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Setting Agenda for Smart Mobility in Africa

Africa is beclouded by a number of challenges which cumulative effect is preventing the speedy growth and development of the continent. Some of the challenges are informed by lack of capacity and political will to drive the needed change.

A major area of concern which is fundamental to development is efficient and sustainable transportation to ensure safe movement of persons and goods around and across its cities' landscape. Existing mobility systems in Africa and Nigeria in particular, are over stretched due to population growth and

migrations and are characterized by manual system that are inefficient, laborious, time consuming and leads to human/material resource wastes. Whereas, the entire world is going smart with technology driving mobility systems. African leaders are making efforts that

we consider insufficient to catch up with the pace the rest of the world is going. It is on this premise that the Transportation Growth Initiative (TGI) has focused the 2nd edition of its international conference to x-ray the issues, spotlight success stories of countries in the...continue on p2



2ND
**TRANSPORTATION
GROWTH
INITIATIVE
INTERNATIONAL
CONFERENCE**
23RD - 24TH
OCTOBER, 2017

FMT Hosts Strategic Workshop on Road Transport Innovations

Federal Ministry of Transportation as part of its continuous effort to promote innovative solutions to the enormous challenges faced in the transportation sector in Nigeria organized a two day stakeholders workshop on the 14th and 15th June, 2017 at the CBN International Training Institute Abuja, Nigeria. 12

innovative road transport solutions were presented by technocrats/innovators on the different aspects of road transportation in Nigeria. Hosted by the Department of Road Transport and Mass Transit Administration. TGI participated actively and look forward to necessary steps that would lead to the imple-



mentation of these noble initiatives.

TGI Seals Partnership Agreement with ACADAMUS GmbH, Berlin Germany

- To Host Joint Transport Workshops, Researches

In an ongoing effort of Transportation Growth Initiative to build strong networking platforms that is beneficial to transportation experts from Africa, TGI has completed partnership agreements with ACADAMUS GmbH of Berlin Germany. ACADAMUS is a multi-disciplinary scientific organization with keen interest in transportation and the host of the Annual Urban Mobility Dialogue in Berlin Germany.

TGI and ACADAMUS which are both engaged in networking of experts and human resource development, following series of previous communications, had an online

meeting on the 9th June, 2017 which was aimed at exploring possible areas of collaboration leading to long term partnership memorandum for the two



parties.

Under the partnership agreement, both parties will support each other in the

mobilization of transportation experts and political leaders to participate in our respective transportation conferences, both parties shall engage in joint transport researches on topics that are mutually beneficial, host workshops on regional transportation matters and forums to network transportation stakeholders from Africa and Europe.

This partnership opens up opportunity again to build on TGI existing platforms in promoting best practice transportation system in Nigeria and Africa

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Setting Agenda for Smart Mobility in Africa...Cont.

developed and developing world and set agenda for smart mobility in Africa.

The theme for the second edition is "Smart Mobility Africa: Issues, Challenges and Opportunities" and it is scheduled to hold from 23rd to 24th October, 2017 at Yaradua Center, Central Business District, Abuja, Nigeria. There are 7 the-

matic sub-themes covering all areas of transportation automation and on all modes of road, aviation, rail and maritime. The conference outcome will be a clear agenda for Smart Mobility for Nigeria and for other African Countries to adopt. We invite you therefore to participate, submit abstracts for

Federal Government Harps on Ethical Standards in Driver Training

The Federal Government has tasked the operators of the Driving Schools in the country on the need to maintain high standards in their operations in the collective efforts to create sanity on the nation's highways. The Acting Secretary to the Government of the Federation (SGF), Dr Habibat Lawal stated this while declaring open the National Workshop For Driving School Operators in Nigeria at the Shehu Musa Yar'Adua Centre, Abuja.

The Workshop was organized by the Federal

Road Safety Corps for all driving school operators in the country and geared towards enhancing the standard of knowledge of trainee drivers for better road safety in Nigeria. It emphasized the need for adherence to the standard curriculum designed by FRSC, improvement in instructional facilities and teaching aid. Arising from the workshop, Driving school Opera-



tors unanimously resolved to support FRSC in ensuring best practice driver training is imbibed as we look forward to better driving culture in the country.

The TGI Int'l conference outcome will be a clear agenda for Smart Mobility for Nigeria and for other African Countries to adopt.

Nigeria Needs \$15 Billion USD Annually on Transport to Meet the 30yr Infrastructure Master Plan - Victor Udama, Minister of Budget and National Planning



The Minister of Budget and National Planning has announced that Nigeria needs 15 Billion USD annually on transportation alone, to meet the 30yrs national integrated infrastructure master plan. He stated this during a National Summit on Establishment, Management and Operations of Truck Transit Parks in Nigeria, the program was organized by the Nigeria Shippers Council in collaboration with the Federal Ministry of Transportation in Abuja Nigeria.

The Minister was represented. The Truck Transit Parks would be state of the art, common user facilities sited off the highway along high freight corridors. These transit parks would have gas stations, mechanic workshops, clinics and hostel-style accommodation. Other features of the parks are twenty four (24) surveillance, modern truck management systems and telemetric to support the detection and assessment of available parking spaces.

