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# NUPRC Warns Of Talent Shortage In Oil Sector

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Nigeria's oil and gas industry may be heading toward a critical turning point, not due to declining reserves or asset divestments, but because of a growing shortage of skilled professionals needed to sustain the sector's future growth.

This warning came from the Chief Executive of the Nigerian Upstream Petroleum Regulatory Commission, Oritsemeyewa Eyesan.

Eyesan urged indigenous operators to urgently invest in human capital development or risk undermining the industry's long-term viability.

She charged the Independent Petroleum Producers Group to uphold industry standards, strengthen human capital development, and promote good corporate governance.

This was disclosed in a statement issued on Tuesday by the Head of Media and Corporate Communications, Eniola Akinkuotu.

Speaking during a courtesy visit by the Independent Petroleum Producers

Group led by its Chairman, Adegbite Falade, at the Commission's headquarters in Abuja, Eyesan said the growing dominance of local firms following the exit of international oil companies had placed greater responsibility on indigenous players.

She warned that without deliberate investment in skills and capacity, the industry could face a crisis that would affect not just individual companies but Nigeria's global standing.

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# C'River Govt Denies Reported Abduction On Oron-Calabar Waterway

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The Cross River State Government has dismissed reports alleging that more than 15 passengers were abducted by gunmen along the Oron-Calabar waterway, describing the claim as false and misleading.

In an official rebuttal issued by the Office of the Special Adviser on Marine Services, Capt. Otu Ita Otu, the government said the incident reported by First Media Naija on April 20, 2026, did not occur on the designated and regulated Calabar-Oron marine corridor. According to the statement signed by Effiwatt Ededem of the Department of Marine Services, preliminary findings revealed that although the boat in question departed from Calabar en route to Oron, it failed to ply the approved government-sanctioned route.

The government noted that the boat operator allegedly diverted through an unapproved shortcut not recognized as part of the official waterway, thereby falling outside the state's monitored

marine network.

It further disclosed that on the day the alleged incident occurred, April 17, 2026, the Special Adviser on Marine Services, alongside the State Security Adviser, conducted a routine patrol on the official Calabar-Oron waterway without recording any security breach.

The statement stressed that all boats operating along the approved route are required to pass through between three and five marine security checkpoints strategically positioned to guarantee the safety of passengers and crew.

Reiterating existing safety protocols, the government reminded operators and commuters of the standing restriction on sea travel, which prohibits boat movement beyond 6:00 p.m. daily along the waterway.

It warned that violation of the stipulated operating hours and the use of unauthorized routes expose passengers to avoidable risks and undermine ongoing efforts to secure the state's waterways.

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The Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) has cautioned motorists and residents in Ekiti State against practices that could damage newly rehabilitated federal roads, including indiscriminate parking of heavy-duty vehicles, petroleum product spillage, and vandalism of public infrastructure.

The Director of West Operations, Engineer Francis Isabiyi, gave the warning during an inspection of Sukuk-funded road projects across the state. The visit was part of a nationwide assessment of federal road interventions financed through the Sukuk bond initiative.

The inspection covered key project sites, including a 1.2-kilometre stretch passing through Ikunri Modern Market (Alubarika Market) in Ikunri-Ekiti, Ikole Local Government Area, and a 1.6-kilometre section linking Itawure to the Osun State boundary.

Speaking with journalists at Ikunri, Isabiyi expressed satisfaction with the



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quality of work executed, noting that FERMA's targeted sectional repairs have restored severely damaged portions of the road.

He explained that the agency's intervention strategy focuses on rehabilitating critical segments of federal roads rather than embarking on full reconstruction, adding that similar projects are ongoing across the 36

states and the Federal Capital Territory. Describing the inspected route as a major trunk corridor, Isabiyi said it connects Abuja through Ifaki, Ikole, and Omuo, with onward links to Lagos, Ilorin, and Kogi State, while also serving key institutions and communities within Ekiti. He, however, stressed the need for public cooperation in preserving the infrastructure, lamenting that newly

repaired roads are often compromised by human activities.

"Indiscriminate parking of trucks on rehabilitated sections leads to diesel and petrol spillage, which weakens the road surface. Communities must discourage such practices," he said.

