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Aside putting in place favourable policies and programmes required to make the Nigerian sugar industry attractive to both local and foreign investors, the task of marketing the sector for it to be maximally harnessed still falls within the mandate of the National Sugar Development Council.

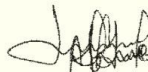
The 2017 edition of the International Sugar Organisation (ISO) meeting in London offered the Nigerian delegation at the gathering the unique opportunity to inform the world of coordinated efforts by the Nigerian government to harness the enormous potential in the sugar sector through meaningful implementation of the Nigerian Sugar Master Plan (NSMP); a roadmap designed for the industry in 2013.

Also, within the last quarter, the Coalition of Northern States Chamber of Commerce, Industry, Mines and

Agriculture (CONSCCIMA) paid a courtesy visit to the NSDC Headquarters where it expressed its readiness to partner and support the Council in its drive to achieve its core mandate.

As part of its monitoring activities to ensure that sugar companies operating in the country comply with approved standards, the NSDC Management team led by the Executive Secretary, Dr. Latif Busari visited the head office of Dogan's Sugar Company located in Lagos state.

This edition of SUGAR NEWS features excerpts from an interview the E.S granted Editors from THISDAY newspaper, staff matters, health corner as well as other useful developments in the sugar sector in the last three months. Happy reading.



Abdullahi W. Yunusa
Editor - In-Chief

FG's "Ease of Doing Business" programme yielding fruits, Enelamah

The Minister of Industry, Trade and Investment, Dr. Okechukwu Enelamah has said that over 2million businesses have been impacted by its various economic investment and innovation programmes introduced by the President Muhammadu Buhari government, a feat he said was made possible by the recently launched "Ease of Doing Business" programme.

Dr. Enelamah stated this at the launch and viewing of a Mini Documentary Series on "Ease of Doing Business, Diversification and SMEs" produced by the Federal Ministry of Industry, Trade and Investment.

The Minister who used the opportunity to interact with stakeholders as well as business owners, urged them to key into the various economic programmes introduced by the Federal government, assuring that government is interested in the success of their businesses.

On the Tomato policy which gives priority for local production, the Minister said the policy is in the right direction where import tariffs were raised to give advantage to local industries and where importation across land borders has also been banned to check smuggling.

"We are equally working with the CBN who have provided the Anchor Borrower Funds to mitigate finance problems. We are giving ourselves two years to be self-sufficient in tomatoes processing and production, it maybe ambitious but we are seeing results."

The Minister of State for Industry, Trade and Investment (MITI) Hajiya Aisha Abubakar while responding to questions, said over 2million businesses have been impacted by various economic reform programmes of the government and most of the businesses have been registered and already started off.

Hajiya Abubakar also lent her voice to some of the issues raised, particularly on the leather industry which according to her has already achieved a lot. She added that the Ministry is getting support from World Bank under the Growth and Empowerment (GEM) programme well as the Nigeria Export promotion Council (NEPC) on the validation of the leather policy.

The event had in attendance heads of parastatals under the Ministry of Industry, Trade and Investment, including the Executive Secretary of the National Sugar Development Council, Dr. Latif Busari.



Dr. Okechukwu Enelamah
Minister of Industry, Trade & Investment

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Busari markets Nigeria's sugar industry to foreign investorsassures of level playing ground

The Executive Secretary of the National Sugar Development Council (NSDC), Dr. Latif Busari wants foreign investors to take advantage of the huge opportunities available in the Nigerian sugar industry by investing in it.

Dr. Busari assured potential investors that the Nigerian Sugar Master Plan (NSMP) currently being implemented provides for investment friendly measures that make sugar production quite competitive and profitable.

The NSDC helmsman made this call while delivering the National Policy Statement from Nigeria at the International Sugar Organization (ISO) council meeting which took place in London.

Dr. Busari used the event which had key players in the global sugar industry in attendance to talk about opportunities available in the nation's sugar sector as well as efforts put in place to meaningfully grow the market.

