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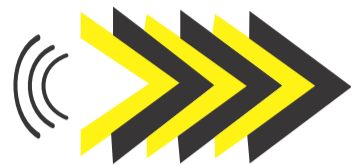
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According to the NCAA, the incident, along with other complaints relating to delayed refunds, compensation and provision of basic passenger care, has prompted the activation of its Consumer Protection Department.

The regulator stated that it would not tolerate any situation where paying passengers are abandoned by airline operators.

While reaffirming its continued support for domestic airlines, the NCAA stressed that all operators must adhere strictly to established aviation

standards and passenger protection regulations.

The Authority added that a full investigation into the reported disruptions would be conducted and appropriate regulatory action taken where necessary.

The NCAA reiterated that, as the sole regulatory agency for civil aviation in Nigeria, it remains committed to protecting the rights and interests of all stakeholders in the aviation sector.

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Sani Targets Completion Of Over 140 Roads Across Kaduna

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The Kaduna State Government on Saturday said more than 140 road projects currently underway across the state will be completed as part of ongoing efforts to improve infrastructure, ease movement, and boost economic activities.

This was disclosed in a statement made available to journalists in Abuja by the Managing Director of the Kaduna Roads Agency, Dr Abdullahi Baba-Ahmed.

The disclosure came as the agency unveiled its second documentary, themed “Roads of Legacy: Governor Uba Sani Reconnects Kaduna.”

The documentary showcases ongoing and completed road infrastructure across various parts of the state executed under Governor Sani's administration.

“Today, these roads tell a powerful story across Kaduna State—projects started, completed and delivered under one administration, leaving behind a legacy of connectivity, growth and visible

development.

“More than 140 road projects spanning about 1,335 kilometres are currently ongoing across Kaduna State, with about 60 per cent already completed,” the statement read.

The agency had earlier, in its maiden documentary released in December 2025, captured about 700 kilometres of road projects delivered across different communities.

Baba-Ahmed stated that under the leadership of Governor Sani, strategic road corridors across the state have been initiated and delivered to reconnect communities and support economic growth.

He said, “From Zaria to Kaduna North and into Southern Kaduna, strategic road corridors have been conceived, initiated, executed and completed under the leadership of Governor Uba Sani.

“These roads are now easing movement, strengthening local commerce and reconnecting communities that once faced difficult access.”

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The proposed collaboration is aimed at enhancing maritime education, professional training, and human capacity development across West and Central Africa.

In a statement by head of Public Affairs Domo Umoekpe, under the proposed partnership, both institutions would establish a lecturer exchange programme; Maritime Education and Training (MET) resource sharing; peer review of MET Curricula in areas of expertise; promotion of courses offered by both institutions on each partners' communication platforms including their Websites; Training of Liberian Youths at the Academy; Placement of MAN Cadets Onboard Liberian flagged Vessels for



Maritime sector

Sea-time Training and Training of Liberian Port State Control Officers at the Academy in collaboration with the Abuja MoU on Port State Control.

The Chairman, Governing Council of the Maritime Academy of Nigeria, Engr. Kehinde Olayinka Akinola, said the visit was part of the ongoing efforts of the Federal Government of Nigeria to strengthening regional maritime

cooperation, institutional capacity, enhance global best practices, and position Nigeria as a hub of maritime operations in the sub-region.

He said, “This visit majorly underscores the Federal Government of Nigeria's commitment to advancing maritime education and international best practices in line with the Renewed Hope Agenda for the Marine and Blue

Economy sector. The proposed agreement will strengthen sub-regional cooperation and fast-track collective growth within the blue economy sector.”

He further noted with satisfaction LiMA's well-structured maritime administration system, strong adherence to global maritime conventions, and commitment to competitiveness within the international maritime community.

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The unit commander, Yusuf Sanni, made the appeal in an interview with journalists on Saturday in Badagry.

He emphasised that road safety is a collective responsibility, calling for all hands to be on deck to ensure safety on Nigerian roads.

