



A group photograph of Hon. Minister Industry, Trade & Investment Dr. Doris Azuka Anite after the inauguration of new CEOs of agencies under the ministry on 11th December, 2023.



R-L: Honourable Minister of Industry, Trade and Investment, Dr. Doris Uzoka-Anite and MD/CEO of OGFZA, Bamanga Usman Jada in a photograph after the inauguration for newly-appointed Chief Executive Officers of agencies under the Ministry on Monday, 11th December, 2023 in Abuja



MD/CEO OGFZA, Bamanga Usman Jada delivering a speech during the Africa Special Economic Zones Annual Meeting 2023 at Tangier Morocco on Thursday 23rd November 2023.



L-R: MD/CEO of OGFZA, Bamanga Usman Jada in a photograph with the Comptroller-General of Nigeria Customs Service, Bashir Adewale Adeniyi at the CGC's Annual Conference 2023 on Wednesday 13th December, 2023 in Lagos.



3rd from left: MD/CEO of OGFZA, Bamanga Usman Jada in a photograph with CG NCS, Bashir Adewale Adeniyi; in company of Management teams of both OGFZA and NCS at the CGC's Conference 2023 in Lagos, on Wednesday 13th December, 2023.



R-L: MD/CEO OGFZA, Bamanga Usman in a photograph with the Ambassador of Spain, Juan Sell at his official residence in Abuja on Thursday, 30th November 2023.



3rd from right: MD/CEO of OGFZA, Bamanga Usman Jada in a group photograph with high-level delegates from sister government agencies at the Oil and Gas Free Zones Authority during a stakeholders' meeting on Monday 4th December 2023 at the Authority's head office in Onne, Rivers State.



Middle: MD/CEO OGFZA, Bamanga Usman Jada in a group photograph with representative of West Africa Container Terminal (WACT) after a stakeholders meeting at the Authority's head office in Onne, Rivers State on Monday 4th December, 2023



Middle: MD/CEO OGFZA, Bamanga Usman Jada in company of representatives of Notore Industrial City, during a stakeholders meeting at OGFZA's head office in Onne on Monday 4th December, 2023



R-L: MD/CEO of OGFZA, Bamanga Usman Jada in a warm handshake with MD of West Africa Container Terminal (WACT), Naved Zafar after a meeting at WACT on Tuesday 5th December, 2023.



R-L: MD/CEO of OGFZA, Bamanga Usman Jada in a warm handshake with MD of Onne Multipurpose Terminal (OMT), Mr. Jacob Guilmann after a meeting at OMT on Tuesday 5th December, 2023.



R-L: MD/CEO of OGFZA, Bamanga Usman Jada in a warm handshake with the General Manager of Onne Indorama, Mahesh Chatter after a meeting at Indorama facility in Onne on Tuesday 5th December, 2023.

OGFZA DRIVES FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENT WITH OVER \$20BN

Since his assumption, the Managing Director and Chief Executive of the Oil and Gas Free Zones Authority (OGFZA), Bamanga Usman Jada has been engaging with investors operating in the oil and gas free zones across the nation.

On Monday, 4th December 2023, he embarked on a 3-day working visit to Onne/Ikpokiri Oil and Gas Free Zone in Rivers State where he visited some of the facilities of the Free Zone Entreprises in order to ascertain the level of

developments in the zone.

During a meeting with FZEs, it was disclosed that investment attracted into the Zone is over \$20bn in terms of FDIs and employment generation of about 30,000 direct and indirect jobs.

In his remarks, Bamanga Jada lauded FZEs for their remarkable achievements and enormous contributions to Nigeria. He commended them for working in line with the mandate of the Free Zone which is primarily

to attract Foreign Direct Investments into the country.

While encouraging investors to attract more investments, he buttressed the need to key into Renewable Energy in the oil and gas free zones as a result of the global energy transition. He stated that *"Energy transition is an integral part of the Renewed Hope Agenda of President Bola Ahmed Tinubu."*

Assuring them of the commitment of Mr. President to support businesses in Nigeria, he stated that the President's ambitious economic agenda underscores that Mr. President is business friendly and is committed to providing an enabling business environment for potential investors as well as existing investors in Nigeria.

