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NIWA, NAVY TO TACKLE INSECURITY ON WATERWAYS



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NIWA's core responsibility is to ensure safety and security on the Nigeria's vast waterways system. Since its founding 25 years ago, the Authority has demonstrably devoted its resources and expertise to fulfilling this mission. While NIWA has the capacity and the determination to carry out these important functions on its own, it sometimes finds it necessary to collaborate with other agencies of government for a more effective delivery. Nothing demonstrates this more than two recent developments in the waterways sector: NIWA

joining forces with the Nigerian Navy to tackle security issues on the waterways and the donation of ferries to the Kano State Government by the Authority. The two events, one of which was a result of a parley between the MD/CEO, Chief (Dr.) George Moghalu and the Chief of Naval Staff, Vice Admiral A. Z. Gambo, are remarkable because of the critical significance of security on the waterways while the donation of ferries was NIWA's effort to assuage the loss of lives in recent boat mishaps in that part of the country. It was also a big part of our corporate social responsibility, CSR. This explains why both stories are given prominent coverage in this edition of your favourite NIGERIAN WATERWAYS, with the collaboration with the Nigerian Navy leading the publication.

Also given prime place is the unveiling of NIWA vessels by the Honourable Minister of State for Transportation Sen. Gbemisola Rukkayat Saraki. This is a boost for the Authority's leadership in water transportation. The commissioning of the jetty at Tin Can Island by the Minister of State for Health Senator Mamora, also a key part of our lineup, highlights Government's tireless efforts to improve infrastructure on the waterways.

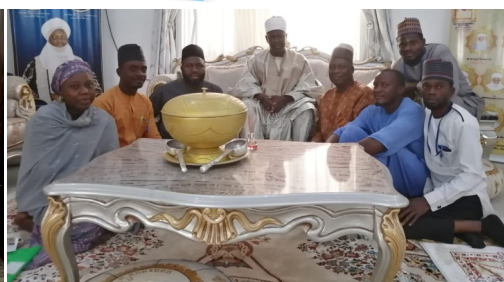
NIGERIAN WATERWAYS considers staff social outings as worth celebrating. Hence, the ample coverage of the colourful wedding events in this edition. We congratulate the newest couples in town. This package is quite loaded. Enjoy and let us know what you think!

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The MD Chief Moghalu (2nd l) in a group photograph with former NIWA Board members.



Staff of Minna Area Office and stakeholders in a meeting with the Emir of Borgu and the Vice Chairman of Borgu LGA in his Palace on the way forward towards successful movement of NIWA.



Admiral A.Z Gambo and some other senior officers of the Nigerian Navy at the Naval Headquarters, Abuja

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WATERWAYS AUTHORITY DONATES FERRY BOAT TO KANO

By TukurMuntari

The National Inland Waterways Authority (NIWA) has donated an 18-passenger capacity ferry boat to Kano State as part of measures to improve water transport in the state.

This is contained in a statement by Hassan Fagge, the Chief Press Secretary to the acting Governor, Dr Nasiru Gawuna.

According to Fagge, the gesture demonstrated the Federal Government and NIWA's concern and readiness to complement the State Government's effort of bringing succour to the rural communities. He said the state government planned to provide three speed boats and life jackets for passengers taking the cross-channel ferry from Badau village to other communities in Bagwai town, Bagwai Local Government Area.

Fagge said that the state acting Governor, Nasiru Gawuna, made the disclosure while commissioning the 18-passenger capacity ferry boat donated by NIWA at the Bagwai LGA.

Over 40 passengers, including pupils of Madinatu Islamiyya School in the Bagwai Local Government Area of the state, had died in a boat mishap that occurred in November 2021.

The boat capsized while on its way from Badau

village to Bagwai town, the headquarters of the Bagwai Local Government Area of the state.

The deceased students were said to be on their way to attend Maulud, an Islamic celebration held annually to commemorate the birth of Prophet Muhammad.

"I wish to also assure NIWA of our commitment of working together towards improving water transport in Kano State.

"While congratulating the people of Badau village for receiving the donation of the boat, Gawuna also urged them to comply with all ferry safety guidelines so as to avoid recurrence of boat mishaps," the statement said.

The Area Manager of NIWA, Nasiru Maude, said the donation of the 18-passenger capacity ferry boat was in furtherance of the Authority's commitment to safety of water transportation in the country.

"This is part of our efforts to ensure protection of lives on the waterways," he said.

Maude, however, urged the Badau community to ensure they wear life jackets for their safety while on the ferry boat.

(Punch Newspaper)

UBA, ADIMOHA, OBIENU, MAKAMA, OTHERS PROMOTED

The Board and Management of National Inland Waterways Authority (NIWA) has announced the promotion of six (6) Deputy General Managers, and eight (8) Assistant General Managers.

The cheery news was contained in a letter signed by Abdullahi Dabai General Manager (HR/A) on behalf of the Managing Director/CEO Chief (Dr.) George Moghalu. The MD congratulated them on the promotions and charged them to put in their best in carrying out the new responsibilities bestowed upon them.

The newly promoted officers to the rank of Deputy General Manager GL 16 are:

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| 1. Uba Queen O. | - | DGM (Legal Services) |
| 2. Adimoha Henry | - | DGM (Survey) |
| 3. Titus Samuel Adoga | - | DGM (AOC) |
| 4. Abba John Martins | - | DGM (HR/A) |
| 5. Osewinyen Uayamen | - | DGM (HR/A) |
| 6. Amola E. Joseph | - | DGM (Planning) |

While the newly promoted officers to the rank of Assistant General Manager GL 15 are:

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| 1. Idowu Sunday | - | AGM (HR/A) |
| 2. Boniface Akuwbor | - | AGM (HR/A) |
| 3. Grace Awoh | - | AGM (AOC) |
| 4. Chika Erin Ukamaka | - | AGM (AOC) |
| 5. Eri Lami Aisha | - | AGM (AOC) |
| 6. Obieniu Tracy | - | AGM (Protocol) |
| 7. Makama Danko | - | AGM (Protocol) |
| 8. Dagyang Silas | - | AGM (Finance) |

The affected staff have already received letters of their promotion. The Nigerian Waterways congratulates the promoted staff and wishes them success in their new positions.

SARAKI UNVEILS VESSELS, LAUDS MD



MD NIWA Moghalu representing Sen. Rukayat Saraki Hon. Minister of Transportation cutting the tape to commission NIWA newly acquired vessels at Port-Harcourt Area Office

The Hon. Minister of Transportation, Sen. Gbemisola Rukayat Saraki has commissioned vessels newly acquired by National Inland Waterways Authority (NIWA) at the Area Office in Port-Harcourt, explaining that they are part of the equipment necessary for a smooth dredging operation on the nation's waterways.

The Honourable Minister also applauded the Managing Director Chief (Dr.) George Moghalu for his prudence and leadership in building some of the vessels in-house.

Sen. Saraki, who was represented by the Managing Director Chief (Dr.) Moghalu, expressed delight that the vessels she was commissioning would enhance operations across the waterways. Every equipment was fitted for specific functions on the waterways.

Her words: "The tugboats and equipment being unveiled here today are necessary for a smooth dredging operation. Beyond providing accommodation for the dredging crew, the houseboat can also be deployed for emergency evacuation and rescue, if the need arises. Whereas the water ambulance serve medical purposes and for search and rescue in times of boat mishaps, the two (2 Nos) patrol boats and some of the Authority's fleet of vessels provide security on the waterways."

In capturing the essence of the event, Senator Saraki said: "Today marks another milestone in our efforts as a government to build infrastructure and create the enabling environment for businesses to thrive in the country. A country blessed with more than 10,000 Kilometers of Inland Waterways is certainly a nation with great maritime potentials if such natural endowments are properly harnessed. Inland Waterways is variably, the cheapest and safest mode of transportation and equally plays a critical role in multimodal transportation..."

She added that it was therefore compelling that the waterways must be dredged to achieve the required draft, adequate survey, mapping and charting, with marker buoys and signage put in place and every necessary step taken to ensure safe navigation.

"It is only in such a state of infrastructural development that much needed investment can be attracted," she explained, adding, "This is one of the reasons I had directed about three years ago for National Inland Waterways Authority (NIWA) to ensure regular in-house maintenance dredging of the waterways."