"We also face challenges of vandalism, including the removal of guardrails and theft of installed streetlights.

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## Local Transport News

### NIPR Members Laud Rail Transf'ation, Back NRC Reforms

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Members of the Nigerian Institute of Public Relations (NIPR) have commended the ongoing transformation in the Nigerian Railway Corporation (NRC), describing recent improvements in rail services as a clear sign of renewed efficiency under the leadership of Dr Kayode Opeifa.

They spoke aboard the Abuja-Kaduna train enroute to their Annual General Meeting holding at the Shehu Musa Yar'Adua Centre, Murtala Square, Kaduna.

The train, which was filled to capacity, had a large number of NIPR members from across the country who used the journey as an opportunity to reconnect and interact ahead of the conference. Many of them had earlier converged in Abuja before proceeding to Kaduna by rail.

Members, particularly from southern chapters, said the decision to travel by train was deliberate, noting that it offered both convenience and an opportunity to

support the improvements recorded in the rail sector.

While acknowledging the progress made, the members called on the Federal Government to sustain investment in the railway sector, noting that rail transportation requires significant capital but offers long term economic benefits.

They expressed confidence that increased funding would not only improve operations but also expand connectivity across the country, providing a reliable alternative to road transport.

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NIPR members

### FAAN Security Arrests 14 Suspected Vandals At Lagos Airport

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The Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria (FAAN) has arrested 14 suspected vandals at the Terminal One construction site of the Murtala Muhammed International Airport (MMIA) in Lagos.

Mr Henry Agbebire, Director of Public Affairs and Consumer Protection at FAAN, disclosed the arrest in a statement on Tuesday in Lagos.

According to Agbebire, the suspects were apprehended at about 6.00 p.m. on Monday.

He said the arrest followed a swift and intelligence-driven response by FAAN's security architecture, working in close coordination with the Joint Military Task Force (JMTF) and other security agencies deployed at the airport.

Agbebire said that preliminary findings indicated that the suspects had unlawfully gained access to the Terminal One construction site by impersonating authorised construction personnel.

He said the attempt was effectively foiled through the vigilance, surveillance, and

rapid intervention of FAAN security operatives and their partners.

The individuals were intercepted with vandalised materials, including copper wires and iron components, which had been illicitly removed from the construction site.

According to him, the suspected vandals were promptly apprehended and secured, with all suspected and recovered exhibits subsequently handed over to the appropriate investigative authorities for further action.

"This successful operation underscores FAAN's robust and proactive security framework, as well as the high level of coordination among security stakeholders within the airport environment.

"It also reflects the authority's zero-tolerance stance on any form of criminal activity targeting critical aviation infrastructure.

"FAAN remains resolute in its mandate to protect all airport assets and ensure the safety and integrity of ongoing development projects nationwide.

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The Chairman of the committee, Abdussamad Dasuki, gave the charge yesterday during an engagement with the legislators, regulatory agencies, and industry players, including shipping lines, terminal operators, freight forwarders, and customs agents.

Dasuki said the committee's intervention was aimed at resolving lingering concerns over tariff adjustments across the maritime sector, especially with its impact on port operations and the economy.

"We came here to resolve some of the issues within the maritime sector, which has to do with the increase in tariffs. There is a need for a slight adjustment, and the regulator is working with all



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relevant stakeholders to reach a consensus," he said.

He said representatives of critical government agencies, including the NSC, NPA, and the NCS, are actively participating in the process and have committed to the stakeholder engagement framework designed to harmonise positions ahead of implementation.

Dasuki expressed optimism that the

process, which began late last year, would be finalised between April and the first week of May, while also clarifying that the tariff regime has not been suspended but remains under active review.

"Within three weeks, we should be able to conclude and implement whatever decision is agreed upon by the majority of stakeholders," he stated.

He commended the regulatory

agencies for laying the groundwork to ensure inclusiveness in the decision-making process.

Also speaking, the Executive Secretary, NSC, Dr Pius Akutah, defended the Council's regulatory approach, emphasising that shipping companies had already been directed to engage their respective stakeholders.

