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COURTESY CALL: The Managing Director Dr. George Moghalu with the IGP Usman Alkali Baba at Force Headquarters, Abuja.

MOGHALU: We're Redefining NIWA, Changing The Narratives Of Inland Waterways

TWO YEARS ON.....

The entire Editorial Team of

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*wishes to
heartily congratulate our*

**MD/CEO Chief (Dr.)
George Moghalu**

on achieving two years of leadership and service with the National Inland Waterways Authority (NIWA). It has been two years of remarkable dedication, inspiration and accomplishments. We wish our MD/CEO more success as he continues to enhance the fortunes of NIWA and the nation's waterways system.





If there is any one particular lesson or inspiration to be drawn from the administration of our Managing Director/CEO Chief (Dr.) George Moghalu, it must be the determination to forge ahead against all odds. His first big test was the COVID-19 pandemic, which hit as soon as he assumed office in 2019. He surmounted it admirably, implementing projects and programmes that are now repositioning the waterways sector of the economy.

As he prepares to mark his second anniversary on the saddle, the MD/CEO has powered on with renewed energy. It is all in line with President Muhammadu Buhari's Mandate to reform the Nigerian waterways and make it a viable and safe water transportation option for investors.

Not surprisingly, Dr. Moghalu has focused his attention on this. But he believes that he can only make headway by working in synergy with his industry colleagues and the stakeholders. This is why, in addition to initiating safety measures and providing equipment on the waterways, he is forming partnerships with colleagues and engaging the stakeholders at all times.

This also explains why we are devoting our coverage in this edition to these issues. Our lead story, in which the MD/CEO pledges to work with stakeholders to change the narratives of the Waterways, says it all. It is all about attracting investors. Another cover story, featuring the MD's visit with the Inspector General of Police Usman Alkali Baba, deals with security. Ditto the story on the much welcome acquisition and commissioning of river boats for the Lagos waterways. It is a story with safety, security and equipment components.

The Management has also initiated programmes to train boat captains and shippers as well as online registration of boats. We also have stories of other agencies collaborating with NIWA to enhance operations on the waterways. This is consistent with the MD's philosophy of building partnerships with stakeholders.

As usual, Photospeak celebrates our people and activities in colourful pictures.

All in all, this edition of Nigerian Waterways is a loaded package.

Enjoy!

Jibril Darda'u

MD Improves Staff welfare

The Managing Director/CEO Chief (Dr.) George Moghalu has made good his pledge to improve the welfare of the staff of the Authority.

The highlight is the considerable enhancement in the

payment of the NIWA Staff Conditions of Service (NICOS).

The eagerly anticipated improvement was in fulfilment of the pledge made by the MD on assumption of office two years ago, and is expected to put smiles on the faces of the staff.

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MD of NIWA Chief Dr. George Moghalu (left) in a discussion with th IG of Police Usman Baba Alkali at Force HQ Abuja

Mov't of Cargoes from Lagos to Onitsha River Port: **MD Meets with IGP**

As part of the preparatory and protective measures taken by NIWA for seamless shipment of cargoes from Lagos Ports to Onitsha River Port, the Managing Director Chief (Dr.) George Moghalu paid a working visit to the Inspector General of the Police (IGP) Usman Alkali Baba at the Force Headquarters in Abuja recently.

During the visit, Dr. George Moghalu sought the collaboration and cooperation of the police in providing adequate security for the second test-run of cargo shipments from Lagos to Onitsha River Port, which is part of Government's policy to decongest the ports in Lagos State.

A statement signed by Mr. Jibril Darda'u, the GM, Corporate Affairs, said the visit was also to allay fears and build confidence among stakeholders in the sector.

Dr. Moghalu told his host: "The purpose of our visit is to seek for collaboration and cooperation of the police force to build a synergy in our inland waterways operations, most importantly now that we are about to commence the second phase of the test-run of shipping cargoes from Lagos to Onitsha."

He said the test-runs and the policy guiding them were essential because "statistics have shown that about 60% of cargoes coming into Nigerian Ports are destined to the South East of the country." Dr. Moghalu thanked the IGP for the kind cooperation the Force has been rendering to NIWA Inland Police Command, and also appealed for more cooperation in some areas of challenges the Authority was facing such as lack of gun boats, accoutrements and anti-riot equipment.

He also sought the help of the IG to vacate some police officials illegally occupying some of the Authority's premises, which is by law under NIWA's right of way at Onitsha Area Office, so that the Authority could make better use of the place.

Explaining the Authority's critical role in the nation's economy, the MD/CEO said, "NIWA is a Federal agency saddled with the responsibility of regulating and developing activities on the Inland waterways of the nation with headquarters in Lokoja, Kogi State. We have 22 area offices across the nation and waterways links

across 28 states in the federation."

The MD/CEO seized the opportunity of the visit congratulate Usman Alkali Baba for his appointment as the new Inspector General of the Police by Mr President, and wished him a successful tenure.

Responding, the IGP thanked the Managing Director and his management team for the visit, adding, "I thank you for coming to congratulate me and intimate me with the developments and challenges you have in your organization."

The IGP further stated that "we have a very good and cordial working relationship with NIWA and we recognize the kind cooperation that NIWA is rendering to the inland and marine police, though we need improvements in the areas."

On NIWA's needs for gunboats, the IGP said, "to have gun boats is capital intensive but the Force will look for a way on how to support NIWA in its areas of operations."

The IG disclosed that he was once the Head of the Marine Police when he was an AIG, giving him a proper and deeper understanding of NIWA and all its operations and activities in the maritime sector.

He, however, promised to sustain the good working relationship with NIWA in all its areas of operations as well as provide the organisation with every support where necessary.

During an interview with the media after the meeting, the MD of NIWA added that the visit was also aimed at allaying the fears of the cargo owners and building their confidence on the test-run exercise from Lagos to Onitsha.

Dr. Moghalu was accompanied on the visit by Barrister Danladi Ibrahim (GM Legal services, Company Secretary and legal adviser), CP Shettima Zanna (Head of NIWA Police Command), Alhaji Yusuf Gire (GM Finance and Account), Engr Ostia Anazodo (Technical Adviser to the MD), Mr Abdullahi Dabai (GM Human Resources and Admin), Mr Jibril Darda'u (GM Corporate Affairs), Mr Ibrahim Isyaku Sade (GM Procurement) and Barrister Nasiru Biyankari (DGM legal services).

Eroding of Family Values is a Fundamental Challenge to Insecurity in Nigeria - Moghalu



The MD of NIWA Chief Dr. George Moghalu presenting his speech at the 46th Birthday symposium of Gov. Yahaya Bello at Government house Lokoja, Kogi state

The Managing Director Chief (Dr.) George Moghalu has attributed the eroding of family values as a fundamental challenge to the current insecurity in the country.

Dr. Moghalu stated this as a guest speaker in a symposium to celebrate the 46th birthday of Alh. Yahaya Bello, the Executive Governor of Kogi State, at the Government House, Lokoja, Kogi State. The theme of the symposium was: "Insecurity in Nigeria and the Role of the Youth."

During the discussion session the, Managing Director lamented that family values have been eroded, which has become a fundamental issue that needed to be addressed. He said the society no longer questioned the success of some people and their wealth; instead, they confer on them titles and honours.

On youth unemployment, Dr. Moghalu said some of the nation's graduates were simply unemployable. He blamed it on the emphasis on acquiring certificates without the basic education. He stressed, "Our educational process has been eroded. And the reason we are experiencing insecurity today is the consequences of the process."

He acknowledged the efforts of Governor Bello in tackling insecurity in the Kogi state.

Addressing the media after the symposium, Dr. George Moghalu spoke more on the family values. In his words, "We must develop a system where we look at our family values. We have to look at it to see where we have gotten it wrong; we must celebrate the right values and reject the wrong values."

He further explained, "A situation where people are not worthy of celebration are celebrated and accepted in churches and families should stop."

The MD advised the youths to remain dedicated, focused and committed. "They must also pray, rely on God and work hard," he added.

He called for the reorganization of the nation's educational curriculum in order to restore what has been lost.

Prominent participants at the discussion session with the NIWA Boss were Oba Adeyeye Enitan Ogunwusi Ojaja II, the Ooni of Ife, Governor Yahaya Bello, Prof. Chris Mustapha Nwaokobia, Mrs. Hauwa Atiku Uwais, Chief Femi Fani Kayode and Cally Ikpe was the moderator.



NIWA Acquires 20 Patrol Boats, Inaugurates Taskforce to Curb Boat Mishaps

The National Inland Waterways Authority (NIWA) has inaugurated a taskforce to patrol and enforce waterways protocols in the Lagos waterways.

