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The Delta State Government says it is injecting a total of N75 billion into road projects across the state's 25 local government areas.

The state Commissioner for Works (Rural and Riverine Roads), Mr Charles Aniagwu, disclosed this during the ministry's 2026 budget defence before the state House of Assembly Committee on Works.

Aniagwu said, "The sum of N3 billion has been earmarked for each of the 25 local government areas across the state.

"This allocation is aimed at accelerating the execution of vital road projects, ensuring equitable distribution of road infrastructure and deepening access to more host communities."

He added that aside from the N3 billion earmarked for each LGA, the ministry, in anticipation of undertaking new projects in the 2026 fiscal year, also made a provision of N15 billion for each senatorial district.

"This strategic provision is designed to serve as an alternative source of funding for the execution and payment of critical projects that may not be adequately accommodated under the local government allocations.

"Through this financial arrangement, the ministry seeks to ensure continuous progress and disbursement of funds on all its projects," he said.

Aniagwu explained that the ministry placed emphasis on capital

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The seasonal route will be operated exclusively with Delta's Airbus A330-900neo, one of the airline's most modern and fuel-efficient widebody aircraft, known for its spacious cabin design and enhanced customer comfort.

"The festive season consistently sees a surge in outbound and inbound travel for Nigerians, and we're delighted to provide an additional nonstop option to New York during this peak period," said Mary Gbobaniyi, Delta Air Lines Manager, Sales, WestAfrica.

"With the state-of-the-art A330-900neo, travellers can look forward to a world-class

onboard experience, alongside convenient connectivity through Delta's New York-JFK hub," Mary added.

Designed to serve the increase in holiday travel demand, the seasonal service will provide Nigerians with expanded and more convenient travel options during the festive period, particularly those with family and connections in key metropolitan areas such as Texas, Illinois, Maryland, Virginia, Washington and New York.

"Customers on the seasonal route will enjoy an enhanced onboard experience featuring Delta One Suites with fully lie-flat beds and chef-curated meals, Delta Premium Select with wider seats, deeper recline and elevated dining, Delta Comfort offering extra legroom and dedicated overhead bins and Delta Main, our standard onboard experience.

"Customers throughout the aircraft can also take advantage of seatback entertainment at every seat showcasing Nollywood, Hollywood and international content as well as access to fast, free Wi-Fi for SkyMiles Members," the airline said.

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The Minister of Education, Dr. Tunji Alausa, unveiled the initiative at the University of Lagos (UNILAG), describing it as a key national intervention under President Bola Ahmed Tinubu's Renewed Hope Agenda. He said the programme was designed in direct response to the economic impact of fuel subsidy removal and exchange rate reforms, which have pushed transportation costs beyond the reach of many students.

Alausa said the President instructed the Ministry of Education and TETFund to develop an innovative, sustainable and student-centred mobility solution for campuses nationwide.

"Mr President directed that we design



Solar-powered electric tricycles

solutions that are innovative, sustainable and directly responsive to the needs of our young people. Today's programme is the result of that directive," he said.

The minister noted that each of the 12 beneficiary universities would receive 20 electric tricycles and a fully equipped solar-powered charging station with panels, battery storage