Akutah acknowledged concerns from some operators, including shipping lines, terminal operators, and other port users, regarding gaps in consultation, but maintained that the Council had acted within its legal mandate.

He stressed that ongoing engagements between shipping companies and their customers were essential to resolving the dispute.

"As the regulator, we exercised our authority in line with the enabling laws and directed shipping companies to engage with their stakeholders. Some have done so, but all affected parties must conclude these engagements before the final meeting," he said.

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# FRSC Intercepts Overloaded Vehicle On Bauchi-Kari Road

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The Federal Road Safety Corps, zone 12, Bauchi, has intercepted a dangerously overloaded vehicle conveying passengers seated on top of piled goods, along the Bauchi-Kari route, in the Darazo Unit Command.

The Corps Public Education Officer, Mr Osondu Ohaeri, made this known in a statement on Tuesday in Abuja.

Ohaeri, who described the action as a reckless endangerment of human lives, also said that the vehicle was in blatant violation of safety regulations.

He said that the development represented a grave safety breach, as the passengers were completely exposed to fatal risks in the event of a crash, sudden braking or loss of control.

According to him, overloading goes beyond a mere traffic offence and constitutes a life-threatening decision with potentially fatal consequences.

"Overloading compromises vehicle stability, increases stopping distance, and puts both passengers and other road users in grave

danger."

The CPEO stressed that such practices significantly heightened the risk of road crashes and fatalities, warning that no journey was worth the loss of human life.

He urged drivers and vehicle owners to strictly comply with prescribed loading limits, insisting that human beings must never be treated as cargo under any circumstances.

Ohaeri reaffirmed the corps' resolve to intensify enforcement against traffic violations and ensure the safety of all road users nationwide.

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FRSC intercepts an overloaded vehicle

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The Zamfara State Government has directed security and law enforcement agencies to intensify enforcement against traffic offenders across the state.

The directive was issued by the Secretary to the State Government, SSG, Malam Abubakar Mohammad Nakwada, while receiving a report on traffic violations and related offences in Gusau.

In a statement by the SSG's Senior Special Assistant on Media, Suleman Tudu, the move follows the constitution of a committee in February to examine the prevalence of traffic violations and recommend measures to curb rising road accidents.

The committee, chaired by DCP Salisu Bello Fago, was mandated to assess the nature of traffic-related offences and propose strategies to improve compliance with road safety regulations.

Addressing members of the committee, Nakwada decried the reckless behaviour of some road users, describing it as a serious threat to public safety.

He charged law enforcement agencies to

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identify, track and prosecute offenders without fear or favour, regardless of their status, while warning against extortion of citizens.

The SSG also directed relevant agencies to intensify public awareness campaigns and urged residents to comply strictly with traffic rules and regulations.

He commended the committee for its diligence and assured that the government would study its recommendations with a view to improving traffic management and ensuring safer roads.

Among the recommendations is the establishment of a joint task force comprising personnel from security and law enforcement agencies to support the Zamfara Road Traffic Court.

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# Lagos Lawmaker Inspects Road Projects, Targets Early Completion



Ogundipe inspecting road projects

Residents of Oshodi have received a boost in infrastructure development as the lawmaker representing Oshodi/Isolo Constituency I, Stephen Ogundipe, inspected four ongoing road projects in the area and expressed satisfaction with the pace and quality of work.

The roads under construction—Oluwasanmi, Baba Ode, Deji Adeoye, and Alhaji Sokoya streets—are being handled by Lagfield Construction Company Limited as part of the Lagos State Government's efforts to improve connectivity and ease movement within the densely populated community.

Speaking during the inspection, the site engineer, Engr. Oketayo Olushoa disclosed

that although the project was initially scheduled for completion within 15 months, the contractor is working towards delivering it in less than nine months.

"We are about two months into the project, and work is progressing steadily across the four sites. Significant portions of the drainage and road base have been completed on some streets, while work continues on others," he said.

Olushoa explained that the construction is being executed in phases to minimize disruption, noting that not all streets can be opened simultaneously.

Ogundipe commended the contractor for the visible progress and quality of work, describing the project as a welcome development for residents.

"We came to inspect the level of work, and I am impressed with what I have seen. This demonstrates the government's commitment to improving infrastructure in Oshodi," he said.