The initiative followed the commissioning of three patrol boats that would give muscle to the monitoring efforts.

The taskforce, which was inaugurated in Lagos recently, is made up of officials from NIWA, Lagos State Waterways Authority (LASWA) Maritime Workers Union of Nigeria (MWUN) Association of Tourist Boats and Water Transporters of Nigeria (ATBOWATON) and the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA).

The event was witnessed by stakeholders across the waterways sector.

Speaking during the commissioning of the boats, the Managing Director/CEO Chief (Dr.) George Moghalu explained that the three boats were part of the 20 patrol boats recently procured by the Authority across all its area offices.

Dr. Moghalu also announced that the NIWA has procured two ambulances, adding that one of them has been deployed to Lagos area. He assured that procurement of seven extra ambulances was ongoing. He assured that to ensure a seamless operation, the taskforce would be duplicated across all area offices of NIWA across the country.

Dr. Moghalu lamented that whenever there is a boat mishap, he feels saddened. He attributed the accident to lax attention to safety rules by operators.

His words: "One of our headaches is the penchant by operators to overload boats. Many of the accidents that have claimed lives on our inland waterways have been down to overloading issues. Another problem we encounter on the waterways is the refusal to wear life jackets for passengers during ferry services by boat operators."

The MD/CEO said the taskforce was set up to check just such lapses. "It will be the responsibility of this taskforce to ensure compliance on our waterways henceforth," he said. "The three patrol boats will comb the Lagos inland waterways on a 24-hours basis to apprehend operators who default on these safety rules. Anybody caught flouting these safety regulations will be arrested henceforth."

He applauded stakeholders for working with NIWA in its quest to instil discipline on the waterways. He said, "We appreciate the

WHY NIWA, LASWA CANNOT COLLABORATE ON LAGOS INLAND WATERWAYS REGULATION



Chief (Dr.) George Moghalu MD NIWA



Mr. Oluwadamilola Emmanuel MD LASWA

The National Inland Waterways Authority (NIWA) has explained the complications of fully collaborating with the Lagos State Waterways Authority (LASWA) on the regulation of inland waterway resources in Lagos.

NIWA and LASWA have had protracted disagreements over their respective roles in managing the waterways of the State. Attempts at various levels to resolve the issues have also floundered.

The Managing Director/CEO Chief (Dr.) George Moghalu has now explained the difficulties: the two agencies could collaborate in all areas except revenue sharing because the law forbids a Federal Government Agency and a State Government Agency to share revenue over resources under exclusive legislative lists.

Speaking recently during a stakeholders' meeting in Lagos, Dr.

Moghalu, who was represented by NIWA's General Manager in charge of Marine, Engr. Joseph Ororo, explained that because Inland waterways represents the exclusive aspect of regulation, NIWA and LASWA cannot collaborate on revenue sharing.

According to the MD/CEO, "Yes, we collaborate with LASWA in every aspect of waterways regulation. We even have a stakeholders meeting tomorrow where both of us will be presenting papers on ways to further develop the Inland Waterways in Lagos. However, inland waterways fall under the exclusive legislative list, and there is no way we can collaborate on certain aspects of its regulation like revenue sharing.

"The law says a state can only collect revenue on any waterways that starts and ends in a state, and in Lagos, I don't think there is any body of inland waterways that starts and ends in Lagos.

The Lagoon in Marina stretches as far as outside Nigeria and even serves as an Inter-state Waterway. So, there is no way we can have collaboration in revenue that comes from its regulation."

Buttressing the Managing Director's view, the Lagos Area Manager, Engineer Sarah Lara Braimah added that there is no way she will dip her hands in revenue meant for the Federal Government and share with any state under the guide of regulation.

"I currently collaborate with LASWA in regulation of Inland Waterways in Lagos. We share ideas and brainstorm on ways to further improve the Lagos Inland Waterways. However, if anybody expects collaboration to also include revenue sharing, then such person is wrong because I won't dip my hands in monies meant for the Federal government or share with a state Government. Statutorily, it is wrong and that won't happen while I am NIWA Area Manager."

NIWA Acquires 20 Patrol Boats, Inaugurates Taskforce to Curb Boat Mishaps

collaborative efforts of the Lagos State Waterways Authority (LASWA) and other government agencies. We will continue to look forward to collaborating with sister agencies to ensure that water transportation is safe and efficient."

Dr. Moghalu reiterated warning against night trips, saying, "Another issue that has been bothering us has to do with night boat trips. Our directive is clear: boats should not ply the waterways once it's 6:30 pm. Many of the boat mishaps have occurred at night. Our patrol boats will be combing the waterways in the evening to apprehend those defaulting on this directive."

While addressing members of the taskforce, Dr. Moghalu said their mandate was to cover all jetties across the country, either owned by NIWA or not, and that they were to only take instructions from NIWA. In a related development, NIWA has launched an electronic platform to handle all registration processes online. Speaking earlier, the General Manager, Marine Operations of NIWA, Engr. Joseph Ororo announced that would become effective from January 1st 2021, when all boats would be registered online.

He said that with this application, all boats across Nigerian waterways would be monitored, in case of theft, it would be located, while those engaging in illegal activities would easily be apprehended and sanctioned.

Engr. Ororo said: "We have launched our electronic information registration system which ensures online registration of boats. From 1st of January 2022, boat registration would be done online through the

application NIWA is coming up with. Henceforth, if you do any illegal business, you would be apprehended."

Earlier in her speech, the Lagos Area Manager, Engr. Sarah Braimah said that by October 4th, training and sensitization of the newly inaugurated taskforce would begin.

She also said that "Boat mishaps on Lagos waterways have reduced drastically, but we cannot be everywhere all the time, and this is why we are inaugurating this taskforce."

Also speaking, the President General of Maritime Workers Union of Nigeria (MWUN) Comrade Adewale Adeyanju commended the NIWA MD for his efforts at transforming Nigerian waterways. Represented by his Deputy President General, Comrade Francis Bunu, Adeyanju pledged the full corporation of the union with NIWA in implementing its protocols as across all jetties across Nigerian waterways.

The unionist expressed confidence that the taskforce, when in operation, would put an end to issues of double taxation of boat operators by the various regulatory agencies.

On his part, President of ATBOWATON, Alhaji Tarzan Balogun asked NIWA to provide navigational aids to enable operators work at night.

"We need life buoys and navigational aids on the waterways, from Lagos-Epe and also Lagos-Badagry waterways; this should be the next project," he said

MISHAPS: NIWA TO COMMENCE TRAINING FOR BOAT CAPTAINS, SHIPPERS

As part of the efforts to license boat operators and curtail number of mishaps on the Lagos waterways, the National Inland Waterways Authority (NIWA) has reiterated its commitment to building capacity for boat captains and shippers operating in the Lagos waterways.

This was disclosed by the General Manager Marine, Engr. Joseph Ororo at a stakeholders meeting held recently in Lagos between the Authority and boat operators.

Engr. Ororo maintained that the training would be compulsory for the operators, even as he noted that participants at the end of the programme would be licensed by the Agency as certified captains.

According to him, NIWA, with collaboration and support from an accredited Institute, will design a curriculum for the training of the shippers.

He said the training will be categorized into three phases which in turn include practical and theoretical methodology.

The General Manager added that the training will also be extended to executives and boat operators.

Engr. Ororo said the move was necessitated against

the backdrop of the poor educational background of the shippers and captains in brown water operations adding that “this training of our boat operators is long overdue. We have started it in Bayelsa, Delta and Rivers states, but Lagos is the Center of Excellence.”

Earlier, the Lagos Area Manager, Engr. Sarah Lara Braima said that the training was centered on how to license boat operators. “Our boat captains will be formally licensed by NIWA. We want them to be known in their operations. We want to hold them accountable in whatever they do and what they are doing, their waterways activities.”

She also noted that the training programme will be devoid of language barriers as all types of dialects will complement the capacity building project.

The Area Manager urged stakeholders to cooperate with NIWA to end the rash of boat mishaps on Lagos Waterways, adding their carelessness on the part of the captains resulted in the accidents that occurred lately.

The stakeholders meeting had in attendance members of ATBOWATON, MWUN, officials from LAGFRRY and the service providers in the Waterways transportation sub-sector.

Management Redeployments

The Management of National Inland Waterways Authority (NIWA) has approved the redeployment of some management staff for optimum performance of the Authority. Surveyor Oluwale Adetol, who was formerly the General Manager (Procurement Department), has now been redeployed to (Business Development), Engineer Tammy Feberesima, former General Manager (Ports Services), has now been moved to Area Office Coordination (A.O.C), while Engineer Fidelis Agbahi, former GM A.O.C, now moved to (Port Services Department).

