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SGF Urges FRSC To Intensify Reforms, Curb Road Crashes

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The Secretary to the Government of the Federation (SGF), George Akume, has tasked the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) to implement far-reaching reforms aimed at reducing road crashes and improving traffic management across the country.

Akume made the call during the opening of the FRSC 2026 first-quarter Corps Marshal strategic session with senior officers in Abuja. Represented by the Director of Legal and General Services in the Office of the SGF, Mrs Kamil Kide, he said the government was concerned about the increasingly complex operating environment, driven by rising vehicular density and changing road user behaviour.

He urged the Corps to strengthen enforcement mechanisms, improve emergency response systems, and invest in the continuous training of personnel to ensure professionalism, discipline, and efficient service delivery. The SGF also emphasised the need for

the adoption of technology-driven solutions, including enhanced data analytics and intelligence-led enforcement, to boost transparency and operational effectiveness.

Akume reiterated the support of President Bola Tinubu for initiatives aimed at repositioning the Corps for optimal performance, adding that the Office of the SGF would continue to provide the necessary policy backing and coordination.

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Akume

Police Restate Commitment To Safety On Nigeria’s Waterways

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The Nigeria Police Force has reaffirmed its commitment to enhancing safety and security across the nation's waterways, stressing the need for stronger collaboration, technology deployment, and public compliance with safety regulations.

Speaking at the Annual Conference of the Association of Maritime Journalists of Nigeria (AMJON), a representative of the Assistant Inspector-General of Police, Maritime Police Command, DCP Udu Moses Ogechi said Nigeria's waterways remain critical to economic activities but are increasingly challenged by security threats and safety concerns.

He described rivers, creeks, lagoons, and coastal corridors as vital national assets that support commerce, transportation, and livelihoods, noting that their protection is essential for economic stability.

According to him, the Maritime Police Command has intensified collaboration

with key agencies, including the Nigerian Navy and the National Inland Waterways Authority (NIWA), to tackle crimes such as kidnapping, piracy, armed robbery, and illegal trafficking.

He disclosed that the partnership with the Nigerian Navy has strengthened intelligence-driven operations and improved the capacity of Marine Police personnel through specialized training.

The police also highlighted recent investments by the Federal Government aimed at boosting maritime security. Among these is the deployment of 31 gunboats equipped with modern navigation and communication systems to enhance patrol and rapid response capabilities.

In addition, the activation of the Lagos CCTV Surveillance Centre in January 2026 was cited as a major milestone. The facility enables real-time monitoring of critical infrastructure, including waterways around the Third Mainland Bridge, thereby improving crime detection and prevention.

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In a decisive move to reshape urban mobility, the Lagos Metropolitan Area Transport Authority (LAMATA) convened a high-level stakeholders' workshop to update its Strategic Transport and Mobility Master Plan (STMMP), setting a clear roadmap for Lagos' transportation needs through 2050.

The workshop, funded by the French Development Agency (AFD), brought together key figures from the transport and economic sectors. Among them were the Lagos State Commissioner for Transportation, Mr. Oluwaseun Osiyemi, Special Adviser on Blue Economy, Mr. Oluwadamilola Emmanuel, the Managing Director, Lagos Metropolitan Area Transport Authority (LAMATA), Engr. Mrs. Abimbola Akinajo, the General Manager, Lagos State Parking Authority (LASPA), Mrs. Adebisi Adelabu and representatives from multiple ministries, the Nigerian Railway Corporation, and the Ogun State Ministry of Transportation.



Delivering the keynote address, Osiyemi announced a major policy shift, stressing that expanding road infrastructure alone can no longer solve Lagos' congestion challenges. He emphasized that mass transit will now anchor the state's strategy, with a focus on expanding rail systems, strengthening Bus Rapid Transit (BRT), and developing structured ferry

services into a fully integrated, multimodal network.