He said a number of achievements have been recorded in the course of implementing the NSMP which is currently in its 5th year, noting that "a total number of 12 different sites have been earmarked while developmental work has commenced on 9 sites covering a total of 150,000ha. For instance, the Dangote Sugar Group has developed its own Sugar Master Plan and acquired 6 sites covering about 120,000ha of land in various locations for establishments of sugar projects".

Dr. Busari also said, "several other investors, notably the BUA Group, the Golden Sugar Company, a subsidiary of the Flour Mills Nigeria Limited, the Lee Group have also acquired

various sites covering another 30,000ha of land to be used for sugar projects," he explained.

On investment in the sector, he said since the commencement of the NSMP, the Nigerian sugar sector has attracted nearly \$1.5 Billion USD investments. He said a total of 18,000 jobs have been created from 2015 till date.



To ensure that more results are achieved in the second phase of the NSMP implementation, Dr. Busari said new guidelines were issued to operators.

"The new guidelines include revised performance criteria for raw sugar import quota allocation to refineries as well as appropriate sanctions for poor BIP performance and raw sugar import quota infringements by operators".

"it also specified requirements for new entrants and strategic interventions by government and its agencies to not only address operational challenges faced by operators but also attract and sustain investments in the sugar sector", he concluded.

Dr. Busari expressed hope that "the combination of the new guidelines with the actions that government and its relevant agencies will be taking, hopefully, results in a greater commitment by operators and ultimately, more sugar projects and substantial increases in local sugar levels".

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NSDC Management visits Dogan's Sugar Company

Some members of the Management team of the National Sugar Development Council (NSDC), led by the Executive Secretary, Dr. Latif Busari, as part of the Council's regulatory responsibilities have visited the Corporate Headquarters/Factory of Dogan's Sugar Company, in Lagos state.

The Council team which comprised of the Director; Planning, Policy, Research and Statistics, Mr. Hezekiah Kolawole, Director; Finance and Account; Malam Auwalu

While welcoming the team, Dogan's Sugar boss, Mr. Okan Ozkan who thanked the NSDC for the visit, said, though the company is faced with a number of operational challenges, but has continued to muster all the needed energy and determination to remain in business, adding that the nation's sugar sector is showing signs of growth.

Given its area of specialization, production

Mr. Ozkan is huge variation in the prices of packaged sugar by local producers of the commodity. He wants the Sugar Council to look into the issue, stressing that the development is capable of chasing companies like his own out of business.

While assuring Mr. Ozkan of Council's prompt disposition to address all industry challenges dispassionately, Dr. Busari promised to look into the issues raised by



ES NSDC, Dr. Latif Busari (4th from left), MD, Dogan's Sugar Company, Mr. Okan Ozkan, (4th from right) and members of the NSDC management team during an inspection visit to the company.

Abubakar, Deputy Director; Technical Service; Malam Saliyu Bkeke, Special Assistant to the Executive Secretary; Mr. Chris Mbamalu and the Senior Information Officer; Mr. Abdullahi W. Yunusa was received by the company's Managing Director, Mr. Okan Ozkan.

Dr. Busari who expressed satisfaction with the company's operational facilities as well as its strict adherence to approved industry guidelines by the Federal government, said the reforms introduced by government in the sugar sector are beginning to yield positive results.

of packaged sugar, Mr. Ozkan also expressed worry that despite the ban placed on the St' Louis brand of packaged sugar, the products are still seen in major shops and retail outlets in the country, stressing that such development isn't healthy for local producers of same commodity.

"Sir, I understand government has since banned this product, but we continue to see them in the market. I doubt if some Nigerians are aware that St Louis packaged sugar is a banned product".

the company. He assured all investors of equal support and cooperation, adding that persuasion remains the best solution to solving challenges posed by price variations.

