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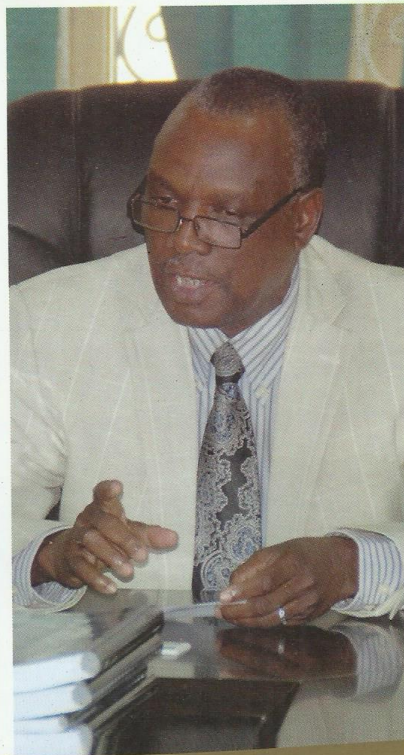
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Editorial

As part of its avowed resolve to record appreciable success in the implementation of the Nigerian Sugar Master Plan (NSMP), the leadership of the National Sugar Development Council (NSDC) recently drew critical stakeholders within the sugar sub-sector to Sokoto state, the Seat of the Caliphate for a one-day Sugar Sensitization Workshop for stakeholders in the Northern region of the country.

The Wife of the Executive Governor of Sokoto state, Hajiya Mariya Aminu Waziri Tambuwal who declared the event opened, drummed support for the NSDC in her quest to build an enviable sugar industry for Nigeria.

The Honourable Minister of State, Federal Ministry of Industry, Trade and Investment (FMITI), Hajiya Aisha Abubakar also used the occasion to reiterate government's readiness to attain self-sufficiency in sugar production in the nearest future.

The event wasn't without the support and cooperation of the legislature as seen in the critical role played by the Chairman, House of Representatives Committee on Industry, Trade and Investment, Honourable Abubakar Husaini Moriki who also chaired the occasion.

Within the SUGAR HOUSE, Council, in a colourful occasion bided farewell to Mr Adesoji Marcus of the Finance and Account Department who retired from service as Chief Accountant of the NSDC. In the package are other events for your reading delight. Welcome.



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Self-sufficiency in sugar production is achievable-Minister of State FMITI assures

The Honourable Minister of State, Federal Ministry of Industry, Trade and Investment (FMITI) Hajiya Aisha Abubakar has expressed optimism that Nigeria has great potentials to attain self-sufficiency in sugar production and also become a major force to reckon with in the comity of sugar producing nations.

The Minister of State who commended the National Sugar Development Council (NSDC) over its faithful implementation of the Nigerian Sugar Master Plan (NSMP) since 2013, said the present administration of President MuhammaduBuhari is poised to breathe life into the nation's industrial sector so as to attract meaningful investments.

Hajiya Aisha Abubakar who said this at the recently concluded Sugar Sensitization Forum

for stakeholders in the Northern region held in Sokoto, hinted that the workshop would serve as avenue to create awareness on the numerous opportunities that exist in the nation's sugar sub-sector.

"In the course of my interaction with the NSDC, my knowledge horizon about investment opportunities and versatility of the nation's sugar sub-sector has been broadened. Therefore, I can tell this August gathering that Nigeria has great potentials as well as comparative and competitive advantages to produce sugar not only to meet the national demand, but also become a net exporter of the commodity to earn foreign exchange", she explained.

She said the President Buhari administration is leaving no stone unturned in its determination to diversify the nation's economy, adding that the sugar sub-sector as presently positioned has all it takes to bring the plan into fruition.

While commending the foresight of the NSDC for coming up with an implementable road map for the sugar industry, which is the Nigerian Sugar Master Plan, Hajiya Aisha Abubakar wants key players in the industry to continue to play active roles so as to fast-track the attainment of the NSMP.

"The desire of the present administration is to reverse the trend of import dependence on commodities which can be produced locally in sufficient quantities through the implementation of the import substitution strategies which encourages the local production of such commodities in line with the economic diversification policy of the Federal Government".

"I therefore consider this workshop which seeks to enlighten the stakeholders on the potential investment opportunities in the Nigerian sugar sector as being apt for this period".

She urged stakeholders in the sugar sector to be consistent and focused in playing their different roles in order to ensure that Nigeria achieves self-sufficiency in her local sugar requirement at the end of the 10-year plan period.

