, over 16 million passengers traversed Nigeria's domestic terminals, while international passenger numbers exceeded 3.5 million.

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Probity And N712bn Renovation Award For Lagos Airport

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Approval for the rehabilitation of Murtala Muhammed International Airport (MMIA) Terminal One, at an estimated cost of N712 billion, symbolises the penchant of the federal government for awarding elitist contracts at a whopping cost but without a flinch on probity or public demand for one. The justification of the repairs is readily foreshadowed by the opacity of the approval method. Yet, public office holders should know that in modern matters of public good and infrastructure, good intentions are no substitute for probity.

Typical of the take-it-or-leave-it attitude to the Lagos-Calabar Coast Highway project, or the International Conference Centre, Abuja, the Federal Executive Council (FEC) recently awarded the airport project without any hint or budgetary provision for the grand project. The Minister of Aviation and Aerospace Development, Festus Keyamo, who has become the face and lead solicitor of the project, argued that

the move was driven by the urgent need to replace decaying infrastructure, expand capacity, and bring the nation's busiest airport in line with modern global standards. He explained that MMIA, International Terminal One would be stripped to the carcass and fully rebuilt, with all mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems replaced—an award to CCECC that also covers Terminal Two works (apron expansion, access roads, bridges and associated infrastructure). [Find Full Story In The Link](#)



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The Dangote Petroleum Refinery has the capacity to supply the diesel and aviation fuel needed in West Africa and Central African nations, S&P Global Commodity Insights has said.

At a webinar organised by the Major Energies Marketers Association of Nigeria, an official of S&P Global Commodity Insights, Gary Clark, stated that the refinery has exported a large quantity of diesel and jet fuel to West and Central African countries.

According to Clark, the region used to depend on importation before the Dangote refinery came on board, saying this has changed since last year when the facility started producing petroleum products.

“You know, prior to the ramping up of supply at the Dangote refinery, West Africa was very much reliant on imports from Europe and elsewhere. But now, obviously, with the Dangote refinery coming online, we see a lot of gasoil or diesel and jet fuel exported from that refinery, meeting West African and Central African demands. More than

Dangote Meets W’Africa Diesel, Jet Fuel Demand

enough jet fuel has been exported to supply both the region and also more far-flung destinations as well,” Clark said.

However, it was stated that the Lomé, Togo Port has become a major route for fuel importation into Africa.

Clark noted that while European demand for fuels has weakened due to inflation and slower growth, geopolitical disruptions, including the Russia-Ukraine conflict and Middle East tensions, continue to affect global supply.

“Dangote's ramp-up has reshaped trade flows, retaining much gasoil in West Africa and exporting jet fuel internationally,” he said, while cautioning that outages and maintenance can quickly reintroduce volatility.

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Fresh Concerns As Unregulated Barges Flood Waterways



Barge on waterways

Maritime experts have raised fresh concerns over the unchecked spread of unregistered and poorly-constructed barges on Nigerian waterways, warning that the trend poses grave risks to maritime safety, port operations and the reputation of the country's shipping industry.

A master mariner, Captain Henry Gumwalk, decried the growing number of barges operating without proper registration or classification, claiming that many were never subjected to the required safety checks before being deployed.

He disclosed that some owners simply contract welders to fabricate vessels and

launch them into service, even when they lack the most basic safety documents.

“How many of these barges are registered? They should be registered with at least NIMASA. People just go anywhere, get welders, construct a barge and put it in the water. As long as it is floating, they are good to go,” Gumwalk lamented.

He explained that most of the barges lack proper classification by recognised societies, while essential documents such as stability booklets, needed to guarantee vessel balance and seaworthiness, are missing.

According to him, every craft operating on water is expected to hold a valid class certificate before being put to work.

He warned that failure to enforce this standard not only heightens the risk of accidents but also tarnishes Nigeria's image in global shipping circles.

Gumwalk further faulted charterers who hire such barges without conducting due diligence, stressing

that the practice could lead to avoidable tragedies.

A chartered ship broker, Dr Chris Ebare, also criticised the persistent regulatory lapses that, he argued, were at the root of recurring unsafe incidents.

He maintained that assigning regulatory responsibilities in the maritime sector must be guided by competence and capacity rather than sentiments.