The Honourable Minister of State praised NIWA for building the vessel in the country, which was in tandem with President Buhari's vision of creating jobs, enhancing local content and technology acquisition by Nigerians. She stressed that such initiatives stand to be supported by the Government: "We will, as a matter of policy, continue to encourage in-country ship building capabilities to enhance national growth and minimize capital flight."

The Hon. Minister congratulated the Chief (Dr.) Moghalu for these achievements and urged him to ensure the maximum utilization of the waterways for the transportation of cargo between the seaports and the hinterlands.

In her address, Dr. Magdalene Ajani, Permanent secretary, Federal Ministry of Transportation, represented by Danladi Ibrahim Esq., General Manager, Legal Services and Company Secretary (NIWA) also congratulated NIWA on this giant stride and assured the Authority of the Ministry's support at all times.

In his welcome address, the Chief (Dr.) Moghalu, represented by Engr. Joseph K. Ororo, General Manager, Marine, NIWA said the commissioning of five (5) of the newly acquired marine craft of different types was geared towards the fulfillment of NIWA's core mandate as a regulatory body and a major player in the maritime industry.

He said the huge opportunities that abound within the nation's inland waterways can only be maximized in an atmosphere of a strong regulatory framework. The narrative that out of over 10,000 Kilometers of Inland Waterways, only about 3,000 were navigable all year round was not complimentary. "It is also a fact that 28 of the 36 states of the Federation can be accessed by water," he said, regretting that "Our roads are choked with excess axle load, resulting in a very high cost of maintenance, and its attendant loss of lives and property due to avoidable accidents. Only a deliberate policy of action plan can reverse this commentary for the better."

"It is pursuant to the above, and in line with the Authority's mandate that NIWA is putting everything in place to promote transportation of goods within the Inland Waterways. Consequently, the Authority has licensed about twelve (12) companies for the transportation of cargo from Lagos to Onitsha River ports, to hinterlands, and vice versa. This is aimed at making goods and services available to the masses at a cheaper cost."

The Managing Director listed measured adopted to achieve hitch free operations. He said the Authority was focusing more attention on:

- The critical rivers and channels by providing more river training works,
- Laying of navigational and marker buoys,
- Removal of wrecks and derelicts,
- Maintenance dredging,
- Water hyacinth clearing
- The ongoing establishment of eight (8) search and rescue stations across the country,
- Training and certification of boat drivers and crews,
- Provision of an electronic registration and information system for vessels and construction of jetties and ramps at different locations.

The representative of the Hon. Minister of State for Transportation Chief (Dr.) Moghalu then cut the tape to formally mark the commissioning of the vessels.

Dignitaries that witnessed the commissioning were Chief Hope Kukar, Chairman, Marine Equipment Owners Association, Barr. Idiake Lawrau, Zonal Managers of Nigerian Shippers Council, NIMASA, Nigerian Ports Authority, Lucky Brown, CEO BGAM Service Ltd, Lt. Cdr. O.O. Aide of the Nigerian Navy (NNS Pathfinder) amongst others.



MD NIWA George Moghalu in a chat with the Chief of Naval Staff, Vice Admiral A.Z Gambo

NIWA TO COLLABORATE WITH NIGERIAN NAVY TO TACKLE INSECURITY ON WATERWAYS

By Tijani Ibrahim

The National Inland Waterways Authority (NIWA) is seeking to collaborate with the Nigerian Navy to tackle insecurity on the nation's Waterways.

The Managing Director/CEO Chief (Dr.) George Moghalu disclosed this when he paid a courtesy visit to the Chief of Naval Staff Admiral A.Z Gambo at the Naval Headquarters in Abuja recently.

Dr. Moghalu told his host that safety on the waterways was not only close to his heart but also of strategic national significance. He said: "If there is any legacy I want to leave, it is to make water transportation the transport means of choice both for cargos and for persons and to achieve that. It requires the support of the Navy to provide the needed security for us to be able to move cargos from point A to B and that has been the major concern of most of the importers who are collaborating with us to ensure that we bring to reality this project that we want to do."

Moghalu pointed out that Nigeria stands to gain a lot in the Maritime sector. According to him, "Waterways transportation is the way to go. The potentials are enormous. There is no doubt as to that fact despite the challenges and what we are trying to do is to get people to key into this narrative, our vision of making waterways transportation a transport means of choice, involving the Importers associations, chambers of commerce, and all maritime stakeholders to have a buy in because it is the importer that determines how he wants his goods to be moved; he can insist he wants his goods to be moved by land so you need to convince him that he has a better alternative and that is moving it by water and for us to do this, we need to put the infrastructure in place."

The partnership between NIWA and the Nigerian Navy is expected to enhance maritime security and boost water transportation of goods and services.

Earlier in his speech, the Chief of Naval Staff Vice Admiral Gambo recalled that in the early 60s, Nigerians could go to Argungu through the inland waterways and today they cannot

boast of moving without having challenge between Lower River Niger up to Burutu Port because it was difficult to ascertain the depth and size of vessels or barges that could traverse on that route.

Welcoming the prospects of the collaboration with NIWA, the Naval Chief said, "I am happy with our collaboration. That effort has commenced and it is on record that the team is at Onitsha for the survey and charting and will proceed to Burutu as planned." He commended the effort of the MD, NEXIM Bank in collaboration with Sealink and the Nigerian Navy as stakeholders in the Maritime sector.

Speaking on other areas of collaboration in the area of navigational safety, the Chief of Naval Staff stated that there was need to strengthen the collaboration between NIWA and the Hydrographic Department of the Navy for a better services such as the installation of navigational buoys and identification of wrecks for easy navigation.

On the issue of security to ensure safer waterways for legitimate business to thrive, Vice Admiral Gambo advocated sharing of intelligence in collaboration with Inland Waterways Marine Police to carry out effective operation and pulling their resources together for greater service delivery.

The CNS also disclosed that NIWA could key into the Nigerian Navy Apprenticeship School at the Navy Dockyard in Lagos and Naval Shipyard in Port Harcourt when it becomes fully operational. He said both could also collaborate in building of small crafts.

The MD was accompanied on the visit with Danladi Ibrahim Esq., General Manager (Legal)/ Company Secretary, Engr. Joseph Ororo, General Manager (Marine), Jibril Darda'u General Manager (Corporate Affairs) and Ibrahim Sade, General Manager (Procurement).

FG APPROVES NARROW GAUGE RAIL FROM MINNA TO BARO RIVER PORT



MD NIWA Chief (Dr.) Moghalu presenting gift to Hon. Mu'azu Sambo

The Minister of state for works and housing, Mu'azu Jaji Sambo, has commended President Muhammadu Buhari and the Federal Executive Council (FEC) for the approval of the construction of a narrow gauge rail track from Minna to Baro with an extension to the Baro River Port in Niger State, which he described as a milestone in infrastructure development.

He said the approval, which is an attestation to President Muhammadu Buhari's commitment to infrastructure development, would boost trading, mining and agro allied activities in and around the state as well as improve the efficiency of National Inland Waterways Authority (NIWA). Sambo stated this when he played host to the Management team of the National Inland Waterways Authority (NIWA), led by its Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, Chief Dr.George Moghalu, who paid a courtesy visit to the Honourable Minister in Abuja.

He said he was sure of increased success in the Federal Ministry of Works and Housing with the pedigree of the Honourable Minister, Mr.BabatundeRaji Fashola, SAN, who he referred to as his brother.

Engr. Sambo told the NIWA team that his appointment as Minister was designed by God, and actualized by President Muhammadu Buhari, his role model since 1975, adding that he never knew he would find himself in the position and advised all to put in their best in every endeavour and strive to impact people along their way.

He thanked the NIWA team for the courtesy visit and their best wishes for him while pledging to continue the bond of relationship with NIWA, his former office, which he described as a family relationship and also promised to give them support where necessary.

Earlier, the MD/CEOChief (Dr.) Moghalu told the Minister that they were in his office to congratulate him on his appointment as the Minister of State for Works and Housing and wished him well.

MD URGES AREA MANAGERS TO PRIORITIZE NATIONAL INTEREST

As part of efforts to attain the organisational goals of the National Inland Water ways Authority (NIWA), the Managing Director of NIWA, Chief (DR.) George Moghalu has advised Area Managers of the Authority to work towards realizing government's objectives in the sector.

The NIWA Boss gave the advice while flagging off training for Area Port Managers organized by Confluence Logistics and Transport Consults Limited in Lokoja.