He also outlined plans to modernize public bus fleets with cleaner energy and improve last-mile connectivity, aiming to create a more accessible, efficient, and pedestrian-friendly city.

On her part, Engr. Akinajo underscored the urgency of the updated master plan, citing projections that Lagos' population

could reach 45 million by 2050. With more than 20 million daily trips already recorded, she described the need for a resilient and forward-looking transport strategy as critical.

She revealed that the planning process has reached an advanced stage, with extensive multimodal surveys completed and a new travel demand model developed.

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FRSC Urges Motorists To Ensure Vehicle Safety, Reduce Speed

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The Federal Road Safety Corps in Anambra State has advised motorists to ensure their vehicles are roadworthy before travelling, citing heightened risks during the rainy season. Sector Commander, Corps Commander Bridget Asekhauno, gave the warning in a chat with reporters, noting that the intensifying rains across parts of the country have made driving conditions more hazardous. She explained that roads become increasingly slippery during rainfall, making cautious driving essential. Asekhauno expressed concern over the continued use of worn-out tyres by some drivers, warning that such tyres lose adequate grip on the road. According to her, worn tyres reduce effective contact with the road surface, increasing the likelihood of vehicles skidding or veering off when brakes are applied. She also stressed the need for

motorists to reduce speed during rainfall, noting that although the recommended speed limit remains 100 kilometres per hour, drivers must slow down significantly when roads are wet. The sector commander further highlighted the importance of functional windscreen wipers, urging motorists to ensure both wipers and water reservoirs are in proper working condition to maintain clear visibility. “Drivers must carry out routine vehicle checks before driving.

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Asekhauno

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for shipping lines, following extensive stakeholders' consultations. He explained that although the increase was previously suspended, it remains the maximum allowable adjustment and will be implemented gradually, subject to further engagement between shipping companies and their customers. Akutah emphasised that the review became necessary after more than two years without any tariff adjustments, despite rising operational costs across the industry. While acknowledging concerns from some stakeholders that the 30 percent cap fell below current inflation levels, he maintained that the decision reflects a careful balance between industry sustainability and the broader economic interest. He disclosed that the Council is developing an automated tariff system designed to align future pricing adjustments with prevailing economic indicators such as inflation and exchange rate fluctuations. According to him, the initiative will promote greater

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Taiwo Oyedele

projects, to be sponsored by the Ministry of Finance Incorporated on behalf of the Federal Government with counterpart funding, will collectively cost \$2.99 billion. “These three cities are very important and critical. All cities are important, but this is where you have your 10 per cent effort yielding 90 per cent results,” Oyedele explained. The Lagos Green Line is arguably one of

the most anticipated components of the Lagos metropolitan rail network. It is designed to run from Marina in the heart of Lagos Island to Lekki and beyond, serving the densely populated Lagos Island and Lekki corridor that is home to some of the highest concentrations of commercial and residential activity in sub-Saharan Africa. The Kano Metro City Rail and the

Kaduna Light Rail are situated in two of the most economically significant cities in the north. On the power sector, the Minister of Information and National Orientation, Mohammed Idris, announced that the council reached a set of “far-reaching decisions” arising from a comprehensive review conducted by a committee chaired by the Chief of Staff to the President. The committee had been constituted on March 4 to establish and operationalise the Grid Asset Management Company. Idris explained, “That committee undertook a very comprehensive review of the commercial, investment and institutional framework underpinning GAMCO. “Based on the report submitted to Council today, arising from that report, I am happy to announce that Council today took very far-reaching decisions,” Idris said. The first was the appointment of Mr Rilwan Babalola as Special Adviser to the President on Power.

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Firm Gets NUPRC Support To Raise Crude Oil Output To 30,000 b/d

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The Nigerian Upstream Petroleum Regulatory Commission (NUPRC) has vowed to deepen its support for indigenous petroleum producers in order to increase the country's overall output to 7,000bpd by June this year and 30,000 bpd by 2030.