The lawmaker also appreciated the Lagos State Governor and the Speaker of the State House of Assembly for facilitating the projects, noting that the initiative reflects responsiveness to the needs of the people.

He urged residents to support the government and cooperate with contractors to ensure timely completion.

"Oshodi is a critical hub and gateway in Lagos. Projects like this will further enhance its status and improve the daily lives of our people," he said.

Ogundipe also addressed concerns about security and electoral violence, insisting that Oshodi residents are peaceful and law-abiding.

"Those who perpetrate violence are often outsiders. Our people are calm and focused on their daily activities. We must continue to protect the good image of Oshodi," he stated.

He assured that more infrastructure projects would be extended to other parts of the constituency, including Mafoluku, Shogunle, and Ewu, as part

of a broader development plan.

The ongoing road works are expected to significantly improve drainage, reduce flooding, and enhance accessibility across Oshodi upon completion.

Meanwhile, the Elewu of Ewuland, Oba Shakiru Adeshina Kuti, has called for peace and unity in Oshodi/Isolo, warning that division within the community could hinder growth and development.

Speaking during a community engagement visit, the monarch stressed that Oshodi remains the collective home of its people and must not be undermined by internal conflicts.

"Oshodi/Isolo must not be destroyed; this is our base, and we have nowhere else to go. It is our responsibility to take care of our home. There is nothing worth fighting over," he said.

Oba Kuti emphasized the need for reconciliation among residents and political stakeholders, noting that disagreements are inevitable but must be resolved promptly.

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# Keyamo, Saudi Minister To Review BASA Ahead Of 2026 Hajj Operations

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Keyamo also met with the President of the General Authority of Civil Aviation (GACA), Abdulaziz Al-Duailej to discuss the same matter.

A statement on Tuesday by the Special Adviser on Media and Communications to the minister, Tunde Moshood said that the separate meetings, which took place in Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, also aimed at ensuring operational efficiency ahead of the 2026 Hajj operations.

Keyamo was accompanied by the Director-General, Civil Aviation (DGCA), Chris Najomo and key directors from the Federal Ministry of Aviation and Aerospace Development.



Keyamo

The statement hinted extensively on the need to review the existing Understanding (MoU) signed in 2015, particularly as it relates to the sharing formula for the annual airlift of pilgrims by designated airlines from Nigeria and Saudi Arabia.

Both sides, Moshood said, deliberated parties examined the

He insisted that the review was intended to ensure fairness, efficiency and mutual benefit for both countries.

Other key issues discussed included the allocation of slots to Nigerian designated carriers (flag carriers) for the 2026 Hajj operations, as well as the determination of the percentage of pilgrims to be airlifted by airlines from both countries.

The meetings also addressed operational concerns affecting Nigerian airlines, with a focus on enhancing their performance and ensuring seamless Hajj operations this year.

The statement added: "The engagements were marked by frank, constructive and productive exchanges, with both sides demonstrating a strong commitment to deepening aviation ties and resolving all outstanding issues in a mutually beneficial manner."

"The minister expressed appreciation to the Saudi authorities for their continued cooperation and support, reaffirming Nigeria's commitment to upholding international aviation standards and fostering strategic partnerships."

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## Otti Plans Abia Railway, Ramps Up Other Projects



Governor Alex Otti

The Abia State Government has reaffirmed its commitment to modern transportation, urban renewal and housing development, with a proposed railway project in Umuahia forming a key part of its infrastructure drive.

The state Commissioner for Information, Okey Kanu, disclosed this on Monday while briefing journalists on the outcome of the State Executive Council meeting presided over by Governor Alex Otti.

According to the Tuesday statement made available to journalists, signed by Oge Christopher, Assistant Head of Department (Information), Kanu said discussions between the state government and the

Nigerian Railway Corporation had reached an advanced stage for the construction of a new train station in Umuahia.

He explained that the facility would be located near the Umuahia Central Bus Terminal and designed as a modern urban rail corridor integrated with commercial and retail activities.

"The proposed train station will be located adjacent to the Umuahia Central Bus Terminal and will feature a modern urban railway corridor integrated with retail and commercial activities," he said.