Chief Moghalu, who described the training as timely, said it would help develop staff capacity and build synergy among sister agencies for better service delivery.

The Managing Director also commended the initiative of the Chief Executive of Confluence Logistics, Hajia Aisha Ali-Ibrahim, saying that her efforts would help achieve human capital development in the agency.

On her part, the retired General Manager, Marine and Operations Nigerian Port Authority and onetime Port Manager of the Lagos Port Complex Apapa, Hajia Aisha said

the aim of the training was to give the participants better understanding of their roles and the needed synergy between NIWA and other government agencies.

Hajia Aisha noted that the officials need to be well-trained to understand their duties and develop their capacity, adding that the inland waterway has a vital role in seaport efficiency.

She described the training as timely with the recent development of Nigerian ports across the country.

Hajia Aisha also described Chief (Dr.) Moghalu as a "man of integrity", noting that Confluence Logistics was out to train and educate NIWA staff for better service delivery that would help generate revenue.

The General Manager, Port Services, Engineer Agbahi Fidelis said he believed that after the training, the members of staff would be adequately positioned to confront any challenge in port management and administration and would be able to manage any port across the country.



Why Nigeria's Exports are Rejected, by MD

The Managing Director Chief (Dr.) George Moghalu, has identified reasons why goods exported from Nigeria are rejected in foreign lands. He added that only about 3,000 of the 10,000 kilometers of the Nigerian waterways were navigable.

Dr. Moghalu made the disclosure when he received a team from NEXIM Bank led by its Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Abubakar Abba Bello in his office in Abuja.

He also spoke of plans to fully concession the Onitsha River Port and stressed the need to fully utilize the nation's waterways assets.

The MD said outright rejection of Nigerian goods in foreign lands was sequel to unnecessary delays before the goods are processed for shipment, a situation which often makes perishable goods to lose quality while transporters incur financial losses.

"We are interested in getting goods to move. Exporters are lamenting that their goods sometimes spend three months at the export terminal in Apapa and another two months before they are moved.

"We don't have exclusivity to these goods and that is why we get lots of rejection, they generally say products from Nigeria are not good not knowing that at the point where you took them, they were world-class quality but by the time we suffer delays at the port, when it gets to its destination, it has gone bad," MD said.

He also addressed issues affecting the performance of Nigerian ports such as the expansion and utilization of dormant and existing ports to create efficient transport system in Nigeria.

Moghalu said the country's road infrastructure will continue to face threat of decay if the maritime transport sector was not prioritized. He added that it was high time to open up Onitsha Port because about 60 percent of goods shipped into the Nigeria through Apapa Port are destined for Onitsha and Aba.

The MD/CEO has been an ardent advocate of full utilization of the nation's waterways system. During the visit, he told his guests that the challenges witnessed in the maritime sector would only be addressed when inland waterways became fully functional.

Restating his position on the importance of functional waterways, Chief (Dr.) Moghalu said: "I believe very strongly that it is only when we develop the inland waterways the way they should be that the challenges we have in the maritime sector today be solved.

"It is when the inland waterways become fully functional that we will decongest Apapa port. It is when it is fully functional that we will save our road infrastructure from total decay because our roads are not designed to carry the weight they are carrying.

"All over the world, bulk cargo is either moved by water or by rail but more by water and ours cannot be different. We have over 10,000 kilometres of waterways in this country. As we speak today, it is slightly over 3,000 only that are navigable, which for me is scandalous.

"If we do a little investment in our waterway infrastructure, a lot will be achieved for the benefit of this country."

While speaking on the decongestion of Apapa port, he said: "We cannot have a world-class port in Onitsha, and Apapa port is congested. Meanwhile, over 60 per cent of the cargoes are destined for Onitsha and Aba.

"So, why can't we move these cargoes directly to Onitsha? I don't expect the very large vessels to come to Onitsha but badges can move from Apapa to Onitsha and offload the goods. We are going to save transporters lots of costs and at the same time, it is convenient for the operators," he argued.

Chief (Dr.) Moghalu disclosed that plans were underway to fully concession the Onitsha River Port before the end of the year.

His words: "In no distant time, we are going to conclude with the concessioning process of the Onitsha River Port. I am sure before the end of this year, we would have concluded with Onitsha River Port concessioning."

Earlier, the Managing Director of NEXIM Bank, Abba Bello solicited continued partnership with NIWA to guarantee and ensure trade opens up when its sea transportation and logistics company becomes operational.

Sealink Company, which is a front runner for the concession, is expected to boost trade across Africa.

On what the company would contribute to the economy, the NEXIM Bank boss said, there was enormous potential and one of the biggest was mining. He added that this was aside from the creation of jobs, which comes automatically in the maritime industry and other sectors that are open for investments.

Mr. Bello explained: "Today, mining contributes only 3 percent to the GDP and while there are challenges, one of the things stopping the development of that industry is the evacuation of the mineral. Many of them are heavy minerals and we don't have the logistics capacity to move them to the ports for evacuation.

"Luckily, most of the mineral resources are within the central area and the river cuts across and we think that by BB operationalising the Sealink consortium, one of the biggest beneficiaries will be the mining sectors; jobs will be created, and there will be additional revenue."

In line with Chief (Dr.) Moghalu's reasoning, the NEXIM Boss said, "We all know what is happening in Apapa, we cannot continue relying on Apapa as the only evacuation and receiving port in Nigeria. So, we have to look at other jetties.

"We hope you will allow us to use the Baro Port, when we start, maybe in terms of partnership or lease to Sealink. But any option that will be beneficial to the economy will be welcomed by us."



Senator Mamora (m) cutting the tape to commission the jetty. With him are Chief (Dr.) Moghalu (r) and Engr. Sarat Braimah

Mamora Commissions NIWA Jetty At Tin Can Island

As part of efforts to ease waterways transportation, the Minister of State for Health, Senator Olorunnimbe Adeleke Mamora, has commissioned a new jetty at the Tin Can Island/ Olodi-Apapa waterway axis in Lagos.

The project was executed through the Ecological Fund Office (EFO), Office of the Secretary to the Government of the Federation, Mr. Boss Mustapha, and handed over to the National Inland Waterways Authority (NIWA) for the benefit of Lagos State. Speaking at the event, the Minister who, is also a former Managing Director of NIWA, encouraged Lagos residents to embrace water transportation and handle the public property with care.

Mamora stated that the project was approved in the fourth quarter of 2018 with the aim of addressing the menace of pollution and siltation, which have been major problems hampering water transportation in some of the ferry routes in Lagos state.

According to him, this intervention by the Federal Government on the construction of the Jetty would bring about a huge relief and assuage the fear of erosion and other ecological challenges in the Tin Can area.

His words: "NIWA had identified the CMS/MILE 2 as the busiest route of ferry services, but they are beset by the high pollution rate, flooding along the river banks as well as siltation along the ferry

channel. These challenges have negatively affected ferry services as marine litters and the shallow channels have made service operators to avoid these ferry routes."

"The dream however is to resuscitate, upgrade existing jetties and make the ferry route operational through the removal of silt and solid wastes along the ferry channels, which of course is in line with international best practices."

"It was estimated that about an average of six million commuters transit from the Lagos mainland to Lagos Island daily, which equally takes travel time of about three hours, whereas, ferry transportation through the Inland Waterways will take thirty minutes to reach the destination. And these means of transportation will equally take off about two million commuters from the Lagos gridlock. I feel honoured with this invitation as the Special Guest of Honour because the project is dear to the people of Lagos state."


Meanwhile, the Managing Director of NIWA, Chief (Dr.) George Moghalu noted that the Iko community are the major beneficiary of this project by the Federal Government.

Addressing the community leaders who graced the commissioning, Dr. Moghalu said, "I want to appeal to you to please see this project as your project, manage it, protect it, because one thing we have noticed is that despite the limited resources available to government, it develops project but people disregard and mismanage them, and at the end of the day, turn back to blame the government

"We have received enough support from the government of the day, so it is the desire of government to make water transportation, particularly inland water transportation, a means of choice for movement of goods and services."

In his welcome address, the Permanent Secretary of Ecological Fund Office (EFO), Dr. Habiba Lawal said the Federal Government received a lot of requests regarding the need and desirability of embarking on the project as a result of imminent danger posed by the devastating recurring erosion and flooding that have been threatening the lives and property of these communities.