Jada also assured the FZEs of the unwavering support of the Honourable Minister of Federal Ministry of Industry, Trade and Investment (FMITI), Dr. Doris Azuka-Anite, while pledging the Authority's commitment to give investors all the necessary support for their businesses to thrive in the free zones.

He also promised to ensure a better working synergy with sister agencies in order to address challenges confronting the smooth

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STAKEHOLDERS LAUD TINUBU ON APPOINTMENT OF JADA AS OGFZA MD/CEO

Stakeholders and agencies of government in the Oil and Gas Free Zones (OGFZA) have lauded President Bola Ahmed Tinubu on his appointment of Bamanga Usman Jada as the new Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of the Oil and Gas Free Zones Authority.

Jada, who held his maiden meeting with the stakeholders and sister agencies in the Authority's head office in Onne on Monday 4th December, 2023; welcomed and appreciated the attendees for availing themselves to this very important meeting. He said the meeting was necessitated not only to familiarize himself with the stakeholders but also to strategically work together with them towards the President's Renewed Hope Agenda. He also conveyed the greetings of his supervisory Minister, Dr. Doris Azuka-Anite; assuring them of her support for the Free Zone's mandate as well as her support for the growth and expansion of OGFZA.

In attendance were high level delegates and representatives of Government Agencies such

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L-R: MD/CEO OGFZA, Bamanga Usman Jada and MD of Intels Nigeria Limited Pasquale Fiore represented by Simone Artioli during a meeting at INTELS on Monday 4th December, 2023.

HOW OGFZA's ONNE MULTIPURPOSE TERMINAL (OMT) ATTRACTS OVER 70 MILLION DOLLARS

In efforts to fulfil his agenda of attracting more free zones and providing an enabling environment for investors in the Oil and Gas Free Zones, the Managing Director and Chief Executive of the Oil and Gas Free Zones Authority (OGFZA), Bamanga Usman Jada; has been engaging with Free Zones Entreprises under the regulation of the Authority.

Recently, the OGFZA boss led his team of management to the Onne Multipurpose Terminal (OMT) on Tuesday 5th December, 2023.

In a presentation to the MD/CEO and his

management team, OMT's Commercials Manager, Igwe Ogbonaya gave a historical background of OMT. He stated that OMT is an ICTSI company adding that ICTSI is one of the largest independent terminal operators across Africa, a world leading (national) terminal operator with over 30 years of experience, an expert in construction and operation of port facilities with the ability to handle all kinds of cargoes and vessels.

He said OMT is currently in partnership with Nigerian government and 20 countries across the world. Giving a highlight of milestone

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• From The Publisher

OGFZA welcomes you to another exciting edition of its Newsletter.

This edition features the Managing Director's inspection visits to Free Zone Entreprises, Stakeholders' introductory meeting and a tour of the zone, all in Onne, Rivers State.

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operation of investors in the zone. Also speaking at the meeting, OGFZA's Deputy General Manager Trade and Investment, Mallam Adamu Kontagora affirmed that the flagship free zone of the Authority, Onne/Ikpokiri Oil and Gas Free Zone is recorded to be *the Most Successful Free Zone in Africa* as a result of its success story and milestone achievements which was consequent upon the attractive incentives the federal government offers to the investors operating in the free zone.

Therefore, the contributions of the Oil and Gas Free Zones to the nation's economy and national development cannot be over emphasized.

OGFZA in collaboration with free zone operators have been engaged with enormous Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) projects for host communities, the state, as well as Nigeria.

The Authority in its efforts to foster mutual relationship and sustainable development, has adopted an approach known as the Joint Free Zones Community Relations Initiative (JFZCRI). The new approach reflects transparency, inclusivity and visibility for all in its relations with the host communities.

These projects include road construction in communities, drainage, ultra-modern markets, ICT Centres, schools, construction of Palace/Civic centre, Townhalls, jetty construction, power and electricity, sports, employment, provision of mobile clinics, skills and technology transfer and so on.

It is pertinent to note that the OGFZ in Onne operates a **Women Empowerment Project Scheme Synergy (WEPSS)**, an initiative by INTELS Nigeria Limited, directed at empowering less privileged community women with tailoring skills.