"We are not unaware of some of these challenges you have identified. The Sugar Council, in line with her mandate is on top of the situation. We shall continue to introduce measures that would bring about a more business-friendly environment for investors in the sector. These challenges are not beyond our control".

Another issue of concern highlighted by

NSDC awards best outgrower farmers at SSCL, Numan

In its effort to encourage committed participation and good performance among Sugarcane Outgrower Farmers in sugar estates, the Management of National Sugar Development Council NSDC has presented prizes to best sugarcane Outgrower Farmers at Savannah Sugar Company Limited Numan, Adamawa State.

At the event, the Executive Secretary of the NSDC, Dr. Latif Busari, confirmed that the programme started with two farmers on 2.6 hectares in 2008 and has expanded to cover 307 hectares with 260 farmers participating in 2017. Dr. Busari said the scheme has come to stay and is seen as contribution to general economic development of the host Communities. In his remarks, the General Manager of Savannah Sugar

Company Limited Numan, Mr. Palaniswamy Chandrasekaran, said among other things, the scheme has become a major source of revenue to the farming Communities, source of self-employment for those already in the scheme and it helps to improve the harmony and support between the local Communities and the Sugar Company.

Various prizes ranging from Motorcycle, Refrigerator and Hand-sets were distributed to the best farmers at the occasion.

The overall best outgrower who went home with a motorcycle had a cane yield of 120 tons cane per hectare.

Busari: We're targeting increased sugar production

STAR INTERVIEW

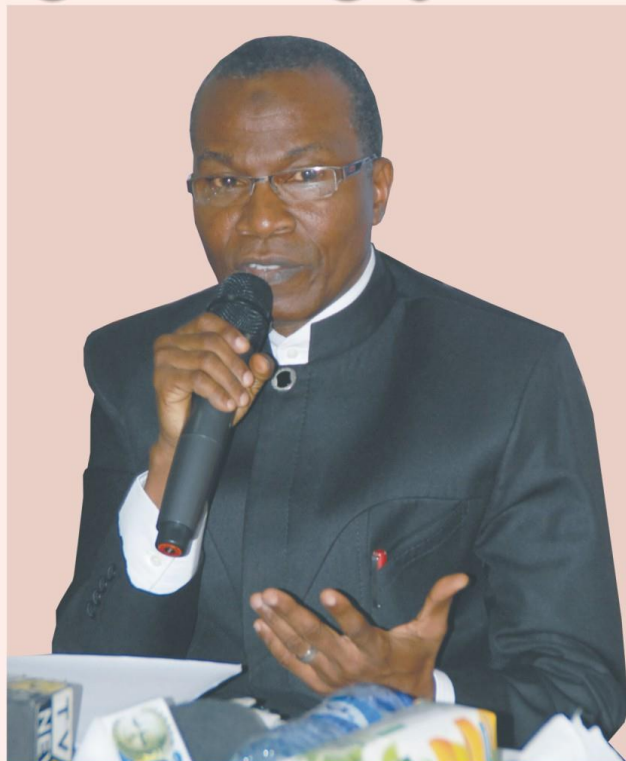
Dr. Latif Demola Busari is the Executive Secretary of the National Sugar Development Council, a body responsible for the regulation of all activities in the sugar industry. He spoke to Jonathan Eze on the industry and expressed optimism that Nigeria can achieve self-sufficiency in sugar production in the near future.

Recently, the Minister of Industry, Trade and Investment, Dr. Okechukwu Enelamah, said he is impressed with your activities in the National Sugar Development Council (NSDC). Please tell us some of the brilliant policies you have introduced that is capable of turning the fortunes of the nation's sugar industries around?

I don't think we have done too fantastic a job. I think it is just that the minister saw the commitment to achieve our mandate. So even if you haven't gotten there, your boss or the people looking at you want to see that even though there are challenges being faced by you, but the attitude towards resolving those challenges is what impresses them and they know that if you can keep at it like that, eventually you will succeed. It is different from somebody who has similar challenges but has a nonchalant attitude towards it. Just like we are doing in Nigeria, we have challenges but our leaders are trying to find solutions and that keeps the people happy.

