

BAMANGA USMAN JADA becomes OGFZA new Helmsman



Arrival of the new MD/CEO, Bamanga Usman Jada at the Authority's office in Maitama, Abuja on Wednesday 18th October, 2023



Outgoing MD/CEO, Sen. Tijjani Yahaya Kaura, MFR warmly receives the new MD/CEO, Alh. Bamanga Usman Jada to his office before addressing staff of the Authority



Outgoing MD/CEO Sen. Tijjani Yahaya Kaura, MFR hands over to the new MD/CEO, Alh. Bamanga Usman Jada after a brief meeting at the Authority's Boardroom in Abuja.



New MD/CEO Bamanga Usman Jada delivering his inaugural address to Management and staff of the Authority after taking over from his predecessor, Sen. Tijjani Yahaya Kaura, MFR.



Middle: New MD/CEO, Alh. Bamanga Usman Jada in a group photograph with outgoing MD/CEO Sen. Tijjani Yahaya Kaura, MFR; Management and Staff of OGFZA after the handover ceremony in Abuja



L-R: MD/CEO OGFZA, Alh. Bamanga Usman Jada; HM of Finance/Coordinating Minister of the Economy, Wale Edun and MD NEPZA, Olufemi Ogunyemi after a Meeting in Abuja today 26TH October, 2023.



L-R: MD/CEO OGFZA, Alh. Bamanga Usman Jada and Honourable Minister of Finance/Coordinating Minister of the ECONOMY, Wale Edun in a handshake after a meeting



L-R: DGM Trade & Investment OGFZA, Mallam Adamu Kontagora, the Managing Director/CEO OGFZA, Alh. Usman Bamanga Jada and Hon. Minister of Solid Minerals Development, Dr. Oladele Alake during a Special Exclusive Dinner organised by the Minister in Abuja on Tuesday, 31st October 2023



MD/CEO OGFZA, Alh. Bamanga Usman Jada and ES NEZA, Chief Toyin Elegbede at the MD's office in Maitama, Abuja to brief the MD on Special Economic Zones Annual Meeting



L-R: HoD F&A OGFZA, Mr. Simon Akpadaka, MD/CEO, Alh. Bamanga Usman and ES NEZA, Chief Toyin Elegbede at the MD's office



The MD/CEO, Alh. Bamanga Usman Jada received Senator Benson Agadaga, Chairman, Senate Committee on Oil and Gas Host Communities, Member Senate Committee on Industry, Trade & investment and Vice Chairman, Senate Committee on Special Duties who paid him a visit at his office in Maitama, Abuja on Wednesday 1st November, 2023.



The MD/CEO of OGFZA, Alh. Bamanga Usman Jada receives the MD of Bestaf Maritime Industrial Oil and Gas Free Zone, Mr. Otunba Jibrin on a courtesy call paid on him at the Authority's office in Maitama, Abuja on Friday, 3rd November 2023.



President Bola Ahmed Tinubu



Dr. Doris Uzoka-Anite



Alhaji Bamanga Usman Jada

Nigeria is undergoing a transformative change under President Bola Ahmed Tinubu-led administration. Precisely on 13th October 2023, President Tinubu appointed Bamanga Usman Jada as the new Chief

Executive Officer of the Oil and Gas Free Zones Authority (OGFZA) among several other CEOs of agencies and parastatals under the Federal Ministry of Industry, Trade and Investment headed by Dr. Doris Uzoka-Anite.

BAMANGA USMAN JADA – A New Dawn in Nigeria's Oil and Gas sector

Bamanga Usman Jada is the Managing Director and Chief Executive of the Oil and Gas Free Zones Authority Nigeria, appointed by President Bola Ahmed Tinubu, GCFR; on October 13, 2023. Bamanga Usman Jada has emerged as a beacon of hope and a harbinger of change in Nigeria's dynamic oil and gas industry, heralding a new era of innovation, sustainability, and inclusive growth. His visionary leadership, coupled with a profound understanding of the industry's challenges and opportunities, has instilled a renewed sense of optimism and dynamism within the sector. Jada's relentless pursuit of excellence and his unwavering commitment to fostering a culture of transparency and accountability have laid the groundwork for a transformative journey that promises to redefine Nigeria's position in the global energy landscape. Jada's educational journey serves as a testament to his commitment to excellence. He attended Jada 1 Primary School and General Murtala Mohammed College, Yola,

for his primary and secondary schools' education respectively, obtaining his SSCE Certificate in 1999. He pursued his tertiary education at the prestigious Federal University of Technology



BAMANGA USMAN JADA
MANAGING DIRECTOR/CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
OIL AND GAS FREE ZONES AUTHORITY

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Hope reborn as new MD rolls out 7-point agenda on assumption of duty

The newly appointed Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of the Oil and Gas Free Zones Authority (OGFZA), Alhaji Bamanga Usman Jada has promised to transform the nation's Oil and Gas Free Zones with a 7-point agenda in line with President Tinubu's Renewed Hope Agenda. Alhaji Jada made this promise during a brief handover ceremony at the Authority's office in Maitama, Abuja while taking over the mantle of leadership from his predecessor, Sen. Tijjani Yahaya Kaura, MFR on Wednesday, 18th October, 2023. The new helmsman who expressed gratitude to President Tinubu for the trust placed upon him to lead OGFZA, disclosed his 7-point agenda which include efficiency & trust, Infrastructure excellence, regulatory modernization, local content empowerment, investor-focus, staff welfare and sustainability as part of strategies for transformation of the Authority.

