

# FG INAUGURATES GOVERNING BOARD OF THE OIL AND GAS FREE ZONES AUTHORITY (OGFZA)



Minister for Industry, Trade and Investment (FMITI), Dr. Jumoke Oduwole (middle); Minister of State for Industry, Sen. John Enoh (2nd L); the Perm. Secretary, FMITI, Amb. Nura Abba Rimi, (far R); Managing Director/CEO of Oil and Gas and Free Zones Authority (OGFZA), Bamanga Usman Jada, (far L) and the Chairman of the just inaugurated Governing Board of OGFZA, Dr. Lydia Kalat (2nd R), after the inauguration of the Governing Board in Abuja on Thursday 5th February, 2026



L-R: Etido Thomas Usorh, Hussaini Ishaq Magaji (SAN), Bamanga Usman Jada, Lydia Kalat Musa, Augustine Uchechukwu Kalu, Jani Ibrahim, George Nwangwu and Adie Emmanuel (members of the Governing Board of OGFZA at the Authority's Abuja office after the inauguration).

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The Federal Government has inaugurated the Governing Board of the Oil and Gas Free Zones Authority (OGFZA), signaling renewed efforts to boost job creation, attract investments and increase Nigeria's export value.

Speaking at the inauguration in Abuja on Thursday, 5th February 2026, the Minister of Industry, Trade and Investment, Dr. Jumoke Oduwole, said the move was aimed at strengthening the performance of free zones and unlocking their full economic potential.

Oduwole urged the board to operate with discipline and innovation, stressing the need for effective implementation of policies while ensuring that incentives granted by the government translate into measurable economic value.

She outlined OGFZA's core mandate to include licensing and regulation of free zones, provision of infrastructure, coordination of stakeholders, management of customs and security frameworks, as well as resolution of labour and commercial disputes within the zones.

While acknowledging challenges such as infrastructure gaps, security concerns and coordination issues, the minister assured that the Federal Government was addressing them through deliberate and targeted interventions.

Also speaking, the Minister of State for Industry, Senator John Enoh, described the board's inauguration as a renewed commitment to Nigeria's industrial transformation agenda.

According to him, the constitution of the board fulfilled statutory requirements and aligned with the country's current economic priorities, particularly productivity, value creation and export-led growth.

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Lydia said the Board would prioritise accountability, excellence and strong collaboration with stakeholders to drive national development and improve investment outcomes.

She described the appointment as a call to service, aimed at strengthening governance, improving policy implementation and delivering tangible economic results.