In a similar development, the Management has also approved the appointment of Mr. Ibrahim Sade as the new Acting General Manager (Procurement Department).



Mr. Ibrahim Isyaku Sade
Acting General Manager
(Procurement Department)



ZANNA SHETTIMA NOW COMMISSIONER OF POLICE

The former Commander, NIWA Police Command CP Zanna Shettima has been promoted to the rank of Commissioner of Police (CP), Explosive Ordinance Disposal Department of Operations, Force Headquarters, Abuja.

The NIGERIAN WATERWAYS congratulates him and wishes him well in his new assignment.

NIWA IN PURSUIT OF NIGERIA ATTAINING GREATER HEIGHT IN SHIPBUILDING – ORORO

The National Inland Waterways Authority (NIWA) General Manager (Marine) Engr. Joseph Ororo has assured stakeholders of the marine industry that NIWA would leave no stone unturned towards ensuring that Nigeria attains greater height in ship building and repairs.

Engr. Ororo stated this at the virtual Zoe Maritime Business round table breakfast meeting on Ship Building and Repairs, even as he stressed that ship building needed to be regulated to ensure adherence to global standards, and meet world class classification demand. Pointing out that NIWA was already in the lead for championing progress in boat building, Engr. Ororo unfolded a number of boats presently acquired and in use, aside from those under construction, all procured locally from indigenous builders, including a pilot boat.

He explained: "There are some levels of boat and barge building in the Niger Delta region but unfortunately, it is not regulated, no standard procedure, nothing and this has to stop, adding, "If Nigeria builds below standards, or not approved by classification specification, it would be counterproductive and so we need to go back to the days of Nigerdock building ship.

Engr. Ororo lamented that Nigerdock was unexpectedly losing steam in the shipbuilding business but stress that, notwithstanding, "NIWA is supporting local ship building by ensuring that almost all vessels we acquire as an Authority are built in the country." Stressing that NIWA's regulatory role must not be diminished or compromised, the Marine expert argued that anything that is not regulated may not make meaningful progress.

According to him, ship building and repairs were still in the infancy stage in the country because it has not been regulated as it ought to be.

"Regulation of the sector is not to make money but to lead to improvement, acquire skills and technology that will help the industry,"

he said. "The intent of regulating the shipbuilding /repair sector is to standardize the quality of ships, set standard and ensure financial and technical assistance extended to operators. It's not necessarily for revenue generation for government, but to guaranty greater generation of revenue for the investors." The purpose of regulating is to set standard as this will ensure the sector has clients from outside the country."

Speaking in the same vein, Mr. Augustine Imhomoh of the Nigeria Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA) assured the Authority is willing to aid shipbuilding and repairs, noting that the NIMASA floating dockyard was already a key for ship repairs.

"NIMASA intends to utilize the floating dock as a tool for industry development," Mr. Imhomoh explained.

He added that Nigeria would welcome any form of arrangement with the Namibia Dry Dock and Ship Repair (PTY) and (NAMDOCK) to help establish shipbuilding or repairs in the country.

"The acquired floating dockyard by NIMASA meant for ship repairs will also generate employment opportunities, build human capacity, help the maritime image of the country and also reduce capital flight.

"NIMASA is also encouraging joint venture for shipbuilding, public-private-partnership as well as the establishment of maritime funds meant for the promotion of shipbuilding and repairs in the country," he said.

In his contribution, Commodore Michael Igwe of the Naval Dockyard pointed out that Nigeria had not domesticated its classification body as they still go outside to get approval.

He added that they do fabrication locally but desired to have an opportunity to construct a merchant vessel in the country.

NIWA Conducts Online Mock Boat Registration

By AbdullahiShehu, Tijani Ibrahim and ChineduMuokwe



Engr. Joseph Ororo GM (Marine services) Addressing Head of Marine units of NIWA Area offices on an online mock boat registration exercise at NIWA board room Lokoja

The Marine Services Department of NIWA has organized an online mock boat registration exercise for five Area Offices.

The exercise was held recently at NIWA Board Room at its headquarters in Lokoja.

Addressing the participants, the General Manager (Marine Services) Engr. Joseph Ororo said the training was aimed at enhancing efficiency and capacity of revenue generation and as well improving safety and security on the waterways.

He explained that the Electronic Register and Information System (ERIS) was designed to make registration easier for individuals and companies create a data base of vessels on a centralized system. In his words, "this initiative is intended to generate data and enhance the Authority's capacity to increase revenue generation and minimize security risks. For example, when a vessel is registered, a security number will automatically be generated for that vessel and name plate is fixed to it."

Engr. Ororo reiterated the commitment of NIWA to work with sister agencies like Nigeria Content Development and Management Board (NCDMB) to effectively fish out the law breakers in the waterways system for prosecution.

The consultant for the online mock boat registration exercise, Mr. Isah Lata, explained that the boat owners who register their boats online can generate boat registration invoices from the portal in order to make payments for the transactions.

The Five Area Offices that participated at the electronic demonstration of the boat registration were Lokoja, Lagos, Abeokuta, Yenegoa and Port-Hacourt.

Earlier, there was a similar training for all the heads of Marine Unit of the other Area offices which took place in Abuja.

SHIPPERS COUNCIL, NIWA INAUGRATE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE TO BOOST WATERWAYS TRANSPORT

The Nigeria Shippers Council (NSC) and the National Inland Waterways Authority (NIWA) have inaugurated a Joint Technical Committee to boost the development of inland waterways transport in country.

The JTC, comprising directors from NSC and General Managers from NIWA, was also aimed at enhancing the nation's cargo distribution capacity on the waterways.

Speaking at the inauguration, the Executive Secretary of Nigeria Shippers Council Hassan Bello charged the team to be diligent even as he stressed that the task if done properly could bring enormous economic benefits for the nation.

His words: "Recall that one of the critical functions of Shippers Council is the consideration of problems faced by shippers with regards to inland waterways transportation of goods and to advise the government on possible solutions thereto. The NSC is playing this role and in addition to its economic regulatory function has the responsibility of ensuring seamless and effective cargo movement along the transport chains, reduce costs and facilitate trade."

Bello said these responsibilities support the Council's continuous quest for collaborative partnerships with relevant agencies to drive programmes and projects that would change the nation's logistics chain.

"Our target is to ensure the availability, stability, affordability, predictability, adequacy and accessibility of transport services, facilitating of multi model approaches to movement of cargo and persons, development of critical transport infrastructure that support trade as well as enforcement of good service standards and best practice across all transport modes at reasonable costs in Nigeria," he said.

Noting that Nigeria's 8,600km inland waterways stretches from Lagos to Port-Harcourt up to the North, Mr. Bello argued that river ports should support decongestion of the seaports through quicker evacuation of containers to the hinterland by barges.

The NSC Boss said: "I have no doubt that our Nation's Inland

Waterways hold high values for the transportation sector. We must put adequate measures in place towards harnessing their potentials through dredging and charting of the river channels, regulatory inland waterways navigation, linking the river ports with the economic centers such as the Inland dry ports and containers freight stations, connecting the Inland Waterways with roads and the railways to facilitate movement of goods to and from the hinterland."

Bello stated that he was delighted by the disposition of the Managing Director of NIWA Chief (Dr.) George Moghalu towards the success relationship between both agencies. He, however, encouraged NIWA to steer its regulation of Inland Waterway toward developing indigenous technical and managerial capacity for barge operators.

In his remarks, the Managing Director/CEO, who was represented by the General Manager Marine, Engr. Joseph Ororo stated that it was pertinent that the sector was adequately standardized to ensure safe, secure and efficient service delivery of barge operation and efforts to decongest sea ports and facilitates multi-modal approach to cargo evacuation.

He disclosed that NIWA has licensed eight companies to commence operations from Lagos to Onitsha using barges.

"We are so glad with the development of setting up the Committee, and NIWA recently held a meeting with stakeholders on safety and other regulatory aspects of Inland Waterways transportation," Ororo said.

Members of the NSC/NIWA Technical Committee include; Director, Regulatory Service, NSC, MS Ifeoma Ezedinma, Director Inland Transport Service, NSC, Mrs. Ada Okam, Director, Legal Service, NSC, Barr. Tahridris, Director, Consumer Affairs Department NSC, Chief Cajetan Agu.

General Manager, Legal Services, NIWA, Barr. Danladi Ibrahim, General Manager Engineering NIWA Engr. Christopher Asindi, General Manager, NIWA Marine Engr. Joseph Ororo.