According to him, the absence of clarity on which agency, between the Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA), the Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA) or the National Inland Waterways Authority (NIWA), should oversee barges and other small crafts has created a gap in enforcement.

Ebare explained that the agency already has a Registration and Monitoring Unit with the facilities and software to track and enforce compliance.

He argued that the latest incidents involving barges should never have

occurred if the agency had been effective in its role.

Sharing a similar view, Marine Engineer and Surveyor, Matthew Alalade, highlighted what he described as persistent regulatory evasion by barge operators, insisting that many vessels currently in operation show little or no evidence of registration.

He warned that the absence of strict enforcement was creating an environment where “anything goes,” with unsafe practices flourishing unchecked.

Alalade stressed that NIMASA remains the primary agency responsible for enforcing compliance but must step up its oversight to prevent further risks.

He added that all barges must meet classification requirements set by recognised societies, while NIMASA should also ensure that classification bodies themselves are held accountable.

Beyond the safety concerns, stakeholders also drew attention to the economic pressures mounting on operators.

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A Toyota Camry saloon car had plunged into the Lagos Lagoon inward Iyana Iworo in the early hours of the day, killing two persons.

LASWA's public affairs unit said, "Our search and rescue team responded immediately upon receipt of the distress call. Working with local divers, we were able to confirm that the vehicle carried a female occupant, identified as Aisha, aged between 25 and 35 years. Her body was swiftly recovered and handed over to her family."

The authority explained that initial reports indicated she was the only passenger, but later findings confirmed the presence of a second victim.



LASWA MD

"Follow-up He was confirmed to be a LASWA noted the investigations colleague of the first cooperation among established that the car victim. His body was agencies at the scene. also had a second recovered during an "Our operation was extended search and carried out in seamless passenger, identified as Chado Daniel Danladi, rescue operation and has coordination with the aged 31, residing at 7 since been delivered to Marine Police, the Lagos Oremeta Street, Off his family," the agency State Emergency Chado Daniel Danladi, aged 31, residing at 7 Opebi Link Bridge, Ikeja. said. Management Agency Oremeta Street, Off Opebi Link Bridge, Ikeja.

(LASEMA), and the Rapid Response Squad (RRS). We also acknowledge the valuable assistance of local fishermen, whose efforts played a crucial role in the recovery process," it said.

The authority described the incident as another demonstration of the strength of Lagos State's waterway emergency framework. "This incident underscores the effectiveness of our coordinated emergency response and the strong community support that enhance the state's capacity in managing waterway emergencies. We remain committed to ensuring safety and rapid response in all such incidents," it said.

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"Follow-up investigations established that the car also had a second passenger, identified as Chado Daniel Danladi, aged 31, residing at 7 Opebi Link Bridge, Ikeja.

Over 5,000 Cargoes Trapped At Ports Amid N2trn Demurrage Losses



Shipping containers

Goods clearing activities at Nigeria's seaports have been halted or scaled down significantly in the past two weeks, leaving over 5,000 cargoes trapped. Port users claim to have lost an estimated N2 trillion in demurrage.

The disruption of port activities is caused by the persistent network glitches on the Nigeria Customs Service (NCS) B'Odogwu digital platform, which has left manufacturers and other merchants incurring a huge loss.

Coupled with the reintroduction of the four per cent free on board (FOB), the effective cost of clearing, manufacturers have lamented, has risen by about 200 per cent. They are also worried that much of the stuck raw materials

might not be useful when they are eventually released.

A 40-foot container attracts a daily demurrage of between N120,000 and N140,000, while a 20-foot container costs about N80,000 daily. Also, demurrage for a car is N10,000, while a truck attracts N35,000. A caterpillar is charged N45,000 as demurrage. These increase after the initial grace period.

Findings suggested that an estimated 5,000 import containers are trapped at Apapa, Tin Can and PTML, all in Lagos, following the network glitches. Onne Port, Rivers state, according to findings, has turned into a ghost town with almost zero activity recorded in the past two weeks.

Stakeholders told The Guardian that the network breakdown, which started about three weeks ago, has disrupted payment processing, cargo exits and trade documentation, triggering a surge in demurrage costs for importers and manufacturers

whose raw materials and finished goods are stuck at terminals.

