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...and much more

Editor's Desk

The commitment of the Executive Secretary, Dr. Latif Busari to capacity building and staff development for effective service delivery in the sugar sub-sector was again demonstrated recently. During the period under review, some technical staff were deployed to Sudan's two largest and modern sugar factories at Kenana and White Nile, for one month

industrial training in order to equip them with requisite technical skills on field and factory operations in the sugar industry. Also, this edition carries report on the sensitization workshop held in Ado-Ekiti to stimulate investment interest of the public in sugar business. These and many more are for your reading pleasure.

NSDC sends technical staff on industrial attachment in Sudan

The National Sugar Development Council (NSDC) in its efforts to provide high quality and efficient service to the existing and prospective sugar investors has sent 4 technical staff for industrial attachment at

Sudan's integrated sugar industries. The idea which emanated during the annual staff general meeting of the Council in June 2014 received a boost when the Executive Secretary, Dr. Latif Busari, gave his consent



NSDC team receiving orientation on principles and operations of automatic furrow maker (laser steel) at Phase II of White Nile Sugar Company



NSDC Staff receiving training on application and operations of high pressure Boilers.
 L-R: Chief Technical Officer Boiling Unit, Engr Ahmed Usman,
 Chief Agric. Officer NSDC, Balarabe Ladan and Senior Project Officer (Engineering) Engr. M.T.Owoyemi

and approval for training/ industrial attachment of some Council's staff in Sudan's two world-class sugar establishments namely; Kenana Sugar and Integrated Industries; and White Nile Sugar Company, Abu Hibera in the northern and central Sudan respectively.

Dr. Busari stated that in view of the emerging new technologies in the sugar industry and numerous applications from private bodies being received by the Council on expression of interest towards floating of small and large scale sugar companies, there was the urgent need for Council to continually train relevant staff in critical areas of sugar

production to upgrade their skills and technical capacity for better quality service delivery to the sugar sector.

The training was specifically organized with the aim of providing up-to-date knowledge and skills in sugarcane production and processing to final bagged sugar; and the principles and practice of sugar integrated industries involving production of ethanol, livestock feeds and power generation among others.

The training was organized through technical cooperation with Kenana Technical Engineering Services KETS.

NSDC hold Sugar Sensitization Forum at Ado-Ekiti

The Southern Region Sensitization Sugar Forum organized by the National Sugar Development Council (NSDC) Abuja was held on Thursday 19th March, 2015 at Arch Bishop Abiodun Adetiloye Hall, Fountain Hotel, Trade Fair Complex, Iyin Road, Ado-Ekiti, Ekiti State. The theme of the Forum was: *“Stimulating Investment in Local Sugar Production NSMP as a Strategy”*

The forum which was chaired by **Chief Kola Akosile** President, Ekiti State Chamber of Commerce, Industry, Mines and Agriculture had **Mr. Babatunde Akilo**, the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Ekiti State as the Special Guest of Honour.

The Keynote Address titled: *An Overview of Two years Implementation of the Nigeria Sugar Master Plan*, was delivered by the Chief Host, **Dr. Latif Busari**, Executive Secretary, National Sugar Development Council, Abuja, while the Director, Policy, Planning, Research and Statistics, **Mr. Hezekiah Kolawole** delivered the welcome Address. Goodwill messages were delivered by a host of very important dignitaries such as: Representative of the Vice Chancellor University of Ibadan **Prof. I. F. Adewole** who was represented by **Prof. E. A. Iyayi** Dean, Faculty of Agriculture and Forestry, University of Ibadan; **Mr. Omoyajowo J. B.**, Chairman Ekiti State Sugarcane Farmers Association; and **Mr. Segun Adetoye**, National Secretary of Industrial Sugarcane Outgrowers Association.

Participants at the Forum were drawn from both private and public sectors in the Southern Region of the Nigerian economy. Other participants include Technocrats, Academia, Sugarcane Farmers Outgrowers, Sugar Producers and Marketers as well as Captains of Industries.