CILT Inaugurates New Exco



The new CILT Exco in a group photograph

The Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (CILT), Lokoja Branch has inaugurated its new Exco to pilot the affairs of the Branch for the next two years after a successful election held at the NIWA Headquarters, Lokoja.

In his inaugural speech, the new Chairman Mr. Amola Joseph pledged to uphold the core values of the CILT in developing highly skilled and productive professionals that enhance Logistics, Transport and Supply Chain Management as well as take the Branch to an enviable height as a

pace-setter and one indivisible family.

The new Exco comprises the following: Amola Joseph (Chairman), Ibrahim Yakubu Yakubu (Vice-Chairman), Engr. Ephariam Ekong A. (General Secretary), Oluwakayode George (Assistant Secretary), Ohiozel Nyerhovwo (Welfare Secretary), Eseyin Hannah (Treasurer), Aguga Hannah Feyisara (P.R.O.), Isiaka Halimat Alfa (Financial Secretary) and Mdama Andrew Ndahi (Membership Secretary).

HYPADDEC, NIWA COLLABORATE TO ADDRESS CHALLENGES OF WATER TRANSPORTATION



Pictorials of men at work during cutting down of logs and trees within the navigable Inland waterways of Malale towards Shagunu and Garafini, Niger State

....Initiate Programme to Clear Tree Stumps on the Waterways.

Still in the spirit of partnership, the Managing Director of Hydroelectric Power Producing Areas Development Commission (HYPADDEC) AbubakarSadiqYelwa has expressed

the desire of the Commission to partner with NIWA to address ecological challenges hindering smooth waterways transportation in Nigeria.

He said through such shared experience and collaboration with the Authority, he was optimistic mishaps would be reduced to the barest minimum along routes renowned for ghastly stumps.

The HYPADDEC MD disclosed this when he paid a fact finding and condolence visit to Wara Communities in Kebbi state,

The Hydroelectric Power Producing Area Development Commission (HYPADDEC) is to collaborate with the National Inland Waterways Authority (NIWA) for further dredging of the Niger and Benue rivers to ease water transportation.

Chairman, governing council of HYPADDEC Mr. Joseph Itayav, disclosed this when he led members of the Council and Management of the Commission on a courtesy visit to NIWA Headquarters in Lokoja.

Mr. Itayav said the visit was part of the familiarization tour of the six-member states of the Commission. He noted that the riverine communities along the flood plains, where the hydroelectric power dams were sited, had continued to suffer flood and other ecological challenges.

Explaining the role of the Commission, the Chairman said: "HYPADDEC was signed into law since 2020. It could not take off because people have faced challenges in about 30 to 40 years since the establishment of the dams. "We have problems with Water Transportation and we are looking at possible collaboration with NIWA on dredging. Hypadec is set up to alleviate the sufferings of the people, to improve the living standards of host communities where they have hydroelectric power dams.

"Many of them are facing ecological challenges as their farmlands are being washed away by the overflow of the dams aside loss of land and houses, they also lose their primary source of livelihood, which is basically agriculture."

The Managing Director of NIWA, Chief (Dr.) George Moghalu, represented by Engr. Christopher Asindi, General Manager (Engineering), said major business activities of NIWA included improvement and development of inland waterways for navigation.

The MD said, the duties of NIWA and Hypadec on the waterways were without restrictions and had left them multiple opportunities for collaboration.

He said there was need for a detailed and accurate data such as flow velocity, water surface gradients variation of daily water level and sediment flow analysis to achieve sound models and designs among others.

Present during the visit were Engr. Joseph Ororo, General Manager (Marine), Mr. JaphetMaisaje Ag. General Manager (Audit) and Engr. Fidelis Ejike Ag. General Manager (Project Management and Special Duties).



A group photograph of members of the governing council of HYPADDEC and some NIWA Management staff at NIWA HQ Lokoja

where there was a mishap recently.

AlhajiYelwa urged NIWA to undertake a careful research approach from New Bussa in Niger State to Zamare in Kano State in order to figure out modalities with which to confront the problems of logs and rocks lurking on our nation's Inland waterways as they have becomea menace to lives and property of recent times.

He said tree logs that have lasted over 40 years along Shagunu, Bulkachuwa, and Zamare would soon be history as efforts have been directed to reclaim the confidence of transporters along these water channels.

Commenting also, the Area Manager YelwaYawuri, Kebbi state, Mr. Yusuf Birma said an investigation team that comprised both NIWA and HYPADDEC officials have discovered a number of tree trunks and logs surfacing above thewater and there could be some roaming beneath the water routes.

According to Yusuf, NIWA has been working in sensitizing the local communities on safety guidelines and why after-sun set no boat operator should sail the waterways.

NIWA, MARITIME AGENCIES CLAMPDOWN ON ILLEGAL BARGE OPERATORS ON LAGOS WATERWAYS



In a show of massive enforcement led by operatives and security officers from the agencies, the team sealed illegal jetties, loading bays and impounded tug boats without approved certifications along the very busy channels.

Barges seen wrongly anchored and obstructing visibility on the channel were immediately compelled to move out of the right of way to channels approved for such operations.

The action of the task force, which took most barge operators by surprise, was sequel to the recent uproar generated by careless barge operators and unlicensed tug boat crew members. Some of the incidents resulted in avoidable fatalities.

Chairman of the Federal Agencies Committee on the Activities of Barge Operation, Captain Daniel Hosea Gangun stated that the Committee would not

relent until there was total compliance of barge and illegal jetty operators to extant regulations on transportation of the waterways.

On the buy-in by stakeholders, Captain Gangun disclosed that the organized private sector barge operators association gave its nod to the enforcements regime, adding that their petitions to sanitise barge operations informed the federal agencies' intervention.

Accordingly, the sealed illegal jetties and tugboats without approved documentation were manned by NIWA Police to prevent violation of the seal order. The clampdown and enforcement initiatives are on-going and would visit other channels within and around the Lagos waterways in the weeks to come.

The Federal Maritime Agencies Committee comprising the National Inland Waterways Authority (NIWA), Nigerian Ports Authority and Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA) have clampdown on illegal barge and jetty operators around the kirikiri Terminal in Lagos. The waterway is notorious as hideouts for illegal operators.

It may be recalled that on 6th of March 2021, a barge accident occurred along KLT/Mile 2 MazaMaza Water Channels, where about six 40-ft containers said to contain electronic equipment (New LCD TV sets) went down on the waterways. The containers were valued at over N500m.

AFREXIMBANK, NEXIM UNVEIL \$750, 000 GRANT TO BOOST INLAND WATERWAYS OPERATIONS

The African Export-Import Bank (AFREXIMBANK) has announced a \$750,000 grant to support the charting of the main channel of the Niger Benue Rivers in Nigeria.

The project is part of the Regional Sealink Project being spearheaded by NEXIM.

To make up the grant, AFREXIMBANK would provide about \$350,000 to supplement the \$450,000 made available to NEXIM. The bank had previously provided #100 Million being part of its commitment to the project.

The grant is to complete the financing of the Barthymetric survey of the lower Niger-Benue River.

Also, the studies would be undertaken under the joint collaboration framework between the Nigerian Navy Hydrography Department, Nigeria National Inland Waterways

Authority (NIWA) and Sealink Consortium Partners.

The completion of the studies would support the early commencement of the Inland Waterways operations planned under the Regional Sealink Project, by enabling the development of the Inland waterways navigation chart as well as river ports and anchorage plan.

When completed, the ports and anchorage would facilitate both bulk commodities and general cargo shipping, thereby boosting Nigeria's bulk commodities trade and exports.

Inland waterways are a key transport mode that plays a vital role in facilitating the efficient and cost effective movement of goods while providing a competitive alternative to rail and road transport. It also facilitates regional transit, especially given the recent African Countries Free Trade Agreement (AfCFTA).



MD NIWA Chief Dr. George Moghalu in a group photograph with some NIWA staff at Burutu port, Delta state

MD VISITS BURUTU PORT

The Managing Director Chief (Dr.) George Moghalu has visited the Burutu Port in Burutu Local Government Area of Delta State.

The aim of the tour was to familiarize himself with the state of the port in preparation for the transshipment of cargo from Lagos Port through Burutu Port to Onitsha River Port by Akewa-colmer Terminal.

The MD stated that the proposed transshipment would help to decongest the Lagos ports as well as ease the pressure on Nigerian roads.

According to him, "It is not about building ports but making them active to decongest Lagos. We intend to encourage the port to be a trans-shipment port so that vessels can move from Lagos to Burutu then from Burutu they can move by barges to various hinterlands."