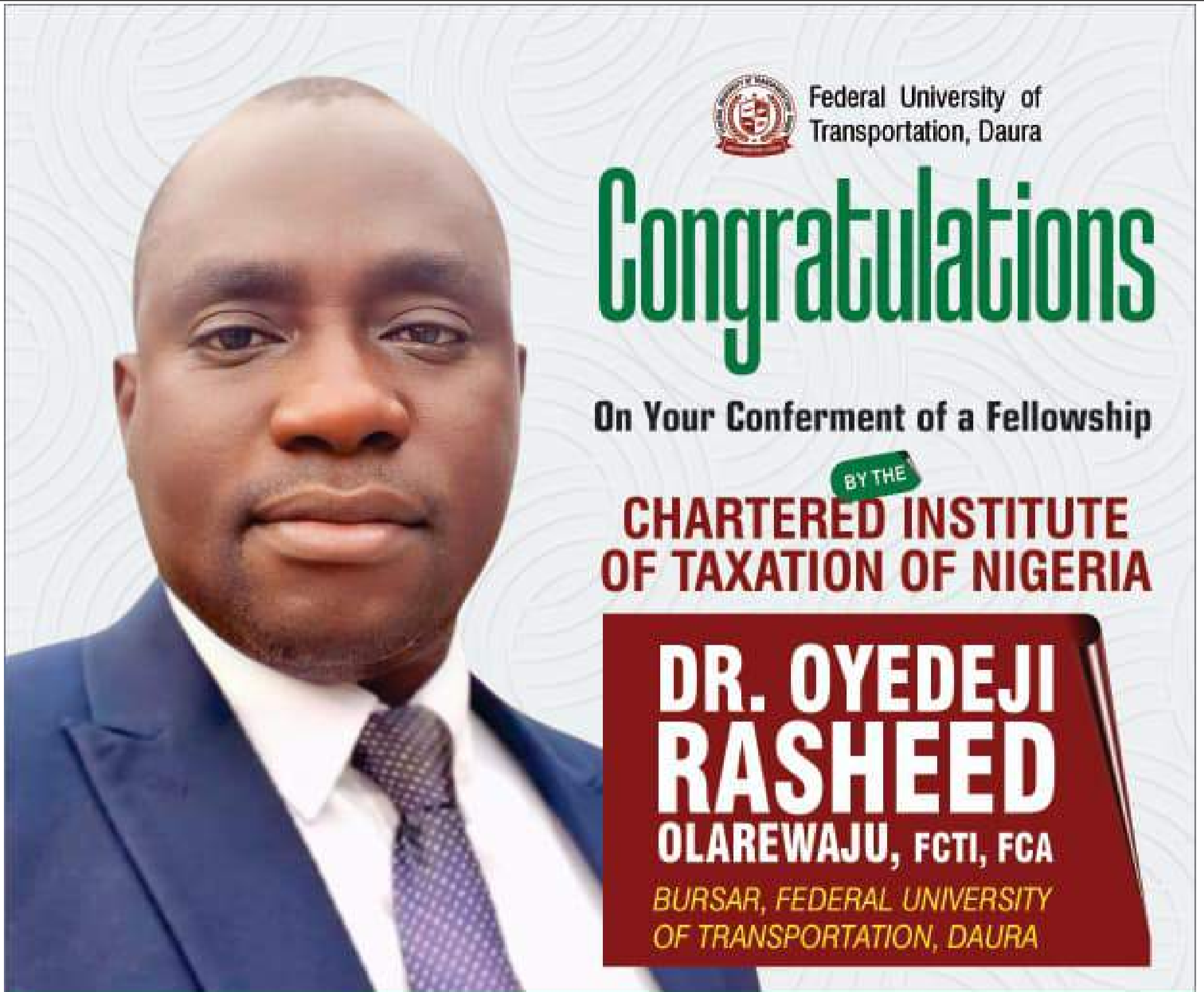
and an inverter system. He added that the tricycles would be donated directly to the student unions, who are expected to operate them at significantly reduced transport rates while generating income for maintenance and expansion.

"These tricycles are for the students. They are not meant to be free, but should be provided at a very low cost.

This model ensures sustainability and empowers students with responsibility and leadership," Alausa said.

He urged student leaders to collaborate with their vice-chancellors to ensure equitable distribution and efficient service delivery, noting that UNILAG students may charge as low as N80 per trip to encourage competition with existing campus transport services.

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## Edo Govt Intensifies Road Works Ahead Of Yuletide

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The Edo State Government has reaffirmed its commitment to improving the state's road network through the Ministry of Works, in a bid to ease the hardship faced by commuters due to failed sections of major federal highways in the state.

This was disclosed by the Commissioner for Works, Hon. Felix Akhabue, during an inspection of ongoing construction on the Benin-Sapele Road. He explained that the renewed effort follows the directive of Governor Monday Okpebholo, who has instructed the ministry to take full advantage of the dry season to accelerate road construction across the state.

Akhabue noted that more than 200 kilometres of roads are currently under construction statewide. He further highlighted that the governor recently awarded contracts to two construction firms—CCECC and CBC—to fast-track the rehabilitation of the Benin-Sapele

Road, especially as the yuletide season approaches.