Established in 2013, it provided

The Newsletter also captures activities showcasing the Authority's participation at various events such as the 41st Nigeria Association of Petroleum Explorationist (NAPE), the Nigeria Maritime Ports and Terminals (NIMPORT) Conference and Expo 2023, both in Lagos and the Africa SEZ Annual Meeting 2023 in Tangier, Morocco, as well as the CGC's Annual Conference 2023 which took place in

entrepreneurship opportunities for 5000 rural women, thereby uplifting their economic status. The project commenced in a 5000sqm centre, where 300 women were selected among over 1000 applications from the various communities who were all retained in the manufacturing factory. After their training, within a three-year period, WEPSS manufactured over 5000 garments which were able to compete with international brands in terms of quality and price.

Since January 2016, more focus was placed on training, as production began to slow down due to the dwindling economy at the time, eventually shutting the branch down in 2017. Since then, WEPSS absorbs a minimum of 200 applicants annually. At the end of the program, 15% of the trainees who perform exceptionally well are awarded with start-up kits while the others are issued a certificate of attendance. The garments produced during the training period are given to charity.

In addition, the West Africa Container Terminal (WACT), Nigeria's leading container terminal in Onne, organizes a number of programmes to train their employees. WACT whose staff strength has increased from 500 to 900 employees, annually sponsors some of its talented staff (including women) abroad to study in India and Egypt. They also bring in specialized professional trainers to train their staff. They award scholarships to students in the host communities and grant them internship in order to give them the opportunity to gain work experience after school.

Recently WACT awarded N30 million scholarship to 50 undergraduates drawn from host communities in Rivers State.

Lauding the Free Zone operators for the CSR schemes, the helmsman of OGFZA reiterated

MD/CEO, applauding Mr. President for the trust placed on Jada to lead the Oil and Gas Free Zones Authority. According to Oreva Okunu, Head Commercial of the Notore Power & Infrastructure Limited, operators of the Notore Industrial City Oil and Gas Free Zone, Onne; *"Jada's emergence as the OGFZA helmsman is considered as a beacon of hope and harbinger of change in the nation's dynamic oil and gas industry, heralding an innovation and sustainable development in the sector."*

While, Notore's Head of Operations, Richard

Lagos, Nigeria.

In addition, Vol. 7 no. 12 edition of the Newsletter highlights the MD's maiden visit to Liberty Oil and Gas Free Zone on the 20th of November this year which coincidentally commemorates the third anniversary of the zone.

Enjoy your reading!

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

that *"these schemes which are aimed at creating jobs, skill acquisition and technology transfer, are all in tandem with the President's Renewed Hope Agenda of providing employment for millions of Nigerian youths annually. He reassured investors of President Bola Ahmed Tinubu's commitment to support businesses in Nigeria as well as the support of the Honourable Minister of Industry, Trade and Investment, Dr. Doris Azuka-Anite."*

Jada said, *"We have a government that is business friendly and a competent Minister that is committed to give all the necessary support to take the industry to greater heights"*◆

Onokurhefe lauded President Tinubu for the appointment of Jada to lead the affairs of OGFZA. He said, *"having read Jada's profile and his 7-point agenda, Mr. President's appointment of Jada as OGFZA's helmsman is like 'fitting a square peg in a square hole' considering his wealth of knowledge and experience in the sector."*

In his response, Jada commended the attendees and applauded their commitment to the development of the Free Zone. While appreciating the level of resources committed, employment opportunities, and infrastructure development, he expressed hope for more collaboration and synergy with sister agencies and stakeholders to make the Free Zone's mandate a reality.◆

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achievements and the success story of OMT, he disclosed that in 2021, OMT handled over 11 million containers worldwide. According to Ogbonaya, *some milestones achieved by OMT include handling of 275,000 containers since inception. OMT also recorded its first vessel with oil and gas pipes and handled the first Bonny LNG Train 7 cargo In July 2022. This year 2023, OMT celebrated a 2-million manhour (LTI) without a loss. OMT has expanded operation beyond its initial phase with a total area of about 45 hectares and envisages more expansion in future while working towards becoming the largest terminal operator in Onne/Ikpokiri Oil and*

Gas Free Zone by attracting more investments and building more Container Freight Stations (CFS).