Describing Burutu Port as "very strategic," Dr. Moghalu explained that "everyone is concerned about the congestion in Lagos. We are also concerned about how to move cargoes to the hinterland. Our roads are not designed for the loads they currently carry. They are not designed to carry the weight they are carrying."

Throwing more light on Government's policy focus, the MD/CEO said, "bulk cargos are mostly usually moved by air or water, and ours cannot be different. We have over 10,000km waterways, so what is required for us to do is to make our channels navigable all year round and put them into active use for the good of our people and country."

While commending the management team of Akewe - Colmer Terminal for the good work, Dr.



MD NIWA Chief Dr. George Moghalu addressing the press on his maiden visit to Burutu port, Delta state



NIWA staff sailing to Burutu river port on MD's maiden visit

Moghalu said the concern of the Federal government was to make the port functional in line with its diversification policies.

Also, the Senior Special Assistant to Delta State Government Mr. Ebisinne-Koffee Amasuono, expressed the state government's commitment to the project.

"The government is ready to give assistance for the seamless operation by way of providing security and enabling environment," Mr. Amasuono said.

Also, the Chairman of Akewa-Colmer Terminal, Dr. Kenneth Duoye, expressed appreciation to NIWA for considering the Burutu Port a hub for container transportation from Lagos/Onne to Onitsha.

MOGHALU: WE'RE REDEFINING NIWA, CHANGING THE NARRATIVES OF INLAND WATERWAYS

The Managing Director Chief (Dr.) George Moghalu has said that the National Inland Waterways Authority (NIWA) is in the process of redefining the waterway system to play a more strategic role in the movement of goods and services across the country. He said he was also working with stakeholders to change the narratives of the inland waterways.

This is just as he tasked the Nigerian boat operators on the efficient and economically viable usage of the 3,500km navigable channels across the country.

Speaking at the Annual General meeting of the Association of Tourist Boat Operators and Water Transporters of Nigeria (ATBOWATON) held recently at Gombe Jewel Hotel, Abuja, Dr. Moghalu stated that NIWA was determined to get containers bearing heavy duty vehicles out of Nigerian highways to the waters to avoid pressures and damage to road infrastructure.

"It is sad to see the damage done to our roads by containers bearing heavy duty vehicles, and which ordinarily can be moved easily through our inland waterways. We shall continue to advocate that such trucks should be kept off the highway and containers and heavy equipment be transported through the waters," he explained.

The MD/CEO also shared a piece of good news with the boat operators: he promised to assist them to find their bearing.

To achieve this, he challenged them to take advantage of the navigable channels to open and expand opportunities for water transportation economy.

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Managing Director Dr. George Moghalu

Moghalu revealed that a contract for the construction of a jetty in Illa, Delta state will be awarded soon, commending ATBOWATON members for the long years of dedication and sacrifice for the growth of water transportation business in Nigeria.

"No doubt ATBOWATON is our partner in progress and deserves our support, we at NIWA are happy to see the huge turnout of ATBOWATON members from over 20 states, an indication that the future of the association and water transportation is bright," he added.

At the occasion, Mr. Frank Meke, an accomplished Maritime and Cultural Tourism Development journalist was inducted as Member, Board of Trustees of ATBOWATON. Dr. Moghalu commended the selfless service and passion to which Meke brought to bear in the reporting and advocacy on Marine transportation and tourism.

Earlier, the President of ATBOWATON Mr, Gani Tarzan Balogun, praised the efforts of NIWA to change the narratives of water transportation in Nigeria and for also carrying the association along in its programmes across the country.

Other dignitaries at the well-attended meeting were the acting President of the Federation of Tourism Associations of Nigeria (FTAN), Mr. NkerewuemOnung, Mrs. Susan Akporiaye, President, National Association of Nigeria Travel Agencies (NANTA) and JustinaOvat, President, Women in Hospitality.

(From AbelNews, July 8, 2021)

Braimah Appointed NDLEA Ambassador

Engr. Sarat Lara Braimah, Lagos Area Manager of National Inland Waterways Authority (NIWA) has been appointed as Ambassador of War Against Drug Abuse, by the Chairman, National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA), Brigadier General, BubaMarwa (Rtd).

At the official letter of appointment presentation held at NIWA Lagos office at CMS, Marina, the NDLEA boss stated that Braimah was so appointed in tandem with President Muhammadu Buhari's inaugural address, commemorating the 2021 United Nations International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, a war which must be fought by well-meaning citizens.

According to General Marwa, Braimah was expected to synergise and collaborate with NDLEA in propagating the war against drug abuse and illicit trafficking through her official and private engagement as responsible and top notch officer of government.

Presenting the official letter of appointment and decorative pin to Ambassador Braimah, the Assistant



Engr. Braimah

Director, Seaport Operations, Mr. Ekundayo Williams, said that NIWA Area Manager has shown noticeable commitment in assisting NDLEA in the discharge of its duties in Lagos, hence her nomination and appointment by Gen. BubaMarwa.

In her brief remarks and acceptance speech, Ambassador Braimah, praised the dedication and sacrifice of NDLEA under General Marwa, adding that the community to community approach to arresting the very disturbing rise in drug trafficking, is the best way to go.

She promised to do whatever possible to assist the agency, particularly in propagating the message against drugs abuse among boat operators in Lagos and other stakeholders within the waterways transportation

community.

Apart from Mr. Williams who led the NDLEA team to NIWA Office, others were Hanatu Hassan, Charles Onojedje and Chanaka Danladi.

(Culled from ThisDay newspaper, July 27, 2021)

NIWA Tasks Operators on 3,500km Navigable Water Channels

The National Inland Waterways Authority (NIWA) has charged all waterways operators in Nigeria, especially the Association of Tourist Boats and Water Transporters Operators of Nigeria (ATBOWATON), to take advantage of the navigable channels to open and expand opportunities for the water transportation economy.

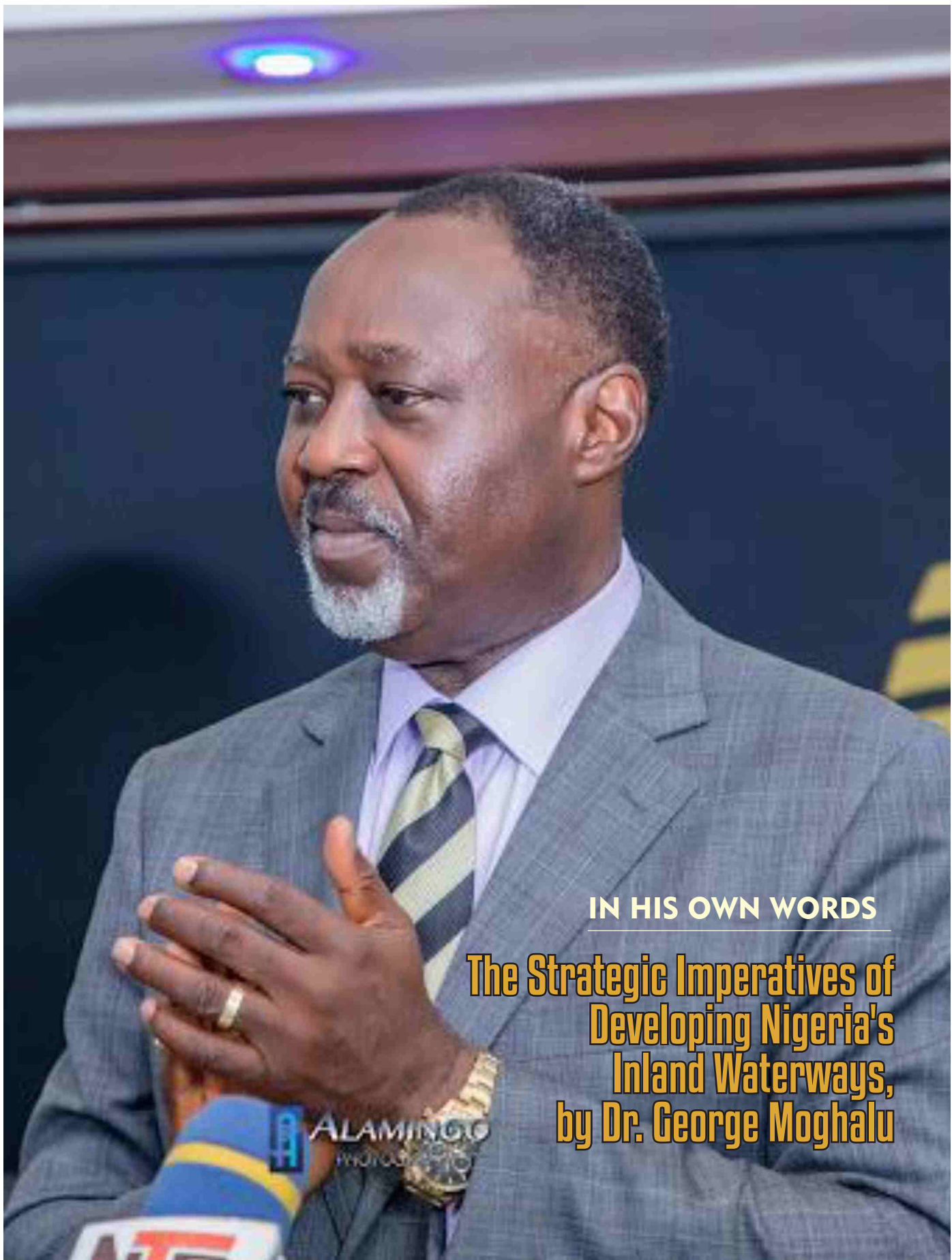
The Managing Director/CEO Chief (Dr.) George Moghalu gave the charge during the Annual General Meeting of ATBOWATON held in Abuja recently. The NIWA MD used the occasion to induct Mr. Frank Meke, a seasoned Cultural and Tourism journalist, into the Board of ATBOWATON.