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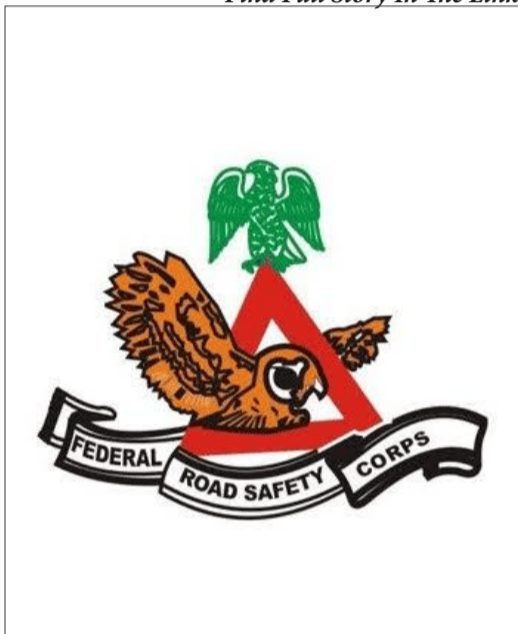
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KekeRida provides riders with features such as real-time driver tracking, ride-booking services, driver ratings and efficient trip management, aimed at improving convenience and transparency within the informal transport sector. With the slogan "Move Like a Boss," the platform seeks to introduce a smarter and more organised approach to everyday mobility.

The application was developed by Lexis Development Company Ltd, a technology firm known for building

scalable web and mobile solutions for businesses.

Speaking on the development, representatives of the company described the partnership as a major step toward improving mobility through innovation.

"The launch of KekeRida reflects our commitment to using technology to simplify transportation and empower communities with reliable mobility solutions," a representative involved in the project said.

Industry observers say the collaboration between Buvic Group and Lexis Development highlights the increasing role of digital platforms in transforming local transportation systems and improving access to efficient services.

The launch of KekeRida is expected to enhance digital mobility solutions while creating opportunities for tricycle operators and commuters seeking safer and more organised transportation options.

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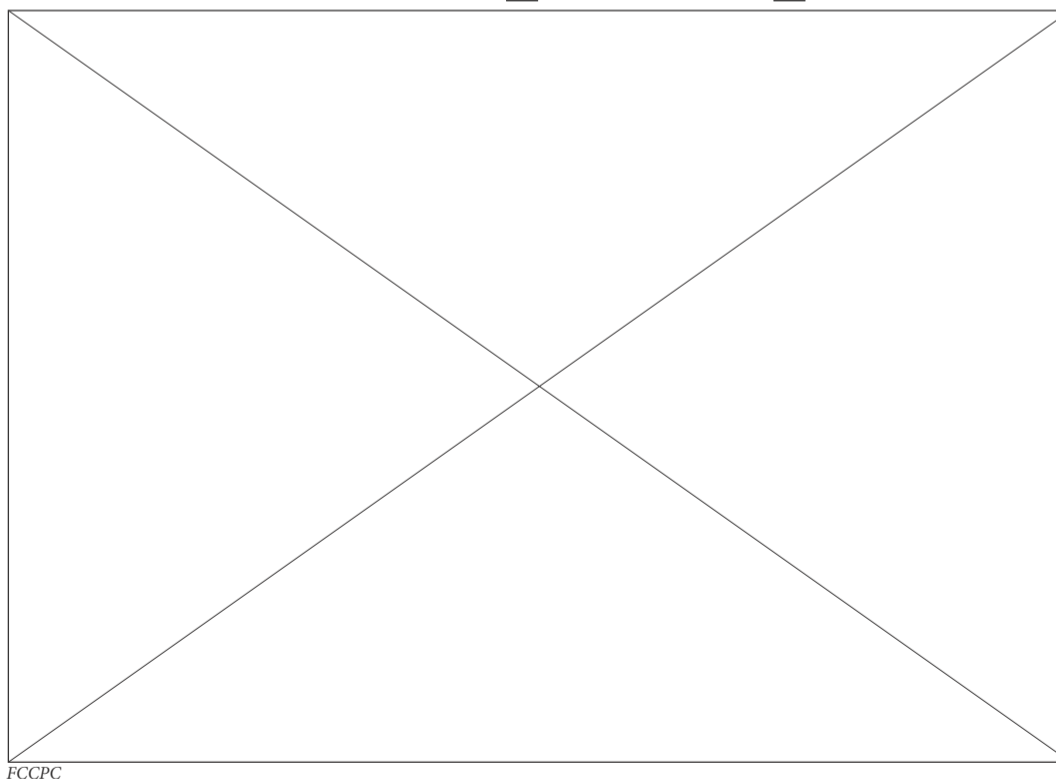
Four passengers have lost their lives while four others sustained serious injuries following a tragic road crash along the Lekki-Epe Expressway over the weekend.