He added that a network of access roads would also be developed to improve connectivity within the area. On urban renewal, Kanu said the Umuahia Capital Development Authority had concluded arrangements to relocate traders from Isi Gate to the Relief Market in Afara.

"All arrangements for the relocation have been concluded," he said,

noting that compensation had been paid to affected landowners, perimeter fencing completed, and construction of retaining walls ongoing.

He added that plans were also in place to move commercial vehicles from Okigwe Park to the new bus terminal, while traders would temporarily occupy the park pending completion of the Afara market.

Kanu disclosed that the Umuahia Central Bus Terminal was nearing completion and ready for commissioning, alongside supporting infrastructure for the Abia Green Shuttle Bus Scheme.

"These include charging stations, ticketing points, junction improvement works, as well as bus shelters strategically located across Umuahia.

"When fully operational, the new central bus terminal and the Green Bus Shuttle Service will position Umuahia among leading cities in

Nigeria with modern and efficient public transportation systems," he stated.

He further revealed that several projects executed by the Greater Ohafia Development Authority were awaiting inauguration, including road projects and a new daily market in Ohafia.

The commissioner also announced that groundwork for a Federal Housing Authority estate in Umuahia would commence on April 21, 2026, describing it as a joint initiative between the state and the Federal Ministry of Housing.

Reacting to claims that the project was solely federal, the Special Adviser on Media and Publicity, Ferdinand Ekeoma, clarified that the state government played a major role.

"The most important thing is the involvement of Abia State... we are not dragging anything with them," he said, dismissing contrary claims as political.

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# Kazakhstan, Afghanistan Expand Railway Cooperation As Freight Volumes Surge

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Kazakhstan and Afghanistan are continuing to strengthen cooperation in the railway sector, as freight volumes between the two countries showed significant growth in early 2026, reported the Kazakhstan Temir Zholy's (KTZ) press service on April 21.

Kazakhstan and Afghanistan reaffirmed their intention to continue cooperation and further increase freight transportation volumes.

This was discussed during a meeting on the sidelines of the Organization for Cooperation Between Railways (OSJD) gathering in Astana, where the Chairman of the Management Board of Kazakhstan Temir Zholy Talgat Aldybergenov met with the Afghan Deputy Minister of Public Works for railway transport Sahibzada Mawlawi Mohammad Ishaq.



During the talks, both sides highlighted steady growth in freight transportation. In the first three months of 2026, cargo volumes increased by 77% year-

on-year, reaching one million tons. Rising exports and transit flows, including increased shipments of Kazakh grain, ferrous metals, chemical

products, mineral fertilizers, and flour, drove the growth. Exports of Kazakh flour to Afghanistan reached 291,000 tons, up 37% compared to the same

period last year. The discussions also covered the development of bilateral cooperation in railway infrastructure and logistics to improve

efficiency and expand trade routes.

Both sides emphasized the importance of strengthening transport connectivity to support growing trade volumes. Following the meeting, Kazakhstan and Afghanistan reaffirmed their intention to continue cooperation and further increase freight transportation volumes.

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Brazil may see the unlocking of projects related to light rail vehicles (VLTs), with greater involvement of the federal government in these initiatives.

Recently, the state-owned company Infra S.A. announced that it had been hired by the municipality of Bauru, in the

state of São Paulo, to carry out the Technical, Economic and Environmental Feasibility Study (EVTEA) for the city's first LRT.

The project marks the state-owned company's definitive entry into the passenger transportation segment in

## Light Rail Projects In Brazil Gain Momentum

medium-sized cities, expanding its operations.

"What is underway in Bauru is the consolidation of a new area of activity for Infra S.A. We are bringing to the urban environment the same technical capacity that structured major logistics corridors in the country, with rigor, legal certainty, and a long-term vision," said the CEO of Infra S.A., Jorge Bastos, in a statement.

According to stakeholders, the involvement of Infra S.A. can help in the development of a series of other projects in cities in Brazil, similar to what has happened in other infrastructure sectors, such as sanitation and highways, which had the state-owned bank BNDES as an important agent in the preparation of project studies in these segments.