"With profound sense of responsibility, I stand before you today, humbled by the trust placed upon me by His Excellency President Bola Ahmed Tinubu GCFR to lead the Oil and Gas Free Zones Authority (OGFZA)"
"Aligned with President Tinubu's ambitious economic agenda, I envisage an expansive future for OGFZA. It is my firm intent to champion the establishment of Oil and Gas Free Zones in every state of our great

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Nigeria is undergoing a transformative change under President Bola Ahmed Tinubu-led administration. Precisely on 13th October 2023, he approved the appointment of new Chief Executives of parastatals and agencies under the Federal Ministry of Industry, Trade and Investment. Consequently, in this edition, we bring you the report on the appointment of Bamanga Usman

Jada as the new Managing Director and Chief Executive of the Oil and Gas Free Zones Authority (OGFZA) and his activities since he took over the mantle of leadership from his predecessor.

This edition beams its light on the profile of the new MD, his strategic approach for the transformation of the Authority and what he would bring on board to drive investments

into the nation's economy.

It also captures the brief handover ceremony and highlights of the new MD's familiarization tour to the flagship Oil and Gas Free Zone in Onne, Rivers State as soon as he assumed duty.

Happy reading!

BAMANGA USMAN JADA

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Alhaji Bamanga Usman Jada
Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer
Oil and Gas Free Zones Authority

Yola, now Modibbo Adama University, where his exceptional academic performance garnered him recognition and numerous accolades. Here, he obtained a Diploma in Business Administration (2004) and subsequently a Bachelors' Degree (B.Sc) in Economics (2008). Following his undergraduate degree and in his quest for more knowledge and academic pursuit, he proceeded to the University of Central Lancashire, Preston United Kingdom, where he acquired a Masters' Degree (M.Sc) in Oil and Gas Operations Management (2013) and also an MBA in Marketing, solidifying his expertise in the intricate economic dynamics of the energy sector. With an impressive educational background, Jada embarked on a professional journey that propelled him to the forefront of the Nigerian oil and gas industry. He began his career with Ecobank PLC in 2009 where he developed acute corporate financial management skills. These attributes were of great benefit to the Energy Commission of Nigeria where he served in the Finance and Projects Departments respectively from 2010 to

2023. As a result of his dedication to service, meticulous nature, problem-solving ability and versatility, he was sought after to take on another role as the Personal Assistant to the Director General/CEO of the Commission. He has also served as Personal Assistant to the Chairman of the Board of Directors at Kano Electricity Distribution Company (KEDCO); roles that further equipped him with hands on administrative know-how and leadership experience. Bamanga Usman Jada, is an affiliate of the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport, United Kingdom. He is a Fellow of the Public Institute of Diplomacy and Management, Nigeria. Jada is a seasoned technocrat and administrator who brings on board his wealth of knowledge in Civil Service Administration, Financial Procedures, International Financial Reporting Standards (IFR) and Public Sector Accounting. Jada's credentials exemplify his comprehensive understanding of the complex interplay between economic, technological and environmental factors within the oil and gas sector. His strategic insights and in-depth knowledge have equipped him to take the proper steps in navigating the intricate challenges facing the industry, fostering a culture of continuous improvement and collaboration among key stakeholders. His leadership philosophy, characterized by a combination of pragmatism and forward-thinking vision, has positioned him as a beacon of change in an ever-evolving energy landscape. As he continues to make significant strides in the field, his prospects for transforming the oil and gas industry in Nigeria remain exceedingly promising. With his exceptional leadership acumen, extensive industry knowledge, and unwavering commitment to

VISION

To be the premier agency of government responsible for promoting, securing and sustaining investment in the nation's oil and gas free zones.

MISSION

To facilitate public-private partnership investments in the nation's oil and gas free zones as vehicles for promoting accelerated growth and sustainable development.