Justifying the governor's intervention, he said: "The governor is attending to both state and federal roads because it is not only federal road users who ply these routes—Edo people use them too. Palliative work is ongoing on the badly damaged sections to ease traffic, while major construction continues simultaneously."

The Commissioner added that the governor's intervention on the

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Hon. Akhabue inspecting the ongoing road project

## FG Moves For Optimal Value In \$12bn Cargo Business

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The Federal Government is working on proposals that will enable the country to tap into the burgeoning air cargo, logistic and allied value chain estimated to hit over \$12 billion in the next five years.

Part of the value chain considered for capture in the revenue yielding ecosystem include export of agricultural produce by air, electronic commerce/ logistics production as well as other manufactured goods.

To drive this, several agencies of government including the Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria (FAAN), Nigeria Customs Service (NCS), Standards Organisation of Nigeria (SON), and NAFDAC, State Governments with airports in their jurisdictions as well as other trade facilitation agencies have been working on templates that will boost air cargo, logistic/ courier and allied business.

Speaking in an interview, the Managing

Director and Chief Executive of Federal Airport Authority of Nigeria (FAAN), Mrs Olubunmi Kuku said the government is working on a number of initiatives that will make Nigeria become a dominant cargo hub, a beacon of efficiency, and a catalyst for economic prosperity across Africa.

She said: "This is our commitment: to ensure Nigeria is not just a point on the global cargo map, but the strategic gateway connecting Africa to the world."

Kuku said the Directorate of Cargo Development Services (DCDS), recently created in FAAN, has been engaging stakeholders on how to achieve the objective.

"FAAN is fully committed to creating the enabling environment, the necessary policies, infrastructure, and political will for this ecosystem to thrive."

She said the government cannot drive this agenda alone.

"We need partnership, innovation, and commitment to push this to fruition.

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In a statement on Monday signed by his media aide, Mr Bolaji Akinola, the Minister disclosed this when he hosted an appreciation lunch for IMO delegates in London yesterday, where he reaffirmed the country's commitment to constructive global maritime engagement following the election victory.

Recall that Nigeria on Friday secured a landmark diplomatic victory as it was elected into Category C of the International Maritime Organisation Council for the 2026–2027 biennium, marking the country's return to the global maritime decision-making table after a 14-year break.

The election, conducted during the IMO General Assembly in London, is



Oyetola

regarded as a significant boost to Nigeria's standing within the international maritime community, with the country reclaiming a strategic seat last held in 2011.

Mr Oyetola, while expressing deep gratitude on behalf of the country and President Bola Tinubu, emphasised that the "country's return to the IMO Council reflects a renewed vote of confidence in Nigeria's role within the international

maritime system."

The Minister noted that the support Nigeria received during the election was a reaffirmation of global belief in the nation's constructive engagement and its commitment to contributing effectively to the organisation's mission. Mr Oyetola highlighted that the IMO's mandate extends to improving international maritime safety, driving decarbonisation, protecting the marine

environment, enhancing maritime security, and building a sustainable blue economy.

He outlined that the reforms currently underway in Nigeria's Marine and Blue Economy sector under President Tinubu's guidance aim to strengthen maritime safety and security, "Modernise ports, enhance flag and port state administration, advance hydrographic capabilities, improve seafarer development, and expand critical maritime infrastructure."

He emphasised that safeguarding a safer, greener, and more efficient maritime environment is a shared global responsibility, noting that improvements in Nigeria's maritime domain positively influence international shipping and coastal nations alike.

Reaffirming Nigeria's commitment to multilateralism, he stated that the country will continue championing the values that underpin the IMO, including cooperation, transparency, regulatory stability, and equitable global maritime development.

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# Nigeria Unveils \$100m Equity Support Scheme For Oil Companies

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The Federal Government has unveiled a new \$100 million equity investment scheme aimed at strengthening indigenous participation in Nigeria's oil and gas sector and boosting local production capacity of Nigerian oil firms.

The initiative was unveiled on Tuesday at the 2025 Practical Nigerian Content Forum in Yenagoa, Bayelsa State, by the Executive Secretary of the Nigerian Content Development and Monitoring Board (NCDMB), Engr. Felix Ogbé.