Moghalu challenged the Nigerian boat operators to do more with the 3, 500 km navigable channels across the country, promising to assist boat operators to find

their bearings.

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He explained: "It is sad to see the damage done to our roads by containers bearing heavy duty vehicles, and which ordinarily can be moved easily through our Inland Waterways. We shall continue to advocate that such trucks should be kept off the highway and containers and heavy equipment be transported through the waters."



IN HIS OWN WORDS

**The Strategic Imperatives of
Developing Nigeria's
Inland Waterways,
by Dr. George Moghalu**



The Managing Director/CEO of NIWA Chief (Dr.) George N. Moghalu has an unquenchable passion to improve the fortunes of the nation's waterway system, making it a major contributor to the GDP and a driver of economic growth. Recently, he sat down with the editors of Topflyers Magazine to discuss not just his commitment but the precise strategy of achieving the goal. Excerpts:

On occupying the exalted seat of the Managing Director of NIWA

I will simply say that it is challenging because when you do what you like to do and when you have set timelines and targets for yourself it becomes a little more challenging. So for me, it is challenging and interesting at the same time.

On the meaning and role of NIWA

Well, it is an acronym for National Inland Waterways Authority. We are an agency of the government domiciled in the federal ministry of transportation. We are responsible for making inland waterways navigable; we facilitate movement for cargo and personnel within the waterways. We manage and maintain our rights of way across the country, we create enabling environment for the transport system to grow, and we are part of the multi-modal transport system in Nigeria. We have done quite a lot, like the Construction of Boat Terminal at Barki-Kogi in Adamawa State; Construction of Jetty at Odekpe, Ogbaru LGA, Anambra State; Construction of Jetty 2 at Yenagoa, Bayelsa State;

Construction of Boat Terminal at Wuro Boki, Adamawa State, developing our waterways, wreck removal, water hyacinth removal, etc.

On the current positive visibility of NIWA and the Waterways

I saw the lack of visibility of NIWA as one of the challenges when I was initially appointed. I said it in my first interview after my appointment on October 9, 2019. I said in very clear terms that NIWA is under-reported and because of that a lot of people do not know what we do and who we are. So I appealed to the media community and my friends to assist me to get people to know NIWA by reporting our activities so that people can buy into what we are doing and to God be the glory we have received co-ordinated responses and media support. It is safe to say that today we are not as under-reported as we used to be.

On the training school for boat operators in Warri, Delta State

Well, when I was appointed MD, I saw the lack of a training school as one of the challenges because there were quite a lot of accidents happening so we

had to do an in-house study of what could be the problem. Thereafter, we identified the obstructions on the waterways, poor quality of the vessels, inadequate training for the captains, carelessness and non-adherence to protocols. With these, we felt the need to do the right thing by providing them with the right environment instead of chastising the people. We decided to retrain boat operators by going to our schools to be properly trained because every life is important. We cannot sit back and watch accidents happen when some of them could be avoided. So that led to us starting the training school in partnership with some of the organizations that had shown interest and I have also given an approval for such a programme to start in Lagos. Early this year I was in Badagary to participate and preside over the training programme of some students where over 450 boat operators were in attendance and were retrained over a one-week programme on how to operate boats so we are concerned with training not only boat operators but even boat owners. So the school is doing well but we have to do more.

On managing NIWA in the COVID-19 era

As we all know COVID-19 is a world-wide pandemic that disorganized the entire structure and programmes of the world. Making Nigeria or NIWA not an exception. We had our own bit of the challenge but we had to key-in to do things that we should do. We had to look inwards to our operational methodologies to see how we could make some amendments to what we were doing before. We introduced protocols in all our offices and jetties like the use of face mask, hand sanitizers, frequent hand washing, etc. Unlike before, you cannot just enter any boat from our jetty without being properly kitted. You must wear your life jacket, face mask, wash your hands or properly sanitize it. Again, because of the virus we reduced the carriage capacity of all vessels so that we can encourage social distancing, Vessels that had 100% capacity were brought down to 60%. Basically it has been quite challenging but we are tackling the challenges.

On COVID-19 vaccination and the controversy around it

I have taken the first jab and my second one is coming up soon. So I encourage everyone to take it but it is not something we can legislate over, we can only appeal to them so they do not follow the scary stories of the vaccine on social media. Presently, every member of my immediate family has been vaccinated.



Baro River Port

“Access road was the major problem. Both the Federal and Niger State Governments have shown interest and are taking action. I am sure in no distant time, activities will commence there.”



On why the Baro River Port has not fully taken off after commissioning

Yes, you are correct. It is a world class port that has been completed and well-built but the challenge that has been there, which is being addressed now, is the issue of access roads to the port. Even the Niger state government, aside the federal government, has shown interest in getting the port operational, I am sure in no distant time, activities will commence there.

On the challenges of being the Boss of NIWA

For me, I do not look at challenges. I try to look at solutions. There are challenges certainly even my Bible tells me that “many are the afflictions of the righteous but He delivereth them from all.” The point is that He did not exclude the challenges but the assurance is that, God can deliver us from it so long as we do what is right. So for me, I do not get scared about challenges. I confront challenges believing strongly that challenges will always come but the attitude to it is what matters.

On his future

God is the Author and Finisher of my faith; God guides me. My tomorrow is totally dependent on God and the will of the people. So for me, let us finish this present assignment meritoriously.

On the cause of insecurity in Nigeria

Security is a major challenge in Nigeria but I also want us to know that security is not government business

Security

“Security is not government business alone. It is for everyone. I want to humbly appeal to the elite class, captains of industries and political leaders, let us tone down our rhetoric. Nigeria is bigger and more important than any of us and we are stronger when united. Let us discourage hatred for each and one another because we need LOVE.”

alone. It is for everyone. In addressing the present security challenges, I want to humbly appeal to the elite class, captains of industries and political leaders, let us tone down our rhetoric. Nigeria is bigger and more important than any of us and we are stronger when united. Let us discourage hatred for each other because we need LOVE. I also think there is need for us to look inward. Every government must think proactively to positive change in the educational curriculum. We must design our educational curriculum to the extent that we do not train only people who are unemployable; we should as well train people to be employers themselves. We should encourage skill



development. I want to use this medium to commend the Federal government for all the programmes they started such the N-power, the bank of industry support programme, the skill acquisition programmes which are very good but it must be desired to remain effective and sustainable .even after this government has exited. Government alone cannot employ but if the government creates the enabling environment for the private sector to grow, then the challenge of unemployment can be adequately addressed.

On the significance of NIWA to the Nigerian economy

The moment we develop our inland waterways, the congestion in Lagos especially in our sea ports would be removed. The pressure on our road infrastructure will be reduced. If for example 1,000 containers are moving to the South East, what that means is that 2, 000 trailers would be on the road to and fro. But the moment we put the containers through the inland waterways we have removed the trailers from the road and reduced the pressure on road infrastructure because these roads are not designed to carry the weights they are currently carrying. If we develop our inland waterways, our ports can never be congested because this inland waterways have been designed to receive goods that would be delivered from different cities. We have not even talked about the tourism potentials. That alone is a massive source of income for the government.