Four (4) Papers presented at the event were as follows:

- i. Sugarcane Outgrowers Development – A Practical Experience by **Dr. Silas Agbana**, General Manager, Confluence Sugar Company, Ibaji, Kogi State.
- ii. Funding Investment in Sugarcane-Sugar Value Chain for Self-sufficiency in Local Sugar Production: The Role of DFI's by **Mr. Babatunde M. T. Sadiku**, Acting Managing Director, Bank of Agriculture who was represented by **Mr. Famurewa James**, Branch Manager Bank of Agriculture, Ekiti State.
- iii. Increasing the Profitability of Sugar Business through the Adoption of a Bio-Technology by

Dr. Inuwa Usman, General Manager, NSDC Bio-factory, Institute of Agricultural Research, Samaru, Zaria.

- iv. Sugar Industry as Complimentary Power and Fuel Energy Provider in a Developing Economy presented by **Mr. Alexis Aligbe**, Managing Director, Molindex Nigeria Limited

Communique/Resolutions

After a lively deliberation on the various papers presented by the Resource Persons;

- i. Participants commended NSDC for organizing the Regional Sensitization Sugar Forum to sensitize the general public and noted that the adoption and implementation of the NSMP is in line with the Agricultural Transformation Agenda of the State Government – Ekiti State.
- ii. Representative of the Ekiti State Government assured Stakeholders of speedy process of C of Os of all lands allocated for sugar projects in order to ensure that farmers also reap the benefits from the available incentives as contained in the NSMP.
- iii. Stakeholders noted that Sugar is very vital to the Nigerian economy. It stands as one agricultural commodity whose production, processing and marketing can contribute immensely to the diversification of our national agricultural base.
- iv. Participants stressed the need to provide opportunity for capacity building to both encourage local investors and farmers to enhance skill acquisition in the industry.
- v. Participants urged stakeholders to partner with sugarcane breeders, the Bio technologists for acquisition of suitable and improved cane varieties for their cultivation.
- vi. For rapid development of our outgrowers, Stakeholders were enjoined to adopt and replicate the model of outgrowers schemes practiced in countries like Thailand, Mexico, Kenya and Swaziland for rural development and transformation.
- vii. Participants also advocated for strict monitoring of allocation and use of farm inputs such as fertilizers, chemicals etc.
- viii. Participants stressed the need to strengthen the seed cane production since the use of healthy

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SIMOG AT SGSE'S DYKE CONSTRUCTION SITE



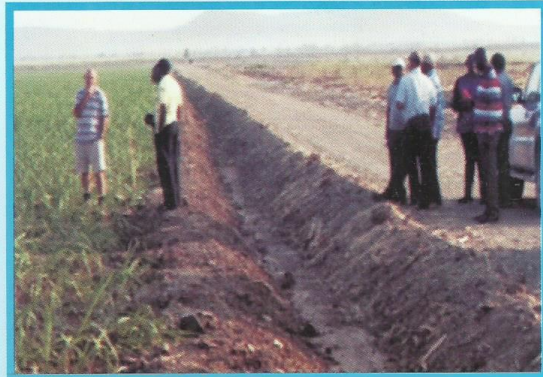
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SUNTI GOLDEN SUGAR ESTATE -
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SUNTI GOLDEN SUGAR ESTATE - MILL UNDER CONSTRUCTION



SIMOG TEAM AT SSCL

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- seed cane in a well-managed nursery is very crucial to successful production of outgrower seed cane.
- ix. Stakeholders noted that sugar industry is a complimentary power and fuel energy provider and therefore called for more investment into the Bio electricity generation and Bio ethanol production.
- x. Participants called on all stakeholders to play their role effectively (Government, Investors, Farmers, Community and Land owners) to ensure the establishment of sugar projects in Ekiti State.

REPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP AND 47TH COUNCIL SESSION OF THE INTERNATIONAL SUGAR ORGANIZATION HELD IN ANTIGUA GUATEMALA ON 22ND -25TH JUNE,2015

The International Sugar Organization (ISO) is the focal global agency for all countries engaged in the production, consumption, export and import of sugar. The 2015 mid-year meeting of the ISO which is the 47th session of the International Sugar Council took place in Antigua, Guatemala, from Monday 22nd to Friday, 25th June 2015. The mid-year meeting was categorized into four sessions.

- i) The Technical visits to Magdalena Sugar Mill and the CENGICANA Sugarcane Research Institute which is the biggest integrated sugar mills in Guatemala producing about 600,000 tons of sugar annually. The company has two Ethanol distilleries with a total production of 420,000/day which is exported as Guatemala currently has no automotive blending policy. The mill also generates about 235MW of electricity but uses only 50MW for its operation while the balance is supplied to the national grid. The company also has a huge Biotechnology Unit where cane seeds are rapidly multiplied for its nurseries using modern Tissue Culture and advance Bio-emersion techniques.
- ii) International Sugar Organization Workshop: The technical session of the international workshop was preceded by an opening ceremony attended by Guatemala President Mr. Otto Perez Molina who declared the conference open. He was accompanied by Mr. Carlos Raul Morales, the Guatemalan Foreign Affairs Minister, and the President of the Sugar Association of Guatemala (ASAZGUA), Mr. Fraternal Villa and the Executive Director of the ISO, Mr. Jose Orive. The technical session featured in-depth presentations which were exhaustively discussed by distinguished participants.
- iii) Committee Meetings: Nigeria being a member of both Credentials and Administrative Committees attended these meetings and indeed Nigeria was made the Acting Chairman of the Credentials

Committee. The Administrative Committee was chaired by Mr. Hennig Droege of Guatemala who handed over to the new Chairman, Mr. Conradin Rasi of Switzerland. Amongst other issues considered by the Administrative Committee were Audited Account's reports, ISO 2016 Budget, the formal withdrawal of Trinidad and Tobago from ISO as well as the report of the working group on members votes (WGV). On the other hand, the MECAS Committee considered the following: Quarterly Market Outlook, currency movement and ethanol outlook as well as 3 studies conducted by Senior Economists of ISO vis-à-vis: Domestic Sugar Prices Survey, Non-Tariff Policy in Global Sugar Trade Context and National Sugar Standards all of which Nigeria participated in responding promptly to their survey questionnaires' requests.

- iv) International Sugar Council Session: The 47th Council Session of the ISO was held on Thursday 25th June and was chaired by the Council Chairman, Mr. Carlos Raul Morales, assisted by the Executive Director and ISO secretariat. At the session all decisions of the Administrative Committee on Members Votes Distribution, ISO Budget, Appointment of new Chair and Vice Chair were ratified. Members were informed of the efforts to get USA, Chile, Peru, Bolivia, Equatoria Guinea, Angola, Guinea, Rwanda, Armenia Kazakhstan and Tajikistan to sign-up for the organization. Members were also briefed on the 2015 work programme of ISO which included the 2 International Workshops and Council meeting in June and November, the special MECAS studies as well as the London International Workshop to be held in on 17th – 18th November.

Members were also informed of the incoming plethora of sugar conferences and were therefore, enjoined to actively participate in all of them. Nigeria was ably represented by Dr. Latif Busari, Executive Secretary, NSDC.

STAFF MATTERS

Ten new officers joins the services of the Council

The NSDC in an effort to strengthen its workforce to cope with increased activities conducted a recruitment interview on 24th February, 2015 to fill identified vacancies. The vacancies totalling twelve were created as a result of the recent restructuring of the Council for more effective service delivery. The breakdown of the twelve vacancies were: one Assistant Chief Accountant, one Principal Auditor, one Principal Administrative Officer, one Senior Information Officer, one Senior Legal Officer, one Administrative Officer Grade I(Planning), three Administrative Officer II (Planning), two Accountant Grade II, and one Systems Analyst II. The successful candidates were to resume in the first week of May, 2015 at the Council's new office (Sugar House)

Council Condoles Bereaved Officers and Associate

The Council in its tradition of identifying with staff in times of sorrow commiserated with the family of its pioneer Executive Secretary, Alhaji Isa Tata Yusuf who died on 12th February, 2015. Similarly, Mr. John S. Adaga who lost his beloved wife on 15th January, 2015 after a brief illness and that of Mr. Chinonyerem Israel who also lost his father on 16th January, 2015 after a brief illness were condoled. Council was represented at the funeral ceremonies of the bereaved with token gifts.