I have read about the Nigeria Sugar Master Plan (NSMP). What does it intend to achieve? Please shed more light on it.

The Master Plan was the road map that was adopted by the federal government in 2012 as what would lead us to the achievement of self-sufficiency in sugar. It has four objectives: To improve the level



Dr. Latif Busari,
Executive Secretary, National Sugar Development Council

of sugar production locally until we are able to achieve self-sufficiency in sugar production; To reduce our over dependence on sugar importation; To create job for Nigerians; To generate electricity and also produce ethanol. So, through the sugar master plan, we want to target increasing sugar production. Today, Nigeria is depending on imported ethanol for all our needs. These are the four basic objectives and it is a 10 year journey. We started in 2013 and we hope that by 2023 we would reach the target of increasing sugar production.

What are the things we hope to achieve by 2023?

By then, we should be able to

produce about 1.8million metric tonnes of sugar annually which is estimated to be our demand by 2020. The master plan was developed in 2010 and it took us two years to get stakeholders buy into the implementation. Without those stakeholders buying in, we wouldn't have gotten far at all. It took us two years so that all our stakeholders would join us in the journey.

By 2023, we would have been able to produce 1.7 and 1.8million metric tonnes of sugar annually. We will be able to produce 161 ML of ethanol, generate about 400megawatts of electricity, create 117,000 jobs for both skilled and unskilled labour and save Nigeria about \$600 million that



R-L: Executive Secretary, National Sugar Development Council, NSDC, Dr Latif Busari Director Human Resource, NSDC, Samuel Ali Kwabe and Director Policy, Planning Research and Statistics Mr. Hezekiah Kolawole during a press briefing on the effects of Communal crisis in host communities on sugar production in Abuja



L-R: Director, Finance and accounts, Mal. Auwalu Abubakar, E.S. NSDC, Dr. Latif Busari and Director, Technical Service, Mal. Mohammed Jika at the 2017 outgrower Farmers' award held in Numan, Adamawa State.



General Manager, Savannah Sugar Company Limited (SSCL), Mr. Palaniswamy Chandrasekaran and Deputy Director, Public Affairs, NSDC, Mr. Ahmed Waziri jointly presenting gift to one of the award recipients at the NSDC 2017 Outgrower Award ceremony in Numan, Adamawa State.

Photo Speaks



L-R: Director, Human Resource Management, Mr. Samuel Kwabe, Deputy Director, Finance and Accounts, Mal. Ibrahim S. Ibrahim, couple, Mr. and Mrs. Venduna Yakubu Tsala, father of the groom and former E.S NSDC, Chief Yakubu Tsala (Shettima Mubi) and Deputy Director, PPRS, Mal. Babangida Damare posed for a photo session at the wedding ceremony of Chief Tsala's son in Adamawa State.



L-R: President, Abuja Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ACCI), Prince Adetokunbo Kayode (SAN) Presenting the "Best Government Agency in the Sugar Sub-Sector award to the National Sugar Development Council at the 12th Abuja Int'l trade fair.



The Executive Secretary and some management staff in a group photograph with Principal officers during the "2017 Principal Officers' Retreat" in Lokoja, Kogi State

we spend annually on sugar importation. Also, if we are able to enact a blending mandate, where you mix ethanol with gasoline to use as automotive fuel (Obasanjo started the E10 mandate) that is we mix 10 per cent of ethanol with gasoline and if you are able to do that, since we depend on imported gasoline right now, we would also save that 10 per cent. We estimated it to be about \$65.8 million. To be able to achieve all these, we would need about 250,000 hectares of land under cultivation. We need to employ people. These are the basic key ingredients, and how do we get this done especially when government is not going to put a kobo down and that's actually the main challenge for us. We are going to depend on private sector to put their money down. So the only way we could do it is to provide some incentives that would get them to come and invest.

