



Middle : Hon Minister FMITI Dr Doris Uzoka-Anite in a group photograph during the Trade Dialogue on 14th December 2023



Middle: MD/ CEO OGFZA, Bamanga Usman Jada in a photograph with Hon. Minister of Industry, Trade and Investment, Dr Doris Uzoka-Anite during the Trade Dialogue in Abuja on 14th December 2023



L-R: AGM Special Duties (OMD) Morgan Mmahi and GM/COO FZGIL, Dr. Cynthia Eguridu both of OGFZA during the Trade dialogue in Abuja on 14th December 2023.



L-R: Trade & Investment Officer, Ephraim Akpan and AGM Trade & Investment, Ada Sule-Ejeh during the Trade Dialogue in Abuja on 14th December 2023.



L-R: S.A to MD/CEO Sadiq Sani Kaoje and Unit Head Engineering, Engr. Sirajo Magagi during the Trade Dialogue in Abuja on 14th December 2023.



MD/CEO OGFZA, Bamanga Usman Jada during a facility tour to Mobil producing Nigeria Unlimited in Onne/ Ikpokiri Oil and Gas free zone, Rivers State



FG RELAUNCHES TRADE POLICY



Dr. Doris Uzoka-Anite, Hon. Minister, Industry, Trade and Investment recently launched the Trade Policy of Nigeria (2023-2027) in Abuja on the 14th of December, 2023.

Among those present at the launch which took place at the Auditorium of Nigeria Export Promotion Council, Maitama, Abuja were the Chairman, House Committee on Commerce, Hon Ahmed Munir and the Permanent Secretary of the Federal Ministry of

Industry Trade and Investment, Dr. Evelyn Ngige.

Others include, Shubham Chaudhuri, Country Director, World Bank, Barrister Dele Oye, President NACCIMA, Prince Francis Meshioye, President, Manufacturers Association of Nigeria, Prince Adetokunbo Kayode SAN, Former Minister of Justice, Directors of the Ministry and Chief Executive Officers of Agencies under the Federal Ministry of Industry Trade and Investment. ♦

UK FIRM, ARESKY OIL & GAS STAKEHOLDERS HAIL TINUBU FOR APPOINTING BAMANGA JADA AS MD, OIL & GAS FREE TRADE ZONE



MD/CEO OGFZA, Bamanga Usman Jada

Executive Officer, CEO, Samuel Nwigwe and Operational Manager, Dr Itunu Oyeniyi, said Bamanga's appointment is a testament to the leadership style of President Tinubu's administration.

"The administration of an organization as crucial as the Oil and Gas Free Zones Authority, OGFZA, which is the National Regulatory Agency established by the Federal Government to regulate and manage Nigeria's oil and gas export free trade zones cannot be allowed to be left in the hands of neophyte or unqualified hands, therefore the appointment of a technocrat like Alhaji Bamanga Usman Jada as the new Managing Director is not only on point but as well commendable, a significant step towards inclusivity," the statement said.

"This appointment is a testament to the leadership style of the current administration, which is obviously free from the divisive politics often seen in the Nigerian political arena.

A United Kingdom, UK, based private limited company, Aresky Oil & Gas has lauded President Bola Tinubu over the appointment of Bamanga Jada as the Managing Director of the Oil and Gas Free Zones Authority, OGFZA. Aresky Oil & Gas in a statement signed by its Chief

CUSTOMS OIL AND GAS FTZ COMMAND GENERATES OVER 22 BILLION IN 10 MONTHS

The PH Oil and Gas FTZ Command of the Nigeria Customs Service announced a revenue collection exceeding 22 billion naira over the past 10 months.

Customs Area Controller, Comptroller Abubakar Umar, shared this achievement on 21 November 2023 at the Nigeria Customs Service PH Oil and Gas FTZ Command, Marble House, Oil and Gas Free Zone Authority Building, Onne, Rivers State.

Comptroller Umar revealed that as of 20 November 2023, the command's revenue stands at ₦22,413,619,459.00, compared to ₦21,219,846,074.00 collected between 1 January 2022 and 31 December 2022.

"He highlighted a collection increase of over 1 billion naira compared to the previous year. The CAC expressed optimism about surpassing the annual target before the end of 2023. "By the Grace of God, before December 31, 2023, we will surpass our annual target".

Comptroller Umar attributed this success to the dedication and resilience of the Command's officers and men, as well as the cooperation of stakeholders.

"I cannot do it alone without the dedication and resilience of my officers, men, and our

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• From The Publisher

Season's greetings to our esteemed readers!

We welcome you to yet another edition of your favorite newsletter in December 2023. This edition brings you important reports of activities in OGFZA, its parent ministry (FMITI) and other sister agencies.

It showcases highlights of the Trade Dialogue

which took place on Thursday 14th December 2023; during which the Honourable Minister of Industry, Trade and Investment Dr. Doris Uzoka-Anite relaunched the Trade Policy of Nigeria (2023-2027).

There is also a spotlight on Aresky Oil and Gas Stakeholders applauding President Bola Ahmed Tinubu, GCFR; for appointing Bamanga Usman Jada as MD/CEO of OGFZA.