Key clearing processes affected include logging into the platform, registration of Form M, Pre-Arrival Assessment Reports (PAAR) generating, duty payments and final exit clearance. Ordinarily, these should take about 24 hours in normal working conditions. But with banks unable to connect with the portal for payment, clearing has been at a snail's pace.

The disruption has paralysed cargo movement at Onne, Tin Can Island, Apapa, and the bonded terminals, with both imports and exports grinding to a halt.

The situation is putting intense pressure on manufacturers, who rely on the timely delivery of raw materials to produce finished goods. Some of the operators complained that the cost of clearing has increased by over 180 per cent in recent days.

They warned that the continuous

disruption could force factories to scale down production or shut down entirely if the situation persists.

The Comptroller General of Customs, Bashir Adeniyi, recently admitted that part of the downtime was caused by attempts by hackers to infiltrate the Customs digital system.

Adeniyi, however, said part of the problem had been resolved through joint efforts.

But users said the situation has not improved. The Chief Executive Officer of Globjoy Investment Limited and Public Relations Officer of the Tin Can Chapter of the African Association of Professional Freight Forwarders and Logistics of Nigeria (APFFLON), Clinton Okoro, lamented that about 5,000 containers have remained trapped at Apapa, Tin Can and PTML ports due to the poor network.

He warned of crippling financial losses from the mounting demurrage.

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RwandaAir To Expand Fleet To 21 Aircraft By 2029

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RwandAir (WB, Kigali) plans to expand its fleet from 14 to at least 21 aircraft by 2029 and, through network growth and strengthened strategic partnerships, more than double its annual passenger numbers to 2.1 million as outlined in the country's Transport Sector Strategic Plan 2024-2029.

This will involve acquiring more A330s for long-haul routes, B737-800s for regional and medium-haul destinations, and DHC-8-Q400s for shorter domestic routes, chief commercial officer Fouad Caunhye told Rwanda's The New Times newspaper in an interview.

He said the national carrier is also reinforcing its fleet in 2025/26 with three aircraft - two B737-800s and one A330-200 - to restore capacity after recent technical issues sidelined several units. "These additions will give us the



flexibility we need to pursue the route expansions that were previously put on hold," he declared. It is not immediately clear if these units will be bought, dry-

or wet-leased.

He acknowledged recent operational disruptions linked to temporary fleet capacity constraints. "We have faced some operational disruptions

recently because of the capacity issues I mentioned. Our immediate priority is to stabilise and optimise our performance across our existing network. With

the new aircraft joining the fleet, we will be able to improve scheduling and reliability, which will provide a strong foundation for adding more destinations in the

future," Caunhye said.

RwandAir current fleet of 14 aircraft includes three A330s (two A330-200s and one A330-300), six B737-800s, one B737-800(SF), two CRJ900ERs, and two-Q400s. Alongside fleet growth, Caunhye said RwandAir plans to increase its route network from 23 destinations to 29 by 2028/29. New services to Mombasa (Kenya) and Zanzibar (Tanzania) are scheduled, while frequencies to London Heathrow and Dubai International are being increased, and flights to Guangzhou (China) may be resumed. The carrier is also positioning Kigali as a regional hub, supported by a new airport under construction.

Regarding strategic partnerships, the airline continues to deepen ties with Qatar Airways and is in advanced talks with the Qatar [Find Full Story In The Link](#)

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Despite ongoing reforms and efforts to construct new ports and rehabilitate existing ones, world powers, including the United States and Russia, are actively seeking to secure access to the Port of Lomé in Togo which has emerged as a key maritime hub in West Africa.

The increase in volume of trade between Asia and West Africa has seen Lomé port transform into a key regional container port.

Major ocean carriers, specifically MSC, have responded by redeploying ultra-large container vessels

US, Russia Ditch Nigerian Ports, Seeks Access To Togo Ports

(ULCVs) to the route.

This has come as a major boost for liner connectivity of West African ports including Lomé.

In view of these trade advantages, the U.S has pledged to expand its African market access through Lomé port.

Last week, the U.S Embassy in Lomé, led by the Chargé d'Affaires, Richard C. Michaels, conducted a tour of the port facility.

The delegation also held a meeting with the management of Lomé Container Terminal, LCT, to explore commercial opportunities for U.S businesses.