Speaking at the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the NCDMB and the Bank of Industry (BOI), Ogbé said the scheme was designed to support high-growth indigenous energy service companies.

He said the fund would offer equity support to high-growth indigenous energy service companies, diversify the NCDMB's revenue base, and further deepen local content development.

Ogbé further revealed that the Board has finalised the framework for issuing the

NCDMB Compliance Certificate — a document that verifies a company's adherence to the mandatory one percent statutory remittance.

The certificate, he noted, would become compulsory from January 1, 2026, for firms seeking major permits and approvals from the Board.

Also speaking, the Managing Director of the Bank of Industry (BOI), Dr. Olasupo Olusi, described the fund as a vehicle designed to unlock transformative investments across the energy sector.

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Senator Lokpobiri

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President Bola Tinubu has disclosed that the country's air passenger traffic is projected to rise to 25.7 million by 2029.

He also stated that, according to projections by the Nigerian Civil Aviation Authority (NCAA), the annual revenue of the aviation sector is expected to reach \$2.58 billion.

The President stated that plans are underway to commence aircraft component manufacturing in Nigeria as part of a broad initiative to position the country as the aviation hub of West and Central Africa.

He disclosed this in Abuja on Tuesday at the Nigerian International Air Show, where he was represented by the Secretary General of the Federation (SGF), Sen. George Akume.

On some of the milestones and plans for the sector, Tinubu said: "Nigeria handled 15.89 million passengers in 2023, and projections by the NCAA show this will rise to 25.7 million by 2029, with annual revenue expected to reach \$2.58 billion.

"The federal government is investing

# Nigerian Projects 25.7m Passenger Traffic By 2029

heavily in modernisation. Six major airports and multiple runways are undergoing upgrades, including a ₦712 billion refurbishment of Lagos Murtala Muhammed Airport."

Tinubu also revealed that Nigeria has signed agreements with Boeing and Cranfield University for the establishment of sophisticated Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul (MRO) facilities.

"We have signed agreements with Boeing and Cranfield University to establish state-of-the-art MRO facilities, reducing the \$200 million annual capital flight for overseas maintenance. Aero Contractors and XEJet are leading this transformation with new hubs in Lagos and Abuja."

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# New Ports' Law To Save Shippers N65bn Yearly

honoured as an Honorary Life Member of the Heritage Bar, Akutah said the legislation, currently moving through its final approval stages, will constitutionally empower the Council as the nation's ports economic regulator, a role that stakeholders say is critical for Nigeria's blue economy growth.

According to him, the new Ports Regulation Act will replace the "totally spent" 1978 decree governing the Council, and will introduce the predictability needed to unlock new port investments.

"I guarantee Nigerians and particularly the maritime sector players, that that law, when it comes into force, is going to protect their investment. It is going to set up the standards that everyone will follow, to provide predictability of investment in the sector," he said.

He added that the biggest benefit will be investor confidence: "Investors will no longer be afraid of putting their money in that sector because they will be sure that their money will yield investment results and returns. So it's a law that we

are waiting for, and I know that the law is meant for the good of the maritime sector in Nigeria."

Akutah explained that the outdated CAP N133 of 1978 currently guiding the NSC "is of no use whatsoever," insisting that the growth of shipping in Nigeria requires a modern regulatory framework that reflects global operating standards.

He thanked the Senate President, Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Minister of Justice for resolving earlier bottlenecks in the legislative process.

"The two challenges we faced after the bill was passed have been cleaned up already, and the bill is back into the National Assembly for a process that will lead to a final assent by Mr. President," he said.

Beyond legislation, Akutah highlighted the Council's growing role in maritime dispute resolution, revealing that the NSC's internal legal and arbitration unit saved shippers over N6 billion in 2024 alone. These savings came from cases that would have attracted massive legal

fees, demurrage liabilities, and prolonged port delays.

"I will say that last year alone, that unit was able to resolve cases that would have cost over 6 billion in legal fees and damages and delays. We are doing everything possible to ensure that that mechanism is promoted over and against court resolution of matters," he said.

Akutah, a seasoned maritime legal expert and former prosecutor at the Federal Ministry of Justice, strongly advocated for alternative dispute resolution (ADR) as the default mechanism for maritime conflicts. He noted that commercial disputes; largely involving cargo, contracts, services, and fees—lose value when trapped in prolonged litigation.