The Commission Chief Executive, NUPRC, Mrs. Oritsemeyiwa Eyesan, said this when the Chairman of Ingentia Energies, Engineer Valentine Ugbeide, visited the corporate headquarters of the Commission, Abuja.

Ingentia Energies was the first company to convert a Petroleum Prospecting Licence (PPL) to a Petroleum Mining Lease (PML) under the 2020 Marginal Field Licensing Round.

Commending the company on its journey so far, Eyesan called on its management not to slow down.

“My biggest objective is to resolve challenges and enable indigenous operators to unleash their potential,” she stated, adding, “I am committed and

you can continue to count on our support.”

In his remarks, the Ingentia Energies chairman said the company was planning to increase its production capacity to 7,000bpd by June this year and 30,000 bpd by 2030.

“The target by 2030 is to be somewhere in the neighbourhood of 30,000bpd,” the chairman added.

Ugbeide added that the company was also drilling an additional two oil wells this year.

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The Minister of Works, David Umahi, has disclosed that the proposed 8.9-kilometre dual carriageway linking Bodo–Bonny Road to the East–West Road will cost an estimated N150 billion.

Umahi made this known in Abuja while receiving the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of the Nigeria Liquefied Natural Gas, Mr Adeleye Falade, during a courtesy visit to the ministry.

According to the minister, President Bola Ahmed Tinubu has approved the dualisation of the road, which will be constructed using concrete technology to ensure durability. The project will feature two flyovers, solar-powered streetlights, tree planting, rest areas, and modern surveillance systems, including CCTV for enhanced monitoring.

He explained that the new phase of the project is designed to connect the already completed Bodo–Bonny Road to the East–West Road, a critical transport corridor in the Niger Delta

Bodo-Bonny Link Road To Cost N150bn - Umahi

region, thereby improving the movement of people and goods.

Umahi noted that the difficult terrain and additional infrastructure components contributed to the high cost estimate. He added that the federal government intends to complete the project within 12 months without any variation in contract price, stressing that Julius Berger is being considered to continue the work due to its presence on site.

The minister further revealed that savings from the initial Bodo–Bonny Road project had been reinvested into improving the corridor through the installation of solar lighting and environmental enhancements such as tree planting.

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2026 Hajj: NCAA Seeks Upgrade Of Gombe Airport Facilities



NCAA

A delegation from the Nigerian Civil Aviation Authority has called for urgent upgrades of critical facilities at Gombe Airport ahead of the 2026 Hajj operations.

The team, led by Ango-Shehu Mohammed, made the appeal during a courtesy visit to the Secretary to the Government of Gombe State, Professor Ibrahim Njodi, on Wednesday.

Speaking during the visit, Mohammed commended the administration of Governor Muhammadu Yahaya for prioritising aviation development in the state, particularly improvements at Gombe Airport.

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awarded a contract worth over N600 million for airport fencing and other renovation works,” he said.

The Secretary to the State Government assured the NCAA team of the government's commitment to addressing identified gaps upon receipt of their report.

“As we await the comprehensive report from your team, be rest assured that government will study it and do the needful for the benefit of our citizens and the Nigerian people at large,” Njodi stated.

He reiterated that the safety of airport users remains a top priority for the state government.

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The approval came after independent investigations confirmed that the iconic structure's underwater piles and pile caps had deteriorated beyond repair.

The Minister of Works, Dave Umahi, announced the approval after Thursday's Federal Executive Council meeting.

Umahi said the decision followed investigations conducted at multiple points in 2013, 2019 and again under the current administration through Julius Berger, all of which concluded that the bridge could not be saved.

“We convocated a stakeholders' engagement, and all the technical experts all over the country, and even internationally, all agreed that we could not redeem Carter Bridge, and it has to be completely demolished and rebuilt,” Umahi said.