He said the risk of shoreline erosion and its negative consequences necessitated the prompt intervention of the Federal Government in effecting a holistic approach to the control and flooding that would stand the test of time and address the issue of shoreline erosion menace caused by high ocean current/tidal waves over the years.



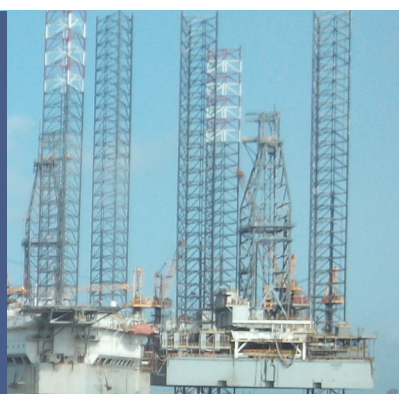
WATERWAYS FACTS

By road: 6 commuter transit from the Lagos mainland to Lagos Island daily.

Travel time: 3 hours

Travel time via Ferry on Waterways: 30 minutes

Ferry travels can take 2m commuters off the roads.



NIWA COMMENDS FG FOR THE CHARTING OF RIVERS NIGER AND BENUE

By Sulaiman Makama

The Managing Director/Chief (Dr.) George Moghalu has commended the Federal Government for the charting of Rivers Niger and Benue in order to boost economic activities in the inland waterways.

The Managing Director said the project was a welcome development as it would give a major impetus to the Authority's efforts towards the rapid development of inland water transportation in Nigeria.

He spoke at the official flag off of the survey and charting of the Lower Rivers Niger and Benue organized by the Nigerian Navy in partnership with the National Inland Waterways Authority (NIWA) and Nigerian Export-Import Bank (NEXIM) at Julius Berger Jetty, Ajaokuta local Government Area of Kogi State.

Chief (Dr.) Moghalu explained that the objective of the Sealink Project, which was to provide and deepen direct maritime linkages within Nigeria and between African countries, was to catalyze Nigeria's gross domestic product (GDP) and attraction of foreign direct investments (FDI). This, he explained, would in turn lead to the creation of highly needed jobs while boosting internal and intra-African trade, among others. The MD/CEO described such anticipated benefits as noble and in tandem with the statutory responsibilities and objectives of the Authority. He also commended the Nigerian Navy as partners in this giant stride.

In his speech, the Chief of Naval Staff Vice Admiral A.Z. Gambo said the initiative, which had been in pipe line in past 10 years, was put together by the Nigerian Navy and the NIWA in partnership with Nigerian Export Import Bank (NEXIM).

Admiral Gambo, who described the project as a welcome development, said it was aimed at expanding commercial activities along the coastal lines in the country as well as ensuring the security of mariners and other stakeholders.

He explained that the Department of Hydrographic of Nigerian Navy in collaboration with the experts from the NIWA would carry out the technical aspects of the survey, charting and mapping of the lower rivers of Niger and Benue.

He said the two rivers were natural and important part of the socio-economic parts of Nigeria, noting that the rivers were the economic enablers of the British Colonialists over 100 years ago.

He lamented that Nigeria has not been able to put these natural resources into proper use mainly because there was lack of survey, charting and mapping, stressing these would open up the country's import and export businesses to outside world.

According to him, hydrographic campaign would improve the navigation of waterways and also unlock the diversification of Nigerian economy as

envisioned by President Muhammadu Buhari.

Also speaking at the flag off, Mrs. Dabney Shell-Holma, Chairperson, Sealinks Consortium, one of the handlers of the project, said, "The project will open up the country's inland waterways to 25 African countries and Europe in transportation and trade connectivity."

According to her, the project, covering 932,000 square km, will provide jobs for more than 5,000 Nigerian youths. She explained:

"I am sure the British Government will be celebrating what we are doing here today and will say, Nigeria has finally woken up from sleep."

"It's a fact that 25 countries within the sub-African region are crippled because of lack of waterways, thereby making maritime or shipping business very difficult. "This is why I said Britain will celebrate this flag-off ceremony."

"For more than 10 years, we have been hoping to see this day and thanks to God it's happening for real at Ajaokuta, the best port for the waterways."

Expressing her gratitude to the partners, Mrs. Shell-Holman said, "Sealinks Consortium is grateful to Afreximbank and NEXIM which have committed a 750,000 dollar-grant to improve Nigeria's inland waterways operations, which, when completed will reduce transportation challenges in Nigeria by 50 per cent and boost the nation's economy."

On his part, the Managing Director of Nigeria Export-Import Bank (NEXIM), Mr. Abubakar Abba Bello, confirmed that his organization and African Export-Import Bank (Afreximbank) have offered a grant of \$750,000 to support the surveying and charting of the main channel of the Niger and Benue River, to bridge the gap in maritime transport infrastructure.

According to him, Afreximbank provided \$350,000 to supplement the \$400,000 issued by NEXIM for the financing of the bathymetric survey and hydrographic and hydrological studies of the lower Niger and Benue Rivers.

He noted that the studies, which would be undertaken under a joint collaboration framework between the Nigerian Navy Hydrography Department, NIWA and Sealink Consortium Partners, would pave way for the country's economic emancipation.

In his remarks, Kogi State Governor, Yahaya Bello, who was the guest of honour, expressed gratitude to President Buhari, who has promised to improve on infrastructure development in the country, adding the hydrographic survey and charting of lower rivers of Niger and Benue would unlock more economic activities on the coastal areas in the Country.

MOGHALU NOW FELLOW, NIGERIAN INSTITUTE OF SHIPPING

By Gbadamosi Olalekan Lukman



GM Corporate Affairs Jibril Darda'u receiving Fellow, Nigerian Institute of Shipping (FNIS) on behalf of the MD of NIWA in Lagos

The Managing Director/CEO Chief (Dr.) George Moghalu has been conferred with the title of Fellow, Nigerian Institute of Shipping (FNIS).

The Institute said the MD was being recognised for his "enviable achievements in repositioning" the Authority.

The conferment took place during the Annual General Meeting of the Institute held at Rockview Hotel, Apapa, Lagos.

In a letter conferring the honour, the Institute said: "On behalf of the Board of trustees, Executive Council, staff and Management of our great Institute, we wish to formally congratulate you on your enviable achievements in repositioning of the Nigerian Inland Waterways within your short period of assuming office as the Managing Director."

"Sir, the visible transformation going on in the Inland Waterways is no doubt, positively impacting not only the shipping industry, but the Nigerian economy for the better. We are in fact convinced that the entire Maritime industry and indeed the riverine communities are obviously witnessing a new dawn under your leadership."

"It is in recognition of the foregoing that the great Institute formally conferred the Institute's prestigious title of FELLOW, Nigerian Institute of Shipping (FNIS) on Chief Dr. George Moghalu, Managing Director National Inland Waterways Authority (NIWA)."

The Managing Director's award/title was received on his behalf by Jibril Darda'u General Manager (Corporate Affairs).

MARITIME SAFETY: NIWA INSTALLS NAVIGATIONAL AIDS ON LAGOS WATERWAYS



The Managing Director/CEO of National Inland Waterways Authority (NIWA) reiterated his unflinching commitment to end boat mishaps on the nation's Inland waterways, especially Lagos waters.

Speaking after inspecting navigational buoys facilitated by NIWA on Lagos inland waterways from Marina to Ikorodu, with an ongoing phase two from Marina, navigating Iworo to Badagry, the Chief(Dr.) George

Moghalu noted that the Lagos template was geared towards activating a national water transportation safety architecture.

He stated further that the buoys will further help in emergency rescue operations and provide distressed boats an anchor before help arrives, thus eliminating incidences of crafts drifting on mid waters.

Chief (Dr.) Moghalu, who said NIWA would leave no stone unturned in the quest to ensure accident free water transportation in the country, further informed that safety on waterways will be pursued with vigor under his watch as a process to engender confidence among water transportation operators and users. He stressed that safety on the waterways was essential to attract local and foreign investments to the country.

Moghalu who, was accompanied by Lagos Area Manager of NIWA, Engr.SaratBrimah and President, Association of Tourist Boat Operators and Water Transporters of Nigeria (ATTBOWATON), Mr. GaniyuBalogun, assured stakeholders that NIWA would not fail in its responsibilities to enthrone accident free water transportation signature across littoral states in Nigeria.