Earlier in his address, Acting Executive Secretary of the National Sugar Development Council (NSDC), Mr Samuel Ali Kwabe, said the NSMP was developed by the NSDC and adopted by the Federal Government as a "road map to national self-sufficiency in sugar is to provide the enabling

environment and support to investment initiatives in both sugarcane cultivation and sugar factory processing operations".

He also told the gathering that the NSDC has entered into a number of collaborations and provided support to sugar projects as well as sugarcane outgrower farmers in most states in the Northern region of the country.



Hajiya Aisha Abubakar
Minister of State Federal Ministry of Industry, Trade & Investment

"For instance, in Kaduna and Katsina states, Council is collaborating with the State governments to resuscitate the 80TCD and 50TCD sugar processing plants at Makarfi and Danja respectively. Council also supported the initiatives of Green Stars Sugarcane Farmers to establish a 200TCD sugar processing plant at Rimawa/Keta junction, Goronyo, Sokoto state".

The theme of the workshop is "Sustaining the gains of NSMP for National Self-Sufficiency in Local Sugar Production.

NSDC Acting Head says Sugar Council is open to genuine investors

In compliance with the present administration's relentless drive to diversify the nation's economy for robust national productivity and prosperity, the Acting Executive Secretary of the National Sugar Development Council (NSDC), Mr Samuel Ali Kwabe said the Council is opened to

enlightenment to the stakeholders in the sugar industry and the general public at large on the large investment opportunities that abound in the sugar sub-sector particularly under the dispensation of the Nigeria Sugar Master Plan (NSMP).

resources as well as comparative and competitive advantages to produce this commodity in large quantities to not only satisfy her requirement but also export to earn foreign exchange, this is unacceptable", he noted.



Acting Executive Secretary, Mr. Samuel Kwabe ushering in the Hon. Minister of State (FMITI), Hajjiya Aisha Abubakar to the Venue of the Northern region sugar forum in Sokoto, Sokoto State.

both local and foreign investors.

While assuring both existing and potential investors of a level playing ground for all stakeholders in the sector, Mr Kwabe hinted that the Council has put in place clear-cut strategies that would attract genuine investors into the nation's growing sugar sub-sector.

Mr Kwabe who disclosed this at the just concluded Sugar Sensitization Forum for Stakeholders in the Sugar sector in Sokoto state, said the workshop was to "provide

He said the workshop is also organised to "stimulate public interest in the sugarcane-sugar value chain investment in order to achieve self-sufficiency in local requirement within the shortest possible time".

Mr Kwabe in his address informed participants at the event that Nigeria "spends about \$500million to \$600million annually on sugar importation to satisfy her domestic and industrial requirements.

For a country that is largely endowed with abundant land, water and human

Mr Kwabe further said "by the end of the 10-year plan period, Nigeria would have built up the industrial capacity required to among other benefits, produce about 1.79million metric tonnes of sugar and 161.2million litres of ethanol, substantially reduce importation of sugar to conserve the huge foreign exchange spent on imports annually, generate about 411MW of electricity and create about 117,000 jobs".

Sokoto First Lady, Hajiya Mariya Aminu Tambuwal Drums Support For Sugar Council

The Wife of the Executive Governor of Sokoto State, Hajiya Mariya Aminu Tambuwal wants Nigerians as well as foreign partners to queue behind the National Sugar Development Council in its avowed resolved to build a world-class sugar sector that would be second to none.

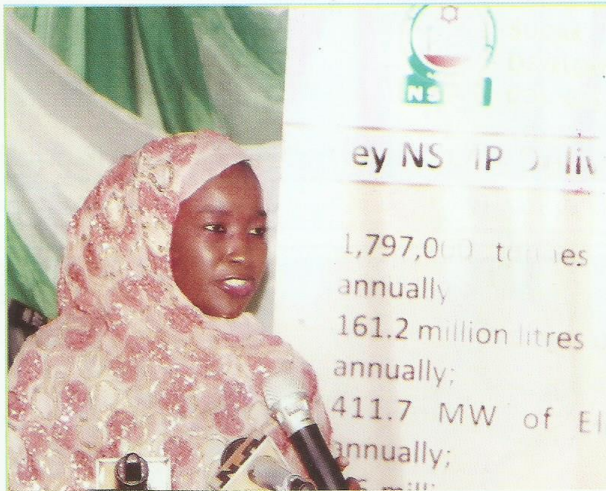
She pledged her continued support to the Council, adding that the NSDC has taken the lead in implementing the economic diversification policy of the President Muhammadu Buhari administration.