What are the challenges confronting the Council and the sugar sub-sector?

There are many challenges. For example, even if you already have funds, you have the technical expertise and you have the land, it will still take you five to six years that you would keep on spending money before you can see a grain of sugar come out and then you begin to sell and probably your money is most likely going to be a loan. So, you start paying back the loan before you say this is your own money, it will be about ten years. How many investors are willing to go into that kind of sector? When you can buy federal government bonds and go to bed or you can even trade and make money. So few investors want to go into that kind of sector. It is capital intensive. It has long gestation period and is fraught with agricultural risks. Because if you plant your sugarcane and flood clears it, that is the end of it for the year.

You mentioned something very fascinating about sugar being used to generate electricity. How does this work? Can you expatiate on it?

When the juice is extracted out of sugarcane, what is left is the fibre. In the industry, we call it bagasse. In the sugar industry, we use bagasse to fire the boilers for steam generation. You need steam in most industries for many industrial processes. The difference is that in the sugar industry, that steam can be channelled or piped into steam turbines to generate electricity. They use this electricity first for their own use in the factory and on the field, whatever that's left is now given to the people as part of the benefit that accrue to the community. They may even sell it to national grid if it is much more than they need. Every sugar industry all over the world generate electricity and depending on the quantity they produce, it is for their own use and then their communities.

The federal government has recently signed some executive bills on the Ease of Doing Business. Before now, do you think it was difficult to do business in Nigeria?

The first executive bill is about the ease of doing business and because fortunately, we are not in the business of granting approvals or licenses so people are not queuing up waiting for license here. The only thing we give is quota and it is not even in our hands. It is in Mr. President's hands. We don't have problems like Customs or Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC) would have. We are one of the revenue generating agencies and are captured under the fiscal responsibility act so Executive Order No 1 affects us in terms of transparency in the conduct of government business. I believe that we are doing well, delivering the little services to the public as efficient as possible.

Can Nigerians really produce the sugar they consume without relying on imports?

That is our major mandate. Our activities are not with the consuming public as such. It is more with the investors that would be able to do that production and help us fulfill that mandate. It's for them to tell us the projects they would be investing in. They gave us a list of projects before that we are following through. It contains some of the earlier ones too but it is just that they are recommitting them. Dangote is now going to do the expansion of Savannah Sugar. He is also going to have two new greenfield projects, one in Lau and one in Tunga. Golden Sugar just rounded off the one project in Sunti and they asked us to look for land for them because they are proposing another one. BUA too has its own in Lafiagi. So we have a total of eight projects now. So it is a mixture of the old and new project that we are currently monitoring.

People are being advised to reduce sugar consumption because of the attendant health risks. Has this affected the level of sugar demand and production?

There is a lot of de-marketing of sugar going on now. All of us are feeling it. Sugar doesn't cause diabetes. You can confirm from medical people. It is a failure of your metabolism and when you take sugar in excess, it will aggravate it. If you have insulin that works, it will metabolise the sugar. If you don't have sugar for a minute, you die. It is the basic unit of energy that powers our metabolism. If your brain lacks sugar for a second, you are brain dead. But of course, everything you take in excess is wrong. Basically everything you eat is sugar. For example, pounded yam, rice. All these food, the body stores it in form of sugar. They say one can of coke contains 10 cubes of sugar. There are a lot of sugars out there but we have to be moderate. However, over 82 per cent of the sugar goes to industries. Just 18 per cent is consumed by

people. The industries are the major users of sugar e.g the chocolate and beverage industries. If you follow everything the doctors say, you won't eat, at all.

The country just came out of recession, what do you think can be done to sustain the present economic progress?