Carter Bridge

He explained that the only viable option. than the original, with the underwater piles and The contract was won by total length extended pile caps had CCCC after a competitive from 1.525 kilometres to deteriorated at what he bidding process that 1.93 kilometres following described as a included Julius Berger, the addition of a flyover “geometrical progres- CCECC, CBC, and China ramp designed to s s i o n ,” leaving Harbour High Tech. eliminate the bottleneck Umahi said the new that has long plagued a vital artery for traffic across Lagos Lagoon for reconstruction as the bridge would be longer traffic flow in the area. decades.

“We've gone through rigorous procurement and design. The initial total length of that bridge was 1.525 kilometres, with three lanes, dualised. We have now increased the project to 1.93 kilometres because we increased a flyover ramp, so that the bottleneck that is usually there will no longer exist. The total contract sum approved is N548.98bn,” he said.

The new bridge will also feature a navigational waterway of 105 metres by two, according to the minister.

The FEC also separately approved N24.89 billion for underwater elements of the Third Mainland Bridge, to be handled by Julius Berger, among projects being readied for commissioning ahead of President Bola Tinubu's third anniversary in office on May 29.

The Carter Bridge is one of Lagos's oldest and most historically significant bridges, serving as a critical link between Lagos Island and the mainland.

Named after Gilbert Carter, a former British governor of Lagos Colony, the bridge has been a vital artery for traffic across Lagos Lagoon for decades.

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Dangote Refinery

The Dangote Petroleum Refinery has fixed the gantry price of aviation fuel at ₦1,820 per litre, a move aimed at enhancing transparency in the sector.

This development comes at a time when airline operators have raised concerns over the high cost of the product and its impact on the aviation industry.

Despite advisory guidance from the Nigerian Midstream and Downstream Petroleum Regulatory Authority (NMDPRA), oil marketers have continued to sell aviation fuel to airlines at ₦2,230 per litre and above, deepening concerns across Nigeria's aviation sector.

Dangote Refinery Fixes Jet Fuel Price At N1,820/Litre

The NMDPRA had earlier indicated that aviation fuel should sell within a price band of ₦1,760 to ₦1,988 per litre in Lagos and about ₦2,037 per litre in Abuja, based on prevailing market fundamentals.

The guidance followed a series of stakeholder engagements involving aviation operators, oil marketers, depot owners, and other industry players aimed at resolving recent disputes over pricing.

However, market checks by Vanguard show that actual transactions remain significantly above the regulator's benchmark, with airlines still paying as much as ₦2,230 per litre.

In an interview with Vanguard, Olatide Jeremiah, Chief Executive Officer of Petroleumprice.ng, said: “There is a lack of transparency in jet fuel pricing. Dangote Refinery should, as a matter of urgency, publish its daily jet fuel gantry prices. This would erode abnormal margins by middlemen and help curb artificial

hikes in jet fuel prices that are threatening to cripple businesses in Nigeria's aviation sector.”

Also speaking, the spokesperson for United Nigeria Airlines, Chibuike Uloka, said: “It's not a controlled market; it's a free market. So, the NMDPRA cannot fix prices. Rather, based on its findings and market assessments—such as landing cost and other factors—it is only suggesting what the price should be.

“But marketers are still selling at their own rates, and no one has been able to call them to order. This issue goes beyond United Nigeria Airlines; it affects all members of the Airline Operators of Nigeria (AON), not just a single airline.

“If we are to speak on how this affects us, we can say—as Ibom Air earlier noted—that the cost of fuel per operation rose from ₦2.9 million in January to ₦7.6 million. For operators like us that use Airbus aircraft, with higher fuel capacity

and longer endurance, the cost is even double that figure.”