"Infra S.A. has very strong technical capacity to develop projects in this rail transport segment. We have to remember that the state-owned company is the result of the merger of Empresa de Planejamento e Logística (EPL) and the railway company Valec, both with

enormous expertise in the segment," Vicente Abate, president of the Associação Brasileira da Indústria Ferroviária (Abifer), told BNamericas.

In Bauru, Infra S.A. will prepare the study for the construction of an LRT line with a length of 28.8km, divided into three branches and with more than 30 stations, using the existing railway network.

The city of Bauru has 380 thousand inhabitants and the LRT is expected to connect regions to the center, easing pressure on the road system and driving urban revitalization around the tracks, many of which are currently underused.

In addition to preparing the Bauru LRT project, Infra S.A. is also involved in developing the Campina Grande LRT project in Paraíba, which is already at an advanced stage.

In the second largest city in Paraíba, with more than 400 thousand inhabitants, the studies are in the final stage of data collection and technical consolidation, with delivery scheduled for the first half of 2026.

Light Rail Transit (LRT) projects in Brazil also tend to proliferate as major Brazilian cities show greater engagement in the urban redevelopment of their central areas. [Find Full Story In The Link](#)

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General News

# Nigeria, Nestle Partner To Transform Dairy Sector With New Training Hub

**Culled:** Nestlé Nigeria Plc has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Federal Ministry of Livestock Development to establish a Dairy Technical Skills Development Centre in Paikon Kore, Federal Capital Territory (FCT) as part of efforts to strengthen technical capacity, improve milk quality, and enhance productivity within the country's dairy sector.

The Centre, to be located at the Nestlé Dairy Demonstration Farm, builds on the company's ongoing Livestock Development Project (NLDP).

In a statement signed by the Corporate Affairs Manager, Nestle Nigeria, Toritseju Egbebi, the centre also reflects a deliberate progression of interventions, from the launch of the Demonstration Farm in 2025 to the signing of a Letter of Intent on World Milk Day 2025.

Speaking at the signing ceremony, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Nestlé Nigeria Plc, Wassim Elhousseini, said together, these milestones signal the transition from pilot initiatives to full implementation and a more structured, scalable approach to skills development across the dairy value chain.



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He said the collaboration will deliver structured training programmes and targeted interventions focused on strengthening on-farm practices across milk production, processing, hygiene, and farm management, developing industry-relevant technical skills in collaboration with key stakeholders and improving value chain coordination and milk quality outcomes across local dairy clusters.

"At Nestlé, we have been

working over the years to strengthen the dairy value chain in Nigeria. What we have seen is clear, when capability improves, outcomes follow. This partnership with the Federal Ministry of Livestock Development allows us to expand the reach of our structured approach to building the skills required to improve productivity, enhance quality, and support long-term sustainability in the sector," he said.

Elhousseini added that the company's investment in dairy development has consistently focused on creating shared value for communities while supporting the growth of a resilient local supply base.

He said since 2019, the Nestlé Livestock Development Project has been working with dairy communities in Nigeria to improve milk quality, increase productivity, and strengthen livelihoods.

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# Nigeria Spends \$150m Annually On Vaccines - NPHCDA

**Culled:** The federal government says it spends approximately 150 million dollars annually on vaccine procurement while expanding malaria vaccination to more states.

Dr Muyi Aina, Executive Director of the National Primary Health Care Development Agency (NPHCDA), disclosed this on Tuesday during the agency's first quarterly media briefing for 2026 in Abuja.

Aina said funding for vaccines was sourced from federal government allocations and development partners, particularly Gavi and the Vaccine Alliance.

He said that donors were, however, declining in recent times.

"Countries are now expected to increase domestic financing as global donor resources continue to shrink," he said.

He explained that vaccine financing covered procurement and outbreak response as well as logistics, including syringes, waste management systems, incinerators, and cold chain equipment.

According to him, operational costs for nationwide immunisation delivery also form a significant part of government investment.

On malaria control, Aina said that Nigeria had expanded its malaria vaccine rollout from two pilot states, Bayelsa and Kebbi, to include Bauchi and Ondo based on readiness assessments.

He noted that the malaria vaccine required a four-dose schedule, which presented challenges in ensuring full compliance.