The accident, confirmed by the Lagos State Traffic Management Authority (LASTMA), occurred opposite Beechwood in the Shapati area inward Ajah.

According to the agency, the fatal collision involved a HOWO articulated truck with registration number KNN 313 YL and a fully loaded Suzuki commercial mini bus popularly known as a "Korope".

Preliminary investigations revealed that the truck driver lost control of the vehicle while in motion. The truck reportedly veered across the carriageway and rammed into the oncoming commercial bus carrying passengers along the busy highway.

The impact of the crash led to the immediate death of four male passengers in the bus, while four other occupants — two men and two women — sustained severe fracture injuries after becoming



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trapped inside the mangled vehicle.

Officials of the Lagos State Traffic Management Authority quickly mobilised to the scene and carried out a rescue operation. With support from other emergency responders and passersby, the officials successfully extricated the trapped victims from the wreckage of the commercial bus.

The injured passengers were subsequently rushed to Hamon Royal

Hospital for urgent medical attention.

Meanwhile, the bodies of the deceased were evacuated and deposited at the Shency Hospital morgue with the assistance of an ambulance belonging to the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC).

Security operatives from the Nigeria Police Force attached to the Elemoro Police Division also cordoned off the accident scene to ensure orderliness and protect both rescue personnel and other

road users during the emergency response.

Authorities said the driver of the truck and his motorboy fled the scene shortly after the crash.

Police have since assured that a thorough investigation will be conducted to determine the circumstances that led to the tragic collision.

Reacting to the incident, the General Manager of LASTMA, Olalekan Bakare-Oki, expressed deep sorrow over the loss of lives and extended condolences to the families of the deceased.

Bakare-Oki also prayed for the quick recovery of the injured victims currently receiving treatment.

He commended the collaborative efforts of emergency responders whose swift intervention helped rescue the trapped passengers.

The LASTMA boss further urged motorists, particularly drivers of articulated vehicles, to exercise caution on the roads and strictly adhere to traffic safety regulations to prevent avoidable accidents across the state.

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Tinubu Relocates NSIB From Aviation Ministry To Presidency

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President Bola Ahmed Tinubu has approved the repositioning of the Nigerian Safety Investigation Bureau (NSIB) to report directly to the Presidency.

This effectively removes the bureau from the Ministry of Aviation and Aerospace Development to the Presidency.

The presidential approval, conveyed through a State House correspondence dated March 5, 2026, and transmitted to the Ministry of Aviation and Aerospace Development on March 11 for immediate implementation, also directs the Office of the Attorney-General of the Federation to amend the NSIB Establishment Act 2022 and forward the proposed changes to the National Assembly.

The move effectively removes the Bureau from the supervision of the aviation ministry and places it within a governance structure closer to the centre of national policy oversight.

Weekend Trust reports that the NSIB was created under the NSIB Establishment Act 2022, replacing the former Accident

Investigation Bureau (AIB), which previously handled only aviation accident investigations.

Following the establishment of the NSIB, the bureau's investigation role was expanded to include probing into accidents and incidents in all modes of transportation.

With the NSIB taking shape as a multimodal accident investigation, there has been clamour to move the bureau from the Ministry of Aviation since its role now transcends the aviation industry.

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Nigeria's infrastructure renewal programme has gained momentum in Ebonyi State as the Federal Government intensifies work on major highway and bridge projects aimed at improving transportation across the Southeast.

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FG Partners Admiralty Maritime To Reduce Cargo Costs

Sugra Tabi'a Mahmood, disclosed the initiative during a courtesy visit by the Chief Executive Officer of Admiralty Maritime Services Limited, Rear Admiral Muhsin Abba (Rtd), in Abuja at the weekend.