In his remarks, the President of ATTBOWATON applauded the NIWA initiative, saying the NIWA boss will definitely make water transportation safe and attractive for all end users.

"At the last stakeholders meeting last year in Lagos, Dr. Moghalu promised to ensure a navigable Lagos waterways through provision of buoys, which would not only serve as anchor points for distressed boat operators but would help provide access and geographical locations to rescue efforts and today, we have seen that promised fulfilled and we say more grease to his elbows," Balogun stated.

NIWA, NIMASA, OTHERS COLLABORATE TO CHECK MARINE ACCIDENTS

The Director-General of the Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA), Dr. Bashir Jamoh, has stated that inter-agency collaboration is key to sustainable resolution of the problem of accidents on the Nigerian inland waterways, which have led to avoidable loss of lives and property.

Dr. Jamoh made the assertion at an awareness forum in Lagos organised by the NIMASA in collaboration with the Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA), National Inland Waterways Authority (NIWA), and Lagos State Waterways Authority (LASWA).

The NIMASA boss, who was represented by the Head of Marine Accident Investigation Unit, Captain Abayomi Coker, stated that the Agency was committed to the search for a lasting solution to the loss of lives and property in the country's maritime domain.

In Dr. Jamoh's words, "NIMASA established the Marine

Accident Investigation Unit to conduct investigations to establish the circumstances, and causes of accidents in the Nigerian maritime domain. We then identify the inadequacies in maintenance of vessel and their equipment, the competence of all shipboard staff and their operational practices and procedures. We seek measures, which can be implemented to avoid reoccurrence of such accidents in future and inter Agency collaboration has been identified to play a major role."

Officials of the MWUN, NIWA, NPA and LASWA joined their colleagues from NIMASA to engage non convention boat operators on boat maintenance, boarding and disembarking procedures, marine accident reporting procedures, firefighting and prevention procedures and protection of the marine environment, amongst other issues.



MD HAILS WOMEN ON INTERNATIONAL DAY

By ShehuAbdullahi

The Managing Director Chief(Dr.) George Moghalu has praised Nigerian women for their positive contributions to nation building.

Speaking on the auspicious occasion of International Women's Day, the MD said their outstanding contributions and inputs have also helped to improve organisations like NIWA.

Chief Moghalu stated this in an event organized by Women in Logistics and Transport in Nigeria (WiLAT), Lokoja branch with the theme: "Break the Bias" held at the Confluence Logistics and Transport Consult Limited, GRA, Lokoja.

The MD, who was represented by the Acting General Manager (Corporate Affairs) Jibril Darda'u, said the Day was set to critique the roles women play in societies and what societies can do to boost their participation in the development of the nation.

He urged the women to continue to be determined and courageous as they excel in various fields of human

endeavors. He also acknowledged the contributions women were making in NIWA and the Maritime industry at large.

Earlier, the chairman of the event, Mr. Amola Joseph, Deputy General Manager (Planning), NIWA stressed the need for participants to full members of the Chartered Institutes of Logistics and Transport, Nigeria (CILT) and Women in Logistics and Transport (WiLAT). He said the professional bodies had the advantage of helping women to gain unique professional qualifications with global recognition.

According to him, "Our mission is to develop highly knowledgeable, skilled and experienced professionals for the Logistics and Transport industry capable of enhancing efficiency in line with global best practices."

In her speech, the convener of the event and the founder of WiLAT Nigeria, Hajiya Aisha Ali Ibrahim encouraged women to support themselves and to be game changers.

The commemoration of International Women's Day (IWD), by the United Nations is set aside as a special day to celebrate the outstanding contributions of women worldwide being observed on 8th March every year.

MWUN INAUGURATES NEW EXCO

The Maritime Workers Union of Nigeria (MWUN), Lokoja Branch has inaugurated its new Exco to pilot the affairs of the Branch for the next four years after a successful election held at the National Inland Waterways Authority (NIWA) Headquarters, Lokoja, Kogi state.

In his inaugural speech, the new chairman Comrade Zakari Idris thanked members for electing them and promised that they will discharge their duties in the interest of the workers.

He also solicited for their support.

The new Exco comprises of the following members, Comr. Zakari Idris (Chairman), Comr. Maikudi M. Idris (Vice Chairman), Comr. Amina Abdulkadir (Secretary), Comr. Dantata Yakubu (Assistant Secretary), Comr. Maiyaki Ismail .A (Treasurer), Comr. Belforce Hentriber (NEC) and Comr. Agnes Magaji (Special Female).



L-R: Rt Hon Rotimi Amaechi, former Minister of Transport, with the MD Chief (Dr.) George Moghalu and the couple.

CHINWENDU MOGHALU WEDS CHIGOZIE NWOKEJI

It was a moment of joy when the Managing Director of NIWA Chief (Dr.) George Moghalu and his wife Nnenna gave out their daughter Chinwendu Moghalu to Chigozie Nwokeji in a wedding solemnization on Saturday, 15th January, 2022 at the Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Maitama, Abuja.

The dignitaries, who witnessed the wedding solemnization included the Vice President Prof. Yemi Osinbajo, Mr. Boss Mustapha, Secretary to the Government of the Federation, Rt. Hon. Rotimi Chibuke, Hon. Minister of Transportation, Senator Chris Ngige, Minister of Labour and Employment, business executives, politicians, NIWA staff and many others.

NIGERIA WATERWAYS wishes the couple a happy married life.



MD NIWA with Vice President Yemi Osinbajo at MD's Daughters wedding in Abuja



L-R, Engr. F. Agbahi, Engr. J. Ororo, Engr. S. Onouaha at MD's Daughters wedding in Abuja



MD of NIWA Moghalu abd Boss Mustapha, SGF at MD's daughters wedding in Abuja

RIGHT OF WAY: MD ASSURES STAKEHOLDERS OF NIWA'S PROTECTION AGAINST HARASSMENT

The National Inland Waterways Authority (NIWA) has reassured stakeholders in possession of its approvals on the Right of Way to remain confident of adequate protection to secure their projects and investments against unbridled harassment from parties.

The Managing Director Chief(Dr.) George Moghalu gave the assurance in a brief statement issued in Lagos.

Moghalu disclosed that NIWA was covered by a 2014 judgment as captured in suit CA/L/886/2014- Lagos Waterways Authority and 3 ORS V INC Trustees of Association of Tourist Boat Operators and Water Transporters of Nigeria and 5 ORS.

The NIWA MD noted that the court had vested the right of all waterways in Nigeria and shorelines to NIWA and therefore warned all trespassers to be well guided and be circumspect or face the wrath of the Federal Government.

MD stated: "We at NIWA hereby reassure our clients and stakeholders of the protection of their investment and workforce.

"We shall within the laws and constitutional provisions, ensure that we keep trespassers out of our Right of Way.

"Also, we shall put a stop to further intimidation of Federal Government licensed stakeholders."

Throwing more light on the Court of Appeal judgment, Chief (Dr.) Moghalu said the judges of the Court of Appeal in the iconic judgment without any ambiguity ruled that Lagos Lagoon and Lekki Lagoons were exclusively within the control of NIWA.

He assured that any activity within the Inland Waterways, disturbed by any state agency and illegal bodies within the NIWA Right of Way, would be resisted, emphasising that NIWA's clients will enjoy the Authority's protection services.

In the sight of Constitution, National Inland Waterways Act is the relevant provision for the navigable route that falls under the exclusive legislative list.

He noted: "The intra-coastal route from Badagry, along the Badagry Creek to Lagos through Lagos Lagoon to Epe, Lekki Lagoon to Iwopin along with Omu/Creek Talifa Lively to Ajilete, Akata, Aboko, Arogbo, and Ofunama Benin Creek to Warri.

"Also the canal running from Araromi through Aiyetoro, Imelumo to Benin River and from Aiyetoro through Mahin Lagoon to Igbokoda...

"This route runs through International and states boundaries and is therefore consistent being an item on the exclusive



legislative list, while the revenue accruable from this federal route is payable to the Federal Waterways Authority.

"The court had emphasized that it is only All other inland waterways within Lagos State are within the legislative competence of the Lagos State House of Assembly and any revenue accruable therefrom that are payable to the Lagos State Waterways Authority."

Moghalu said NIWA Lagos Area Office had maintained a clear vision of its mandate and had given all stakeholders the opportunity and enabling environment to join in the campaign to promote sanity and rule of law on Lagos Waterways and its shorelines management.