On his charitable works

By the grace of God I am the president of ZimUzo Development Foundation. ZimUzo means “show

Challenges

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me the way”. We have done quite a lot. I usually find it difficult talking about what we have done because I do not celebrate it. It is just what I do. I try as much as possible to be my brother's keeper with my little resources. I believe that whatever God has given to you is not for you but the people. ZimUzo is a foundation we have used to help people, trained orphans up to the university level, while some are in secondary schools and primary schools. There was a time we had to help release all the prisoners in Anambra State who were sent to prison because of fines they could not pay. We helped pay the fines of those who had between N1,000 to N100, 000. We have started building houses for widows. We have completed and commissioned some. We have a process through which benefitting widows are selected. We will select those who cannot help themselves, who have lost hope and faith, those who believe that God does not like them. We want to prove to them that God loves them.

Photo SPEAK



R-L: The MD, Dr. Moghalu, Ooni of Ife, Adeyeye Enitan Ogunwusi, Gov. Yahaya Bello, Mrs. Hauwa Atiku Uwais and Prof. Chris Mustafa Nwaokobia at GYB at 46 symposium at Government house, Lokoja



A group photograph with Inspector General of Police Usman Baba Alkali, MD of NIWA Chief Dr. George Moghalu and some Management staff of NIWA at Force Headquarters Abuja



Cross section of selected NIWA staff trained in Administration and Management of Electronic Registration Information System (ERIS) at Abuja



R-L: Mr. Jubril Darda'u, GM, Corporate Affairs, Engr. O. Anazado, T.A to the MD, DCP Muhammad Shaba, new Commander, NIWA Police Command, the MD Chief (Dr.) George Moghalu, C.P Zanna Shettima, Surv O. Adetola, GM, Business Dev, and Suleiman Makama, PM, Corporate Affairs.



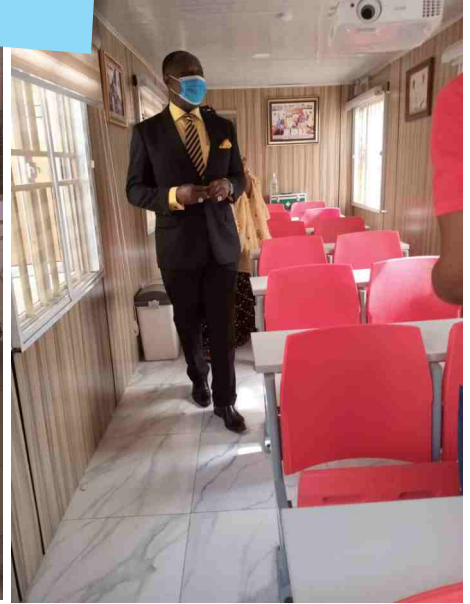
Engr. C. Asindi, GM (Engineering) representing MD at the official opening of the head office of Confluence Logistics and Transport Consults Ltd, Lokoja



MD NIWA Chief Dr. George Moghalu with the CEO of Confluence Logistics and Transport Consults Limited



MD NIWA Chief Dr. George Moghalu with the CEO of Confluence Logistics and Transport Consults Limited



MD NIWA inspecting the mini conference hall of Confluence Logistics and Transport Consults Limited



Mr. Joseph Amola (left) Chairman CILT Lokoja branch presenting a certificate of corporate membership, the Platinum category to the MD of NIWA Chief Dr. George Moghalu at NIWA HQ Lokoja



Mr. Joseph Itayav chairman, governing council of HYPADDEC (left) and Engr. C. Asindi GM Engineering (right) when the commission members paid a courtesy visit to NIWA headquarters in Lokoja



NIWA Niger-Kwara Area office team in Malale, New Bussa alongside HYPADDEC staff on a rescue mission of a boat mishap



The MD Moghalu with members of Management staff and members of Youth Initiative for Peace and Good Governance (YIPGG) when he receive Icon of Human Transformation Award at the HQ of NIWA.



Fumigation of NIWA headquarters against Covid-19



NIWA Staff and some guests at the official opening of the Confluence Logistics and Transport Consults LTD

MD Visits Family of Late Capt. Adeyemo, says "the Iroko has fallen."



Mrs Olatoye Aminat daughter of late captain Niyi Adeyemo, receiving NIWA MD Dr George Moghalu and his team at the iju residence of the late master mariner, while Barrister Ibrahim Danladi (in white Agbada) and Engineer Sarat Lara Braimah (on nose mask) watches.

The Managing Director/CEO Chief (Dr.) George Moghalu showed his humanity recently when he led top NIWA management team to Iju, Lagos home of late maritime giant, Captain Niyi Adeyemo to commiserate with the family. Visibly emotional and touched by the passage of the late maritime veteran and former member, Board of Directors of NIWA, Dr George Moghalu penned in the condolence register, a deep testimonial of the departed, noting, "our own daddy, Director and friend, may your soul rest in perfect peace." The MD/CEO was received on arrival by the daughter of the late industry guru, Mrs. Ajikaye Adedoyin and select members of the

family. He remarked that the passage of Captain Adeyemo was painful to the entire NIWA organization, stating that the departed, while here on earth, prayed and worked for the success and growth of NIWA.

"He desired that we succeed as an organization and was generous with advice and support," Dr. Moghalu explained, adding, "birth and death belong to God, even though we may feel bad about death of a dear friend, there's nothing we can do but to thank God that our departed daddy and friend, lived well here on earth."

Dr. Moghalu, who was in company of NIWA General Manager, Legal and Company Secretary, Barrister Ibrahim Danladi and Engineer Sarat Lara Braimah, Area Manager NIWA Lagos, assured the family that NIWA will take a lead and be part of the arrangement to accord the late veteran Master Mariner a befitting burial ceremony.

"We at NIWA are part of the family because our late daddy treated us as family, so endeavour to carry us along," he charged the family of the departed maritime giant.

In her brief response, Mrs. Ajikaye Adedoyin, expressed happiness at the visit of the NIWA leadership, stressing that the visit is a confirmation that her father was cherished and loved by NIWA for the little he did while here on earth.

She promised to inform her siblings and other members of the family about the request of NIWA to be part of the passage rites of the maritime elder statesman, adding, "our daddy will be happy about your kind visit and assurances of support where he's now."

Moghalu Honoured with Icon of Human Transformation Award

The Managing Director Chief (Dr.) George Moghalu has advised the Youth Initiative for Peace and Good Governance (YIPGG) to give award to individuals out of sincere convictions to spur awardees to do more. The MD offered the advice when he received "ICON OF HUMAN TRANSFORMATION" award from the Association at NIWA Headquarters, Lokoja, recently. His words: "Let me thank you for honoring me and also let me advise that a lot of honors and awards come in from various organizations, but you will find out that most times it is not worth it, because we have degraded the quality of awards. My prayer is that young people like you, in giving awards, let it be borne out of conviction that is aimed to spur the awardee to do more."

The MD said he felt encouraged by the award as what counts at the end is the impact one makes on the society and promised to support the Association.

Earlier, the President of the Association Mr. Fatoyinbo Stephen said the YIPGG has members cutting cross the six geo political zones of Federation and FCT. He said it was a strong and vibrant association with a mission to promote youth causes and defend the ordinary youth.

Other members of the Association present were



The MD Dr. Moghalu receiving the "Icon of Human Transformation" award from Mr. Fatoyinbo Stephen at NIWA Houserecently.

Mr. Raji Jamiu, Aliyu Shehu, Abdullahi Aisha and Olaniyi John.

The citation of the MD was read by Raji Jamiu while the presentation of the award was witnessed by Engr. C. Asindi GM (Engineering), Engr. Osita, T/A to MD, CP Zanna Shettima, Jibril Darda'u, Ag. GM (Corporate Affairs) and Ibrahim Sade Ag. GM (Procurement).

NEW NIWA POLICE COMMANDER ASSUMES OFFICE

By Tijani Ibrahim and Victor Mangder



DCP, Muhammad Shaba

A new Police Commander, DCP, Muhammad Shaba has been appointed by the Inspector General of Police (IG) to head the Inland Waterways Police Command. He has since assumed office at the Authority's Headquarters in Lokoja.

Receiving the new Commander in his office, the Managing Director of NIWA Chief (Dr.) George Moghalu thanked the Inspector General of Police for his support to NIWA in the area of security and congratulated DCP, Muhammad Shaba on his new appointment.

He also extolled the good virtues of the outgoing Police Commander, CP Zanna Shettima and said NIWA was going to miss him. "NIWA will miss the outgoing Commander. I wish him well.

NIWA is happy because his going means progress for him to rise to the rank of Commissioner of Police while creating an opportunity for the DCP to join us." Earlier in his speech, the outgoing Police Commander CP Shettima thanked the Managing Director for his support during his tenure as Inland Waterways Police Commander. He described Moghalu as the best MD NIWA has ever had since because he ensured the welfare of the Inland Waterways Police was paramount. He assured that he would always cherish the good memories of his service at the Authority.