It also announces the achievements of Nigeria

Customs Service (NCS) for a revenue collection of over N22bn within a period of ten months (January 2022 – December 2022) as revealed by Comptroller Umar on 21st November, 2023 at the NCS PH Oil and Gas FTZ Command, OGFZA's corporate headquarters in Onne and other activities all geared towards economic growth and national development.

Happy reading!

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"By proving his mettle right, after his appointment earlier in October 2023, by President Bola Ahmed Tinubu GCFR, Alhaji Bananga has consistently shown commitment to establish the Zones in all States of the Federation in Nigeria which is necessary for achieving the renewed hope agenda of the President in the area of economic development. "Alhaji Bananga has passionately demonstrated that he is a round peg in a round hole whose watchword has remained integrity and diligence. His aspirations for an expansive future for OGFZA didn't happen by accident, but well thought out with actionable guidelines and matrix.

He is not just thinking, but thinking out of the box, breaking barriers and unlocking many untapped opportunities in order to deepen the policy thrust of the Oil and Gas Free Zones in every state of Nigeria, both oil-producing a non-oil-producing."

Aresky Oil & Gas applauded the expansion work by the new CEO, aimed to offer more investment avenues considering some of the nation's current zones that face saturation from limited opportunities for fresh activities. The OGFZA, according to Aresky Oil & Gas, has pointed out that having stood strong for over two decades as the sole Oil and Gas Free Zone beaconing across the West African coast and Gulf of Guinea, the time is ripe for it to undergo a transformative rebranding.

"Our unique positioning in the oil and gas sector, catering predominantly to 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 New OGFZAMD, Bamanga while assuming office had said.

"Our strategic approach will be simple, yet effective and our focus will be on the following key dimensions such as Efficiency and Trust, Infrastructure Excellence, Regulatory, and Modernization, Local Content Empowerment, Sustainability & Resilience,. Investor-focus, Welfare:

Finally, but not the least, we will commit to prioritizing the welfare of all staff, and I will be open to suggestions on improvement of our processes and procedures,"_ he stressed.

Bamanga had also advised the staff of the Authority to respond positively to changes he sought to reposition the Authority for more efficient performance.

"In the coming days, I will formally unveil to you my plans for a more result-driven OGFZA-driven by the 7- point pledge I have just highlighted" he stated.

Aresky Oil & Gas says Bamanga's track record of integrity, diligence, and passion for development will continue to yield positive results and rewards not only for OGFZA but to mankind.

"He is a very pragmatic administrator and someone to whom so many people are indebted. He is also a person who believes in progress and the development of other people and the country,"_ Aresky Oil & Gas statement reads further.

"Besides, Alhaji Bananga is very humble, disciplined, and respectful with high moral rectitude and normal in his character. He is an enigma who, in spite of what he has achieved in life, humble himself before anybody.

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

The UK based company also said the OGFZA boss is a restless, purpose-driven leader who is pushing the frontier of business, taking risks, trying new things, and time has shown that he is a real survival with positive results.

"Bananga remains the embodiment of Nigerian entrepreneurial spirit. His focus, endurance, and commitment to a prosperous Nigeria and indeed Africa have marked him out for greater glory. Congratulations to a true trailblazer for the opportunity opened to you to serve your fatherland in an area that is your forte.

"May God be with you, and may you continue to record many indelible milestones in the larger interest of our nation,"_ the statement concluded. ◆

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CUSTOMS OIL & GAS FTZ COMMAND...

stakeholders, whom I hold in high esteem". Regarding exports, Comptroller Umar highlighted the facilitation of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) exports at Bonny Terminal, the export of refined sugar in the Bundu Free Zone by Bua Sugar Refinery, and the exportation of fertilizer by Notore Chemical Free Zone. Acknowledging the support of

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Comptroller-General of Customs Bashir Adewale Adeniyi MFR and his management team, the CAC expressed gratitude for the enabling environment provided. He pledged to intensify efforts to eliminate revenue leakages within the command. ◆



PHOTO NEWS



The Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of the Oil and Gas Free Zones Authority (OGFZA), Bamanga Usman Jada received the State Commandant of the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps, Basil Igwebueze and his team on a courtesy call on the MD/CEO at the Authority's head office in Onne, Rivers State on the 6th of December, 2023. ◆



The MD/CEO of OGFZA, Bamanga Usman Jada received the executive members of Onne Youth Council led by AGM Community Relations, Mary Onumbu at the Authority's head office in Onne, Rivers State on Wednesday 6th December, 2023.

Issues centred around employment were discussed during a brief meeting which held in the MD's office.

While assuring the youths of the Authority's commitment to support and empower its host communities, the MD/CEO urged them to ensure a peaceful co-existence and harmony in the community in order to create a conducive environment for investors to thrive in their businesses in the Onne/Ikpokiri Oil and Gas Free Zone. ◆



A cross section of Graduating Trainees of WEPSS Training 2023 Batch B at the event



The MD/CEO of OGFZA, Bamanga Usman Jada, who was ably represented by OGFZA's General Manager Operations, Adekunle Ajayi; presenting the Certificate of Participation to this year's graduating students during the ceremony. ◆



R-L: MD/CEO OGFZA, Bamanga Usman Jada in a photograph with the Hon. Minister of Innovation, Science and Technology, HE Uche Nnaji; DG Energy Commission of Nigeria Dr. Mustapha Abdullahi and others after a brief meeting in Abuja