TRANSITION



Late Vice Admiral I.I Ibrahim CFR DSS psc fwc (td) Former Chief of Naval staff, and former chairman Board of Directors of NIWA



Late Abba Martins, former Assistant General Manager (Admin) and Area Manager Jalingo Area office, Taraba state



Late Ibrahim Yar'adua, Research, Planning and Environment Department

The National Inland Waterways Authority (NIWA) has recently lost three (3) members of its family. They are: Vice Admiral I.I. Ibrahim, former Chief of Naval Staff and Chairman, Board of Directors NIWA, and also, Mr. Abba Martins, an Assistant General Manager and former Area Manager Jalingo Area Office. Also deceased is Ibrahim Yar'Adua of the Research, Planning and Environment Department. We condole with their families and pray that may their souls rest in peace.

LOKOJA REMAINS THE HQ OF NIWA

... AS MD RECEIVES AWARD OF CREDENCE BY NNVS/NYCN

By Tijjani Ibrahim, Abdullahi Shehu, Kassim Mahmoud

The Managing Director Chief (Dr.) George Moghalu has debunked news circulating that he has plans of relocating the Headquarters of National Inland Waterways Authority (NIWA) from Lokoja to Abuja. He said it was the work of rumor mongers, whom he described as uninformed, reiterating that NIWA was established by an Act of the National Assembly, which clearly states the location of the Headquarters, and thus, cannot just be moved without the recommendation and approval of Mr. President and the National Assembly.

The MD made the clarification recently, when the Nigerian National Volunteers Service Diaspora Affairs (NNVSDA) and the Nigerian Youth Congress (NYC) paid him a courtesy visit at NIWA Headquarters, Lokoja.

He therefore appealed to the group to help clear the misconception, particularly among the youth about the movement of the Headquarters, and further stressed the commitment of NIWA to fulfilling its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) to the host community.

He appealed to the youths to face the future with all seriousness as the future of Nigeria lies in their hands. He also advised them to

confront drug abuse, thuggery and other criminal acts such as armed robbery, banditry and kidnapping to make Nigeria a better place. Chief Moghalu applauded the 'pragmatic and hardworking Management and staff of the various departments' of NIWA for being a part of his success story as the Authority.

Earlier, the coordinator NNVSDA Comrade Ibrahim Itodo presented an award of A VOTE OF CONFIDENCE/ CERTIFICATE OF CREDENCE to the MD in recognition of his determination to make effective waterways a reality in Nigeria. Also, Hajiji Rahmatu, the woman leader of NYC, presented a Medal to the MD on behalf of the Congress.

In attendance at the event were GM, Finance and Accounting Alh. Yusuf Gire, GM, Corporate Affairs Mallam Jibril Darda'u, GM, Special Duties and Project Management Engr. Ejike Fidelis, GM, Procurement Ibrahim Isiyaku Sade and the Technical Assistant to the MD Engr. Osita Onazado. And from the visiting groups were Hon. Adamu Mohammed from the National Youth Congress, and Barr. Dickson Adejo the Legal Adviser of the Nigerian National Volunteer Service/Diaspora Affairs.

MD CHARGES STAFF TO JUSTIFY GOVT'S HUGE INVESTMENT



MD dancing with staff during the end of the year party

NIWA better than he met it and tasked the staff to do the same in ensuring best practices. Chief Moghalu reiterated the commitment of the Management to do all that is needed towards motivating the staff and in improving their welfare. While he challenged the staff to strive in achieving excellence in 2023, the MD also urged them to see NIWA as their property, assuring that the management will not shirk in its responsibilities. He pledged that, on his path, he was ready to do more in the New Year.

Earlier, in his welcome address, Danladi Ibrahim Esq., General Manager Legal and Company Secretary, thanked the Managing Director for his efforts in improving staff welfare. He called on staff to reciprocate such good gesture and assured the MD of staff readiness to put in their best for the success of the Authority.

Highlights of the 2021 NIWA end of year get together event were the commissioning of a new office building complex built by the present MD, reward for Ibrahim M.M Onimisi of Lagos Area Office for the best staff of the year 2021 and Minna Area Office in recognition of their outstanding performance in surpassing their revenue generation for the year 2021. Lagos Area Office received exceptional performing Area Office for the outstanding performance in revenue generation in the year 2021. For the retiring staff, Engr. C.I Asindi, former General Manager (Engineering Services), Mrs. Abibba Obi and Mr. Victor Okon Otioro each received a plaque in appreciation for their contributions to the growth and development of NIWA.

Management and staff of the National Inland Waterways Authority (NIWA) have been asked to redouble their efforts towards justifying government's huge investment in the waterway's sector of the economy.

The Managing Director/CEO NIWA, Chief (Dr.) George Moghalu, who gave the charge at the 2021 end of year get together for NIWA staffers, urged the staff to in the New Year redouble their efforts at revenue generation and in other best practices. The MD promised to under his leadership leave

NIWA LAUNCHES SEARCH & RESCUE CENTRE IN LAGOS



NIWA Patrol Boats

The National Inland Waterways Authority (NIWA) has launched a Search and Rescue centre in Lagos. The Lagos Area Manager Engr. Sarat Braimah disclosed after activating Navigational Aid in Lagos, recently.

Engr. Braimah said that 17 officials of the Marine Department in the NIWA Lagos Area Office were trained and stationed at the facility to ensure it was adequately manned to respond to emergencies.

She said that the officials were trained on how to activate, identify and direct safety ecology towards distressed crafts on water.

The Area Manager said that members of the Lagos Search and Rescue team were also drilled on basic training on radio communication skills to strategically network with crafts and other national emergency agencies.

She said the skills would enable them to do this as specified

by International Maritime Organisation (IMO) whenever a save our soul (SOS) operational situation arises on the waterways.

Engr. Braimah expressed appreciation to the Managing Director of NIWA, Chief (Dr.) George Moghalu for approving and setting up the Search and Rescue Centre few weeks after unveiling navigational buoys for safe water transportation in Lagos.

She also thanked the General Manager, Marine, NIWA Headquarters, Mr. Joseph Ororo, for his encouragement. The Area Manager reiterated that by the safety measures, Moghalu had challenged the Lagos Area Office of NIWA to brace up for effective discharge of its mandate.

Braimah informed Team Lagos Rescue Centre that to whom much is given, much is expected.

NIWA SEEKS FULL FINANCIAL AUTONOMY BY 2023

The Managing Director Chief (Dr.) George Moghalu has launched an initiative to exit the Recurrent Allocation (comprising both Overhead & Personnel costs) effective from the 2022 Budget, with a view to becoming fully autonomous by 2023.

He made this known at the 2022 Budget proposal before the Joint Committee of Senate on Marine Transport and House of Representatives Committee on Ports and Harbours/Inland Waterways.

Chief (Dr.) Moghalu said the Authority's exit would provide additional funding for the Federal Government to service other interests, especially capital infrastructure development.

He explained that as a deliberate policy drive toward attaining financial autonomy, the Authority exited the Overhead Allocation in 2020.

His words: "We are now poised to opting out of the Recurrent Allocation (comprising both Overhead and Personnel costs) effective from the 2022 Budget, with a view to becoming fully autonomous by 2023."

"Consequently, the Authority in its Year 2022 Proposal accorded priority to the completion of all on-going projects



especially those that aligned with the new policy objectives of Government's Medium Term National Development Plan (MTNDP) 2021-2025 and Nigeria Agenda 2050."

Chief (Dr.) Moghalu explained that exiting the national budget would not stop the regulatory authority of agencies of government.

He presented a budget of over N12 billion for year 2022. A member of the Committee Sen. Isa Jibrin, representing Kogi East, stressed the need for more MDAs to exit the national Budget to lessen the burden on the Federal Government.

FG AWARDS N80BN MINNA-BARO PORT RAILWAY CONTRACT

By Abubakar Akote, Minna

The Federal Government has awarded the contract for the rehabilitation of the 200-kilometre Minna to Baro narrow standard rail line with extension to Baro Port in Niger State to the Chinese Civil Engineering Construction Corporation at the cost of N80.6 billion. Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of the Nigeria Railway Corporation, Engr. Fidert Okhiria, who announced this at the kick-off of the contract at a meeting with the contractors in Minna recently, said the rehabilitation was expected to be completed in three years.