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North-West Climate Summit To Advance Nigeria’s Green Growth

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The Presidency says the North-West Climate Summit 2026, a high-level presidential initiative coordinated by the Office of the Senior Special Assistant to the President on Community Engagement (North West), is set to reposition the region from a zone of climate vulnerability into a hub for strategic investment, resilience, and sustainable green growth. Scheduled for August 4, 2026, the summit is aimed at catalysing bankable prospects in climate-resilient agriculture, renewable energy, water security, and youth-led green enterprises, with stakeholders underscoring the need to move beyond policy rhetoric to actionable, investment-focused outcomes. Addressing journalists on Wednesday at the State House, Abuja, the Senior Special Assistant on Community Engagement (North West), Abdullahi Tanko Yakasai, said the region's environmental pressures—including desert encroachment, water shortages, and dwindling agricultural yields—also offer a strategic opening to stimulate sustainable



Advancing Nigeria’s green growth

economic expansion. Yakasai said the summit is designed to mobilise critical financing, harmonise policy with execution, and roll out solutions with direct impact on communities across the seven North-West states, Kaduna, Kano, Jigawa, Katsina, Kebbi, Sokoto, and Zamfara. “The North West faces significant environmental challenges, but these also create opportunities for sustainable growth and investment. This summit represents a strategic shift from climate vulnerability to climate investment,” he said. He disclosed that the initiative is being advanced under the leadership of Bola Ahmed Tinubu, with a deliberate focus on synchronising national climate priorities with sub-national implementation. Yakassai further unveiled plans for a North-West Climate Fund to mobilise capital for climate-focused interventions, alongside a Climate Investment Marketplace—a digital platform designed to link investors with viable projects across the region. “This is not just a summit; it is a platform for execution. We are creating pathways for investors to identify opportunities and partner on projects that will transform the region,” he said.

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Senate Confirms Yuguda As CBN Deputy Governor



Yuguda

Culled:
The Senate on Wednesday confirmed the appointment of Lamido Yuguda as Deputy Governor of the Central Bank of Nigeria, describing him as “a square peg in a square

hole.”

The confirmation followed the consideration of a report by the Senate Committee on Banking, Insurance and Other Financial Institutions, which cleared the nominee after a brief screening process.

Presenting the report, Chairman of the committee, Adetokunbo Abiru, told the chamber that Yuguda was qualified for the position based on his extensive experience and in line with Section 8(1) of the CBN Act. According to him, the nominee demonstrated strong financial and monetary expertise during his screening earlier in the day and had no petitions against him. He said the committee found him suitable and urged the Senate to confirm his nomination as Deputy Governor of the Central Bank of Nigeria. The motion for confirmation was seconded by Danjuma Goje, who declared, “President Bola Tinubu made the right choice on the appointment.” The Senate President, Godswill

Akpabio, subsequently put the question to a voice vote, with lawmakers overwhelmingly endorsing the nomination. In his remarks after the approval, Akpabio described Yuguda as “a square peg in a square hole” and commended Bola Tinubu for what he termed a fitting appointment. Earlier, the nominee was spared detailed questioning during his appearance before the committee, as lawmakers invoked the “take a bow and go” tradition. Although Abiru had initially indicated interest in subjecting Yuguda to questions on monetary and fiscal policy, the move was halted by Osita Izunaso, who moved a motion to dispense with the exercise.

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Tinubu Appoints Rabiuh Abdullahi As New NMDPRA CEO

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President Bola Tinubu has approved the nomination of Mr Rabiuh Abdullahi Umar as the new Chief Executive of the Nigerian Midstream and Downstream Petroleum Regulatory Authority (NMDPRA). A statement issued on Wednesday by the Special Adviser to the President on Information and Strategy, Bayo Onanuga, said Umar's appointment is subject to Senate confirmation. It also announced the removal of Mr Saidu Mohammed as the Authority Chief Executive of the NMDPRA in the public interest. Onanuga noted that the decisions were taken pursuant to the Petroleum Industry Act 2021, as part of efforts to strengthen regulatory effectiveness in the midstream and downstream petroleum sector, in line with the Renewed Hope Agenda. Mr Umar is a seasoned executive with over 25 years of experience across the energy, manufacturing, and infrastructure sectors and a proven track record in strategic leadership, operational transformation, and large-scale project delivery. He is a graduate of Accounting from Bayero University and an alumnus of Harvard Business School. Pending Senate confirmation of the new nominee, the most senior official of the NMDPRA will oversee operations in an acting capacity. President Tinubu thanks the outgoing Authority Chief Executive for his service and wishes him well in his future endeavours. The President remains committed to ensuring capable leadership in key regulatory institutions to advance energy security, sector reform, and sustainable economic growth.