Something led us into it and

something must bring us out of it. If our luck stays and crude oil goes up a bit, it will be good. Our Minister of State for Petroleum was able to get OPEC to accept our stand on daily production. All of us Nigerians need to ensure that the little we have is spent judiciously. When government keeps doing what it does, we will consolidate on the growth already

recorded. But even when we were not in recession, we have had billionaires and other people on the lower rung of the ladder. So how do we bridge the gap to bring this people up to let them feel the impact? I think that's the key issue.

Culled from THISDAY Newspaper.

NSMP Implementation: Northern business stakeholders pledge support

To fast-track the meaningful implementation of the Nigerian Sugar Master Plan (NSMP) which is currently in its fifth year of implementation, a coalition of business groups under the auspices of the Coalition of Northern States Chambers of Commerce, Industry, Mines and Agriculture (CONSCCIMA) has pledged to support the National Sugar Development Council to achieve the NSMP goals.

The group which stated this during its courtesy visit to the Executive Secretary of the Council, Dr. Latif Busari, said it is pleased with the modest success so far recorded in the NSMP implementation, stressing that the NSDC requires the support and cooperation of critical stakeholders for the goals to be appreciably realized.

Speaking on behalf of CONSCCIMA, its Chairperson who doubles as the First Deputy National President of the Nigerian Association of Chambers of Commerce, Industry, Mines and Agriculture (NACCIMA), Hajiya Saratu Aliyu expressed the body's readiness to partner and support the agency in its drive to revamp the nation's sugar sub-sector.

While speaking on the already-established relationship between NSDC and CONSCCIMA which dates back to 2013, Hajiya Aliyu said, CONSCCIMA is pleased to be part of the success so far recorded by the NSDC, especially as it relates to the eventual take-off of the NSMP which has attracted a number of investors and investments thereby boosting the nation's revenue generation profile.

She said her group wishes to collaborate with the Council in the areas of full-fledged advocacy for effective achievement of the second phase of the NSMP in the following areas; "Robust and aggressive regional

sensitization exercise in northern Nigeria with the view to bring to the fore opportunities available in local sugar production, to fully engage Northern Governors Forum on problems militating against smooth operations of the Backward Integration Programme activities as it affects hostilities of host communities and formation and developing the technical capacity of young out-growers clubs, cooperative and associations targeting at secondary schools and tertiary institutions", she stated.

In his response, the Executive Secretary of the NSDC, Dr. Latif Busari thanked the CONSCCIMA delegation for identifying areas of possible collaboration with the Council, pledging that the Council is readily disposed to individuals or groups willing to support its activities which are geared towards building a viable and profitable sugar sector for Nigeria and Nigerians.

Dr. Busari who identified rising hostilities in communities where huge sugar investments are currently sited in different parts of the country, urged CONSCCIMA to assist Council in the area of creating awareness and sensitization on what communities stand to benefit should they allow sugar investors to operate freely in their communities.

"The truth is, we are really disturbed by recurring clashes involving sugar companies and their host communities. Sadly, each time any clash occurs, investments running into millions are lost in the process. This is not the kind of story we should be getting from a sector that government is doing its best to ensure that it stays afloat".

While expressing hope that the collaboration would further attract investments to the sector, Dr. Busari was optimistic that the industry will record significant growth in the years ahead.



NSDC Management team in a group photo session with members of CONSCCIMA during the group's courtesy visit to the NSDC Corporate Headquarters in Abuja.

HEALTH CORNER

5 tips to help you stay healthy this harmattan season

During harmattan, the air is cold and dry. You may experience dry skin and broken lips. A cough is usually prevalent due to the dry dirty air inhaled from the surroundings.

In addition, the weather makes people susceptible to cold and although the body has adaptive mechanisms that help reduce the effects of cold, it is only wise to take care of ourselves in order to prevent infections and keep warm. Here are simple tips to help you go through this harmattan season in Nigeria:

***Drink honey and lemon dissolved in warm water**

This will help to soothe the dry irritated areas of the throat and give you the comfort you need. Honey is a natural remedy for a sore throat and cough. You can also use the honey by spreading it in a snack or putting in tea/coffee as it suits you. This is an effective relief for cold and cough

***Take enough water**

It is advisable to increase fluid intake at this time to reduce dehydration caused by extreme dryness of the air. Simply ensure you have a bottle of water with you at all times to increase the motility of mucus. Warm drinks like tea or coffee will help provide you with warmth to fight cold.