Engr. Okhiria stressed the need for quality work and prompt delivery. "We want to make sure that the project is properly executed to the delight of the people and Nigeria in general. The job will be regularly monitored and supervised to ensure that quality job is done," Okhiria said. Engr. Okhiria said the contractors had already been mobilised to commence the work in order to complete the rehabilitation within the stipulated time, noting that the rail line would connect seven railway stations in Badeggi, Lafiagi, Katcha, Minna, Kataeregi, Egba and Baro. He said when completed, the rail line would boost economic activities in the state as it will connect many communities.

(From Daily Trust)



MD PLEDGES TO CARRY OUT THE MISSION OF LATE BOARD CHAIRMAN

By Tijani Ibrahim

The Managing Director Chief (Dr.) George Moghalu says the Authority will continue to carry out the mission of the Late Board Chairman Vice Admiral Ishaya Ibrahim in reviving the nation's waterways.

The Managing Director made this pledge at the valedictory session in honour of the Late Board chairman at NIWA Liaison office in Abuja.

In his moving eulogy, Chief (Dr.) Moghalu said: "He provided great leadership and showed commitment to the development of the Authority. A man we can describe as kind hearted, sincere, committed, who believes in this nation and ready to give up everything for the benefit of this country." In their separate remarks, Board members Surv. Winston Ayeni and Mr. Peter Nwakpa praised the late chairman as "an outstanding personality," adding that there was so much to learn from him.

Mrs. Grace Ishaya, the wife of the Late Board chairman, appreciated NIWA for the show of love and support to her family.

MANAGEMENT APPOINTS NEW AREA MANAGERS

The Managing Director Chief (Dr.) George Moghalu has rejigged the personnel of the Authority's offices nationwide for better service delivery, optimum performance and efficiency. The new appointments are as follows:

NEW AREA MANAGERS

S/N	NAMES	AREA OFFICES
1.	OBIENU TRACY NKECHI	ABUJA AREA MANAGER
2.	SAMSON ONUBUN	MAKURDI AREA MANAGER
3.	SULEIMAN NICHOLAS	JALINGO AREA MANAGER
4.	BARR. QUEEN UBA	YENAGOA AREA MANAGER
5.	YAKUBU BUMBA USMAN	BARO, PORT MANAGER
6.	STANLEY ONUAHA	CALABAR AREA MANAGER

REDEPLOYED AREA MANAGERS

S/N	NAMES	AREA OFFICES
1.	RUFUS OGBONLATO	WARRI AREA MANAGER
2.	EKAWU BERNARD	PORT HARCOURT AREA MANAGER
3.	TOLUFASHE BAMIDELE	ONITSHA PORT MANAGER
4.	ADOGA TITUS SAMUEL	LOKOJA AREA MANAGER

RETAINED AREA MANAGERS

S/N	NAMES	AREA OFFICES
1.	ENGINEER SARAT BRAIMAH	LAGOS AREA MANAGER
2.	IPINMOROTI ADELEYE SEGUN	ABEOKUTA AREA MANAGER
3.	JIKKAH NANA ASMAU	YOLA AREA MANAGER
4.	ODIA VINCENT EBAKOLEANE	OGUTA AREA MANAGER
5.	WATHANAFAB ABUBAKAR M.	EKET AREA MANAGER
6.	SHAIBU AL-HAYAT	KADUNA AREA MANAGER
7.	BALA MOHAMMED BELLO	SOKOTO AREA MANAGER
8.	YUSUF BIRMA	YELWA/YAURI (BIRNIN KEBBI) AREA MANAGER
9.	AKAPO OLAWALE ADEBOYE	MINNA AREA MANAGER
10.	FARUQUE ABUBAKAR IMAM	MAIDUGURI AREA MANAGER
11.	THOMAS BALOGUN	IGBOKODA AREA MANAGER
12.	NASIR MAUDE	HADEIJA/JAMA'ARE AREA MANAGER

RECALLED BACK TO HEADQUARTERS

S/N	NAMES	HEADQUARTERS
1.	DANGANA MOHAMMED	HEAD SPECIAL DUTIES UNIT
2.	CHINEDU CHUKWUDEBE	FINANCE DEPARTMENT
3.	SHABA TOM	SURVEY DEPARTMENT

NIWA Repairs, Rebrands Vehicles

In a bid to enhance logistics for staff, the Managing Director Chief (Dr.) George Moghalu has approved the repairs and rebranding of some of the Authority's broken down vehicles.

The aims are to also ensure compliance of safety guidelines on our Waterways by users as well as improve on the Authority's revenue profile. The repaired vehicles will be distributed to some of the Area Offices.





MOGHALU NOW “FIWAJOYE OF YORUBALAND”



The Alaafin of Oyo, Oba Lamidi Adeyemi, has urged Nigerians to co-exist peacefully regardless of their ethnic and religious backgrounds.

Oba Adeyemi spoke in Oyo recently after conferring the title, "Fiwajoye of Yorubaland" on the Managing Director/CEO of the National Inland Waterways Authority (NIWA), Chief (Dr.) George Moghalu.

The monarch said Chief Moghalu was considered for the title because of his ability to lead with courage, describing him as a patriot and nation builder.

The Alaafin said, "It is a known fact that chieftaincy conferment in Oyo, the centre of Yoruba culture and political development, has never been arbitrary or random. It is based on meticulous investigation and thorough scrutiny grounded on integrity, visible role modelling, Patriotism and without any ethnic or cultural bias." In his acceptance speech, Chief Moghalu urged Nigerians to expend energy on things that unite the country.

He said, "The chieftaincy title signifies that we are one country. We are one people. We understand ourselves and we love ourselves. It is a way of cementing our unity, because by virtue of this title, I am now a member of this family. I am now a member of the Yoruba nation."





MD NIWA observing the Laying of State of the Late Board Chairman of NIWA Vice Admiral I.I Ibrahim during his burial in Kwoi, Kaduna State.



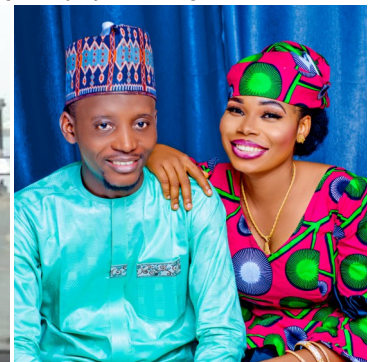
MD NIWA Presenting his speech on behalf of the Authority at the burial of Late Vice Admiral I.I Ibrahim former board chairman of NIWA Board of Directors



MD NIWA presenting his speech at the flagoff of the survey and charting of lower rivers Niger and Benue at Julius Berger Jetty, Ajaokuta, Kogi state



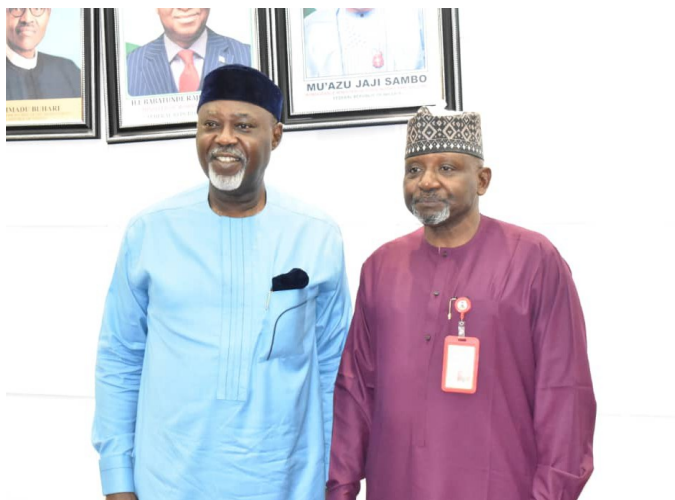
NIWA Newly Commissioned house boat at Port-Harcourt Area office



Corporate Affairs' own Tijani recently got married to his heartthrob Safiya. Congratulations!