"If you tie down your investments for 10 years pursuing a legal battle in court, by the time you come back that investment has been dissipated to almost nothing. So we encourage alternative dispute resolution mechanisms to be applied first in handling maritime disputes," he said.

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Nigerian Shippers' Council

Nigerian Shippers' Council (NSC)

The Nigerian Shippers' Council (NSC) announced that the anticipated Ports Regulation Act will remove long-standing investment uncertainties and save shippers over N6 billion in annual dispute-related losses. This bold assurance formed the central message of the Council's Executive Secretary/CEO, Dr. Pius Akutah, who said the new law will finally give the country a modern, enforceable regulatory framework capable of stabilising the port business environment and boosting investor confidence.

Speaking on the sidelines of the 10th Annual Law Week of the Nigerian Bar Association (NBA) Badagry Branch in Lagos, where he was



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One operator will run an express service, while others will operate stage-by-stage services to ensure broad commuter coverage.

All participating buses will feature Lagos' standard blue-and-white colours, QR-enabled PTCS verification stickers, unique identification codes, and Touch and Pay (TAP) stickers for seamless commuter transactions.



Hon. Oluwaseun

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"The Lagos State Ministry of Transportation, the Lagos Metropolitan Area Transport Authority (LAMATA), and representatives of informal bus operators have concluded a final stakeholder meeting ahead of the commencement of exclusive regulated bus operations of the Lekki-Epe Bus Reform Scheme, scheduled to begin on December 8, 2025.

"The service, the first phase of the reform, which will ultimately extend to Epe, will operate along the following routes: Ajah-CMS (Marina)/Obalende, Ajah-Oshodi, Ajah-Berger, and Ajah-Iyana Ipaja," the statement read in part.

It added, "...the 229 high- and medium-capacity buses will be deployed in this initial phase."

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## NCAA Urges Aviation Insurers To Align With Global Best Practices



Capt Najomo

The Director General of the Nigeria Civil Aviation Authority (NCAA), Captain Chris Najomo, has called on insurers covering aviation risks to strengthen compliance, build resilience, and align with global best practices.

He spoke at the Civil Aviation Insurance Compliance and Financing Summit held recently in Lagos.

Speaking on the summit's theme, "Securing the Skies: Navigating Aviation Insurance and Aircraft Finance Safeguards," Captain Najomo outlined several key challenges.

These include developing practical approaches for retaining essential

components of existing insurance contracts while transitioning to new frameworks, clarifying global expectations and best practices, ensuring technical compliance without breaching lease or loan covenants, harmonizing safety oversight with financial indemnity obligations, and providing operational guidance for reinsurance arrangements involving foreign insurers under the newly issued addendum.

In his keynote address, the Minister of Aviation and Aerospace Development, Festus Keyamo, SAN, stressed that airlines must demonstrate full compliance and transparency in their insurance programs.

He urged insurers to provide adequate capacity, competitive products, and internationally benchmarked risk management. He added that aircraft lessors and financiers must have confidence in Nigeria as a stable investment

environment, while regulators must ensure alignment, coordination, and proactive communication.

Participants at the summit also addressed a long-standing dilemma: airlines are expected to comply with Nigeria's local content policy by insuring with local firms, yet aircraft lessors insist on coverage from international insurers such as Lloyd's of London.

Delivering a presentation on the Addendum to Prudential Guidelines for Insurers and Reinsurers, Director of Inspectorate at the National Insurance Commission (NAICOM), Bankole Ajibola, highlighted issues affecting aircraft insurance.

These include a maximum retention limit of 5% of shareholders' funds per aviation risk, mandatory senior-level authorization for all aviation placements, adherence to global standards and financial strength ratings, local content compliance, and a 72-hour occurrence-based reporting requirement.

The Chief Operating Officer of United Nigeria Airlines, Mazi Osita Okonkwo, lamented the lack of capacity within the Nigerian insurance market to structure and underwrite high-risk aviation policies, particularly for large-body aircraft.