He added that OMT is the fastest growing terminal in OGFZ with the establishment of 23 companies within just three (3) years of existence and has generated about USD 70 million as well as generated employment of about 400 employees with a local content compliance and technology transfer of about percentage 90%.

In his remarks, OGFZA helmsman, lauded the management of OMT for their achievements and their adherence to the mandate of OGFZA. He assured them of the Authority's commitment to continue to provide an enabling environment for

investors in the zone while encouraging them to attract more investments in the zone.

Jada said, *"as the Regulator of the Oil and Gas Free Zones, it is our prerogative to continue to provide investors with the enabling environment for their businesses to thrive in order to encourage them to attract more investments into Nigeria."*

While encouraging investors to explore into renewable energy, he emphasized the need to key into the ambitious economic agenda of Mr. President's affirming the President's commitment to support businesses in Nigeria as well as the unwavering support of the Honourable Minister of Industry, Trade and Investment Dr. Doris Azuka-Anite for Free Zone Entreprises operating in the Oil and Gas Free Zones.◆

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The Authority attended the 41st Nigeria Association of Petroleum Explorationist (NAPE), held at Eko Hotel and Suite, Lagos, Nigeria, 12th-16th November, 2023.

Theme for this year (2023) Annual International Conference and Exhibition (NAICE) is "Repositioning the Oil and Gas Industry for Future Energy Dynamics".

Oil and Gas Free Zones Authority were represented and led by the Department of Trade and Investment.◆

L-R: Musa Thomas, Ifeanyi Uchelabu, Muhammed Banahan, Ephraim Akpan and Ifeanyi Ojeli all of OGFZA



LIBERTY OIL AND GAS FREE ZONE (LOGFZ) COMMEMORATES THIRD ANNIVERSARY



20th November 2023 which coincidentally commemorates the 3rd anniversary of the zone.

Speaking at a meeting, the Managing Director of Sterling Petrochemical and Fertilizers under LOGFZ, Nittin Shah made his welcome remarks with nostalgic references from the very start and the first meetings with some of the key personnel of the government agencies during the establishment of the zone.

The Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of the Oil and Gas Free Zones Authority (OGFZA), Bamanga Usman Jada has lauded the Liberty Oil and Gas Free Zone (LOGFZ) for its compliance to Nigeria's Free Zone scheme.

He said substituting import with export demonstrates that LOGFZ is operating in line with President Tinubu's economic agenda. "The activities of Liberty Oil and Gas Free Zone are in line with President Tinubu's ambitious agenda of substituting import with export."

The OGFZA helmsman said this during his maiden visit to the free zone on a familiarization tour of the zone on Tuesday,

In a presentation on the zone and its projects which majorly exploited the gas value chain with different companies, Nittin Shah emphasized the global viability of gas in various forms and the economic gains that would accrue to the zone and Nigeria at large.

Congratulating the management of Liberty OGFZ on its third anniversary, the helmsman of OGFZA, Bamanga Jada lauded them for the level of development and progress made thus far at the zone. He assured the investors of the Authority's commitment to provide a conducive business environment for free zone enterprises as well as the full support of the supervisory Minister, Dr. Doris Uzoka-Anite to ensure the success of the nation's Oil and Gas Free Zones.◆

The Oil and Gas Free Zones Authority (OGFZA) participated as Sponsors and Exhibitors at the Nigeria Maritime Ports and Terminals Conference and Expo (NIMPORT) 2023, which took place on Wednesday, 29th November 2023 in Lagos.

The Managing Director/CEO, Bamanga Usman Jada was ably represented by the Deputy General Manager, Trade and Investment, Adamu Kontagora. OGFZA was presented with an Award of Excellence at the NIMPORT conference 2023.◆

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as Nigeria Customs Service (NCS), Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA), Nigeria Immigration Services (NIS), Nigeria Police, Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps. The stakeholders in attendance wheres Notore Industrial City Oil and Gas Free Zone (NIC), Onne; Nigeria Intels Limited, West Africa Container Terminal (WACT), Mobil Producing Nigeria, Daewoo Energy and Construction Nigeria, Brawal Oil Services, Indorama Onne, Hamilton Tech, Librod Energy Services, Onne Multipurpose Terminal (OMT), ICA Logistics and others

In their goodwill messages, the attendees who took turns to introduce themselves to the new