"With advanced deep-water capabilities, cutting-edge equipment, and an annual throughput exceeding 30 million tons, Lomé offers U.S businesses unmatched access to African markets.

"Ongoing infrastructure expansion, including a dry-port and industrial zone, further enhances the port's role as a growing gateway," commented U.S Embassy in Togo.

The port tour followed shortly after U.S President, Donald Trump, met five African

leaders in Washington.

The African leaders were largely from countries in West Africa, including Gabon, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Mauritania and Senegal.

The meeting with Trump concentrated on trade opportunities for both sides, at a time the U.S government is cutting aid in Africa and other regions.

Meanwhile, Russia has ratified its military cooperation agreement with Togo, which was initially signed early this year.

As per the agreement, Russia and Togo will jointly hold military exercises, training exchanges and weapons and military equipment support.

Notably, the agreement also covers support in hydrography, navigation and combating piracy.

According to some observers, the agreement will give Russia unfettered access to Togo's strategic seaport of Lomé. Visit by Russian military ships to ports in Togo is covered by the cooperation.

"Togo is considered the most organised and equipped in Tropical Africa. For example, the busiest seaport in West Africa is located on its territory," said Vladimir Gruzdev, a member of the Russian Government Commission on Legislative Activity, which drafted the ratification law of the defence. [Find Full Story In The Link](#)

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CBN Orders Geo-tagging Of PoS Terminals In Nigeria

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The Central Bank of Nigeria has directed that all Point of Sale (PoS) terminals in the country be geo-tagged within 60 days as part of measures to curb fraud and strengthen oversight of digital payments.

"This initiative is designed to ensure that all PoS terminals are traceable and that transactions are secure. Terminals operating outside their registered location will be flagged, and non-compliant devices will be deactivated," the CBN said in a statement dated August 26, 2025, obtained by our correspondent.

The directive requires all existing and newly deployed PoS devices to have native geolocation features and double-frequency GPS receivers for accurate tracking. Terminals failing to comply with the October 20, 2025, deadline will no longer be allowed to operate.

The bank explained that the move will help eliminate "ghost" or cloned terminals and enable real-time monitoring of transactions.

Each PoS device must capture and transmit its location at the start of every transaction, with activity beyond a 10-meter radius of the registered merchant address



PoS

automatically flagged.

Licensed operators, including major banks and fintech companies like Moniepoint, OPay, and PalmPay, are expected to register each terminal with a payment aggregator and provide precise merchant coordinates.

The CBN said the measure is part of a broader plan to modernise Nigeria's payment system, improve consumer protection, and ensure that digital financial

transactions are secure and fully traceable.

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Lagos Badminton Classic 2025 Set To Take Off

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The Badminton Federation of Nigeria (BFN), in collaboration with the Badminton World Federation (BWF), is proud to announce that the prestigious Lagos International Badminton Classic 2025 will take place from August 27 to 30 at the Teslim Balogun Indoor Sports Hall, Surulere, Lagos.

The Lagos International Badminton Classic, sanctioned by the BWF, has grown into one of Africa's premier badminton competitions, offering athletes from across the globe a vital opportunity to earn ranking points toward World Championships and Olympic Games qualification.

This year's edition promises to be the most competitive yet, as players from 31 countries across Africa, Europe, Asia, and the Americas are confirmed to participate.

Among the participating nations are: India, Japan, Indonesia, Korea, Malaysia, France, USA, Canada, Nigeria, and Egypt, alongside other countries making the tournament a truly global affair.

The Lagos International Badminton Classic continues to solidify Nigeria's reputation as a host of world-class sporting events. Athletes from diverse nations are expected to bring their finest form to Lagos, delivering four days of high-intensity matches filled with speed, strategy, and skill.

Speaking on the significance of the tournament, Francis Orbih, Esq- President of the Badminton Federation of Nigeria, stated:

"The Lagos International Badminton Classic is a cornerstone of Nigeria's international sports calendar. Beyond competition, it provides our athletes with global exposure while positioning Lagos as a key destination for badminton development on the continent. We are excited to welcome the world once again."

Over 120 Players from the following countries are confirmed for the championship, Saudi Arabia, USA, Norway, France, Ireland, Nigeria, Israel, Indonesia, Italy, Greece,

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Northern CAN Urges Nigerians To Register For PVCs



Rev John

Culled:
The Christian Association of Nigeria (CAN) in the 19 Northern states and the Federal Capital Territory has called on Nigerians to take active part in the ongoing Continuous Voter Registration (CVR) exercise being conducted

by the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC).