"What is unique about the malaria vaccine is that it requires four doses, and ensuring children return for all doses remains a key challenge," he said.

He disclosed that Bayelsa recorded about 68,000 doses administered, Kebbi 153,000, Bauchi 66,000, and Ondo over 7,000 doses.

He added that dropouts between doses have prompted the government to strengthen tracking and follow-up systems.

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# MTN Nigeria Backs Major Lagos Youth Festival



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**Culled:** Telecommunications giant, MTN Nigeria, has announced a major move to bridge the gap between digital interaction and physical community through its headline sponsorship of

"The Gathering on 100," a massive five-day youth festival.

The partnership, confirmed in a statement issued on Tuesday, represents a significant investment in Nigeria's Gen Z and Millennial demographics.

Organisers have described the collaboration as a "turning point" for the nation's youth culture, aiming to provide an immersive experience for a generation that, while digitally native, is increasingly yearning for authentic, real-life connections. The collaboration was born from a social media campaign in which organisers tagged the telco, challenging them to support a grassroots movement that understood the shifting dynamics of the Nigerian youth landscape.

MTN's positive response signals a shift in corporate social investment, moving away from traditional advertising toward active participation in community-building.

The statement quoted the

organiser as saying, "Their involvement signals more than brand visibility; it highlights a recognition that youth culture in Nigeria is evolving, and that experiences like this are worth investing in."

"By supporting movements that bring young people together in meaningful ways, MTN is actively aligning itself with the future of connection in Nigeria."

While Nigeria remains Africa's largest smartphone market, there is a growing trend of "digital fatigue" among young urbanites. The festival's organisers emphasise that while the internet serves as a catalyst, it is not the final destination for human connection.

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Nigeria Police, Civil Defence strengthen security collaboration

# Nigeria Police, Civil Defence Strengthen Security Agency Collaboration

**Culled:**  
 The Nigerian Inspector General of Police, IGP Olatunji Disu, has emphasised the need to strengthen inter-agency collaboration among the security agencies as part of the efforts to curb security challenges in the country.

IGP Disu stated this when he paid a courtesy visit to the Commandant General of the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC), Professor Ahmed Audi, in Abuja.

The visit, the first of its kind which can be described as a landmark move to fortify Nigeria's internal security architecture, was aimed at reaffirming

and deepening the working relationship between the two premier security agencies.

Addressing the Commandant General of the NSCDC, Professor Ahmed Abubakar Audi, and his Principal Staff Officers, the 23rd IGP remarked that the visit was also a deliberate step towards strengthening existing collaborations between the two security outfits.

He noted that both agencies share the critical mandate of providing national security and must align their efforts to be effective.

"We must encourage one another as we confront contemporary security

challenges. We often fight difficult battles in demanding terrains; therefore, we must share intelligence and operate as a unified front to achieve lasting peace," IGP Disu stated.

In his response, Commandant of the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC), Professor Ahmed Audi, assured the IGP of the NSCDC's unwavering commitment to synergy and highlighted that the Corps has a long-standing history of working alongside the Police and is ready to improve on these processes to meet evolving security needs in the country.

The Commandant General

underscored that collaboration, cooperation, and coordination are the three pillars necessary for conventional security agencies to succeed.

He further urged the Nigerian citizenry to adopt a proactive stance on security similar to the Sri Lankan model where citizens actively gather and share intelligence with security forces.

The historic visit concluded with a high-level exchange of souvenirs and group photographs featuring the NSCDC top management and the IGP's entourage, which included the FCT Commissioner of Police, CP Ahmed Mohammed Sanusi, and the Force Public Relations Officer, Anthony Placid.

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## Nigeria Calls For Global Action On Child Digital Safety

Nigeria has declared a firm and urgent commitment to safeguarding children in the digital age, warning that expanding internet access without adequate protection frameworks exposes millions to growing online risks.

Speaking at the International Policy and Practice Exchange on Child Protection in the Digital Environment in Ankara, Ankara, Nigeria's Minister of Women Affairs and Social

Development, Imaan Sulaiman-Ibrahim addressed child safety in the digital space.