He warned that this limitation hinders the industry's growth. Okonkwo urged for market liberalization to foster competition, strengthen stakeholder confidence, and support the federal government's broader reform agenda.

He noted that similar reforms in the banking sector helped create globally competitive institutions—an outcome he believes the insurance industry also needs.

Summit participants agreed that aircraft safety is determined by maintenance standards rather than age, and called on regulators and the Ministry of Aviation to review the current 22-year age limit for aircraft used in commercial operations.

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# Launch of the Distribution of 500 Free Bicycles To Schools By (GRA) Empowerment Foundation Recently



# NTSA, Police Begin Motorist Crackdown Using Alcoblow

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The National Transport and Safety Authority (NTSA), in collaboration with the National Police Traffic Department, has launched a nationwide crackdown on drunk driving and traffic violations ahead of the festive season.

As reported by Citizen Digital, the renewed enforcement campaign will include the return of Alcoblow breathalyzer tests, increased speed monitoring using speed guns, and the reintroduction of mobile courts along major highways.

Traffic Commandant Dr. Frederick Ochieng added that police will intensify night patrols, noting that most fatal crashes occur after dark.

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hotline to be displayed on highways and public notice boards.

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October, more than 85 higher than last year.

Earlier in the month, NTSA announced that it would also be retesting drivers found to have contravened traffic rules.

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Morocco is preparing a major shift in how people move across its cities and regions. The government has committed USD 7.8 B to build a cleaner, more connected public transport system by 2029, marking one of the country's biggest mobility investments to date.

The announcement came during a COP30 side event in Belém, where Abdellatif Maâzouz, president of the Casablanca-Settat regional council, detailed the scale and structure of the national plan.

Officials said the goal is to push public transport to the center of

## Morocco Commits USD 7.8bn Plan To Green Its Public Transport By 2029

daily travel and cut reliance on private cars. The strategy puts heavy emphasis on cleaner technologies, modern infrastructure, and stronger coordination between regions.

A large share of the funding, roughly USD 1.1 B, will support the purchase of 3,750 new buses designed to meet modern efficiency and environmental standards. The rest, about USD 6.7 B, will go into long-term infrastructure, including new tram corridors, regional express trains, and expanded rail links that connect fast-growing cities.

The Ministry of Interior and regional councils describe the initiative as a "clean, multimodal system" intended to ease movement across Morocco while cutting transport emissions, one of the country's most persistent environmental challenges.

Casablanca-Settat has stepped in as the main driver of the transition. The region has committed USD 2.5 B, nearly 40% of its updated development plan, to modernizing mobility across both urban centers and rural zones.

Its model relies on a non-polluting train-tramway backbone, expanded with a fully modernized

bus network. A new digital multimodal platform will tie the system together, offering real-time passenger information, smarter traffic management, and simpler transfers between transport modes.

Officials say the platform could become one of the most advanced in Africa, designed to reduce congestion and make public transport more predictable for commuters.

Several parts of the country have already seen early changes. Road expansions in and around major cities have eased traffic pressure, and monitoring stations have recorded better air quality between 2023 and 2025. Local councils attribute these improvements to a steady shift toward shared transport, helped by more reliable services and better regional planning.

Speaking at COP30, Maâzouz stressed that Morocco's ecological transition is being driven by the country's advanced regionalization policy. Regions now design and execute their own mobility strategies while aligning with national climate targets.

He said this regional approach has accelerated the rollout of major projects, improved coordination between institutions, and encouraged innovation in both planning and service delivery.

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General News

# Nigerian Leader Launches 2026 Armed Forces Remembrance Emblem

**Culled:** Nigeria's President, Bola Ahmed Tinubu, has launched the 2026-Armed Forces Remembrance Day emblem appeal fund at the State House, Abuja.

President Tinubu commended the courage and dedication of troops confronting terrorism, insurgency, banditry, and other security threats across the country.

Speaking ahead of the Armed Forces Remembrance Day, commemorated annually on January 15, the President said a grateful nation must continue to "honour the fallen, support the wounded, and care for all who answer the call to serve."

He noted that Remembrance Day remained a solemn reminder of the cost of peace and the enduring importance of national unity, saying that the sacrifices of Nigeria's military heroes have significantly strengthened national stability.