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Africa's leading payments technology company, Flutterwave and Activate Success International Foundation (ASIF) have announced a partnership to advance youth entrepreneurship, digital financial inclusion, and enterprise development across Nigeria.

The collaboration, anchored on the 2026 edition of the Youth Entrepreneurship and Empowerment Programme (YEEP), brings together two institutions with a shared commitment to expanding economic opportunity for young Nigerians.

This initiative aligns with broader

national priorities around financial inclusion and youth economic participation. Expanding access to digital financial tools remains critical to unlocking productivity within Nigeria's largely informal economy and enabling young people to participate more effectively in formal economic systems.

Both organisations will also explore opportunities to connect beneficiaries to additional enterprise support programmes, strengthening pathways for sustainable business growth.

Over the past 10 years, ASIF has built one of Nigeria's credible platforms for

enterprise development through YEEP, providing young entrepreneurs with access to training, mentorship, and funding. In 2025 alone, the programme deployed over ₦50 million in cash and equipment grants to support carefully selected young Nigerians, who submitted business proposals to build viable businesses. YEEP 2025 recorded over 2,000 participants, while ASIF's broader youth engagement ecosystem, including NYSC orientation camp activations, reached over 30,000 young people across the country.

As Lead Sponsor of YEEP 2026, Flutterwave will support the

programme while integrating its full payment ecosystem, led by Send App, its flagship cross-border remittance platform, alongside merchant solutions and digital financial infrastructure. This will equip the youth with the tools to seamlessly receive payments from anywhere, manage transactions, and scale sustainable businesses.

Speaking on the partnership, Founder and CEO, Flutterwave, Olugbenga Agboola, said: "Nigeria's youthful population is its greatest strength. The ambition is already there, what's needed is access to the right tools to unlock it."

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Nigeria's Alake Advocates For African Mineral Sovereignty

Minister of Solid Minerals Development, Dr. Oladele Alake, has challenged African nations to abandon the colonial-era model of exporting raw materials and instead unite to dominate the global mineral supply chain, in order to enforce continental economic sovereignty.

Alake, who also serves as the Chairman of the Africa Minerals Strategy Group (AMSG), threw the challenge on Wednesday at the

Kenya Mining Investment Conference and Exhibition 2026.

He was quoted in a statement by his Special Assistant on Media, Lara Owoeye-Wise, to have argued that Africa is the heartbeat of the modern industrial revolution.

The Minister noted that from lithium and cobalt to rare earth elements, the continent holds the keys to the world's clean energy and digital future—yet it currently captures only

a "fraction" of the resulting wealth.

"For decades, Africa has remained largely an exporter of raw materials and an importer of finished products," Alake told the assembly of investors and policymakers. "This model has constrained industrial growth, weakened economic resilience and limited job creation across our nations."

The Minister's message was clear: the era of "going it alone" is over. He

emphasised that a fragmented approach by individual nations only serves to weaken Africa's bargaining power against global industrial giants.

"A fragmented Africa weakens our bargaining power. A united Africa strengthens our strategic relevance," he noted, stressing that the transformation of the continent's fortunes must begin with deep-seated regional cooperation.

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DRIVING SCHOOLS AND SAFETY ALLIANCE AFRICA - DSSAA

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- 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.

About DSSAA

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

It is registered in the Gambia and UK with National offices in all the Capital cities in Africa.

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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