She said that "the key policy question is no longer whether children should be online, but whether they are safe, protected, and meaningfully empowered in the digital spaces created for them."

Highlighting the scale of the challenge, she noted that "over 70 percent of children globally are

connected, and nearly one in three internet users is a child," yet systems remain "fragmented and reactive," creating gaps where harm persists.

The Minister warned that in developing countries like Nigeria, rapid digital adoption has outpaced protection systems, exposing children to "online exploitation, cyberbullying, harmful content, and data misuse."

She said unequivocally: "We must therefore confront a critical reality:

access without protection is exposure."

Calling for a decisive shift, she advocated a systems-based response integrating legal frameworks, digital literacy, regulatory enforcement, and platform accountability.

"Digital literacy can no longer be optional. It must be institutionalised," she said, emphasising prevention as the first line of defence.

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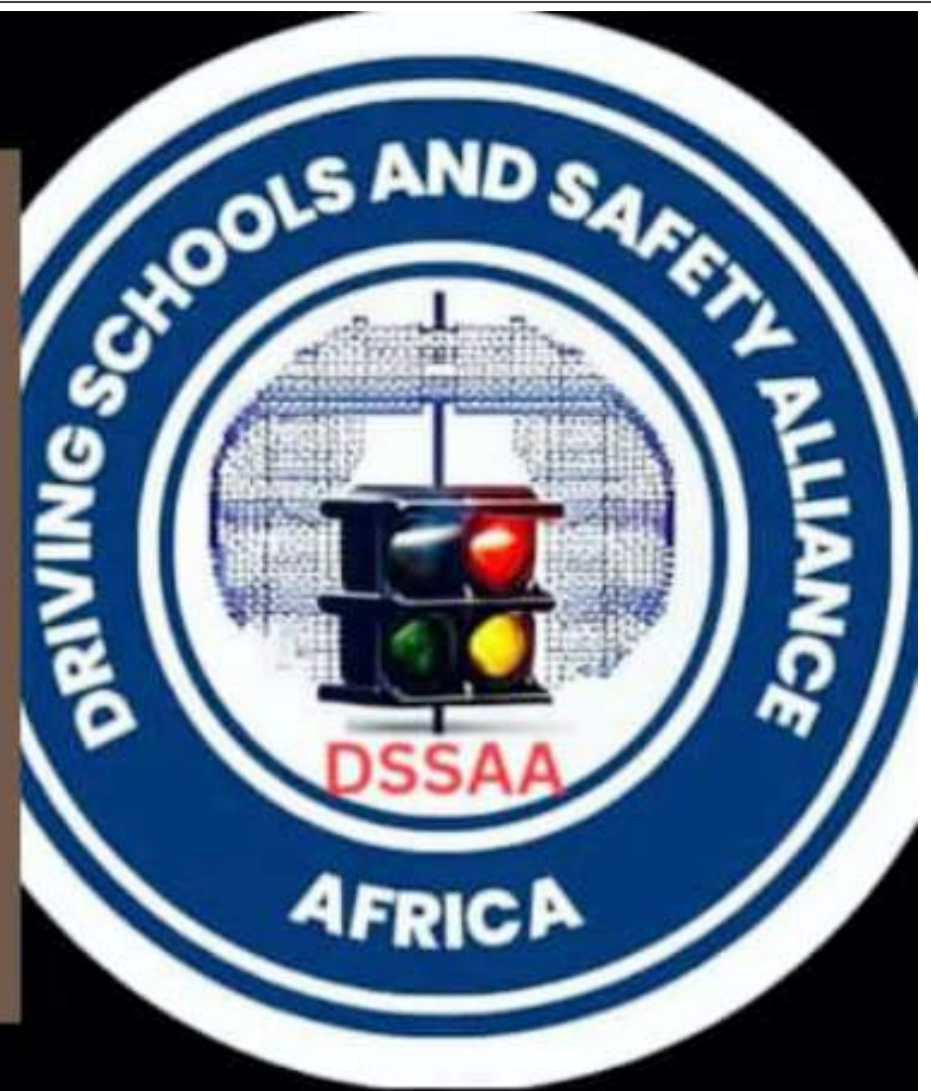


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