CORE VALUES

- ◆ Integrity
- ◆ Respect
(Self, Clients, Time and Colleagues)
- ◆ Professionalism
- ◆ Creativity
- ◆ Transparency and Accountability
- ◆ Passion
- ◆ Customer Centric

innovation, Jada is poised to drive substantial advancements that not only elevate the sector's global competitiveness but also contribute to the socioeconomic development of Nigeria. His vision for a more diversified, environmentally conscious, and technologically adept energy landscape is set to pave the way for a thriving and sustainable future for Nigeria's oil and gas industry, ensuring a more robust and interconnected landscape that is better equipped to navigate the complexities of the global energy market. As Nigeria embraces this new dawn in its oil and gas sector, the transformative leadership of Bamanga Usman Jada stands as a testament to the country's unwavering commitment to sustainable development, technological advancement, and global competitiveness. With his visionary leadership and unwavering dedication to excellence, Jada continues to inspire a sense of purpose and optimism, setting the stage for a more prosperous and resilient future for Nigeria's oil and gas industry.◆

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nation, both oil-producing and non-oil-producing. This expansion aims to offer more investment avenues, considering some of our current zones that face saturation from limited opportunities for fresh activities."

He affirmed that in line with President Bola Tinubu's Renewed Hope Agenda, transformative rebranding of OGFZA would attract more foreign investors.

"Our unique positioning in the oil and gas sector, catering predominantly to an international clientele, warrants advancements tailored to their needs. Recognizing this, I am committed to introducing offshore banking services, ensuring seamless, 24/7 international financial transactions, further cementing our position as a key global player in the industry"

The outgoing Managing Director/CEO of OGFZA, Sen. Tijjani Kaura, had earlier called on the management and Staff of the Authority to sustain their commitment to duty and support the new CEO to excel.

Commending the new CEO, Sen. Kaura said within the shortest period of meeting him, he had exhibited total humility and determination to deliver the renewed hope of President Tinubu-led administration while



wishing well on his new role.

Following his assumption of office, the new Managing Director, Bamanga Usman Jada embarked on a familiarization tour to the flagship Onne/Ikpokiri Oil and Gas Free Zone in Rivers State, led by the outgoing MD/CEO Sen. Tijjani Kaura.

Addressing Management and staff of the Authority, he assured his commitment of working together with the entire staff in one accord to achieve greater heights for the Authority.

"Our President, His Excellency Bola Ahmed Tinubu is committed to transforming Oil and Gas Free Zones sector. You and I are partners in this project and we will give him all the maximum support and cooperation to achieving his goals".

"Our Minister of Industry Trade and Investment, Hon. Doris Anite Uzoka is more than committed to transforming Industry trade and Investment sector so we must give her maximum support and cooperation"



The new MD/CEO, Alh. Bamanga Usman Jada has hit the ground running immediately after taking over the mantle of leadership from his predecessor, Sen. Tijjani Yahaya Kaura, MFR. He had his inaugural Expanded Management Meeting across all the Authority's offices via zoom on Wednesday 25th October, 2023. This is in continuity of one of key initiatives put in place by the former MD/CEO to enhance transparency and accountability.

The meeting extensively discussed issues confronting the Authority, as well as other developments such as revenue generation and improvement of the welfare of staff.

Soon after the meeting, the new MD/CEO led the Management team on a visit to the Authority's office in Asokoro where they were taken on a tour of the office led by the Head of Registry department, Barr. Momoh Sani Shuaibu.

In a meeting at Asokoro, Barr. Momoh in his presentation, disclosed that the Registry

department is responsible for the incorporation of enterprises, renewal of licences and permits among others. He informed the meeting that the department which was initially a unit was recently upgraded to a department in 2021.

He stated that the upgrade which also involved digitalization has repositioned the department to enhance service delivery to free zone clients which earned the Authority top positions at the (Presidential Enabling Business Environment Council) PEBEC awards from 2018 to 2021 consecutively. He disclosed however that these achievements were not without challenges, some of which were inadequate work tools such as computer systems, printers as well as

Alhaji Jada reiterated that he assured the Honourable Minister that OGFZA as a parastatal would give the Ministry the best results amongst other agencies of government under the FMITI.

He also assured the President of OGFZA Staff Union that his administration would work together with the union to achieve a better welfare condition for members of staff, adding that the welfare package initiated by the outgoing Managing Director would be achieved within the coming week.

He stated that the Authority has the mandate of industrialization, attraction of investment and enhancing ease of doing business noting that the Trade and Investment department is very critical and must work together with Management to attract Foreign Direct Investments into the country. He urged the entire staff to work hard to make the Authority an envy in the oil and gas sector and the free zones investment destination.◆



official vehicles dedicated to the department to enhance productivity.

In his remarks, the OGFZA boss, commended the HoD and staff of the department for the achievements thus far. He assured that the Authority under his leadership will encourage and strengthen staff by ensuring the provision of the right tools to work with and staff trainings for more productivity and greater achievements.

However, he emphasized on the need for improvement, stating that President Tinubu's administration is one that is willing to improve the standard of the Authority, staff welfare and productivity. He expressed delight noting that the Authority is technology-driven, stating that digitalization

is the global trend and falls in line with the President Tinubu-led administration which must therefore be encouraged in the Authority.

Pledging his commitment to support staff, he promised to address all the enumerated challenges in due course. The meeting was quite interactive and fruitful.◆