Hajiya Mariya Aminu Tambuwal said both local and foreign investors to avail themselves of the enormous opportunities that abound in the sugar sub-sector, adding that the sector can provide jobs for our

teeming youth population as well as local farmers.

While thanking the leadership of the NSDC for considering Sokoto

into any form of genuine partnership that would bring meaningful development to the people as well as the state as a whole.



Special Guest of Honour and Wife of the Executive Governor of Sokoto State, Hajiya Mariya Aminu Tambuwal delivering her speech at the event.

state as venue for the workshop, Mrs Tambuwal said the Governor Aminu Waziri Tambuwal led government is always ready to go

She also called on the NSDC leadership to carry the women population along, adding that Sokoto women are strong, enterprising and willing to take up tasks that would bring about economic prosperity.

"Our women are very hardworking, enterprising and good at taking risks. We have women farmers. Sir, do well to also make provision for women

in your programmes and policies. We are willing to partner with the NSDC in this regards", she stated.

Federal Lawmaker Makes Case for Sugarcane Outgrowers in Numan

The Lawmaker representing Demsa, Lamorde and Numan Federal Constituency of Adamawa state, in the House of Representatives, Hon. (Mrs) Talatu Yohanna (JP) wants the National Sugar Development Council (NSDC) to assist and expand the number of outgrowers in Savannah Sugar Company Limited, Numan, Adamawa state.

She made the appeal recently when she paid a courtesy call on the Acting Executive Secretary of the NSDC, Mr Samuel Ali Kwabe in his office in Abuja.

The lawmaker, who appreciated Council's idea of introducing the outgrower scheme in Sugar Estates across the country, which according to her has created job opportunities for many, said the scheme is also part of the corporate social responsibilities of sugar companies operating in different parts of the country.

"The more number of rural farmers you integrate into the outgrower scheme, the more you reduce unemployment and poverty in the rural areas," she noted.

In his response, the Acting E.S of the NSDC, Mr Samuel Ali Kwabe thanked the lawmaker for the wonderful remarks she made about the Council, adding that the NSDC is readily disposed to provide opportunities for Nigerians to realize their personal aspirations.

Mr Kwabe who pledged to look into the issues raised by the Federal lawmaker, called on outgrower farmers in sugar estates to see themselves as key players in the nation's sugar industry.



Chief Host and Hon. Minister of State (FMITI), Hajiya Aisha Abubakar at the NSDC event in Sokoto, Sokoto State



Acting Executive Secretary, Mr. Samuel Ali Kwabe delivering his welcome address at the Sokoto Sugar Sensitization Forum



Special Guest of Honour and Wife of the Executive Governor of Sokoto State, Hajiya Mariya Aminu Tambuwal delivering her speech at the event.

Photo News



Acting Executive Secretary, Mr. Samuel Ali Kwabe while making his official remarks on behalf of the council during the sentforth ceremony of Mr. Adesoji Marcus. To the left is Mrs. Adesoji.



Mr. Marcus Adesoji, retired Chief Accountant, flanked by members of his family and some NSDC Staff during a sentforth ceremony organized in his honour.



NATIONAL SUGAR DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (NSDC) SOKOTO 2016
R-L: Hon. Minister of State, (FMITI), Hajjiya Aisha Abubakar, wife of the Executive Governor of Sokoto State, Hajjiya Mariya Aminu Tambuwal and Chairman, House of Reps. Committee on industry, Hon. Abubakar Hussain Moriki at the NSDC event in Sokoto State

NSMP IMPLEMENTATION: STAKEHOLDERS ADVOCATE FOR MORE COST-SAVING, WASTE-REDUCTION MEASURES

As the implementation of the Nigerian Sugar Master Plan (NSMP) enters its 4th year, stakeholders in the sugar sub-sector have advocated for the introduction of measures that would reduce losses suffered by investors within the industry.

The stakeholders who bared their minds on a wide range of issues troubling the sugar industry at the just concluded sugar sensitization forum in Sokoto state, came up with a number of solutions that would fast-track the attainment of the

stakeholders said "In order to avoid the wastages /or loss of investment at the production and processing levels, NSDC was advised to develop a checklist of the sugar production requirements to serve as a guide to both investors and outgrower farmers alike. Farmers will not embark on sugarcane production if there is no off-taker and investor will not put his factory where sugarcane supply is not guaranteed".

The stakeholders also want the "zonal offices of the Council to be made more effective in order to reach out to the local sugarcane farmers and State

conducive working environment between State Governments and NSDC/investors to serve as platform for investment promotion and synergy towards the realization of the laudable objectives of the NSMP; "Participants also noted that acquisition of land is a major obstacle to the implementation of NSMP and therefore, called on all State/Federal Governments to play their roles to ensure that land is accessible to all potential investors through NSDC".