***Eat fruits and veggies**

These are good sources of vitamins and minerals. They contain a high water content, which helps to reduce dehydration caused by the dry air this period. The fruit also helps fight infections and build immunity against a chronic cough and other infections associated with common cold.

***Wear the right clothes**

Wearing the right clothes in the right weather helps to prevent common cold and cough. Thick and heat

absorbable clothes keep heat released from the body trapped inside and limit radiation of heat to the surroundings. Hand gloves and well-covered shoes also provide enough warmth that you need.

***Skin care**

People usually develop cracked lips and skin during this harmattan period. The following can help protect the integrity of your skin and prevent dryness. Good body moisturizers can be used to prevent dryness of the skin. They are easily absorbable and increase the hydration of the skin. Other home-made moisturizers are:

Olive oil: This contains many fatty acids and healthy fat that are good for your skin. You can apply this to the skin after taking your bath to reduce skin dryness.



A typical hazy weather common during the harmattan season

Creams with milk

content: Are excellent moisturizers as they help to exfoliate dry skin and give room for the rejuvenation of new skin cells to replace worn ones. Also, you can apply coconut oil to your skin after taking your bath. It is absorbable and it

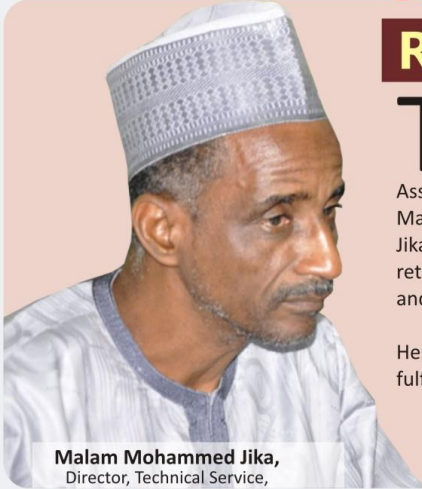
makes your skin smooth and soft.

Foods like beans, carrots, tomatoes and peas with anti-oxidants and omega3 fatty acids e.g. salmon help to repair damaged cells and contribute to a glowing skin

For dried lips, Vaseline and balms are good to prevent breaking lips if used regularly.

Source: Edokita Health, an online health information and medical consultation platform.

Staff Matters

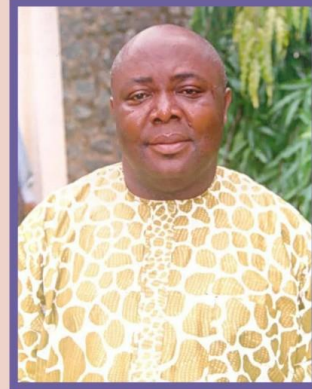


Malam Mohammed Jika,
Director, Technical Service,

RETIREMENT

Two members of the Council's Management team, the duo of Mr Sampson Ikechukwu, Assistant Director, Human Resource Management and Malam Mohammed Jika, Director, Technical Service, both retired from active service on the 7th and 31st December, 2017 respectively.

Here is wishing both of them a restful, fulfilling and amazing post-service life.



Mr Sampson Ikechukwu
Assistant Director,
Human Resource Management

PROMOTION

A number of Council staffers, both at the senior and junior cadres were recently promoted after meeting necessary promotion criteria as contained in the Council's Condition of Service.

A total of 8 Senior Officers and 6 Junior Officers were promoted to their next levels. Congratulations to all the newly promoted officers.