"As a grateful nation, we must honour the fallen, support the wounded, and create and care for all who answer the call to serve the Armed Forces. Remember Remembrance Day, marked every 15 January, is a reminder of the cost of peace and the importance of unity



President Tinubu with the remembrance emblem

as we honour our heroes.

"Today, we also pay tribute to veterans and salute our serving troops who continue to confront terrorism, insurgency, and other security challenges. They are resilience, often in the face of great danger, remains a source of national pride.

President Tinubu further commended the Armed Forces for demonstrating exceptional courage across multiple theatres of

operation.

He noted that their relentless efforts have restored normalcy to several communities.

"Our armed forces have demonstrated exceptional courage across various theatres of operation. Their efforts have restored normalcy to many communities and strengthened national stability.

"And under my administration, we have

entrenched collaboration among security agencies and recorded significant gains; tens of thousands of insurgents have surrendered.

"Key terrorist leaders have been neutralised, and many captives have been freed in our maritime domain. Oil theft, piracy and illegal fishing have been contained; we have supported new platforms and advanced capabilities acquired for the Army, Navy and Air Force."

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# Summit Rallies Support For Nigeria's MSMES

**Culled:**

Nigeria's micro, small, and medium enterprises received fresh backing as policymakers, financiers, and industry leaders gathered to push a coordinated agenda for scaling local production.

At the Go Local Summit 2025, promoted by BusinessDay newspaper and Providus Bank, speakers warned that the country's ambition for a stronger naira and a more competitive economy would remain out of reach until MSMEs were given the tools, markets, and infrastructure needed to grow beyond survival mode.

The summit, themed Go Local: From Raw Potential to Market Power, brought together artisans, manufacturers, agro-processors, fashion houses, beauty entrepreneurs, textile producers, and food innovators.

It sought to shift the country from exporting raw potential to exporting finished excellence. With many MSMEs still battling low demand and poor access to finance, the gathering stressed that local consumption must deepen if domestic production is to mature into globally competitive industries.

In the keynote address titled 'The Naira Starts at Home: How Local Consumption Drives National Prosperity,' Dr Olubunmi Kole Dawodu, Lagos State Manager of the Small and Medium Enterprises Development Agency of Nigeria (SMEDAN), said the choices Nigerians make in the marketplace directly determine the strength of the currency.

He noted that consumer preference remained tilted toward foreign goods, leaving local producers with limited market access. He added that when Nigerians buy local, they "cast monetary votes" that fuel GDP growth, create jobs, and reduce pressure on the naira.

Dawodu argued that currency stability could not depend on central bank intervention alone.

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# US Mission Nigeria Unveils Social Media Skit Contest



US Mission Nigeria

**Culled:** The US Mission Nigeria has announced the launch of the "Made in America, Loved in Nigeria" Social Media Skit Contest, a nationwide digital competition aimed at showcasing how American products,

brands, and ideas positively shape everyday life across Nigeria.

The contest, which runs from December 1 to December 8, 2025, encourages young Nigerians to express their creativity through 90-second vertical skits demonstrating the impact of US innovations

in fields such as business, education, technology, creativity, and community development.

According to the Mission, the initiative is designed to "spotlight the positive impact of American products, brands, and ideas on communities across Nigeria," while also celebrating how these innovations enrich daily life, foster productivity, and drive progress.

Participants are required to post their original skits publicly on YouTube, Facebook, or Instagram, tagging @USinNigeria.

They are also encouraged to share the same content across Facebook, Instagram, X, or TikTok using the hashtags #MadeInAmericaLovedInNigeria and #TradeThatTransforms.

The contest is open to Nigerian

citizens aged 18 to 45 residing in the country. Entries must be entirely original, and participants are expected to complete an official entry form and upload a signed eligibility and release form.

All submissions will be pre-screened for compliance with contest rules and judged based on creativity, relevance to the theme, storytelling strength, technical quality, and audience engagement. The Mission said winners will be announced on December 12, 2025, via its social media platforms.

Top contestants will receive high-end creative tools, including a Sony A7 IV creative bundle, Sony A7 III, and an iPhone 16 with a handheld gimbal, as well as mentorship

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Economy grows

# Nigeria's Economic Growth Continues With PMI Rising To 56.4

**Culled:** Nigeria's economic growth continued its upward trajectory in November, with the Composite Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) rising to 56.4 points, according to the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN).