Mahmood explained that the ministry is prioritising policies that will accelerate the use of Nigeria's extensive inland waterway network to support trade, ease pressure on road infrastructure, and reduce the cost of transporting goods nationwide.

She said, "Since assuming office ten weeks ago, my priority has been how to fast-track the transition of freight from road to water.

"Data confirms that water transportation is significantly more affordable than road or rail. By shifting a substantial portion of cargo to our waterways, we will directly reduce the market price of goods and services, making the Nigerian economy more competitive."

She noted that the policy direction aligns with the broader maritime

sector reform agenda being driven by the Minister of Marine and Blue Economy, Adegboyega Oyetola, under the administration of President Bola Tinubu.

According to the Permanent Secretary, the government's long-term goal is to position Nigeria as a major maritime and blue economy hub by unlocking the commercial potential of its vast coastal and inland water resources.

Mahmood also highlighted the country's recent maritime security gains, noting that Nigeria has maintained piracy-free territorial waters for three consecutive years. However, she emphasised that sustained progress in the sector would depend on deeper collaboration with regional and international partners.

She said strengthening maritime safety across the Gulf of Guinea remains critical to protecting shipping routes and supporting the expansion of maritime trade.

Earlier, the Chief Executive Officer of Admiralty Maritime Services Limited,

Rear Admiral Muhsin Abba (Rtd), expressed the company's readiness to support the ministry's efforts to develop Nigeria's blue economy.

Admiralty Maritime Services is a subsidiary of Navy Holdings Limited.

Abba identified key operational challenges affecting the efficiency of Nigeria's maritime gateways, particularly in the ports of Lagos, Warri, Calabar, and Port Harcourt.

He noted that the presence of underwater wrecks and insufficient dredging remain major constraints to safe navigation and increased vessel traffic.

"Addressing these obstructions will improve navigational safety, increase vessel traffic, and streamline the coastal transportation of petroleum products and other essential cargoes," he said.

Abba added that the company is committed to aligning with government policies aimed at unlocking the full economic potential of Nigeria's maritime and inland waterway transportation system.

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FG partners Admiralty maritime

The federal government has initiated discussions to partner with Admiralty Maritime Services Limited as part of a broader strategy to expand cargo and passenger movement through inland and coastal waterways.

The move aims to reduce the country's high logistics and transportation costs.

The collaboration is part of the Ministry of Marine and Blue Economy's policy drive to shift a significant portion of freight traffic from roads to waterways, which government officials say is substantially cheaper and more efficient.

Permanent Secretary of the ministry, Fatima



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The General Manager of the Lagos State Traffic Management Authority (LASTMA), Mr. Bakare Oki, has called on operators of seven-passenger buses, popularly known as Korope, who are still operating illegally along the Lekki-Epe corridor, to desist from protesting the ban on their operations.

He emphasised that such protests disrupt the free flow of traffic and inflict unnecessary hardship on commuters and road users. Oki insisted that the ban on 'Korope' buses along the Lekki-Epe Expressway is permanent and irreversible.

In an exclusive interview with P.M.NEWS during the week, Oki explained that the Lagos State Government, through the Ministry of Transportation, was



Bakare-Oki

implementing the Bus Reform Initiative (BRI) as part of a long-term plan to modernize transportation.

The initiative aims to replace informal, unregulated transport systems such as

'Korope' and other rickety vehicles with well-organized, high-capacity buses that prioritize safety, comfort, and efficiency. He stressed that the reform is not about witch-hunting drivers, as

speculated in some quarters, but rather as a permanent, data-driven effort to restructure public transportation along the Lekki-Epe corridor. Oki clarified that 'Korope' operators are not banned

from operating in Lagos State entirely but are restricted to inner and feeder routes for safety reasons. He added that this restriction aligns with the Lagos State Government's vision of transforming transportation to meet the standards of a mega city and reinforce Lagos' status as the Centre of Excellence.

He further noted that the Special Adviser to the Governor on Transportation, Mr. Sola Giwa has held consultations with transport unions, operators, and stakeholders along the Lekki-Epe corridor.