In a statement issued on Wednesday, Chairman of Northern CAN, Rev. John Joseph Hayab, said voter registration remains the first step for citizens determined to make their voices heard in

governance.

He urged Nigerians to discard doubts about the relevance of their votes, stressing that apathy only emboldens politicians who benefit from low turnout.

"Our votes count. If votes were useless, no one would attempt to buy them. Nigerians should understand that the real power lies in the ballot and not in money shared during elections," Rev. Hayab said.

The cleric appealed to religious leaders of all faiths to intensify sensitisation within congregations and communities, describing faith-based platforms as effective channels for mass mobilisation.

He also called on INEC to bring registration centres closer to people, especially those in rural and hard-to-reach areas, to ease

the process for prospective voters.

According to INEC, the online pre-registration portal opened on August 18, 2025, while physical registration commenced on August 25, 2025. The exercise is scheduled to continue until August 30, 2026, across the Commission's 811 state and local government offices nationwide.

The electoral umpire disclosed that more than 1.3 million Nigerians completed their online pre-registration in the first week of the exercise, with young people between ages 18 and 34 making up the majority.

INEC also reminded the public that the CVR accommodates fresh registration, transfer of voting locations, and

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Nigeria Endorses New Commitments On Climate Resilience

Culled: Nigeria has validated its Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) 3.0, a collective commitment to reducing greenhouse gas emissions and building resilience against the adverse impacts of climate change.

The NDC 3.0 seeks to build on the gains of the previous versions and incorporate recent developments in climate science and policy, aligning with Nigeria's Long-Term Low Emission Development Strategy (LT-LEDS) and the Nigeria Energy Transition Plan (ETP), among other frameworks.

The Director General of the National

Council on Climate Change, Mrs. Teni Majekodumi, who stated this at the Validation of Nigeria's Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC) 3.0 held in Abuja, the nation's capital, also said: "As we move into today's validation process, I encourage frank, constructive discussions and feedback. Let us ensure that the final NDC 3.0 document that emerges reflects our national priorities, technological capacities, financial realities, and our commitment to a just and equitable transition."

She explained that the validation workshop is an opportunity to ensure that Nigeria's NDC 3.0 is inclusive,

realistic, ambitious, and implementable.

"The climate crisis is deepening, and our window of opportunity is narrowing. Our actions today will shape the future of generations to come. This validation workshop is an opportunity to ensure that Nigeria's NDC 3.0 is inclusive, realistic, ambitious, and implementable. As our inputs are guided by evidence, inspired by our shared values, and united by a vision for a climate-resilient Nigeria.

"I urge all participants to look at the document being presented today and validate if it reflects Nigeria's aspirations, capabilities, and

leadership on the African and global stage while addressing our national needs," Majekodumi stated.

She also called on global partners, particularly the developed countries, to fulfil their commitments under the UNFCCC and Paris Agreement, particularly in relation to technology transfer and support for innovation in developing countries.

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Nigeria Creating Investor-Friendly Environment - Edun

Wale Edun, minister of finance and coordinating minister of the economy, has led Nigeria's economic delegation to a high-level Business Roundtable hosted by Citi at its São Paulo headquarters, stressing that President Bola Tinubu's priority is to foster an enabling environment for global investors.

The event took place on the sidelines of Tinubu's state Visit to

Brazil. Speaking at the roundtable, Edun stressed: "Our priority is to foster an enabling environment where global investors and Nigerian enterprises can thrive together. Brazil is a natural partner in this journey."

In his keynote, the minister set out President Tinubu's economic reform agenda to restore fiscal sustainability, unlock private capital, and fast-track inclusive growth.

He highlighted Nigeria's vast market potential, demographic dividend, and the government's commitment to infrastructure, energy transition, and technological innovation as key drivers of long-term prosperity.

The delegation also included Jumoke Oduwale, the minister of industry, trade and investment and Olayemi Cardoso, the governor of the Central Bank of Nigeria.

Together, they engaged Brazilian corporates, investors, and Citi leadership on strengthening bilateral investment flows and South-South economic cooperation.