"Participants noted that the implementation of Zero percent (0%)



Guests and top management staff of the NSDC in a group photograph at the event in Sokoto State

Nigerian Sugar Master Plan (NSMP). In a communique adopted by participants at the event, the stakeholders commended the NSDC for organizing the Regional Sugar Sensitization Workshop to update the Stakeholders on the gains of NSMP implementation and noted that the outgrower component which is to provide 40% of sugarcane required for processing by sugar estates was a good component of the NSMP. On the losses suffered by investors,

Governments within the zones with a view to sensitizing them on the potentials that exist in the States".

Participants also advocated for good management of individual sugarcane outgrower operators and factory processors in a professional and efficient manner so that production of sugarcane is optimized;

The communiqué also highlighted that "Stakeholders craved the indulgence of the Council to create a more

duty on machinery as a fiscal incentive provided for in the NSMP was not being faithfully implemented by the Nigerian Customs Service which often times apply required duty payment on imported sugarcane farm/field development machinery and expressed the need for NSDC to intensify efforts to promote synergy between governmental agencies using instrumentality of the Sugar Road Map Implementation Committee (SURMIC) so that the objective/implementation of the NSMP would not be stalled".

SUGAR SECTOR IN THE NEWS JULY – SEPTEMBER 2016

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STAFF MATTERS

CODE OF CONDUCT BUREAU ORGANIZES ONE DAY WORKSHOP FOR NSDC STAFF

Some senior staff from the Code of Conduct Bureau (CCB) recently organised a one-day civil service codes of conduct compliance training for some staff of the National Sugar Development Council drawn from various departments.

The training exercise which was organised to sensitize public officers to become accountable and adopt transparent and best practices in their work, is also designed to acquaint civil servants of the dos and don'ts in the civil service.

Declaring the event open, Acting Director, Human Resource Management,

Malam Gambo Abdullahi reiterated Council's resolve to arm Council staff with necessary information that would encourage transparency and accountability in the discharge of their functions.

While urging the participants to see the training as an opportunity to seek for clarification on contentious issues about the civil service rules, Malam Abdullahi enjoined them to accord the training exercise the seriousness it deserves.

Head of the CCB team, Mr U. C. Obi said the compliance training exercise is one of the key mandates of the Bureau, stressing that the code of conduct for public officers in

Nigeria became necessary when viewed against the backdrop of large scale fraud and corruption in the public service.

He urged the participants to study the codes and endeavour to imbibe them as part of their job, adding that it will save them from unpleasant consequences of having to face the Code of Conduct Bureau or other anti-corruption bodies.

The training featured question and answer segment. Mr Subair Fatai of the HRM Department, who spoke on behalf of the participants, thanked the NSDC management for the opportunity and pledged the participants' readiness to imbibe the lessons learnt.

COUNCIL ORGANIZES IN-HOUSE TRAINING FOR DRIVERS

Drivers in the services of the National Sugar Development Council recently participated in a two-day training exercise which is aimed at exposing them to emerging trends in the road sector as well as other safety issues.

The training which had officers of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) and the FCT Directorate of Road Traffic Services (DRTS) in attendance, dwelt on topics like Introduction to Logistics and Transportation Management, Transport and Logistics Strategies, Sustainable transport and Logistics Systems, Analysis tools for Transport and Logistics

Systems, vehicle Fleet GPS and Satellite Tracking and Fleet Telemetric.

Other areas covered include Driver Behavior/Conduct, Fleet/Software Management, Fleet Management Software, Fleet Security Control as well as Fleet Bench marking and Financial Management.

Speaking while declaring the training opened, Acting Director, Human Resource Management, Malam Gambo Abdullahi urged participants to accord the training exercise the seriousness it deserves, stressing that the event is put together to bring them up to

speed with latest innovations in the road and transportation sector.

He charged them to see the training programme as an opportunity to improve on their driving skills and urged them to put to use lessons and experiences gained from the exercise.

Malam Abdullahi was accompanied by Assistant Director, (HRM), Mr Sampson Nwachukwu as well as ACAO (Training), Malama Hauwa'u Isa Audu.

CELEBRATION, ENCOMIUMS AS NSDC'S CHIEF ACCOUNTANT, ADESOJI MARCUS BOWED OUT OF SERVICE



ADESOJI MARCUS

It was indeed a moment of celebration and loads of tributes as Council staff, friends and well-wishers converged on the NSDC Conference Hall to rejoice with Council's Chief Accountant, Mr Adesoji Marcus who retired recently after 35 years of meritorious service to his nation.