According to Oki, all parties consented to the Bus Reform Initiative and its implementation. Therefore, he maintained that the protests by Korope drivers cannot derail the government's laudable efforts to reform and restructure transportation along the corridor, as stakeholders have already been fully informed and sensitised about the project.

Oki also directed all drivers operating fourteen- and eighteen-passenger buses along the Lekki-Epe axis to refurbish and repaint their vehicles in the approved blue-and-white colors.

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Firm Unveils New Road Safety Feature To Enhance Rider Safety



Glovo Nigeria

Glovo, a leading multicategory technology company, in collaboration with the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), has officially launched a new safety feature on the riders' app and organised a Road Safety Training in Lagos (with the training coming to Abuja on Friday), marking a major step in strengthening rider protection and road safety standards across Nigeria.

The new initiative is designed to address key challenges in Nigeria's fast-growing e-commerce and mobility ecosystem by implementing data-driven preventive measures to enhance road safety.

According to the Interim General Manager,

Reni Onafeko, the launch reflects the company's long-term investment in safety, innovation, and responsible business growth in Nigeria. Onafeko explained that the feature combines advanced technology with structured training to ensure safer roads for riders and the broader public.

She highlighted the feature's voluntary opt-in nature, explaining that riders can use it to improve their safety.

"The launch of this new feature reflects our commitment to building a culture of prevention rather than reaction. By equipping riders with real-time data about their riding behaviour, we are empowering them to make safer decisions every day. This initiative is about protection, education, and continuous improvement. Our approach combines innovation, partnership, and human-centred design. We are not just introducing a feature; we are reinforcing our responsibility to

protect the people who power our platform every day.

By working closely with regulators and organising safety training for riders, we are contributing to safer roads and a more sustainable ecosystem in Nigeria," she added.

In his remarks, Senior Special Assistant to the Lagos State Governor on Transportation Education and Innovation, Oluwatobi Idowu, noted that the training was a good initiative by Glovo Nigeria, urging riders to take advantage of the unique opportunity to familiarise themselves with the necessary safety rules while driving.

Speaking at the event, the Assistant Corps Commander, Lagos Sector Command, Federal Road Safety Corps, Philip Ogah, who represented the Lagos State Sector Commander, Corps Commander Kehinde G. Hamzat, commended Glovo Nigeria for facilitating a refresher course for riders.

Ogah noted that the training was

necessary to help riders be really conscious about their safety, stating that it was better for them to be equipped with such interactive safety tools.

"There are levels of preparation before driving on the road. As a rider, learning is key and a continuous process. This kind of training makes you more informed as you drive. As a technological platform, it is good to see that Glovo keeps on ensuring that riders are trained to have a better usage of and better behaviour on Nigerian roads," he said.

Also speaking, the Head of Operations at Glovo Nigeria, Oluwaseun Okugboye-Bello, explained that the introduction of the safety feature on the Glovo app has become an essential new addition for riders' self-improvement while collaborating with the platform.

According to Okugboye-Bello, the safety feature was incorporated into the Glovo app to protect riders, commuters, and pedestrians.

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Singapore Airlines Expands Taipei Route With Four Additional Weekly Flights

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Singapore Airlines is adding four supplementary flights to Taipei per week until May to meet increased tourist and business travel demand, the carrier said on Friday.

The addition would raise the number of weekly flights it operates to Taipei to 18, Singapore Airlines Taiwan general manager Timothy Ouyang (歐陽漢源) said.

The airline has recorded a steady rise in tourist and business travel to and from Taipei, and aims to provide more flexible travel arrangements for passengers, said Ouyang, who assumed the post in July last year.

From now until Saturday next week, four additional flights would depart from Singapore on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday at 10:45am, with the return flight taking off from Taipei at 4:40pm on the same day.



From March 29 to May 31, the flights from Singapore would depart at 10am, while flights from Taipei would leave at 4:10pm.

As of January, the

airline's passenger (李錫榮) said.

The airline has also increased the number of weekly flights to Singapore Airline North Colombo, Sri Lanka, to Asia regional vice

president Lee Sek Eng

operating season from March 29 to Oct. 24, the airline would deploy its A380 aircraft on daily flights to Dubai, United Arab Emirates, and add more flights to Bangkok;

Barcelona, Spain; Cairns, Australia; Surabaya, Indonesia; and Yangon, Myanmar, subject to regulatory approval.