Gov. Yahayah Bello of Kogi State flagging off Survey and Charting of Rivers Niger and Benue in Ajaokuta, Kogi State



MD Moghalu standing with Engr. Sambo Jaji, Minister of State for Works and Housing in Abuja



Mrs. Dabney Shell-Holma the chairperson Sealink Consortium presenting her speech at Flag-off of survey and charting of rivers Niger and Benue in Ajaokuta



One of the newly commissioned patrol boat at Port-Harcourt Area



Some NIWA Management staff during MD's courtesy visit to the office of the Minister of state for works in Abuja

TRAINING OF STAFF, A CATALYST FOR HUMAN CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT- MD

By ShehuAbdullahi

The Managing Director of National Inland Waterways Authority (NIWA) Chief (Dr.) George Moghalu has said training of NIWA staff was a catalyst for human capital development for the Authority.

The MD made the remark when he visited some staff of the Authority undergoing training/workshop in Abuja recently.

Chief (Dr.) Moghalu, while expressing his satisfaction with the training, believed it would impact on NIWA's organisational structure taking all standards in to consideration.

The workshop with the theme, "Repositioning for Greater Performance" featured presentations by consultants in the fields of Public Relations, Digital Communication, Leveraging Digital Marketing, Corporate Communication, Crisis Management in Corporate Institutions, Enhancing Productivity through Digital Technologies in the 21st Century among others.

The Chief Executive Officer of Advanced Management Academy, Dr. Peter Oyeneye spoke on the role of Reputation Management in Corporate Operations, explaining that an organization without strategic plans for its corporate reputation was bound to fail, given all the situational factors.

Similarly, Dr. Nguyan Shaku Feese, who presented a paper titled Enhancing Productivity Through Digital Communication Technologies in 21st Century, stressed the importance of technologies in promoting efficiency and how it really helps to build capacities in areas that could be challenged by competitors in future.

He said: "Digital Communication Technologies are powerful tools for promoting productivity. They are fast and can reach a large number of stakeholders at the same time, it also allows the sender to present products in such a way that is convenient and attractive, thereby maintaining existing customers and bringing new ones."

The Area Manager Lagos State, Engr. Sarat Lara Braimah, on behalf of participants, thanked the Management for organizing such an educative forum where ideas were shared, and urged colleagues to practice what had been learnt in order to uplift NIWA to a greater height.

Earlier, there was another workshop for a different set of NIWA staff with the theme, "Value Re-orientation and Succession Planning for Performance Driven Culture in NIWA" held in Lokoja.

FAISAL WEDS HAUWA



L-R_ Mohammad Badaru Abubakar Exec. Gov of Jigawa state, the couple, and Aminu Waziri Tambuwal Exec. Gov. of Sokoto state, at the wedding of Faisal Danladi Ibrahim

It was a moment of joy when Faisal, the son of Danladi Ibrahim Esq, General Manager (Legal), wedded his heartthrob Hauwa Ibrahim Milgoma (Ummi) at the Sultan Muhammad Maccido Institute Jumma't Mosque, Sokoto State.

Prominent dignitaries that attended the Wedding Fatiha were Aminu Waziri Tambuwal Executive Governor of Sokoto State, Muhammad Badaru Abubakar, Executive Governor of Jigawa State and Chief (Dr.) George Moghalu, the Managing Director of NIWA, CP Zanna Shettima, NIWA Staff, some expatriates and other dignitaries. Nigerian Waterways wishes the couple a happy married life.



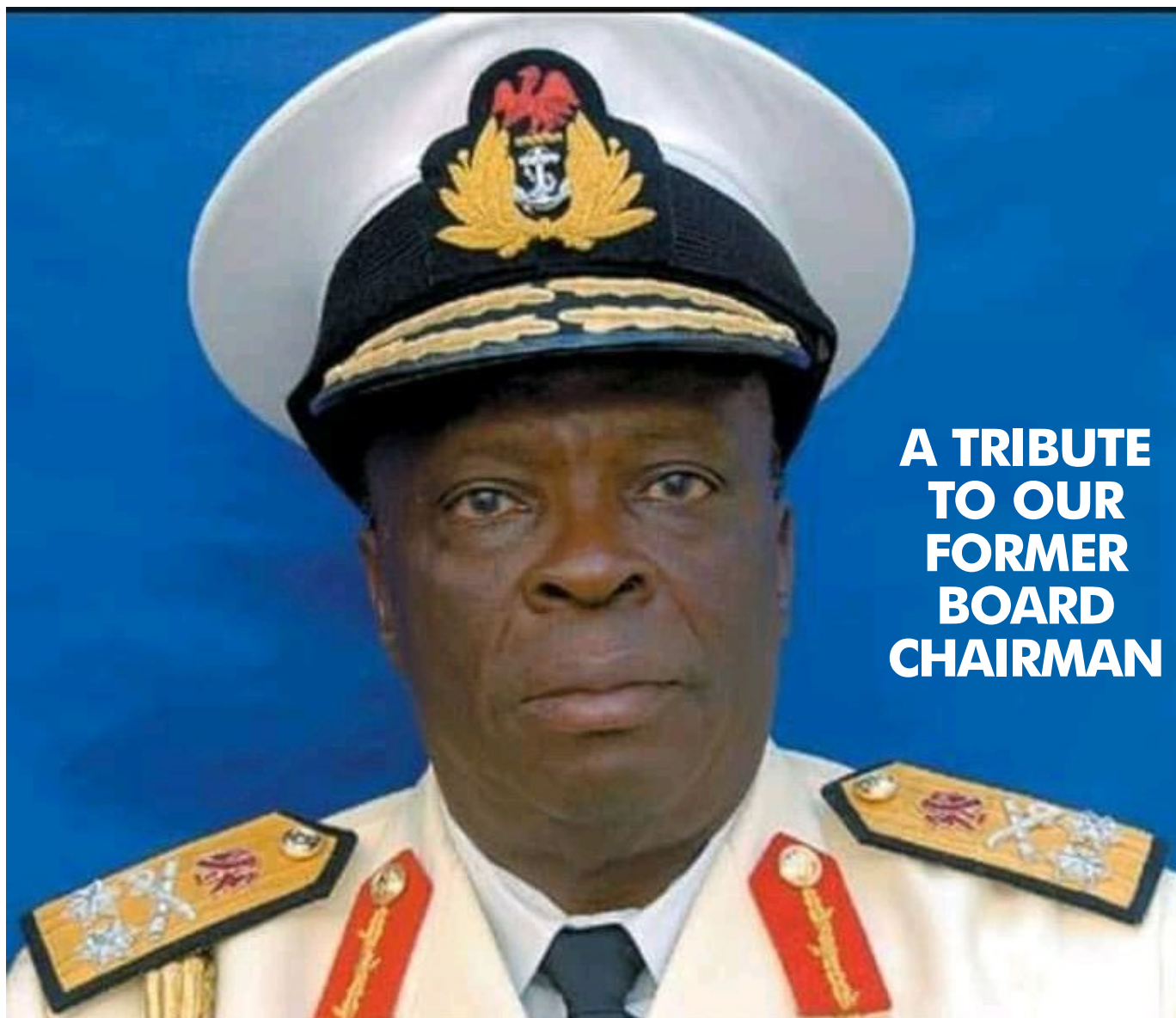
Danladi Ibrahim Esq. with his son Faisal at the occasion of his wedding



L-R_ DIG Zanna Shattima, a guest, Danladi Ibrahim, Faisal Ibrahim, MD NIWA George Moghalu, and some Expatriates at the wedding of Faisal Danladi Ibrahim



GM Corporate Affairs Jibril Darda'u with Faisal Ibrahim and other guests at the wedding of Faisal Danladi Ibrahim



A TRIBUTE TO OUR FORMER BOARD CHAIRMAN

It was with great shock that we received the news of the passing on of Vice Admiral I. I. Ibrahim (CFR) Rtd., the former Board Chairman of National Inland Waterways Authority (NIWA).

An icon of humility, a lover of humanity, a gentleman and community leader. He showed exemplary leadership with diplomacy and high moral. He was a good listener who respected the opinions of others, regardless of difference in ethnicity, religious background and status. We can all testify that the late vice Admiral Ibrahim was a selfless man, a true leader, who always sacrificed his time and comfort for others. The former chairman played an unforgettable role in ensuring the development and improvement of National Inland Waterways Authority and his passing away is a huge loss to NIWA, to the public and to his many admirers and friends as it marks the departure of one of the great voices of reason, and sobriety. The Board members, Management and entire staff of National Inland Waterways Authority (NIWA) wish to express their deepest condolence to the family and pray that God Almighty give them the fortitude to bear the great loss.

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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, Ogbe-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-Ogbe-Ijaw, Onitsha