The Business Roundtable highlights Nigeria's determination to deepen its partnership with Brazil while advancing President Tinubu's Renewed Hope Agenda for economic transformation.

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DRIVING SCHOOLS AND SAFETY ALLIANCE AFRICA - DSSAA

DSSAA INITIATIVES AND CAUSES

1. African Institute of Driving Instructors and Road Safety professionals (ADRIP) - This will be an online Academy for the training of Driving School Instructors and Road Safety professionals.
2. Africa Road Transport Safety Summit and Exhibition (ARTSS EXPO) - The largest gathering of Researchers and Industry Leaders in Road Transport Safety featuring exhibitions of technology devices and Innovations.
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4. Africa Road Safety Partnerships and Research board (ARSPARB)- A hub for the advancement of partnerships with development agencies, National Governments and corporations as well as a Research Faculty for Road Safety Research Projects.

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Driving Schools and Safety Alliance Africa - DSSAA is Africa's premier Professional Association of Driving School Owners, Instructors, Driver Assessors and Road Safety professionals.

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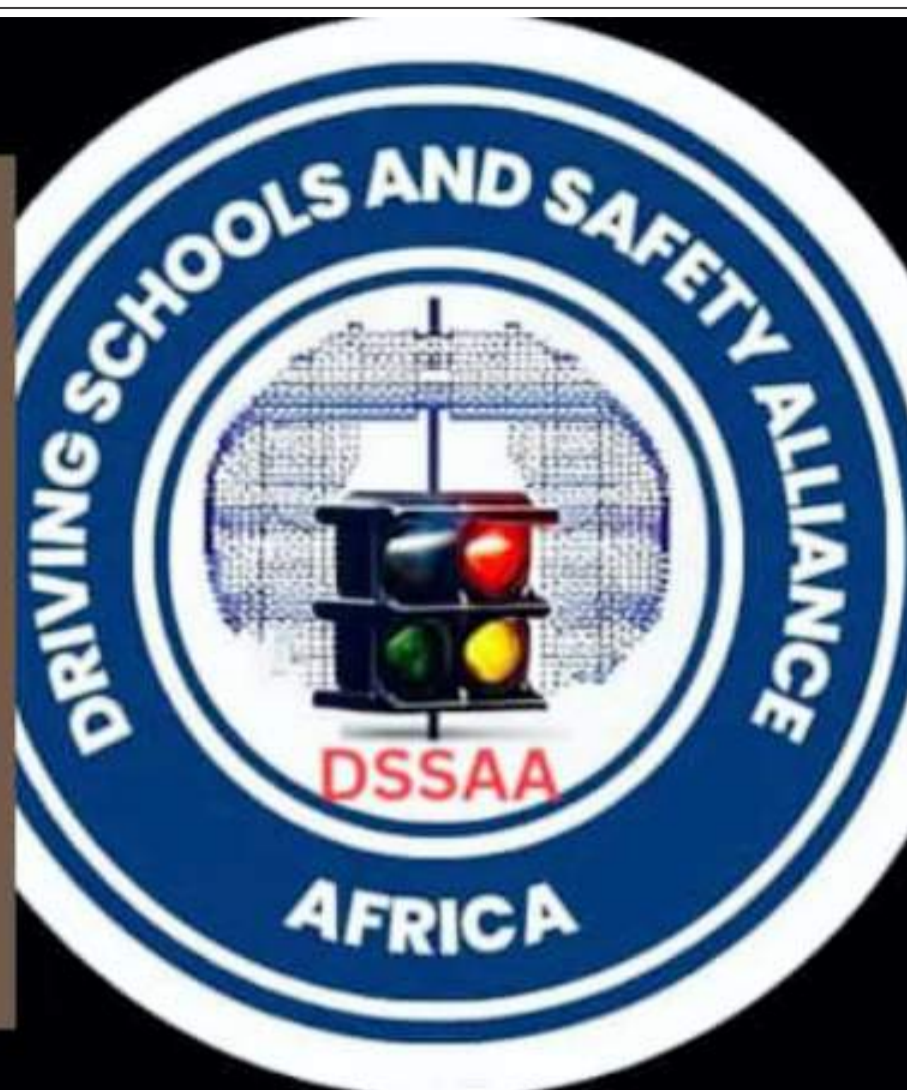


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