“We will adjust our network and capacity according to demand,” Lee said.

In addition to an updated entertainment system and other new in-flight offerings, the airline said it plans to progressively introduce high-speed low Earth orbit satellite connectivity for enhanced Wi-Fi across its long-haul fleet.

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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. [Find Full Story In The Link](#)

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General News

FG Partners ILO To Improve Labour Governance In Nigeria

Culled:

The Federal Government of Nigeria and the International Labour Organisation have reaffirmed their commitment to deepening collaboration to promote decent work, social justice, and effective labour governance in the country.

Permanent Secretary of the Federal Ministry of Labour and Employment, Mr Salihu Usman, made the announcement during a coordination meeting between the Ministry and the ILO held in Abuja.

This was contained in a statement issued on Sunday by the ministry's Head of Press and Public Relations, Annah Daniel.

ILO is a specialised United Nations agency founded in 1919, dedicated to promoting social justice and internationally recognised human and labour rights.

Usman said the long-standing partnership with the ILO has supported Nigeria's efforts to advance decent work, improve occupational safety and health, promote social dialogue, strengthen labour administration, and enhance the application of international labour standards.

“Joint initiatives between the



Ministry of Labour and ILO

ministry and the ILO have consistently produced positive outcomes in addressing labour-related issues in the country,” Usman said.

He acknowledged that coordination meetings had not been convened for some time due to administrative challenges, but said the ministry deliberately resumed them in recognition of their strategic importance.

Usman highlighted key

challenges facing Nigeria's labour sector, including rising youth unemployment, skill shortages, the growth of the informal economy, labour migration management, workplace safety concerns, the need to strengthen social protection systems, and child labour.

Addressing these challenges requires strong institutions, coherent policies, and effective technical collaboration with

development partners such as the ILO,” he said.

The permanent secretary added that the meetings would help professional departments within the ministry align their work with the ILO's country programme priorities, reduce duplication of efforts, improve information sharing, and develop practical roadmaps with clearly defined responsibilities and timelines.

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Nigeria's Plastic Recycling Sector Valued At \$10bn

Culled:

Nigeria's plastic recycling sector represents an estimated \$10 billion market, highlighting the scale of opportunity within the country's broader waste-to-value economy, according to the Green Cities Infrastructure and Energy Programme (GCIEP).

This opportunity was the focus of stakeholders from across Lagos' waste- to-value ecosystem gathered to discuss the sector's opportunities and the practical steps needed to unlock them through stronger collaboration.

The waste-to-value study was commissioned by the UK Department for Business and Trade and delivered under GCIEP. It involved extensive engagement with stakeholders in Nigeria and the UK to assess key market opportunities, gauge international investor interest, and identify the main barriers to investment in the sector.

Oluwatosin Adenuga, Energy and Technology Trade Adviser at the UK Department for Business and Trade, opened the session by noting that the waste-to-value study builds on the significant work already underway in Lagos to strengthen waste management systems and attract private investment.

He said that the UK supported the initiative to help address practical barriers preventing viable projects from reaching financial close.

In his words, “Nigeria's waste challenge is often described as overwhelming.” But from an investment perspective, demand is large, waste supply can be guaranteed, and pressure for better outcomes is growing.

Those are the conditions investors look for if the enabling environment is right. Today is about shaping that enabling environment together.” He concluded by emphasising that the session was about sharing evidence, strengthening partnerships, and enabling Lagos-led action.

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We Have Returned 60,300 Migrants To Nigeria, Says IOM



International Organization for Migration (IOM)

Culled:

The International Organisation for Migration (IOM) said it has assisted over 60,300 migrants to return to Nigeria in the past 19 years.

It said 9,000 of the migrants' hail from Edo State.

The IOM said 8,000 out of the 9,000 migrants returned to Edo State have received reintegration support to rebuild their lives and livelihoods.

Chief of Mission, IOM Nigeria, Sharon Dimanche, who spoke while addressing journalists in Benin City, said

Lagos and Kano topped the chart of irregular migration returnees.