Similarly, the Council commiserated with Management and Staff of the Institute of Agricultural Research and Rural Development, ABU, Zaria over the death of its former Executive Director, Prof. Ahmed Mustapha Falaki who died on 14th February, 2015. May his soul rest in perfect peace.

NEWS TIT-BITS

Courtesy Call on the DCG Trade & Tariff Nigeria Customs Service

The Executive Secretary paid a courtesy call on the DCG T&T Mr Akin Adewuyi to solicit the continued support of the customs towards implementation of NSMP. Specifically, the two Agencies interacted on:

- * Compliance with Presidential Raw Sugar import allocation quota by Refineries.

- * Importation of sugar by companies without Presidential approvals.

- * Importation of St Louis packaged sugar by Milan Nigeria/Meditarion Nigeria Ltd. in contravention of ban imposed under NSMP.

- * Administration of NSMP investment incentives.

DATA ON SUGAR IMPORTATION IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 2015 (JANUARY - MARCH)

Month	Importer	Quantity (MT) NPA	Quantity (MT) NCS	Country of Origin	Discharging Port	Type of Sugar
January	Dangote Sugar	86,345	42,750	Brazil	Apapa	Bulk (Raw)
	BUA Sugar		60,450	Brazil	Tin Can	Bulk (Raw)
	Golden Sugar		-	-	-	-
February	Dangote Sugar	-	82,850	Brazil	Apapa	Bulk (Raw)
	BUA Sugar	48,416	44,894	Brazil	Tin Can	Bulk (Raw)
	Golden Sugar	-	-	-	-	-
March	Dangote Sugar	82,906	126,100	Brazil	Apapa	Bulk (Raw)
	BUA Sugar	44,894	-	Brazil	Apapa	Bulk (Raw)
	Golden Sugar	20,000	48,400	Brazil	Tin Can	Bulk (Raw)
	Total	325,647	405,444			

Source: Nigeria Customs Service (NCS)

QUARTERLY SUMMARY OF AVERAGE LOCAL & INTERNATIONAL WHITE AND RAW SUGAR PRICE: JANUARY - MARCH 2015

MONTHS	STATE/ CITY	SUGAR TYPE	WHOLESALE ₦/50KG	WHOLESALE ₦/MT	RETAIL ₦/50KG	RETAIL ₦/MT	INTERNATIONAL RAW SUGAR AVERAGE PRICE		INTERNATIONAL WHITE SUGAR AVERAGE PRICE	
							\$/MT	₦/MT	\$/MT	₦/MT
JANUARY	Abuja, Kano, Lagos	Refined Dangote	7350	147000	7560	151200	331.64	55715.85	392.24	65896.2
FEBRUARY	Abuja, Kano, Lagos	Refined Dangote	7450	149000	7650	153000	319.79	58582.53	380.32	69742.85
MARCH	Abuja, Kano, Lagos	Refined Dangote/ Bua	7500	150000	7735	154700	279.41	55044.75	365.07	71919.77
AVERAGE		Refined	7433.33	148666	7648.33	152966.66	310.28	56447.71	379.21	69186.27

*NOTE: MT=Metric Tons (50kgx20), kg=kilogram, N=Nigerian currency naira, \$=USD,
Weight conversion: 1000kg=1 Metric tonne, \$/MT= c/lb x 22.04
Country and State are NOT applicable to International raw and white sugar price.
Source: International Sugar Organization Market Report & Local Market Survey

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