The event which had the who-is-who in the National Sugar Development Council (NSDC) in attendance had the trappings of an occasion that was meant to reward hardwork, diligence and professionalism as exhibited by the retired Chief Accountant.

Council staffers, including top management staff took turns to pay glowing tributes to a man many described as gentle, hardworking, resilient, determined and a stickler for excellence. Mr Adesoji Marcus, as attested to by his former colleagues, especially those in the Finance and Accounts Department is a man who does his best to make positive impacts in the lives of his superiors and subordinates.

The array of Council staffers who squeezed out time out of their usually busy schedules to celebrate Mr Adesoji Marcus was an eloquent testimony of the fact that he made tremendous impact in the entire Council for the period he was with the NSDC.

In his remarks at the well-attended ceremony, the Acting Executive Secretary of the National Sugar Development Council, Mr Samuel Ali Kwabe who was full of praises for Mr Adesoji admonished staff who are still in service to emulate the retired Chief Accountant's exemplary and enviable conducts spanning a long period of 35 years.

He urged them to always strive for excellence, stressing that the Council is poised to key into President Muhammadu Buhari's Change Begins With Me campaign which according to him must be imbibed by all staffers of the NSDC in their daily official engagements. Mr Kwabe thanked Mr Adesoji for his immense

contributions to the nation and prayed God to protect him as he retires from service.

In his thank you remarks, an obviously emotional Mr Adesoji Marcus thanked God for the rare privilege of seeing him through his civil service career in good health, thanked the entire Council for their love and concern. He urged his former colleagues to focus more on contributing their quota to national development, stressing that it is only through patriotic service to fatherland that Nigeria will become great.

The highpoint of the event was the presentation of various gift items by the Acting Executive Secretary, Mr Samuel Ali Kwabe as well as other departmental representatives to the former Chief Accountant.

The event had in attendance Mr Adesoji's wife, children as well as other well-wishers.

CONDOLENCES

Council commiserates with one of its staff, Mr Wasiu Safiriyu of the NSDC Ilorin Zonal Office over the death of his beloved mother. The sad event occurred on 28th August, 2016 in Oshogbo, Osun state.

A delegation from the Council was at the country home of Mr Safiriyu to commiserate with the bereaved family.

Council prays for the repose of the dead and grant the entire family the fortitude to bear the irreparable loss. Amen.

DATA ON SUGAR IMPORTATION IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 2016 - JULY-SEPTEMBER

Month	Importer	Qty (MT) (NPA)	Qty (MT) (NCS)	Country of Origin	D/charging Port	Type of Sugar
July	Dangote Sugar	46,091	76,500	Brazil	Apapa	Bulk (Raw)
	Edo Cement	-	29,866	Brazil	Tin Can	Bulk (Raw)
	Golden Sugar	48,021	48,000	Brazil	Tin Can	Bulk (Raw)
August	Dangote Sugar	92,102	91,300	Brazil	Apapa	Bulk (Raw)
	BUA Sugar	35,008	35,000	Brazil	Tin Can	Bulk (Raw)
	Golden Sugar	45,013	44,989.5	Brazil	Apapa	Bulk (Raw)
September	Dangote Sugar	91,306	45,900	Brazil	Apapa	Bulk (Raw)
	BUA Sugar	35,004	35,000	Brazil	Apapa	Bulk (Raw)
	Golden Sugar	-	48,000			
	Total	392,545	454,555.5			

Source: Nigeria Customs Service (NCS)

SUMMARY OF AVERAGE LOCAL & INTERNATIONAL RAW AND REFINED SUGAR PRICE: JULY-SEPTEMBER 2016

MONTHS	STATE/CITY	SUGAR TYPE	WHOLESALE N/50KG	WHOLESALE N/MT	RETAIL N/50KG	RETAIL N/MT	INTERNATIONAL RAW SUGAR AVERAGE PRICE		INTERNATIONAL WHITE SUGAR AVERAGE PRICE	
JULY	Abuja Kano, Lagos	Refined Dangote Bua	13622	272440	13810	276200	481.84	138609.94	539.4	155396.92
AUGUST	Abuja Kano, Lagos	Refined Dangote Bua	14860	297200	15080	301600	429.04	134416.29	529.86	165991.62
SEPTEMBER	Abuja Kano, Lagos	Refined Dangote Bua	15280	305600	15740	314800
AVERAGE			14587.33	291746.66	14876.66	297533.33	455.44	136513.11	534.63	1600694.27

*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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