According to a presenter, Dr Ikenna Nwosu of the Nigeria Economic Summit Group, ninety eight (98%) per cent of truck drivers currently select parking locations at their discretion thus creating avoidable traffic gridlock and endangering commuters. He went further to give some depressing statistics; three

hundred and six (306) persons were killed by petrol tankers in 2016, and 1,000 by container trucks in a similar time span.

The Truck Transit Parks are expected to alleviate the need for road side parking , thus reducing congestion and crash rates on the highways. Other benefits would be security of cargo, efficient means of monitoring freight, Improved efficiency of supply chain management and a leap in revenue for the government.

Various speakers called for the enactment of enabling legislations and policy framework to drive patronage and boost investor confidence in the scheme. TGI was active participant and looking forward to its fruition.

Nigeria's INNOSON Motors Commence Export of its IVM brand of Cars



Nigerian motor vehicle manufacturing company, Innoson Motors, is set to export made-in-Nigerian cars to Mali. The Charged Affairs of Nigeria in Mali, Yara Abdulsalam, said this followed

an MoU signed by INNOSON and a Malian firm to export 400 locally made vehicles to Mali. Abdulsalam made the announcement on Friday 21st July, 2017 in Abuja when he led a delegation of businessmen from Mali to visit the Nigerian Minister of Foreign Affairs Geoffrey Onyeama.

He noted that the development was sequel to a "Made-in-Nigeria products

exhibition" held in Bamako in 2016. The exhibition was facilitated by Ginco Group, a Nigerian firm based in Mali to showcase Nigeria's potentials. By this, INNOSON has become the first Car Manufacturing Company in Nigeria to begin car export. This falls in line with the industrialization drive of the Government of Nigeria, and TGI commends this giant stride., it is good news for industrialization in Africa.

Innoson Motors, is set to export the IVM brand, made-in-Nigerian cars to Mali.

Abuja - Kaduna Rail line generates N1m daily— Minister

The Abuja to Kaduna rail line now generates one million Naira daily, Minister of Transportation Mr Rotimi Amaechi disclosed.

In an interview with the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) on Tuesday in Benin, Amaechi said that the feat was because of the increase in passengers that patronise the rail. He attributed the passenger surge to the security challenges faced by commuters along the

route. "We are spending N56 million per month, we are getting back only N16 million. Now there is an improvement; we now make N30 million, (that is) one million Naira per day. "The improvement started last month because of increase in passengers because of the kidnapping on the road," he said.

The minister said that government was using the previously generated revenues on the maintenance of the coaches and

other logistics. Amaechi said that government would address the issue of touting at the Idu rail station with the expected arrival of 10 more coaches by October. He, however, disclosed that the arrival of the new coaches would require more resources for maintenance in order to meet customers' expectations.

NAN recalls that the Abuja-Kaduna rail line commenced commercial operation in July 2016. NAN



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Transportation Growth Initiative (TGI); Who We Are

In order to provide the fulcrum for galvanizing resources to achieve transportation efficiency in Nigeria and other African countries, the Transportation Growth Initiative was incorporated as an independent, non-profit organization by stakeholders in the transportation and related industries in 2011. Opened its Corporate Head Office and commenced activities in 2015. Key objectives of TGI are Transportation research, Human resource development and networking of local and international stakeholders in the transportation industry. It began its journey with 7 member organizations composed mainly of government ministries/agencies relating to transportation and research institutes, but has grown over the years to several government agencies relating to transportation, universities, research institutes, transportation unions, corporate private transportation related companies, and several academics and individual transportation experts. Major platform for executing the TGI mandates are its Annual Conferences, Modal Based Stakeholders Forums, TGI Research Hub and publications.

Strengthening Local Content Policy in the Maritime Sector in Nigeria



The Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA) recently rolled out new policy guidelines aimed at strengthening the cabotage regime. This development apparently came as a result of outcry from stakeholders and citizens, especially the thousands of unemployed seafarers and cadets

The Coastal and Inland Shipping Act (Cabotage Act) No. 5 2003 was a piece of legislation enacted to restrict the use of foreign vessels and

aliens in coastal and inland shipping in Nigeria. It was inspired by the Jones Act in the United States of America, which prohibits the use of foreign vessels in inland and coastal shipping in that country. However, due to the peculiarities of the Nigerian situation, liberal waivers were introduced in the Act. These waivers, well intended as they were have been abused greatly, thus perpetuating the situation the Act was meant to address.

The Act stipulates that vessels for use in Inland and Coastal shipping must be: Built in Nigeria, Owned by Nigerians, Manned by Nigerians and Registered in Nigeria. Some measure of gains have been made

in thirteen (13) years of the Act. But stakeholders believe that it has fallen well short of expectations. The news of the new Cabotage Compliance Strategy has been well received as it is an acknowledgement from NIMASA that there is a lot of ground to cover.

According to the Director General, Dr Dakuku Peterside, waivers shall not be entertained for certain positions any longer". He noted that, "The era of foreigners taking over jobs that Nigerians are qualified for in the maritime sector is over". This is a foretaste of new direction articulated in the Cabotage amendment Bill pending before the National assembly.