The IOM Chief of Mission noted that as of 2017, Edo was topping the list of irregular migration returnees, but increased awareness campaigns in the dangers of irregular migration made it drop to number 3 on the chart.

Dimanche said she was impressed with the seriousness with which the Edo State Government is addressing issues of migration and the well-being of the people.

She stated that IOM has assisted over 1,100 victims of trafficking, while 5,000 others received psychosocial support to help them recover from trauma.

The IOM Chief said the organisation's work in Nigeria

involves saving lives when people are in crisis, helping people rebuild their lives, stabilizing communities, and creating safer and regular migration pathways.

Dimanche stated that migration, when managed well, could bring enormous benefits to countries and communities.

She, however, lamented that low funding was hindering IOM's progress even as she called for sustained support from partners and donors.

According to her, “Edo was number one in the returnees' record, but as we speak, the state has dropped to number 3. This can be attributed to the increase in awareness campaigns by IOM and its partners.

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Niger Delta Power Holding Company (NDPHC)

Togo Seeks Increased Electricity Imports From Nigeria

Culled:

Togo has expressed interest in increasing electricity imports from Nigeria through the Niger Delta Power Holding Company (NDPHC) to meet rising domestic demand.

The Managing Director of Niger Delta Power Holding Company, Jennifer Adighije, disclosed this in a statement on Sunday following talks with Togo's national electricity utility.

The visiting delegation from Compagnie Energie Electrique du Togo was led by its Director-General, Débo-K'mba Barandao, to strengthen existing power supply cooperation.

Barandao said C.E.E.T currently

purchases about 75 megawatt-hours of electricity from NDPHC under a bilateral power supply arrangement.

"The imported electricity has played a significant role in sustaining a stable power supply and economic activities across Togo," he said.

According to him, Nigerian electricity imports help maintain reliable, affordable power for households, businesses, and public institutions across the country.

He commended NDPHC's consistency, noting that the partnership has improved reliability within Togo's national grid and strengthened regional energy

cooperation.

Barandao said electricity demand in Togo had surged due to new consumers, especially in industrial and commercial sectors, alongside government efforts to expand national access.

"In view of this development, C.E.E.T is strongly interested in increasing the volume of electricity it off-takes from NDPHC," he said.

He added that additional supply would support power expansion plans and ensure stable electricity for newly connected consumers nationwide.

Responding, Adighije reaffirmed NDPHC's readiness to deepen

cooperation and sustain electricity exports to neighbouring countries in WestAfrica.

She said the company operates multiple plants under the National Integrated Power Project, with the capacity to support increased regional electricity supply.

According to her, the partnership aligns with wider regional efforts under the Economic Community of West African States to strengthen electricity trade among member states.

Adighije stressed that expanding electricity exports would require bankable, sustainable commercial arrangements between the parties.

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Nigerians Urged To Support Women Empowerment Efforts

Nigerians, as well as global partners, have been urged to support national rebuilding efforts through expertise, skills, strength, and financial contributions to empower women, children, and vulnerable populations across the country.

The Chair of the Board of Directors of Women Radio, Toun Okewale-Sonaiya, made the call while speaking at the second edition of Nigerian Women's Day during the

70th Commission on the Status of Women (CSW70) in New York.

Framing the dialogue around 31 years of progress, resilience, impact, and renewed hope for Nigerian women, she acknowledged the negative perceptions about the country but stressed that transformative change must come from Nigerians and friends of Nigeria. "There are many negatives about Nigeria at home and abroad. But no

one will make a change in Nigeria except for Nigerians and friends of Nigeria."

Describing national transformation as a collective responsibility, Sonaiya emphasized that every individual contribution represents a piece of a broader national effort.

"Your positive contribution is like a piece of a jigsaw. Bit by bit we will build a bigger positive Nigeria."

She highlighted the Renewed Hope

Social Impact Interventions and the nine-point "WomanAgenda" developed by the Federal Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development, aimed at empowering 50 million Nigerians, particularly disadvantaged women across the country's 774 local government areas.

Nigeria Showcases Women Empowerment Framework at Cairo Conference.

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DRIVING SCHOOLS AND SAFETY ALLIANCE AFRICA - DSSAA

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