TRANSFERS/POSTINGS

In line with the Council's resolve to put necessary plans in place to fast-track the attainment of her core mandates, the NSDC recently carried out a minor transfer and posting of some officers.

The affected officers are; Malam Baba Salihu Dasin moved from North-West Zonal Office in Kano to Technical Service Department at the NSDC Headquarters, Abuja. Malam Sule T. Kutama formerly of the North-East Zonal Office in Yola moved to the Technical Service Department at the Headquarters.

Also transferred are Mr. Onyeigwe M.C.J who moved from the Headquarters to the North-West Zonal Office in Kano and Mr. Isa C. Isaac who was also transferred from the NSDC Headquarters to the North East Zonal office in Yola.

The concerned officers have since resumed duties at their respective areas of postings.

CONDOLENCES

Council condoles with three of its officers who at different times lost their loved ones within the last quarter of the year.

Malam Usman Mohammed of the Human Resource Department lost his father on 2nd November, 2017 in Okene, Kogi state.

Malam Musa Mohammed of the Executive Secretary's office lost his father who died in Cairo, Egypt 5th December, 2017 after a brief illness.

Also, Malam Salihu Mohammed of the Council's Lagos Liaison office lost his mother on 18th December, 2017. The deceased have since been buried according to Islamic rites.

May the almighty Allah accept the souls of the departed and grant the bereaved families the strength and fortitude to bear their losses. Amin.

DATA ON SUGAR IMPORTATION IN THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 2017 - OCTOBER - DECEMBER

Month	Importer	Qty (MT) (NPA)	Qty (MT) (NCS)	Levy Paid (N)	Country of Origin	Discharging Port	Type of Sugar
October	Dangote Sugar	91,963	45,960	259,361,602	Brazil	Apapa	Bulk (Raw)
	BUA Sugar	-	46,502	324,176,725	Brazil	Tin Can	Bulk (Raw)
	Golden Sugar	-	54,147	331,730,603	Brazil	Apapa	Bulk (Raw)
	Golden Sugar	-	954.60	70,834,623	Denmark	Apapa	Refined
November	Dangote Sugar	93,736	90,770	505,461,401	Brazil	Apapa	Bulk (Raw)
	BUA Sugar	47,015	-	-	-	-	-
	Golden Sugar	-	-	-	-	-	-
December	Dangote Sugar	-	94,500	588,949,976	Brazil	Apapa	Bulk (Raw)
	BUA Sugar	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Golden Sugar	45,131	48,000	294,458,384	Brazil	Apapa	Bulk (Raw)
	Total	277,845	380,834	2,374,973,314			

SUMMARY OF AVERAGE LOCAL & INTERNATIONAL RAW AND REFINED SUGAR PRICE: OCTOBER - DECEMBER, 2017

MONTH	SOURCE (STATE)	SUGAR TYPE	WHOLESALE ₦/50KG	WHOLESALE ₦/MT	RETAIL ₦/50KG	RETAIL ₦/MT	INTERNATIONAL RAW SUGAR AVERAGE PRICE		INTERNATIONAL WHITE SUGAR AVERAGE PRICE	
							\$/MT	₦/MT	\$/MT	₦/MT
OCTOBER	Lagos, Kano, Abuja, Adamawa, kwara	Refined Dangote /Bua/ Golden	16,195	323,900	16,515	330,300	316.98	96,838.54	361.26	114,489.76
NOVEMBER	Lagos, Kano, Abuja, Adamawa, kwara	Refined Dangote /Bua/ Golden	16,070	321,400	16,342.5	326,900	331.48	101,404.61	392.11	118,702.11
DECEMBER	Lagos, Kano, Abuja, Adamawa, kwara	Refined Dangote /Bua/ Golden	15,644	312,880	15,952	319,040	318.25	97,501.64	379.34	116,215.08
AVERAGE MONTH TOTAL			15,969.66	319,393.33	16,269.83	325,413.33	322.23	98,581.59	377.6	116,468.98

*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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