The report, released on Monday, highlighted that this marks the twelfth consecutive month of expansion in economic activity.

The industry sector also showed resilience, recording a PMI of 54.2 points. Of the 17 industrial subsectors surveyed, 10 reported growth, reflecting strengthened output levels and renewed stability across the

industrial value chain. The services sector extended its expansion streak to ten months, posting a PMI of 56.8 points, while agriculture continued to outperform, recording a PMI of 58.2 points for the sixteenth consecutive month. All five agricultural subsectors reported growth, underscoring the sector's pivotal role in sustaining national output amid rising demand for food and raw materials.

In addition, all 14 subsectors in the services sector recorded growth in business activity, signaling a broad-based recovery and strengthening performance in consumer-facing and

professional services. However, the CBN report noted varying price pressures across sectors. Agriculture recorded the widest gap between input and output prices at 7.2 index points, indicating rising costs for farmers, while the services sector experienced the narrowest gap at 2.7 index points, suggesting more stable pricing.

The economic expansion is further supported by data from the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS), which reported that Nigeria's gross domestic product (GDP) grew by 3.98 per cent year-on-year in real terms in the third quarter of 2025. The growth rate

exceeds the 3.86 per cent recorded in Q3 2024.

"Gross Domestic Product (GDP) grew by 3.98% (year-on-year) in real terms in the third quarter of 2025. This growth rate is higher than the 3.86% recorded in the third quarter of 2024. During the quarter under review, agriculture grew by 3.79%, an improvement from the 2.55% recorded in the corresponding quarter of 2024," the NBS stated.

The bureau added that the industry sector grew by 3.77 per cent, up from 2.78 per cent in Q3 2024, while the services sector recorded growth of 4.15 per cent compared with 4.97 per cent in the same period last year.

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## Gombe, EU Launch Solar-Powered Health Project

Gombe State has launched the European Union-funded Nigeria Solar for Health Project, NISHP, a major initiative expected to drastically improve healthcare delivery by providing stable, clean and cost-effective electricity to primary healthcare facilities across the state.

The launch brought together senior government officials, EU representatives, development partners and traditional rulers.

Representing Governor Muhammadu Inuwa Yahaya, Deputy Governor, Dr. Manassah Daniel Jatau hailed the project as a timely intervention that will eliminate power outages in health facilities, reduce operating costs and strengthen service deliver, especially in rural and underserved communities.

Dr. Jatau highlighted the project's alignment with ongoing health sector reforms in Gombe State, noting key achievements since 2019. These

include increasing health spending from 3.5% to 15%, meeting the Abuja Declaration benchmark, and establishing the Gombe State Contributory Health Agency, which now covers more than 300,000 residents.

He said: "We have strengthened the Drug Management Agency to ensure an uninterrupted supply of essential medicines and revitalized 103 primary healthcare centres (PHCs) and 66

clinics under the World Bank IMPACT project, providing solar power, clean water, upgraded equipment, and staff accommodation. We have also ensured 228 PHCs, with at least two facilities in each of the state's 114 political wards."

He also noted the growing national and global recognition of Gombe State, including its recent presentation on family planning successes at an international forum in Colombia.

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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.
3. Africa Safe School Volunteer Project (ASSVP) - A social responsibility project that members of DSSAA will get directly involved in their various countries which includes volunteering to control traffic and help Children cross the Road during school hours in schools, funding installation of STOP Road signs and marking of zebra crossings at school Intersections, as well as carrying out the training of children on Road Safety practices in schools.
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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DSSAA aims to bring all the critical stakeholders together to build the capacity of Driving School operators and support Road Safety through advocacy, public education, lobbying, fund raising, training and certification.

We are the promoters of various Road Transport Safety initiatives and programmes among which are the African Institute of Driving Instructors and Road Safety professionals (ADRIP), Africa Road Transport Safety Exhibition (ARTSS EXPO), Africa Safe school volunteer project (ASSVP) and the Africa Road Safety Partnership and Research board (ARSPARB) domiciled in our Overseas Office in Bournemouth United Kingdom.

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