BRIEF BIOGRAPHY OF DCP MUHAMMAD M. SHABA

Born on the 20th January, 1965 in Minna, Chanchaga Local Government Area, Niger State, DCP Muhammad Shaba started his early education at Madaki Primary School, Minna and later proceeded to College of Arts and Islamic Studies (CAIS), Minna, College of Education, Minna. He bagged his BSc in Peace and Conflict Resolution Studies from Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria.

DCP Shaba was enlisted in to the Nigerian Police Force as a cadet officer through the Police Academy, Wudil, Kano State on 15th March, 1988.

As an intelligent Officer, he has attended many professional courses such as Advance Detective course (ADC), Junior Command Course (JCC), Intermediate Command Course (ICC), Strategic Leadership Command Course (SLCC) and many more.

He has worked in all the Departments of the Force, where he held different positions of responsibilities. His last posting was Deputy Commissioner of Police in-charge of Operation, Gombe State Police Command.

He took over the mantle of leadership of DCP, NIWA from the immediate past CP Z. Shettima as the Deputy Commissioner of Police, Inland Waterways Command on 12th August, 2021.

As a lover of sport, he enjoys playing lawn tennis, badminton and squash. His hobbies include reading and driving. He is happily married with children.

COMMISSIONING OF THE PATROL BOATS AND INAUGURATION OF TASKFORCE AT LAGOS



A group photograph of the newly innugrated taskforce with MD NIWA



MD NIWA cutting the tape as he commissions the three patrol boats at Lagos



Engr Sarat Braimoh (Area Manager Lagos) delivering a welcome address at the taskforce inauagation event in Lagos Area office.



MD NIWA listening to Mr Edeme Kelikume, President Barge operators Association of Nigeria when the Association paid a courtesy visit to the MD in Lagos Area office.



MD NIWA with some management staff together with Edeme Kelikume, Preident Barge Operators Association of Nigeria and their members during the Association's courtesy visit to the MD in Lagos



MD NIWA with some management staff, Area Manager Lagos and staff of the Area Office.



The newly inaugurated SERVICOM officers in a group photograph

NIWA Inaugurates SERVICOM Desk Officers for HQ, Out Stations

By Abdullahi Shehu, Mangder Victor, Nasir Liman Hussaini and Kassim Mahmoud

The National Inland Waterways Authority (NIWA) has inaugurated SERVICOM desk officers for the headquarters and out stations.

The inauguration took place recently at NIWA headquarters conference room under the chairmanship of Danladi Ibrahim Esq. General Manager (Legal/company secretary).

In his opening address, Barr Ibrahim, who represented the Managing Director, stated that service delivery was vital in public sector, emphasizing that life also was all about service, which human beings were created to deliver.

He said, "We should be seen as people that are doing excellently well in providing that service. Everybody should deliver service within his or her own capacity."

Also, in his welcome address, the Ag. General Manager (Research, Planning and Environment) Mu'azu Dan'azumi stressed the need for commitment of the participants towards promoting service excellence in the headquarters and all the area offices of the Authority. He encouraged them to be more proactive in ensuring that service delivery is achieved and thanked the Managing Director for approving such a wonderful forum.

There was a Powerpoint presentation by Mrs. Nyero N. Ohioze, Principal Manager (Planning), who defined effective service delivery, listed factors that determine effective service delivery and the negative attitudes that affect service delivery.

At the end of the interactive session, there was a questions and answers session to further clarify the participating desk officers on issues regarding efficient service delivery.

SERVICOM is an acronym for Service Compact with All Nigerians. It was established in 2004 as the outcome of the Three-day Special Presidential Retreat on Service Delivery with the President, Ministers, Special Advisers, Presidential Aides and Chief Executives of major Extra-ministerial Departments and Parastatals.

It is an initiative of the Federal Government of Nigeria conceived to promote effective and efficient service delivery in MDAs to ensure customer satisfaction and to manage the performance-

expectation gap between Government and citizens as well as other members of the public, on issues of service delivery.

SERVICOM equally gives the public the right to demand good services as contained in MDAs' service charter. One of its goals is to ensure that service takers understand their rights to public services, the services standards they should expect and how to demand for those services or speak up where they are deficient or lacking.

SERVICOM is a solemn compact as well as an institutional mechanism conceptualized to fight against service failure by

ensuring that organs of Government in Nigeria deliver to citizens and other residents in the country, the services to which they are entitled to.

SERVICOM operates through a network of Ministerial SERVICOM Units (MSUs) established in all MDAs to refocus every institution in the Public service towards better service delivery, and supports these MSUs to write up Service Charters, establish Complaints System at service front-lines as well as develop Service Improvement Plans.



GENERAL PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

STOP THE VANDALIZATION OF INSTALLED MARINE NAVIGATIONAL BUOYS AND OTHER NAVIGATIONAL AIDS ON INLAND WATERWAYS



The National Inland Waterways Authority (NIWA) wish to inform the general public and river users in particular that Marine Navigational Buoys installed within the inland waterways are for the general use of the public. They are to serve as navigational aids to improve the safety and efficiency of navigation on the inland waterways.



vandalized buoy



Installed buoy

NIWA has observed that some of these marine navigational buoys installed within inland waterways especially the Lokoja to Onitsha channel are being tampered with or vandalized. The Authority wishes to notify the general public that the marine navigational buoys are installed for their benefits and tempering or vandalizing it is a criminal offence that can attract arrest and prosecution.



Installed buoy

The general public is hereby advised to consider the marine navigational aid as a public infrastructure to be protected, and should please report any of such action to NIWA Police, the nearest Police Station, any security agency nearby or call the following number **08036094940** for further necessary action.

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TWO YEARS OF FULFILLING THE MANDATE

It all started with the Presidential Mandate two years ago: reposition the waterways system and make it a dependable contributor to national growth. Mr. President's Mandate is sacrosanct.

Two years on, with renewed determination, I am carrying out Mr. President's Mandate through the Federal Ministry of Transportation with the faithful implementation of impactful projects and policies.

Two years on, I have inspired the workforce and stakeholders to buy into the Mandate; they are now operating and serving optimally.

Two years on, I have given undivided attention to safety and security on our waterways.

Two years on, words are simply not enough; I shall let some of our projects, policies, processes, training programmes and collaborations do the talking.

**Chief (Dr.)
George Moghalu**
MD/CEO, National Inland Waterways Authority



It is a much longer list of accomplishments. On the second anniversary of my appointment, I renew my pledge to surpass my record of the last two years. The future beckons, and together we march on.



- Gabion type shore protection works at the bank of River Niger at Ose, Ogbel-Ijaro, Onitsha, Anambra State
- Construction of 2No 500 ton barges
- Construction of 1No Jet pontoon
- Construction of 1No flat bottom Tugboat (In-country)
- Construction of 1No 30-man House Boat (In-country)
- Construction of 2No patrol boats
- Construction of 1No pilot Boat (Keel bottom) ongoing
- Construction of 1No water Ambulance to enhance safety, search and rescue on our Waterways (ongoing).
- Construction of 7 more water Ambulances under procurement.
- Rehabilitation of Port Harcourt and Warri Area offices workshops (Ongoing).
- Regular clearing of water Hyacinth, Debris and obstructions on Inland Waterways.
- Rehabilitation of 13-years-Abandoned defective water weed harvester (Yauri Area office).
- Construction of 1No Fire-Fighting vessel (ongoing).
- In collaboration of Marine and Engineering Departments, ongoing construction of berthing facility at Lokoja dockyard for NIWA vessel's mooring.
- Near completion of the ongoing concession of the Onitsha River Port.
- Resumption of work on Lokoja River Port.
- Procurement of 20 patrol Boats
- Rehabilitation of the Warri Dockyard Harbour
- Mapping/charting of right-of-way and navigational channels River Niger (Asaba –Onitsha Axis)
- Commencement of online Boat registration
- Training of 400 youths on the safe handling of small crafts for ferry operations
- Training and certification of passenger boat drivers and captains in Warri, Port Harcourt and Yenagoa Area offices. Lagos to commence Soon.
- Training of 20 number NIWA Engineers and Technicians with Yamaha Motors of Japan in the repair/ maintenance of Yamaha outboard engines.
- Training of Port Department Staff on Port/Cargo handling and operations.
- Training of Staff on Electronic Registration and Information system for inland craft; e-registration commences in Jan 2022
- Construction of shore protection work at Ose-Ogbel-Ijaw, Onitsha